

Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2002

The 2002 organizational and first meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:00 p.m., Supervisor Barrett presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Present: Councilman Paolucci
Councilman Speckhard
Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Also Present: Town Attorney Trainor
Ass't Town Attorney Pelagalli
Louis Gerard, Superintendent of Highways
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator
Donald Clemens, Director of Building and Zoning
Robert A. Rybak, Town Justice

MOTION by Councilman Paolucci, seconded by Councilman Roth, to approve the minutes of the December 3 and 10, 2001 meetings as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth,
Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Abstain: Councilwoman Walowit

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett clarifying a newspaper article, said it is not expected that the arena will break even this year. Councilman Paolucci said it will cost less to run, as Zamboni expenses will be split between the two rinks, as well as other cost savings. He said it is

less costly to go with private management.

REPORTS

Reports for December from Animal Control and the Planning Department were filed with the Town Clerk.

PRESENTATION

Supervisor Barrett presented the first “Joseph L. Bruno Youth Leadership Award” to Nicholas Baldasaro for his extraordinary effort and achievement in becoming a “Presidential Scholar” an honor bestowed on him by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars for achievements in academics or the arts. Mr. Baldasaro was one of 140 individuals chosen out of 2600 semi finalists nationwide. Ms. Joan Doran, representing Senator Bruno, read a letter from the Senator commending Mr. Baldasaro.

The Town Clerk read the legal holidays to be observed in 2002 as follows:

New Year’s Day Tuesday 1/01/02

Martin Luther King Day Monday 1/21/02

President’s Day Monday 2/18/02

Memorial Day Monday 5/27/02

Independence Day Thursday 7/04/02

Labor Day Monday 9/02/02

Columbus Day Monday 10/14/02

Election Day Tuesday 11/05/02

Veteran’s Day Monday 11/11/02

Thanksgiving Day Thursday 11/28/02

Day After Thanksgiving Day Friday 11/29/02

½ Day Christmas Eve Tuesday 11/24/02

Christmas Day Wednesday 12/25/02

½ Day New Year’s Eve Tuesday 12/31/02

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 1 of 2002, a resolution in connection with the reorganization of the Town of Clifton Park Government for calendar year 2002.

Introduced by Councilman Paolucci, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Roth.

RESOLVED, that the Town Office building (Vernon Wood Memorial Town Meeting Room) be designated as the official regular meeting place for the Town Board, and that

the official regular meetings are established as the first, second and third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, except when Monday is designated as an official holiday, the Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday at 7:00 PM, and that

Roll call votes shall be voted in the following order:

Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth, Councilwoman Walowit and Supervisor Barrett, and that the payment of annual elected officials shall be as follows:

Philip C. Barrett	Supervisor bi-weekly
Thomas Paolucci	Councilman bi-weekly
Sanford I. Roth	Councilman bi-weekly
Roy A. Speckhard	Councilman bi-weekly
Lynda Walowit	Councilwoman bi-weekly
Robert A. Rybak	Town Justice bi-weekly
James F. Hughes	Town Justice bi-weekly
Patricia O'Donnell	Town Clerk bi-weekly
Louis W. Gerard	Highway Superintendent bi-weekly

and that

Roy A. Speckhard be reappointed as Deputy Supervisor for the Town of Clifton Park; and that Barbara Smith be reappointed as Confidential/Executive Secretary to the Supervisor's office at a salary as budgeted; and that Michael A. Shahen be reappointed as Town Administrator at a salary as budgeted, and that Mark Heggen be reappointed as Town Comptroller, and that the duties of the Town Attorney staff shall be delegated by the Town Supervisor through Town Attorney James Trainor, and be it further

RESOLVED, that James Trainor be appointed Town Attorney, and Paul Pelagalli, Joel Peller, and Oscar Schreiber be appointed assistant Town Attorneys for a two year term, all at an annual salary as budgeted, and

that the duties of Town Attorney James Trainor shall include all legal matters related to the Town Board, and the duties of assistant Town Attorney Joel Peller shall include all legal matters related to special districts and contractual issues and miscellaneous projects not otherwise delegated to assistant Town Attorneys Pelagalli or Schreiber, and such other duties as may be delegated by the Town Supervisor or Town Attorney from time to time, and

that the duties of assistant Town Attorney Paul Pelagalli shall include all legal matters related to the Town Planning Board and Planning Department, including related issues and litigation and such further duties as shall be delegated by the Town Supervisor or Town Attorney from time to time, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the duties of assistant Town Attorney Oscar Schreiber shall include all legal matters related to the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Department of Building and Development, tax assessments and certioraris, related issues and litigation, and such other duties as may be delegated by the Town Supervisor or Town Attorney from time to time, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Rosemarie DiMarco, 18 Oak Brook Commons, Clifton Park shall be reappointed as confidential legal secretary to the Town Attorney's staff at a salary as budgeted, and that

