

## Residents voice their community concerns at Concord Town Board meeting

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The Concord Town Board, at its May 11 meeting, heard resident concerns.

Springville resident Gregory Stowell read his “My Promise” statement to the board regarding his desire to establish a Community Action Board. The CAB will create a community-based approach to prevent mass shootings and train the community in the event they find themselves in an active shooter situation. He provided copies of his statement to the board. Town Supervisor Phil Drozd agreed to have the town participate in the CAB, which anticipates meeting once per month.

David Sicignano addressed the board concerning what he described as his neighbor’s “campground.” Despite approaching the town board multiple times with these complaints and inspections by Code Enforcement Officer Thomas Roberts, the neighbor refuses to comply with the town code. Town Attorney Brian Attea instructed Sicignano to continue requesting Roberts to file complaints. If founded, the matter will be prosecuted – violation-level offenses by the town prosecutor or misdemeanors by the Town of Concord Assistant District Attorney. Sicignano may obtain a court order through those violations; otherwise, he could pursue a civil suit for damages.

The town board held a public hearing regarding the proposed special use permit application for Kevin Thie of 10257 Emerling Road. Thie has operated his firewood business there since March 2017. The Erie County Department of Environment and Planning reviewed the application with the county’s Department of Agriculture and Markets. They made no specific recommendations and deemed the matter a local concern. The board unanimously approved the special use permit.

The town negotiated and approved a pre-application agreement for \$30,000 to cover legal fees, engineering fees and other soft fees through an escrow account for the EDF Renewables solar energy generation facility. This will insulate the town from covering those other necessary expenses once an application is filed. Sardinia will negotiate their own agreement.

In other board news:

– Improvements continue at the Concord Senior Center, including repair of the boiler and approval of ARPA funds to seal the parking lot. The board continues to await quotes on the windbreak.

– Assemblyman David DiPietro will conduct a town hall meeting at the Concord Senior Center on Saturday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

– Drozd authorized a two-year rate lock on the current worker’s compensation contract through Evans Insurance Company, saving roughly \$20,000/year from the previous contract.

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– The town will repair the six front doors at the highway garage after receiving a PESH violation. Hamburg Overhead Door will install LiftMaster garage door openers, with three-button control station and two remotes and safety photo eyes.

– Councilmember Kimberly Krzemien reported that the West Valley Task Force board recently went to Washington D.C. to meet with elected officials. Some congresspeople requested private tours of the **West Valley Demonstration Project**; Drozd would like to see these tours with the officials open to the public.

– Drozd announced a big thank you to Matt Darnley of Dead Wood Tree Service for his volunteer work at the Community Park Pavilion.

– The board entered a 20-minute executive session at Attea’s suggestion to brief the board on pending litigation.

The next Town of Concord board meeting will be Thursday, June 8 at 7 p.m.

## **West Valley Demonstration Project Quarterly Public Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

**6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Ashford Office Complex  
9030 Route 219  
West Valley, New York

### **In-Person/Virtual Public Meeting**

(Proper personal identification is required to attend in person)

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) will hold an in-person/virtual public meeting to provide information on WVDP activities and progress.

NYSERDA and DOE will provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

If you would like to participate, please  
contact Joseph Pillittere at  
[Joseph.Pillittere@chbwv.com](mailto:Joseph.Pillittere@chbwv.com) or (716) 998-4900.

## CHBWV and NYSDOL to host career fair in Springville

CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, the Department of Energy's cleanup contractor at the **West Valley Demonstration Project**, has partnered with the New York State Department of Labor to host a career fair on Wednesday, May 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Springville Country Club.

The career fair will provide job seekers easy access to meet multiple employers, networking opportunities and early connections to current and future employment opportunities. In addition, the first 30 people to attend will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of five car safety kits.

Participating businesses have the following job openings: certified nursing aide, maintenance worker, automotive technician, assembly, driver, cook, RN/ LPN, direct support assistant, production, overnight stock and many more.

Bring several copies of your resume and dress in professional attire.

NYSDOL's mission is to provide outstanding services to its customers – the workers and businesses that call New York home. The Department helps New Yorkers find careers they will love by connecting them to employment, training and up-skilling opportunities. Career fairs like this one help build and support New York's businesses, helping them find qualified workers and keeping them informed about tools and incentives to make their businesses thrive.

There is still room available for additional businesses to participate. If interested, contact the NYSDOL at 716-851-2655 or CHBWV at 716-998-4900.