

**Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 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  
Michael Handerhan, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds  
Jason Kemper, Director of Planning  
Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Affairs  
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development  
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Supervisor Barrett reported residents of Settlers Hill subdivision would like to establish a park district and have been working with Mr. Kemper. Petitions have been submitted in this regard.

Councilman Roth reminded residents that Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for October 1, 2005. Application forms will be available on the town website as well as in the town hall

Supervisor Barrett presented Resolution No. 140 of 2005 adopted June 5, 2005, to Dora Myers, Director of the Shenendehowa Musical Company, congratulating cast and crew upon their outstanding production of "Les Miserables" and awards received from the Schenectady Light Opera Company.

**PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

Director of Planning Kemper demonstrated the Clifton Park online GIS application available through [cliftonpark.org](http://cliftonpark.org), noting residents can find, among other things, aerial photos, tax parcel information, assessed value, acreage, zoning, and park districts. He reviewed the history of preparation of the GIS stating this was funded by a 2003 SARA grant of \$57,000. Mr. Kemper explained that any of the information available online is

also available in various offices in town hall. Individuals will be able to review streets, water mains, hydrants, hydrant districts, EMS and fire districts, election districts and polling places, regulated streams and wetlands. Sewer districts, parks facilities, and trails map will be added in the future.

Councilman Speckhard expressed concern with the term “e-government”, stating it is not an alternative to town government but an electronic information source.

Ed Kramer, a member of the town’s panel on the White House Conference on the Aging, presented and reviewed early results of the town’s survey, noting over 6000 surveys were returned and are still being tabulated. This information was also presented at the town White House on the Aging meeting held on June 12, 2005.

Councilman Paolucci expressed appreciation to all involved with making the June 12, 2005 town meeting on aging a success. He emphasized the results in the slide presentation are preliminary. He said it is anticipated the total report will be completed in August and forwarded to the White House Conference on the Aging. He said all questions presented at the forum will be submitted to Town Board members, as well as forwarded to Congressman Sweeney’s office.

#### PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 148 of 2005, a resolution in connection with a block party to be held in the Peacock Glen Subdivision.

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

WHEREAS, the residents of the Peacock Glen Subdivision wish to conduct a block party within the subdivision on August 13, 2005, from 1 - 10 pm and have requested permission to use a portion of Blue Jay Way between Chickadee Lane and Bluebird Lane for their party activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the residents, with the approval and advice of the Town Highway Superintendent, have permission to use a portion of Blue Jay Way between Chickadee Lane and Bluebird Lane on August 13, 2005 from 1 - 10 pm for their party activities, but must not block off the street and make sure that emergency vehicles can gain access to the street if needed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the residents shall be responsible for all clean-up activities on Town property or on the street right-of-way resulting from the social activity; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the applicable Fire Department, the Ambulance Corps., the Sheriff’s Department and the State Police.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 149 of 2005, a resolution appointing David R. Kellogg to the  
Environmental Conservation Commission.

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

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of George Riebel, an opening exists on the  
Environmental Conservation Commission, and

WHEREAS, David R. Kellogg, 5 Beresford Road, Ballston Lake, has been recommended  
to serve on the Environmental Commission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that David R. Kellogg, 5 Beresford Road, Ballston Lake, be appointed as a  
member of the Environmental Conservation Commission to fill the unexpired term of  
George Riebel, term to expire December 31, 2006.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 150 of 2005, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor of Buildings and  
Grounds to purchase two tractor mowers for use by the Buildings and Grounds  
Department, from State Contract.

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

WHEREAS, Michael Handerman, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, has identified a  
need for two tractor mowers for use by the Buildings and Grounds Department, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds has requested authorization to

purchase two John Deere 1445 tractor mowers under State Contract, as described in Schedule A; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Michael Handerhan, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, is hereby authorized to purchase two tractor mowers under State Contract PC61402, from Clifton Park Lawn and Leisure, Clifton Park, as described in Schedule A at a cost not to exceed \$27,646.22 for the purchase of both mowers, with the funds to come from A-7110-200 (Buildings & Grounds Equipment) as budgeted.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 151 of 2005, a resolution awarding the bid for fencing for Fields 1 and 2 at Longkill Park and fencing for three fields at Veteran's Park.