Michael Handerhan be reappointed Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, and that

Donald Clemens be reappointed Director of Building and Zoning, and that

Jason Kemper be reappointed Director of Planning and that

Patricia Haffner be reappointed as Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Affairs, and that

Ronald Bruzdinski be reappointed as Supervisor of the Transfer Station, and that Michael Shahen be reappointed as Public Safety Coordinator, and that Vincent Bagnato be reappointed as Security Guard, at Grade 3, Step 8, and that

Donald Baker, 230 Lapp Road, Clifton Park be reappointed as Animal Control Officer for the Town of Clifton Park, and is also designated as the Official Town Officer to act on behalf of the Assessor to process claims pursuant to Section 125 Article 17 of the Agriculture and Markets Law for the year 2002, at a salary as budgeted, and that John Esposito, 18 Guilder Place, Ballston Lake, and William Lehman, 14 Herlihy Road, Round Lake, be reappointed as Assistant Animal Control Officers at salaries as budgeted, and that

Holly R. Hayes, PO Box 273, Clifton Park, be reappointed Chief Court Clerk for the Town Justice Court of the Town of Clifton Park at a salary as budgeted, and that

Elaine Sausville, 27 Barney Road, Clifton Park, be reappointed as Deputy Highway Superintendent for the year 2002, and that

Lorraine Varley, 345 Ballou Road, Porters Corners, be reappointed Receiver of Taxes and Assessments for the year 2002 at a salary as budgeted, and that she is hereby authorized to sign checks drawn on the accounts of "Receiver of Taxes and Assessments, Town of Clifton Park", and that

Christine Hughes, 96 Werner Road, Clifton Park be appointed Part Time Clerk for Town Hall, Grade 1, Step 3, \$9.87 per hour, to be used in departments as needed, and that

Jodie Ensel, 6 Rolling Brook Court, Clifton Park, and Teresa Brobston, 23 Noord Lane, Ballston Lake are hereby reappointed Deputy Town Clerks for the year 2002, at salaries as budgeted, and that

Gayle Buckley, 318 Ruhle Road, Ballston Lake, be reappointed Health Officer for the year 2002 at a salary as budgeted, and that

John L. Scherer, 113 Vischer Ferry Road, Rexford, be reappointed Town Historian for the year 2002 at a salary as budgeted, and that

Karen Gazda, Rte. 146A, Clifton Park, be reappointed as Labor Relations Negotiator and Consultant on behalf of the Town of Clifton Park at a rate of \$50.00 per hour, and that

The Daily Gazette, Schenectady, be designated as the official newspaper of the Town, and that

all commercial banks within the boundaries of the Capital District be designated as the official banks for the Supervisor and for depositing Town funds, with said banks to be chosen based upon the best rates available, and that

the Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with any accounting firm, any engineering firm, or other consulting firm for the needs of the Town of Clifton Park, subject to legal review by the Town Attorney's office, and as the Town Board may deem appropriate, and that

the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park authorizes the payment of the Town dues to the NYS Association of Towns, and that

Councilman Thomas Paolucci be appointed delegate to the Association of Towns Meeting to be held in February of 2002, with additional councilmen as may be deemed appropriate, and that

Eileen Seery, 24 Royal Oak Drive, Clifton Park, and Harold Kelly, 14 Rolling Brook Court, Clifton Park, be reappointed as Voting Machine Custodians for a sum as budgeted,

and that

the Party Representatives be paid at a rate of \$50.00 per year, and that

the Election Inspectors shall be paid at the rate of \$8.00 per hour for all election days, and that

Edward Coblish, 302 Vischer Ferry Road, Clifton Park, and David Bowman, 145 Sugar Hill Road, Rexford be reappointed to the Fire Code Appeals Board for three year terms to expire December 31, 2004, and that

