

**Business of the Village Board  
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT Adopt-a-bench program

DATE: 6-13-2022

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee Brunette

BILL # 85-2022

DATE SUBMITTED: 6-6-2022

EXHIBITS: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Village Attorney

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Village Administration

EXPENDITURE  
REQUIRED

AMOUNT  
BUDGETED

APPROPRIATION  
REQUIRED:

Resolution to approve Adopt-A-Bench Program in Saranac Lake

MOVED BY: Brunette SECONDED BY: Catillaz

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS

yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

yes

TRUSTEE CATILLAZ

yes

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

yes

TRUSTEE SHAPIRO

yes

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPT-A-BENCH PROJECT  
FOR DOWNTOWN SARANAC LAKE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees created the Saranac Lake Arts and Culture Advisory Board to make recommendations on policy and actions that facilitate implementation of the Village of Saranac Lake Arts and Culture Master Plan;

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake recognizes the importance and impact of arts and culture in driving economic development and contributing to the quality of life in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Arts and Culture Master Plan for the Village of Saranac Lake includes a recommendation to visually brand the Village as an arts and cultural destination through public art; and

WHEREAS, the Arts and Culture Advisory Board has proposed an Adopt-A-Bench project for downtown; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Center for Writing, Bing Bang Boom, and Grizzle T's/Scullery are willing to sponsor the project in 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the Adopt-A-Bench Project and authorizes the members of the Arts and Culture Advisory Board to select artists who will paint the benches in the identified locations.



**Arts & Culture Advisory Board**  
**Project Proposal: ADOPT-A-BENCH**

The Saranac Lake Arts & Culture Advisory Board is proposing an “Adopt-A-Bench” program to create public art by collaborating with local artists to paint village benches.

[Proof-of-concept samples. *Not* actual designs:]



- Upon approval, a request for artists will be distributed for design proposals, which will be voted on by ACAB and the project’s sponsors to select three original designs to be painted on three benches during the summer of 2022.
- The three benches proposed for painting this summer are:
  - 1) Riverside Park “Lake Flower Lookout” (across from St. Bernard’s School)
  - 2) Ampersand Park (near the corner of Ampersand/Broadway)
  - 3) Downtown (near Berkeley Square)
  - 4) Downtown (near Adirondack Center for Writing)
- Every 1-2 years, ACAB plans to coordinate the painting of three additional village benches, without exceeding ten total village benches.
- Each artist will receive \$500 to execute their design, provided by local sponsorships secured by ACAB and from the \$500 “Beautification” line item under Community Development in the current village budget. 2022 sponsors are Bing Bang Boom, Adirondack Center for Writing and Grizle T’s/Scullery.
- ACAB will monitor the condition of painted benches and suggest touchups as needed or recommend the bench be painted over/prepped again for a different artist. If an artist is unavailable to “touch up” the bench over time, ACAB will select a new artist/design to repaint the bench.
- A small, engraved bronze plate will credit the artist and sponsor on each bench.
- ACAB requested that the village “prep” the three benches by sanding/scraping old paint or stain prior to the artists beginning their work in the summer of 2022. The DPW parks crew is willing to prep the benches.