

EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET REVIEW & ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015

**1. Call to Order – 7:32 p.m.**

**2. Attendance**

BRAC: Ms. Lento, Mr. Pfister, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Romanowski

Admin: Ms. Belmont, Mr. Edson

Board of Education: Ms. J. Taylor

**3. Town of Schodack Update**

Mr. Pratt welcomed Mr. Dowds, Supervisor for the Town of Schodack. Mr. Dowds presented a short list of subdivision projections for the group. He was uncertain as to why development seems to be on hold; he noted that some developers are concentrating on projects in Albany County at this time.

Mr. Dowds commented on the impact of the tax cap on municipalities. The CPI for municipal budgets is at 0.73%. He said that towns continue to struggle with maintaining or improving the level of services to residents without additional property tax funding. Towns do receive a share of the county sales tax revenue.

Mr. Dowds spoke of Planning Board review of a site plan for McLane Food Service, a 120 year old company that distributes food and cleaning products to chain restaurants. The site plan for a distribution center would serve New York and New England. There are currently 120 employees in a leased facility in Albany, and that number could grow with the new center. The new facility could be 175,000 square feet with expansion capability.

The Town Supervisor gave an overview of the Town Comprehensive Plan and how the Town would like changes to Route 9 east of Miller Road to make it more pedestrian friendly. A grant has been received to study zoning changes.

Mr. Dowds said the sewer line funded by Dunkin Donuts is working well and will eventually be turned over to the Town. Expansion to Schuurman Road and North Old Post Road is contemplated for the future. He reviewed Schodack Central School District plans to fund a line from Castle Ridge up Maple Hill Road to the high school as part of a capital project.

Mr. Dowds reviewed the importance of expanding the commercial tax base to fund Town projects.

**4. Adjournment – 8:35 p.m.**