Kevin O'Brien, 2312 Huntridge Drive, Clifton Park, be reappointed as Planning Board Chairperson for a one year term at a stipend as budgeted, and that

James Larkin, 12 Heartwood Court, Clifton Park be appointed to the Planning Board, term to expire December 31, 2008, and that

Dale Kelley, 18 Arnold Drive, Clifton Park, be reappointed Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one year term at a stipend as budgeted, and that

Michael Dudick be reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals term to expire December 31, 2006 and that Dale Gleason, 539 Clifton Park Center Road, Clifton Park be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, to fill the unexpired term of James Larkin until December 31, 2003, and that

Judy Lamb, 22 Pine Hill Bend, Ballston Lake, be reappointed Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals at a salary as budgeted, to be paid in equal monthly installments, and that

William Tierney, 22 Sleepy Hollow Drive, Clifton Park, Bill Williams, Bruno Road, Clifton Park, John Laviano, 24 Par Del Rio, Clifton Park, and Karl Gerstenberger, 6 Cherry Lane, Clifton Park be reappointed, terms to expire December 31, 2004, to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and that Eric Ophardt, 8 Daniel Lill Court, Clifton Park be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, term to expire December 31, 2003; and that

Michael Dudick, 38 Southbury Road, Clifton Park, be reappointed as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board for a one year term, and that

Thomas Ziobrowski, 23 Main Street, Rexford, be reappointed as Superintendent of the Rexford Water District, Rivercrest Water District and Rivercrest Sewer District, at salaries as budgeted, and that

Jean Mahserjian, 752 Waite Road, Clifton Park, be reappointed as attorney for the Industrial Development Agency, for a one year term, and that

the following individuals are reappointed as members of the Town of Clifton Park Industrial Development Agency, effective immediately, all for one year terms: Nancy Weiss, 14 Mountain Way, Clifton Park; Laddie Stahl, 29 Fairway Lane, Rexford; James Angus, 19 Sevilla Drive, Clifton Park; Robert Wilcox, 32 Northcrest Drive, Clifton Park, and Sally Vedder, 2 Edward Street, Clifton Park; and that W. Steven Seaboyer, 690 Plank Road, Clifton Park, and Peter Fort, Riverview Road, Rexford be appointed to the Town of Clifton Park Industrial Development Agency, effective immediately for a one year term, and that

James Angus, 19 Sevilla Drive, Clifton Park, be reappointed as Chairman of the Clifton Park Industrial Development Agency, effective immediately, for a one year term; and that

Joan Ireland, 15 Broadleaf Drive, Clifton Park be reappointed as Secretary to the Board of Assessment Review at a part time salary rate, and that

Richard Zahnleuter, 52 Redfield Park, Clifton Park be appointed to the Assessment Board of Review to fill the unexpired term of Luke Milavec until September 30, 2005; and that

Richard Kukuk, 6 Bradbury Street, Clifton Park, be reappointed Chairman of the Clifton Park Water Authority, effective immediately, for a one year term ending December 31, 2002, and that

the Town Board for the Town of Clifton Park hereby reaffirms its commitment to the Citizen Advisory Committees and the current members of the Public Safety, Social & Community Issues, and Arts and Culture Committees are hereby reappointed serving at the pleasure of the Town Board, and that

Francine Rodger, 34 Hemlock Drive, Clifton Park, be reappointed as Chairperson of the Arts and Culture Citizen Advisory Committee, and that

John Ritter, 17 Meadow Valley Drive, Clifton Park,
Stephanie Commerford, 12 Kara Lane, Clifton Park,
Paul Adel, 2 Princess Pine Drive, Clifton Park, and
James Quinn, 4 Pine Tree Place, Clifton Park be reappointed to the Environmental Conservation Commission, terms expiring December 31, 2003 and that
George Riebel, 20 Hidden Valley Lane, Ballston Lake be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Richard Hixon until December 31, 2002,
and that

Richard Hixon, 1756 Crescent Road, Rexford be appointed as an Associate Member,
and that

Robert Marino, 20 Southbury Road, Clifton Park, be reappointed as Chairman of the Environmental Conservation Commission for a one year term, ending December 31, 2002 at a stipend as budgeted, and that

the following individuals are hereby reappointed to the Historic Preservation Commission, with terms to expire December 31, 2004:

John L. Scherer
Ernest Haffner
Alfred E. Verrigni
Rainy Littman
Frank Griggs
Brian McGlinchey

