

**Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2005**

The regular 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
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Jason Kemper, Director of Planning
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development

MOTION by Councilman Paolucci, seconded by Councilman Roth, to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2005 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Roth announced registration forms for Household Hazardous Waste Day, to be held October 1, 2005, will be available in mid June.

Supervisor Barrett and Councilman Paolucci, acknowledging recipients' volunteerism, presented the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 97 of 2005, a resolution honoring Babette B. Nieckarz, a recipient of a Senior Lifetime Achievement Award.

Introduced by Supervisor Barrett, who moved its adoption, seconded by the entire Town

Board.

WHEREAS, Babette B. Nieckarz, mother of three, grandmother of two, was born in Yonkers, New York in December of 1919 and married Edgar Nieckarz in 1948, and

WHEREAS, during World War II Babette worked the swing shift at G. E. for eight years, after which she retired and went to work at the Shenendehowa Schools, where she was in charge of the Arongen Cafeteria for eighteen years, retiring in 1981, and

WHEREAS, Babette has a passion for line dancing and dancing in general, sharing her talents as an instructor at the Shenendehowa Senior Center for many years, and as a member of the Hill Country Dancers, entertains at local nursing homes, and

WHEREAS, throughout her life Babette has given of herself to help others by raising funds for Cancer and Heart Disease, being a caregiver for her mother-in-law for ten years, a den mother for Cub Scouts for five years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Babette B. Nieckarz is hereby honored and thanked by the Clifton Park Town Board for her many years of service to others in our community and is hereby congratulated for being a recipient of a Senior Lifetime Achievement Award.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 98 of 2005, a resolution honoring Ruth Hahn, a recipient of a Senior Lifetime Achievement Award.

Introduced by Supervisor Barrett, who moved its adoption, seconded by the entire Town Board.

WHEREAS, Ruth Hahn was born in April of 1917 and raised in Queens, New York, attended Adelphi College, graduating with a BS in Business Administration and later attending Yeshiva University, graduating with an MS in Special Education, and

WHEREAS, after college Ruth worked on Wall Street in Manhattan for a law firm and later as a teacher with the New York City School System, eventually becoming an administrator, and

WHEREAS, Ruth, mother of two sons, grandmother of three, was married to her husband John F. Hahn for sixty years, and

WHEREAS, throughout most of her adult life Ruth has always had an interest in helping those less capable than herself, volunteering to help residents in a local nursing home activity center, and working with mentally challenged children, and

WHEREAS, Ruth is a devoted member of the Shenendehowa Senior Center, always ready to pitch in, to help with virtually any task, the Senior Center having been described as “her home away from home”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Ruth Hahn is hereby honored and thanked by the Clifton Park Town Board for her many years of service to others in our community and is hereby congratulated for being a recipient of a Senior Lifetime Achievement Award.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 99 of 2005, a resolution honoring Ruth Harlow, a recipient of a Senior Lifetime Achievement Award.

Introduced by Supervisor Barrett, who moved its adoption, seconded by the entire Town Board.

WHEREAS, Ruth Harlow was born in 1919 in Amsterdam, New York, graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1937 and then attended Mildred Elley Business School, and

WHEREAS, from 1937 - 1942 Ruth was employed at General Electric, and at the YMCA in the Membership Office from 1951 - 1956 and from 1957 – 1981 as Office Manager for Girls, Inc., and

WHEREAS, in 1941 Ruth married Alton Harlow and in 1951 they moved to Rexford, and proudly have three children, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren, and

WHEREAS, Ruth, known for her outstanding leadership in her local church and community has stated, “I have always believed in volunteerism as a way to pay back my community for all I have received” has served over twenty five years with the Schenectady Girls Club, in multiple offices in her church and as the first woman Conference Lay Leader in the Troy Annual Conference, twice elected as delegate to General Conference and three times to Jurisdictional Conference, and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Grooms United Methodist Church, Ruth was deeply

involved in the merger of four small churches into the Shenendehowa congregation and continues to volunteer her time serving on various committees, a living example of Christian commitment and service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Ruth Harlow is hereby honored by the Clifton Park Town Board for her many years of service to others in our community and is hereby congratulated for being a recipient of a Senior Lifetime Achievement Award.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 100 of 2005, honoring George Vrooman, a recipient of a Senior Lifetime Achievement Award.

