

TOWN OF RHINEBECK

LOCAL LAW NO. ___ OF 2016

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER A130 OF THE TOWN OF RHINEBECK
CODE TO CREATE A RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Rhinebeck as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This local law shall be known as “A Local Law Amending Chapter A130 of the Town of Rhinebeck Code to Create a Recreation Advisory Committee.”

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

Section 130 of the Town Code currently refers to a “Recreation Committee” but states that the “provisions dealing with the organization and duties of the Recreation Committee were being reviewed by the Town Board at the time of the publication of this Code...and upon completion of such review they will be included here as Chapter A130”. The Town Board has concluded its review of the appropriate organization and duties of the Town of Rhinebeck Recreation Committee and the intent of this Local Law is to establish §A130 of the Town Code entitled “Recreation Advisory Committee” setting forth the purpose, composition, functions and operation, duties and responsibilities of the Recreation Committee.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER A130.

Chapter A130 “Recreation Advisory Committee” of the Town Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

“§A130-1. Establishment and purpose.

A Recreation Advisory Committee is hereby established in and for the Town of Rhinebeck to advise and consult with the Town Board regarding all recreation programs, parks and recreation facilities of the Town located in the Town of Rhinebeck and/or the Village of Rhinebeck.

§130-2. Composition; appointment; terms.

The Recreation Advisory Committee shall consist of seven members, all of whom shall be residents of the Town or Village of Rhinebeck. However, no less than four members shall be residents of the Town of Rhinebeck. Members shall be appointed by the Town Board. The members of the Committee first appointed shall be appointed for such terms that the term of one member shall expire annually thereafter and their successors shall thereafter be appointed to serve terms of years which shall total in number the membership of the Committee. Members of the Recreation Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Board for their appointed

terms. A member of the Recreation Committee who misses three consecutive meetings without just cause, or fails to actively participate in the functions of the Recreation Committee, may be removed by the Town Board, with or without cause.

§130-3. Purpose.

- A. The purpose of the Recreation Advisory Committee is to: identify recreation programs, and recreation and park resources and needs, and determine priorities and make appropriate recommendations to the Town Board to meet those needs and priorities.
- B. Explore ways and means to strengthen and support recreation programs and recreation facilities and parks of the Town of Rhinebeck located within the Town and/or Village of Rhinebeck.
- C. Increase the visibility, and promote and enhance the image, of the recreation and park opportunities to the public.
- D. Establish and maintain effective communications with the Town Board. In this regard, the Town Board shall appoint a liaison to meet with the Recreation Advisory Committee at its monthly meetings.

§130-4. Functions

The Recreation Advisory Committee shall have the following functions:

- A. To investigate and determine the needs and interests of the community for recreational facilities/programs and to make recommendations to the Town Board to meet those needs.
- B. To review the existing recreation programs and bring needs/ideas for expansion and improvement of the programs to the attention of the elected officials and general citizens of the Town and Village of Rhinebeck.
- C. To recommend and help secure a comprehensive master plan or other study of parks and recreation for the acquisition, development and improvement of an adequate system of parks, facilities and recreation programs.
- D. To encourage favorable public opinions and support for parks and recreation services through such means as community and neighborhood groups and meetings.
- E. To assist in the maintenance of high standards in parks and recreation facilities and their leadership and in the quality of the program services.
- F. To assist the Town Board developing partnerships with other organizations and private groups to further the objectives of the Town to provide added and varied recreation programs.

- G. To identify and recommend recreational needs for possible inclusion in the Town's recreation program and Recreation Department budget.
- H. To assist in evaluating recreation programs and activities with input from program participants.
- I. To assist in recruiting volunteers to assist with parks and recreation programs/activities.
- J. To assist the Town Board in developing program priorities.
- K. To educate the public of the importance and need for park and recreation programs, facilities and services.

§130-5. Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

The members of the Recreation Committee shall, at their first organizational meeting, appoint by majority vote a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to serve for a period of one year. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be similarly appointed by the Recreation Committee on an annual basis at its first meeting of the year. The term, however, for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be limited to three consecutive years.

§130-6. Meetings

Monthly meetings shall be held by the Recreation Committee at the time and place scheduled by the Chairperson. Meetings may, however, be held more often than once a month, at the discretion of the Chairperson and the Committee members. Four members of the Recreation Committee shall constitute a quorum and all votes shall be made by simple majority vote of the entire Committee. No proxy voting shall be permitted. The Recreation Committee shall have the power to adopt its own rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and performance of its functions. The Recreation Committee shall not, however, have the power to hire, fire, or direct any Town employees including, but not limited to, the Recreation Director. Those powers shall be exercised by the Town Board and may, in the Town Board's discretion, be delegated to the Town's Recreation Director.

§130-7. Reports

The Recreation Advisory Committee shall submit a report to the Town Board of its activities on a quarterly basis each year. The Committee may, in its discretion, provide reports to the Town Board on a more frequent basis.

SECTION 4. SUPERSESSION.

This local law is hereby adopted pursuant to the provisions of §10 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law. It is the intent of the Town Board to supersede any provisions of the

New York State Town Law to the extent that they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Local Law.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law.