113 Vischer Ferry Road, Rexford
12 Dutch Meadow Lane, Rexford
865 Riverview Road, Rexford
557 Riverview Road, Rexford
30 Bradt Road, Rexford
3 Delaware Court, Rexford

and that

Kevin Bowman, 157 Sugar Hill Road, Rexford, be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Platukis until December 31, 2002; and that Kevin Bowman also be appointed as Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission until December 31, 2002; and that Margaret Kasky, 12 Garrison Lane, Ballston Lake be reappointed as Secretary to the Historic Preservation Commission at a salary as budgeted, and that

Joanne Coons, and Paul Coons, 359 Riverview Road, Rexford, Patricia Speckhard, 10 Lilac Court, Clifton Park, Ralph LaPorta, 11 Reed Lane, Clifton Park and Alfred J. Guerra, 82 Durham Road, Stillwater be appointed to the Grooms Tavern Preservation Committee all to serve at the pleasure of the Board, and that

Joanne Coons, 359 Riverview Road, Rexford be appointed as Chairman of the Grooms Tavern Preservation Committee, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, and that

David R. Bowen, 8 Earl Court, Clifton Park, M. John Ward, 83 Vischer Ferry Road, Rexford, and Daniel Bonesteel, 42H Meyer Road are reappointed to the Emergency Services Advisory Board for three year terms expiring December 31, 2004, and that

Paul Littman, 18 Ferry Drive, Rexford be appointed as an alternate representative for M. John Ward, and Gregory Agosti, 6 Saxony Drive, Clifton Park be appointed as an alternate representative for Daniel Bonesteel, to the Emergency Services Advisory Board, term to expire December 31, 2004, and that

David Bowen be reappointed Chairman of the Emergency Services Advisory Board for the year 2002, and that

Sandra Konsella, 5 Strawberry Court, Clifton Park, and Johanna Monachino, 59 Grissom Drive, Clifton Park, be reappointed as Senior Express Switchboard Dispatchers for the calendar year of 2002, and that

the following individuals are appointed as members of the Deferred Compensation Committee for the Town of Clifton Park, effective immediately all for one year terms, to meet semi-annually:

Position Current

Comptroller

Mark Heggen

One General Unit
One Highway Unit
Management Rep
Management Rep

Patrick Jarosz
Gary Rogers
Barbara Smith
Michael Shahan

and that

the Supervisor be authorized to enter into an agreement with Catholic Family Services of Saratoga County, Inc., to provide youth employment services for an amount as budgeted and that such agency shall provide the Town of Clifton Park with a certified audit of its financial affairs for the previous year, and that

the Supervisor be authorized to enter into an agreement with CAPTAIN for an amount as budgeted and that such agency shall provide the Town of Clifton Park with a certified audit of its financial affairs for the previous year, and that

the Supervisor be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Southern Saratoga YMCA for an amount as budgeted and that such agency shall provide the Town of Clifton Park with a certified audit of its financial affairs for the previous year, and that

the Supervisor be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Shenendehowa Senior Citizens, Inc., for an amount as budgeted and that such agency shall provide the Town of Clifton Park with a certified audit of its financial affairs for the previous year, and that

Supervisor Barrett and Deputy Supervisor Speckhard, in his absence, are authorized to execute official documents and instruments as per law on behalf of the Town of Clifton Park, and that

the Supervisor, or in his absence, the Deputy Supervisor, shall be authorized, upon due request of any School District, Fire District, Ambulance District or Library District, located wholly or partially within the boundaries of the Town of Clifton Park, to allow the use of the Town's voting machines, with the understanding that all costs associated with the use of such voting machines, including custodial, repair and transportation shall be borne by that user, and that

Department heads and their staff are authorized to attend schools, conferences and meetings as shall be approved by the Town Board, and that

according to Highway Law 143, the following rates for hired trucks and equipment for the Highway Department for the year 2002 shall be approved by the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park as follows:

Trucks for snow removal with plow & driver	\$54.50/hr.
Trucks for snow removal with plow, wing, driver & wingman	\$64.50/hr.
Trucks for snow removal with plow, wing sander, driver, & wingman	\$70.50/hr.
Trucks for snow removal with plow & driver less than 2 ton	\$39.00/hr.