Introduced by Supervisor Barrett, who moved its adoption, seconded by the entire Town Board.

WHEREAS, George Vrooman was born in September of 1918 in Mars Hill, Indiana and later moved to the Burnt Hills area, where George attended Burnt Hills schools and was active in both cross country running and track and field events, and

WHEREAS, George served in the Navy from 1943 - 1945, stationed in Hawaii at Pearl Harbor, worked for GE for three years, then began a twenty year career at the former ALCO plant in Schenectady where he held various engineering positions, and

WHEREAS, George continued his education at Siena College graduating in 1949 with a BS in Economics, and in 1961 earned his Masters Degree in Library Science from SUNY, Albany, and

WHEREAS, from ALCO George went on to become Chief of Technology Information at the Watervliet Arsenal with responsibility for library operations and for technical editing, and of special note in 1962 George was asked by the Army to serve as librarian for the World's Fair in Flushing, New York sharing with the public one of the first applications for computerizing library operations, and

WHEREAS, George became involved with the Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York serving on the Family Service Committee, coordinating Family Caregiver Support Groups in Saratoga and then in Clifton Park, after caring for his wife "Scotty" who had Alzheimer's Disease, and

WHEREAS, George served a two year term as a member of the Board of Directors for the Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York and continues to serve as an advocate to Nursing Home Residents in the Schuyler Ridge Nursing Home in Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that George Vrooman is hereby honored and thanked by the Clifton Park Town Board for his many years of service to others in the community and is hereby congratulated for being a recipient of a Senior Lifetime Achievement Award.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC HEARING, 7:10 PM

TO CONSIDER AN EXPENDITURE OF \$700,000 FOR ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF IMPROVEMENTS IN THE REXFORD WATER DISTRICT NO. 2

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on April 7, 2005.

Town Engineer, John M. McDonald, summarized the proposed improvements consisting of Route 146 water main replacement, pump station replacement, and pressure reducing valve. In response to the Supervisor's question regarding the general condition of the system, Mr. McDonald said it was built in the 1970s and constructed with plastic pipe but there is a lot of rock in the Rexford area and there have been pipe failures due to the ground conditions. Mr. McDonald said leak detection and repair is also planned.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience at 7:20 p.m.

George Petersen, Chairman of the Rexford Water District Advisory Committee, said the cost of \$700,000 for the proposed improvements is a substantial cost to the district. He said the Committee is not opposed to the improvements, but hasn't had time to delve into the proposal to determine the cost versus the benefits and the long-term ramifications. The Advisory Committee's recommendation is to not rush into this project.

Councilman Paolucci asked the size of the leak issue. Mr. Petersen responded something in the neighborhood of 15 million gallons a year. He said if all the leaks were repaired it would take approximately 13-14 years to pay back at 4 percent over a 20 year period.

Supervisor Barrett said the town needs to do what is most cost efficient for the people of Rexford and will do the necessary proper long-term planning.

Mr. McDonald said when there is a water break in Rexford, due to the ground conditions, it is difficult to pinpoint as water will travel along rock layer. He said volunteers have done night time studies and have found leaks.

Vince Obremski, Appleton Road, supports the plan of bringing water down Route 146. He spoke of problems with water on Appleton Road and would like to see water from Route 146 or Grooms Road via Appleton Road. He asked that the people on Appleton Road not be forgotten.

Supervisor Barrett responded there was not enough support to run a water line on Appleton Road.

Bill Koebbeman, Riverview Road, agrees that the Board should take some time and look at the big picture before going ahead with the improvements.

Everyone was given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed local law and no one else wished to be heard. Supervisor Barrett declared the public hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING, 7:20 PM

TO CONSIDER A LOCAL LAW REGARDING DESIGN STANDARDS AND ZONING IN THE WESTERN CLIFTON PARK GEIS STUDY AREA AND AMENDING LOCAL LAW 10 OF 1996, THE ZONING CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on April 14, 2005.

