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Virtual Town Hall Meeting - Presentation

### History

The Village has partnered with Peak Democracy, Inc. to provide residents with *Virtual Town Hall*, an online public forum to further strengthen civic engagement on pertinent topics affecting all residents. This format allows the Village to advance public engagement, by focusing on feedback from residents while keeping the dialogue civil and legal. Topics will be presented in a blog format, allowing residents to read about a specific topic and then provide their feedback.

On January 18, 2016, the Village Board approved an agreement with Peak Democracy. This cloud-based online forum can be accessed through our village website under the *Virtual Town Hall* link on the main page in the far left column. Peak Democracy will monitor user registrations and posted content. In order to comment, residents will provide their name, address and email. Residents who wish to not disclose this information can access the site unregistered and comment, but their comments can only be viewed by site administrators.

All users on the village's site will be authenticated through a registration that confirms an individual's email address, geocoding each user's street address and monitoring each user's name, IP address and browser cookies. Should a registrant's activity or content violate the village's guidelines, Peak Democracy staff will work with the village to reconcile the issue. Users are limited to one comment per topic, to avoid arguments or attacks. The forum will be available for public use on Tuesday, March 22, 2016.

Mr. Rob Hines of Peak Democracy will present a brief tutorial of the *Virtual Town Hall* online public forum via conference call to the Board.