Front end loaders with bucket, or plow & graders with driver	\$54.50/hr.
Trucks for sanding, with driver	\$48.00/hr.
Front end loaders with bucket or plow & graders, without driver	\$39.00/hr.
Front end loader equipped with an 18' plow with driver	\$70.50/hr.
Snowblower or plow or sander riding to clear and maintain sidewalks	\$54.50/hr.
Trucks for hauling, single axle, dual wheelwith driver	\$34.00/hr.
Tandem trucks for hauling, with driver	\$41.50/hr.
Tri-axle trucks for hauling, with driver	\$46.75/hr.
Trailer for hauling with driver	\$51.50/hr.
Excavator with operator	\$80.00/hr.
Bulldozer with operator	\$60.00/hr.

and that

a base rate of Nine dollars and 50/100 (\$9.50) per hour be set for the Town Highway Department for all wingmen or other extra help in conjunction with snow removal, to be paid from the Highway Department, and that

the Highway Superintendent under Section 142, Subdivision 1(a) of the Highway Law, be authorized to purchase special tools and other implements required in the operation of the Highway Department, equipment not to exceed ten thousand(\$10,000) dollars for the year 2002, and twenty thousand(\$20,000) dollars for each public works project according to NYS and Town of Clifton Park procurement guidelines for the year 2002, and that

the Highway Superintendent is hereby authorized to attend Highway Superintendent Schools, Conferences, and Meetings and that a voucher shall be submitted in proper form and substance no later than ten (10) days after termination of said schools, conferences and meetings for reimbursement, and that

the Highway Superintendent is authorized to purchase tools and equipment for the Highway Department per General Municipal Law, Section 103, Subdivision 6, at authorized auctions conducted by Governmental Organizations within the State of New York; the amount not to exceed limitations set by the 2002 budget, and that

members of the Department of Building and Development are authorized to have memberships for the calendar year 2002 in the Capital District Chapter and the New York State Building Officials Conference to include attendance at regular bi-monthly luncheon meetings of said conference, as budgeted per person per year, said amounts to be charged to the Memberships/Training Account, and that

a Petty Cash Fund, not to exceed \$250.00 be established for use by the Town Supervisor, and that a Petty Cash Fund not to exceed \$250.00 be established for use by the Receiver of Taxes, and that

the mileage rate of reimbursement for the use of Town employees' cars shall be consistent with IRS established rates.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2 of 2002, a resolution naming Joseph A. Broscko to the position of
Laborer at the Transfer Station.

Introduced by Councilman Speckhard, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman
Paolucci.

WHEREAS, an opening exists at the Transfer Station for a Laborer, and

WHEREAS, the Transfer Station Supervisor has recommended Joseph A. Broscko, 9
Linden Court, Clifton Park, for the position and the Town Board has considered the
same; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Ronald Bruzdinski, Transfer Station Supervisor is hereby authorized
to hire Joseph A. Broscko, 9 Linden Court, Clifton Park as a Laborer at the Transfer
Station at Grade 3, Step 1, as budgeted, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 3 of 2002, a resolution appointing Bonnie Selley, Assistant to Receiver of
Taxes.

Introduced by Councilwoman Walowit, who moved its adoption, seconded by
Councilman Paolucci.

WHEREAS, the need exists to employ an Assistant to Receiver of Taxes for a three
month period in 2002, and

WHEREAS, the Receiver of Taxes and Assessments has recommended that Bonnie
Selley, 14 Birch Hill Road, Ballston Lake, be appointed to fill the position, and the Town
Board has considered the same; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Bonnie Selley, 14 Birch Hill Road, Ballston Lake, is hereby appointed Assistant to Receiver of Taxes commencing January 3, 2002 through March 31, 2002, Grade 4, Step 1, \$12.33 per hour.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC HEARING, 7:30 PM

TO CONSIDER A LOCAL LAW REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR
BILLBOARDS/OFF PREMISES SIGNS/ADVERTISING SIGNS

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on December 26, 2001.

Supervisor Barrett explained this stems from the lawsuit, Nichols Media vs. Town of Clifton Park.

