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January 3, 2006

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:35 p.m., Supervisor Barrett presiding.

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

Also Present: Town Attorney Trainor
Steven Myers, Director of Building and Development
Michael Shahen, Town Administrator
Walter Smead, Assessor

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Roth, referring to the Association of Towns Annual Meeting, asked the Board to have any comments to him by the beginning of February.

Resolution No. 2 of 2006, a resolution adopting a tow-away zone at the Vischer Ferry Preserve.

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

WHEREAS, the Vischer Ferry Fire Chief has requested that a tow-away zone be established at the Vischer Ferry Preserve to provide Emergency Services unobstructed access in the event of an emergency, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 73 of the Town Code, Section 15 B, Fire Lanes, authorizes the Chiefs of the local Fire Departments in conjunction with the Chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau to adopt the proposed changes subject to the approval of the Town Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, as authorized in Chapter 73, Section 15 B, Fire Lanes of the Town Code, hereby approves an additional tow-away zone, at the boat launch area at the Vischer Ferry Preserve, in order to provide Emergency Services with unobstructed access in the event of an emergency.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 3 of 2006, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds to attend a Pesticide Core class.

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

WHEREAS, the Pesticide Core class will be held at the Best Western Motel, in Clifton Park, and

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WHEREAS, Michael Handerhan, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, has requested authorization to attend this class, as it is necessary in order to maintain his Pesticide Technician license, and

WHEREAS, Michael Handerhan's attendance at this conference, will confer a benefit upon and be in the best interest of the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds is hereby authorized to attend the Pesticide Core class, January 30, 2006, in Clifton Park, at a cost not to exceed \$175, \$140 for the recertification fee and \$35 for the manual, to be paid from A-7110-01- (Buildings and Grounds-Technician License).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 4 of 2006, a resolution compensating employees in the Assessor's Office for overtime from NYS aid for the STAR Program.

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

WHEREAS, New York State has allocated money in aid to the Assessor's Office for the Year 2006 to help offset the costs incurred from administering the STAR program, and

WHEREAS, the Assessor recommends that the funds be allocated for employee overtime and for his additional time and responsibilities in accordance with the approved budget; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following employees of the Assessor's Office be paid the following amounts for their overtime needed to implement the STAR program from the aid received from NYS to offset STAR related expenses;

Catherine Montalto-100 hours-\$2,000
Ellen Angus-100 hours-\$1,900
Kelly Miller-100 hours-\$1,750
Part-time personnel (if needed) \$2,600

to be paid from Budget Account A-1355-E074 (STAR overtime Assessor); and be it further

RESOLVED, that Walter Smead be paid \$5,000 for the year (to be disbursed at \$1250 per quarter) at a salary stipend for his additional time and responsibilities needed for the STAR Program, to be paid from the same budget account.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

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Resolution No. 5 of 2006, a resolution adopting Local Law No. 1 of 2006, a local law amending Section 208-72 (c) of the Town Code regarding PUD processing procedures.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to amend Section 208-72 (c) of the Town Code, regarding PUD processing procedures, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on December 19, 2005 to obtain comment from the public regarding this matter; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 1 of 2006, a local law amending Section 208-72 (c) of the Town Code, regarding PUD processing procedures, is hereby adopted, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk file said local law with the New York State Department of State as required by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this local law shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Supervisor Barrett explained this will give the Town Board the ability to decide not to forward a project to the Planning Board, thereby “killing” the project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Bruce Jerome, Crescent Road, spoke against “selling green space” to developers and asked why the Town Board is allowing this practice. (clerk’s note: amenity zoning)

Supervisor Barrett responded nothing has been decided on the two applications that have come before the Town Board. He explained the amenity zoning program, noting it is purely under the Town Board’s discretion.

Mr. Jerome questioned lot sizes since Vischer Ferry is a Historic District. Supervisor Barrett said the State Historic Preservation Officer may need to approve this plan.

Councilman Paolucci explained the new legislation has lowered the amount of houses allowed by a large amount and gives more open space. He noted public hearings will be held regarding amenity zoning requests. He said the cost of \$30,000 per lot may not be sufficient and perhaps a scaled amount to fund open space purchases may be appropriate.

Supervisor Barrett spoke in favor of clustering in order to leave large open spaces.

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

Motion carried at 8:11 p.m.

Patricia O’Donnell
Town Clerk