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

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2005, bids were received for fencing for Fields 1 and 2 at Longkill Park and fencing for three fields at Veteran's Park, and

WHEREAS, the lowest conforming bidder was AFSCO Fence, Latham, New York, in the amount of \$12,090 for Fields 1 and 2 at Longkill Park and for \$11,190 at Veteran's Park, and

WHEREAS, Michael Handerhan, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, has recommended that the bid of AFSCO, in the amount of \$23,280 for fencing, for Fields 1 and 2 at Longkill Park and for three fields at Veteran's Park be accepted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts and awards the above referenced bid to AFCSCO, in the total amount of \$23,280, \$12,090 to be paid from SP57123-200 (Longkill I Park District) and \$11,190 to be paid from A-7024-200 (Veteran's Park).

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 152 of 2005, a resolution authorizing the Director of Planning to attend the New York State GIS Conference.

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

WHEREAS, Jason Kemper, Director of Planning, has requested permission to attend the New York State GIS Conference to be held in Rochester, N.Y. on October 18 - 19, 2005 at a cost not to exceed \$400, and

WHEREAS, the amount has been budgeted for 2005 in budget line item A-8020-1 (Planning- Conference and Training) and his attendance at the conference would confer a benefit to the Town residents and to the Planning Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Jason Kemper is hereby authorized to attend the New York State GIS Conference to be held in Rochester, NY from October 18 – 19, 2005 at a cost not to exceed \$400, to be paid as budgeted from A-8020-1 (Planning- Conferences and Training).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 153 of 2005, a resolution authorizing the Director of Planning to attend the Northeast Arc Users Group Conference.

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

WHEREAS, Jason Kemper, Director of Planning, has requested permission to attend the Northeast Arc Users Group Conference to be held in Portland, Maine, from Sept. 18-21, 2005 at a cost not to exceed \$1,000, and

WHEREAS, the amount has been budgeted for 2005 in budget line item A-8020-1 (Planning- Conference and Training) and budget line A-8021-4 (Planning-Computer), and his attendance at the Seminar would confer a benefit to the Town residents and to the Planning Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Jason Kemper is hereby authorized to attend the Northeast Arc Users Group Conference to be held in Portland, Maine, from September 18-21, 2005, to be paid as follows, \$455 from A-8020-1 (Planning- Conferences and Training) and with a transfer of \$545 from A-8021-4 (Planning-Computer) to A-8020-1 (Planning-Training and Conferences).

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 154 of 2005, a resolution awarding the bid for Contract No. 2, Clifton Park Boundary Survey.

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

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2005 bids were received and opened for the above referenced contract, and

WHEREAS, David Flanders Associates submitted a bid in the amount of \$20,627 with work to be completed by July 30, 2005, and

WHEREAS, the lowest bidder cannot complete the project prior to Sept 1, 2005 and the project must be completed by July 30, 2005 to allow a closing on the property and the Town to proceed with receiving the grant funds for the acquisition, and

WHEREAS, David Flanders Associates is the lowest conforming bidder, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts and awards the above referenced bid to David A. Flanders Associates in the amount of \$20,627 to be paid from A-1940-200. (Other Town Payments-Equipment).

Supervisor Barrett explained this is the survey for the proposed Dwaaskill Nature Preserve, noting this property is currently under contract. He said it is important to move forward with this in order to obtain the grant funds that have been awarded to the town. Supervisor Barrett questioned Flanders Associates bid listing prevailing and non prevailing wages. Mr. Kemper said there was discussion as to whether prevailing wage would apply, explaining if this is specifically a boundary survey and there were no plans for a park in the future, prevailing wage would not apply. However, if this property was

to be developed for any sort of park facilities; public use, parking lot, prevailing wage would apply. Mr. Kemper stated in this case prevailing wage will apply. He said the property cannot be acquired until a boundary survey is finalized. Mr. Kemper said Flanders Associates can have this finalized by July 30, 2005. Supervisor Barrett said the date should be July 23, 2005. He asked Mr. Kemper to get a determination in writing from the state regarding prevailing and non-prevailing wages. Mr. Kemper said the bid notice did specify prevailing wage would apply.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 155 of 2005, a resolution authorizing the hiring of temporary staff to input Survey Data.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park mailed out surveys for the White House Conference on the Aging, and