Asst. Town Attorney Pelagalli summarized the proposed local law explaining the Towns of Halfmoon and Clifton Park were sued by Nichols Media Group, LLP, a billboard company, and the company found that Clifton Park's Sign Law was subject to a challenge on the constitutionality of the laws relative to the fact that billboards were banned. He explained that although the town law states billboards are banned there are 23 exceptions and the United States Supreme Court in 1980 in a case entitled *Metromedia vs. City of San Diego* said there cannot be discriminatory provisions within a sign law as far as elevating commercial speech over non-commercial speech or elevating certain forms of non-commercial speech over other forms of non-commercial speech. Mr. Pelagalli said Clifton Park has a preamble to the Sign Law stating the portion of the Sign Law that regulates billboards has been passed because of aesthetics and traffic concerns. He stated the town's Sign Law, as it currently stands, is unconstitutional, and he is proposing that the town adopt an overlay zone to allow a total of three billboards from the southerly most portion of the town line at as it crosses New York State Route 9 north along Route 9 to the southerly end of Meyer Road. Mr. Pelagalli stated the proposed law includes an amortization provision in that the approximate ten or twelve existing signs currently outside of the proposed zone will have to be removed in three years, thus reducing the number of billboards in town to three. He said the proposed legislation also states there shall be no artificial illumination permitted either located on or directed toward the off-premises/advertising sign. Mr. Pelagalli further stated none of the provisions will necessarily apply to the agreement with Nichols because the proposed law was not in effect at that time.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience at 8:00 p.m.

Everyone was given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed local law and no one wished to be heard. Supervisor Barrett declared the public hearing closed at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Dave Hyde, Bradt Road, speaking with regard to the “Welcome to Clifton Park” sign located at the Stewart’s store on Riverview Road and Route 146 said formerly there was a sign at the location stating Rexford Firehouse House and also a sign on wheels for community bulletin board. He said people would like the sign to say “Welcome to Rexford – Gateway to Clifton Park” and the existing sign needs to be put elsewhere. Mr. Hyde presented petitions with approximately 273 signatures (Clerk’s note: not all signatures are Clifton Park residents and there are duplicates) with a variety of signage requested – Welcome to the Village of Rexford or Hamlet of Rexford and Welcome to Rexford, Gateway to Clifton Park.

Vincent Obremski, Appleton Road, noted his Rexford zip code and said he votes at the Rexford Fire House. He said there are serious water problems on Appleton Road. He questioned the formula used and expressed concern regarding the cost of bringing water to Appleton Road. He stated people should help the residents of Appleton Road defray the cost. He asked if a water line for Appleton Road in 2002 is being considered.

Supervisor Barrett said a water district is being created to bring water to the Corporate Commerce zone and to hook into the Rexford Water District as part of an agreement with the Town of Glenville. He stated open space planning is outside of anything to do with water. The Supervisor said the engineering report estimated costs and a meeting would be held at town hall to answer any questions and hear who is interested in being part of a district.

Mr. Obremski asked if the town will help pay for the water line or do the residents have to pay for it. Mr. Shahan said it is his understanding this was to be a separate water district tied into Rexford Water District, with the water coming from Glenville. Supervisor Barrett said a couple of options were discussed at the October 9, 2001 Town Board meeting – 1) short term option to hook up to the Rexford Water District, if feasible or 2) wait for the pipe that is going out Route 146 which will be the Clifton Park Water Authority line. Councilman Speckhard explained the water pipe going out Route 146 is an excess capacity pipe and means that anyone who ties into it would be required to pay whatever the percentage of the cost would be. He said state law prohibits the Town of Clifton Park from directly subsidizing taxing districts of any kind. Councilman Speckhard said he feels the Board is committed to getting water to Appleton Road and the western part of town and a way to minimize the cost needs to be look at but the cost will need to be borne by the people who get the water. He stated the sewer line is not going to be capable of going beyond the Corporate Commerce zone.

Supervisor Barrett said, regarding the sign issue, a way of recognizing Rexford can be looked at. He expressed appreciation to Stewart's for spending at least \$6500 for the sign and noted the sign is geographically correct.

Kara Tamburello, Riverwind Drive, said the sign is too big and blocks the gas tanks and front door of Stewart's. She recommended moving it either up Riverview Road or Route 146 and noting Rexford on it.

Norman Goldman, London Square Drive, said the history and historic hamlets and communities have been neglected for a long time and specifically spoke of signs on the Northway. He said more thought should be given to history and communities and to what is on the maps. He further said the sign would be perfect at the end of the bridge if it said "Town of Clifton Park

MOTION by Councilman Paolucci, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting or any other meeting necessary for the conduct of Town business.

Motion carried at 8:30 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk