

Village of Rhinebeck
Special (Virtual) Meeting
Court Consolidation Public Forum
Wednesday, October 21st, 2020
6:00 PM

Mayor Gary Bassett:	Present
Trustee Richard Lewit:	Present
Trustee Brant Neunecker:	Present
Trustee Vanessa Bertozzi:	Present
Trustee Lydia Slaby:	Not Present

Also present were: Village Clerk Martina McClinton, The Laberge Group representative Ben Syden, and members of the public.

This public forum was held virtually via Microsoft Teams. The Village clerk explained the rules for participation and the Mayor began the meeting with a brief explanation of Resolution 92120-1 (Abolishing the Village Court) and the reason for holding the forum. The Mayor informed the public that a petition that included 659 signatures was submitted on October 19, 2020 for a permissive referendum. Several community members then asked the Board questions regarding abolishing the Village Justice Court and having only one court in the Town. The Mayor read in one comment from a resident (on file in the clerk's office.) Ben Syden, a representative from the Laberge Group, explained the study that was conducted on both the Village and Town courts which highlighted the costs of both courts and the possible advantages of consolidation. The Mayor announced that a second forum would be held on November 5, 2020 at 6:00.

Meeting concluded at 7:15 PM.

All correspondence on file in clerk's office.

Respectfully submitted by Martina McClinton, Village Clerk.