It was noted that 2200 letters were mailed to residents advising of this public hearing. Joseph Grasso, Clough, Harbour & Associates, gave an overview of the GEIS and proposed legislation, noting this has been studied for eighteen months. He said the most significant recommendation of the study was rezoning of the western part of town with three zones – Conservation Residential which makes up most of the study area, Hamlet and Hamlet Mixed Use zones. The purpose of the zoning is to allow flexibility but always maintaining a maximum build out of the study area that is much less than what would have been allowed under existing zoning. Affected zones are R-1, R-2 and R-3 which currently have minimum lot sizes that range from 20,000 square feet up to 120,000 square feet and for commercial uses. For Conservation Residential and Hamlet Residential the new base density is one unit per three acres. For Mixed Use Commercial maximum density is set at 4000 square feet per acre for office space and 2000 square feet per acre for retail which is about half of what is allowed under existing zoning. There are exemptions for existing lots that don't meet that minimum, noting they are grandfathered in. Mr. Grasso noted other grandfathering provisions, e.g. a one lot subdivision that

doesn't need to comply with new recommendations. New zoning is more applicable to larger developments. Mr. Grasso said new to the code is the conservation based design approach where environmental features of the project will be looked at. The transfer and purchase of development rights are included in the proposed legislation in order to retain the rural character. Mr. Grasso stated all the proposed zoning is consistent with the Findings of the GEIS, with input from residents over the last 18 months.

Supervisor Barrett said Director of Planning Kemper is available to review individual parcels.

Mr. Grasso emphasized there is flexibility built into the code.

Councilwoman Walowit questioned allowing bowling alleys in the Mixed Use Hamlet. Mr. Grasso said this mirrors the current neighborhood business code, however, it can be changed.

Councilman Paolucci noted that the recent proposal to purchase 100 acres of land on Route 146 will reduce the overall impact in the study area.

Councilman Roth emphasized that people unsure about their property should contact Mr. Kemper.

Councilman Paolucci said the Town Board has adopted the Findings Statement and that is direction for the Planning Board, however, with the adoption of the proposed legislation the code will match the Findings Statement.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience at 7:55 p.m.

Colleen Tyll, Route 146A, said when the line was drawn to separate western Clifton Park from the eastern part of town, it went between her two contiguous tax parcels of which they have plans to develop. She said half of her land applies to the proposed zoning and the other half doesn't. Her property is located next to the new Van Patten development. Ms. Tyll asked for direction on how to handle this situation.

Vince Obremski, Appleton Road, said the Board should consider people's retirement as three acre zoning will hurt people's retirement. He expressed concern regarding the costs associated with subdividing land and the cost of maintaining three acres.

John Kelch, Blue Barns Road, said the Peg Apartments PUD was created in the early '70s. The apartments were built and nothing further has been done in thirty years and since zoning is being updated why is this not being looked at. Mr. Kemper explained that existing PUDs cannot be overwritten. Mr. Trainor agreed.

Ben Rotondi, Ushers Road, family owns land in western Clifton Park, said he is completely enthused with the betterment of town but feels the west side landowners are taking the burden. He said zoning changes should be town wide and not just in the

western part of town. He feels landowners in the western part of town are being discriminated against.

Bill Koebbeman, Riverview Road, said he appreciates that the town is looking at a smarter way of development. Speaking with regard to development rights, he said there is no zoning designation for the conservation site and this is needed for something that is to be preserved in perpetuity. He also said adjacent lands on DEC wetlands or buffers on streams have not been included in the Constrained Lands definition.

Regarding conservation sites, Mr. Grasso responded parcels identified as Open Space Resource parcels as presented in the GEIS are covered in the Conservation Residential zone and those properties would have to be permanently protected. He further explained Constrained Lands would include the adjacent areas.

Youssef Ballout, Torrero Drive, asked if a PUD can be in a Hamlet or Hamlet Mixed Use zone. He said there is no language that indicates that there will be some form of continuity from one open space parcel to the next or across the board for the entire western part of town. He asked what has to be done to get special incentive zoning.

Mr. Grasso responded PUDs are excluded from the Conservation Residential zone only. Continuity between open space parcels is identified in the GEIS as important and was also covered when open space properties were established.

