



TOWN OF MARBLETOWN

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown was convened in a public session of the Town Hall, 1925 Lucas Ave Cottekill, New York on July 19, 2022, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. local time. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rich Parete, and, upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman _____ seconded by Councilman _____:

RESOLUTION# -2022; EXPANDING THE USE OF VIDEOCONFERENCING AT MEETINGS

WHEREAS on April 9, 2022, Governor Hochul signed Legislation into law which amended New York State's Public Officers Law ("Public Officers Law") to expand the permitted use of video conferencing at public meetings. (See Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 and Public Officer's Law §103, as amended.), and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Public Officers Law §103, as amended, the Town of Marbletown deems it necessary and appropriate to amend the Videoconferencing Policy as they relate to the use of Videoconferencing at meetings to comply with the recent amendments to the Public Officers Law; now, therefore be it

Videoconference. Regular and special meetings may be attended via videoconference, when the following process and criteria are met and implemented:

1. Any Board, Committee or Commission member requesting to attend a meeting via videoconference pursuant to Section 103(c) of the Public Officers Law may file a written request with the Town Supervisor no less than 72 hours prior to start of the meeting and that he or she will not be able to personally attend the meeting in a Town of Marbletown facility.

2. The Supervisor shall make arrangements for the videoconferencing. Meeting must be held in room or building that is set up to videoconference.

3. The video conference shall be conducted in a manner compliant with State Law and shall ensure that all members can see and hear any member videoconferencing in the meeting and that such videoconferencing member(s) can see and hear the other members of the Board, Committee or Commission.

4. Any Member attending via videoconference shall ensure that public accessibility is permitted at the location of such member pursuant to Section 104 of the Public Officers Law.

5. Attendance via videoconference shall be limited to six (6) instances per calendar year for Town Board members and three (3) for all other boards, committees, and commissions.

6. Remote member(s) location at least 72 hours prior to meeting on the town website and social media.

7. A Quorum of any board, committee or commission must physically be at advertised location of meeting.

8. Costs, if any, associated with the securing or equipment at the remote location, the renting of the remote location, any connection or communication fee charged by the remote location shall be borne by that Member who is attending remotely, and shall not be the responsibility of the Town of Marbletown.

9. All Town Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board meetings must be broadcast live and then archived on Town's website and social media accounts.

10. Conditions for extraordinary circumstance videoconferencing: Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules, members shall be physically present at meetings, unless allowed remote attendance at locations that do not allow for in-person physical attendance by the public, under extraordinary circumstances.

(i). The list of extraordinary circumstances is non-exhaustive, but shall include disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities or any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the member's physical attendance at such meeting.

(ii). Members shall provide notice of their inability to attend a meeting to the Town Supervisor at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, or as soon as practicable.

(iii). The determination of whether circumstances are "extraordinary" as set forth in this Section shall be made by the Town Supervisor.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown adopt the above Videoconferencing Policy.

