

**JAMES PRESUTTI BECOMES  
COMMISSIONER OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION**



The Town Board advertised for the position of Commissioner of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation, and interviewed five applicants on April 6, 2020. Of the five applicants interviewed, only one had outstanding qualifications and experience.

On April 20, 2020, the Town Board appointed former Councilman James Presutti as the new Commissioner of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation. Jim is an ISA Certified Arborist and Certified Nursery and Landscape professional who has worked in horticultural and nursery services for almost four decades. He was inducted into the New York State Landscape Nursery Association (NYSNLA) Hall of Fame in 2018. His selfless dedication and contribution to horticultural and nursery services has positively impacted New York State.

Jim designed the Chadwick Lake trail while attending Forestry College; worked for the Recreation Department as a high school senior; and, continued such work after graduating high school. In addition, Jim was a member of the Town’s Recreation Advisory Group for over four years, and also served as Chairman. During this time, a major mission of the advisory group was to Re-design Chadwick Lake Park to what it is today and develop recreation programming.

Jim has been a part of the Chadwick Lake Park’s re-design, recreation program development, and trail design. The amalgamation of his skills as an arborist and experience as a Recreation Advisory Board Member will enable Jim to excel in his new role. His invaluable insight as Town Councilman will be missed; however, the Town Board believes that the Town will benefit from his contributions as Commissioner of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation.

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