Annie Adler, Crescent Road, asked if Van Vranken Road is part of western Clifton Park. Mr. Kemper said the boundary goes up Van Vranken Road on the far side of the former Hoffman parcel. He noted that the developer received approval before the town enacted the moratorium.

Le Hockford, Route 146A, said the 3 acre requirements will affect her retirement.

Margaret Catellier, Royal Oak Drive, said by limiting amount of building, Clifton Park becomes more desirable.

David Tomik, Hubbs Road, spoke in support of the proposed zoning.

Doug Shepherd, Birchwood Drive, expressed concern with wildlife being pushed out and stated smart growth works.

Annette Reedy, Applewood Estates, said her concern is sufficient and good quality water for everyone.

Supervisor Barrett said growth is a great concern to him and needs to be kept in check to a certain extent but also is important for everyone to be able to maximize the value of their property. He said the value of land in Clifton Park will continue to rise because of good schools and the fact that the town is taking a proactive approach including the protection of property and adding parks and recreational facilities. He encouraged

landowners to bring their questions to Mr. Kemper.

Chuck Eels, King Crest Farm Grooms Road, commended the Town Board and town employees for the moratorium on development and the proposed rezoning.

Pauline Boehm, Riverview Road, spoke in favor the proposed legislation.

Joyce Whalen, Ray Road, spoke in favor of three acre zoning.

Everyone was given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed local law and no one else wished to be heard. Supervisor Barrett declared the public hearing closed at 8:57.

MOTION by Supervisor Barrett, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to recess until 9:05 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Meeting convened at 9:10 p.m.

REPORT TO THE BOARD

Town Comptroller Heggen reviewed the March Financial Report which includes quarterly data for special districts and monthly data for general and highway funds. Revenues are ahead of 2004 and expenditures lower even with the \$375,000 retirement contribution. State Comptroller's Report will be electronically filed within the next few days. Auditors are expected in June.

Councilman Roth reported a resolution for consideration has been added to the agenda granting Congregation Beth Shalom an easement to cross town property in order to hook into a sewer manhole.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 96 of 2005, a resolution authorizing the hiring of initial pool staff for the 2005 season.

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

WHEREAS, Patricia Haffner, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has identified a need for initial pool staff, and

WHEREAS, staff needs to be in place for the 2005 Summer Recreation Programs to commence when pools open; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs is hereby authorized to hire initial pool staff as per the attached Schedule A effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 101 of 2005, a resolution appointing a Summer Recreation Director.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists for a Summer Recreation Director, and

WHEREAS, Patricia Price, 34 Mohawk Trail, Clifton Park, has been recommended to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Patricia Price, 34 Mohawk Trail, Clifton Park, is hereby hired as Summer Recreation Director with expanded duties to include overseeing the Full and Half Day Camps at a salary of \$16,255, as budgeted, \$8652 to be paid from A7310-E8000 (Summer Rec.-Program Coordinator) and \$7603 to be paid from A7320-E9000 (Summer Rec.-Full Day Camp Site Super).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 102 of 2005, a resolution supporting the Rose and Kiernan Clifton Park International Soccer Classic.

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

WHEREAS, for nearly three decades the Rose and Kiernan Clifton Park Soccer Classic has drawn youth soccer teams from states up and down the East Coast, Canada and Europe, and

WHEREAS, this annual event enhances the economy of the Town of Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, financial support in the form of sponsorship is needed in order to meet the rising costs of conducting the tournament; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Clifton Park supports the Rose and Kiernan Clifton Park International Soccer Classic with a \$5,000 sponsorship to be paid from Contingency.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 103 of 2005, a resolution authorizing the Environmental Specialist to attend a training session on Confined Space Entry.

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

WHEREAS, Environmental Specialist Michael O'Brien has requested authorization to attend a training session on Confined Space Entry, to be held in Saratoga Springs, New York, May 11, 2005, and

WHEREAS, since sewer infrastructure often revolves around confined spaces and hazardous environments, attendance at this training session by the Environmental Specialist will confer a benefit upon and be in the best interest of the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Environmental Specialist Michael O'Brien is hereby authorized to attend a training session on Confined Space Entry on May 11, 2005, in Saratoga Springs, at a cost not to exceed \$175, to be paid from G7-811-01 (Clifton Park Sewer District No. 1).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 104 of 2005, a resolution authorizing the Director of Community Development to attend a Conference.