WHEREAS, approximately 6,000 surveys have been returned to the Town of Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, additional temporary staff members are needed to input survey data into the Town's Computer System for tallying, and

WHEREAS, the individuals listed in Schedule "A" have been recommended to fill these positions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is given to hire the individuals listed on Schedule "A" attached hereto at Grade 1, Step 1 (\$10.50 per hour) to input survey data, effective immediately, through July 1, 2005, to be paid from A-06772-00160 (Senior Services White House Conference on the Aging).

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 156 of 2005, a resolution authorizing the hiring of a part-time summer laborer for the Transfer Station.

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

WHEREAS, a need exists for a part-time summer worker at the Transfer Station, and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Vedder, Transfer Station Supervisor, has recommended that David Larsen, Jr., 7 Whispering Hills, Clifton Park, be hired to fill this position, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to hire David Larsen, Jr., 7 Whispering Hills, Clifton Park, as a part-time summer worker for the Transfer Station, at \$7.50 per hour, to be paid as budgeted from A-8160-E3000, (Transfer Station-Part-time Laborer), effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 157 of 2005, a resolution authorizing the hiring of summer staff for the Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs office.

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

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 Lauren M. Hofer, 16 Winding Ridge, Clifton Park, be hired as a summer office staff member; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs is hereby authorized to hire Lauren M. Hofer, 16 Winding Ridge, Clifton Park, as a member of the summer office staff at Grade 1, Step 1, \$10.50 per hour, effective immediately until September 20, 2005, to be paid from A7021-E4000 (Parks & Recreation-Part-time staff).



## ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 158 of 2005, a resolution hiring staff for summer recreation programs.

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary that additional staff be hired by the Department of Parks and Recreation and Community Affairs to operate the Town of Clifton Park summer recreation programs, and

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has recommended that the individuals listed in Schedule A, attached hereto, be hired for such purpose; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the individuals listed in Schedule A, attached hereto, shall be hired to staff the Town of Clifton Park's summer recreation programs, effective immediately to August 19, 2005 at \$6.50 per hour, to be paid from A7310-E4500 (Summer Recreation - Staff/Counselors) and A7320-E4590 (Summer Recreation-Full Day Camp).

## ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

## PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Karen Malcolm, Aster Drive, and Vickie Gennett, Aster Drive, spoke in favor of establishing a Settler's Hill Park District and reviewed a letter, attached, and petitions in this regard. Ms. Malcolm noted it is their understanding the park district could be established for an average \$32 a year per household. She asked if the town could undertake mowing and mulching of the property prior to the establishment of the park district. Ms. Gennett said residents want to enhance the neighborhood to be an attractive part of Clifton Park.

Supervisor Barrett said when all is considered the numbers may be a little higher than

\$32.00 and there could be some upfront startup costs. He recommended getting to as many neighbors as possible to come up with things to be accomplished.

Ms. Malcolm said when homeowners were approached to sign the petition a plan, representing \$32.00 was presented to them. She noted residents want to preserve the sign but dispense with flowers. She said there would be concern if the cost was more than one or two dollars more than the \$32.00.

The Supervisor recommended Ms. Malcolm and Ms. Gennett attend other park district meetings.

Councilman Paolucci said there would not be any funds available this year but if mowing was done it would be added into next year.

Supervisor Barrett explained a public hearing would be held regarding the establishment of the park district and residents will receive a letter notifying them of the meeting and will have an opportunity to speak on the issue.

Norman Goldman, London Square Drive, reported he attended the town White House Conference on the Aging meeting on June 12, 2005 and was hoping there would be some findings from the survey. He asked that other locations be considered when the elderly are involved, noting the lack of handicap parking near the entrance to Clifton Park Center. He doesn't feel there was an opportunity for public input at the forum. He distributed comments in this regard. Mr. Goldman was critical of the questions in the survey.

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

Motion carried at 9:02 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell  
Town Clerk