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

WHEREAS, Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development, has requested permission to attend the New York State Conference of Mayors-Main Street, Economic Development Conference to be held in Lake Placid, New York, May 16-19, 2005 at a cost of \$825, and

WHEREAS, the amount has been budgeted for 2005 in budget line item A-8989-01 (Community Development-Travel & Conferences) and her attendance at the Conference would provide a benefit to the Town citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Barbara McHugh is authorized to attend the New York State Conference of Mayors-Main Street, Economic Development Conference in Lake Placid, New York from May 16-19, 2005 at a cost not to exceed \$825 to be appropriately vouchered and the Comptroller is authorized to pay the same from budget line item A-8989-01 (Community Development-Travel & Conference).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 105 of 2005, a resolution authorizing the hiring of summer staff for the Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs office.

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

WHEREAS, an additional staff member is required to staff the office of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs during the summer months, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs has recommended that Kristen Bini, 22 Ashley Drive, Ballston Lake, be rehired as a summer office staff member; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs is hereby authorized to rehire Kristin Bini, 22 Ashley Drive, Ballston Lake, as a part-time summer

office staff member at Grade 1, Step 2, from April 18, 2005 to August 26, 2005, to be paid from A7021-E4000 (Parks & Rec.-Part time staff).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 106 of 2005, a resolution authorizing the hiring of Summer Recreation Directors for the 2005 Season.

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

WHEREAS, Patricia Haffner, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has identified a need for Summer Recreation Directors for the day camp program, and

WHEREAS, staff needs to be in place for the 2005 Summer Recreation Programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs is hereby authorized to hire Summer Recreation Directors as per attached Schedule A effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 107 of 2005, a resolution granting permission for the Congregation Beth Shalom to extend a sewer line across Town of Clifton Park land.

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

WHEREAS, the Congregation Beth Shalom is seeking to connect to a sewer manhole that would necessitate a sewer line being extended across Town of Clifton Park property, and

WHEREAS, a signoff will be required from the Saratoga County Sewer District, and

WHEREAS, the appropriate insurance certificate must be provided by the contractor, and

WHEREAS, an easement will have to be given by the Town of Clifton Park to the Congregation Beth Shalom along the sewer line, and

WHEREAS, the area that was disturbed as part of the installation of the sewer line must be restored; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Clifton Park hereby grants permission for the Congregation Beth Shalom to extend a sewer line across Town of Clifton Park land.

Councilman Roth stated this is all at the expense of Congregation Beth Shalom and no money will be expended by the town.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Paul Kitchen, Sugar Hill Road, asked if there could be a second public hearing regarding Historic Districts. He expressed concern that establishing Historic Districts could make it more difficult for homeowners in that district to make normal changes to their homes and properties. He said the language in the legislation is vague and broad and leaves a lot of discretion up to the Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Kitchen asked the Town Board to look at the proposed changes to see how they will affect homeowners.

Supervisor Barrett asked residents to email a list of concerns and he will ask Town Historian John Scherer to address those concerns.

Councilman Roth said it would never be the Town Board's intent to put a burden on residents.

Mr. Kitchen said, based on the legislation, residents would be opposed to an historic district in Grooms Corners and do not want to be involuntarily placed in an historic district.

Supervisor Barrett said the Town Board would have to act to draw the lines of an historic

district but doesn't think this Town Board would ever draw boundaries around people who do not want to be in that situation.

Councilman Speckhard said he thinks the major interest of the Historic Preservation Commission is that the designation of an historic district can give an opportunity for state and federal grants.

Jim Ruhl, Wood Dale Drive, displayed a map denoting the area off Route 9 known as the State Forest Preserve consisting of 130 acres. He spoke in support of Mr. Koebbeman's letter of April 8 regarding the state forest preserve. Mr. Ruhl said rezoning that land as a Natural Resource Preservation District is very important to completing a system along the Zim Smith Trail. He said the Round Lake reservoir of 80 acres should also be a Natural Resource Preservation District. This would create two districts as low intensive passive use.

Councilman Paolucci said the Ushers Road trail is going to Route 9.

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 9:50 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk