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January 7, 2008

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 Hughes
Councilman Roth
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Michael Shahen, Town Administrator

MOTION BY Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilman Paolucci, to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2007 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Paolucci reported Jim Ruhl's reappointment to the ECC was omitted in the organizational resolution, and asked that a resolution be brought forward this evening to reappoint him.

Supervisor Barrett expressed the Board's sympathies to the family of former Town Board member John Palm on his recent passing. He reported Mr. Palm has been a Town Board member from 1972 through 1985 and Deputy Supervisor from 1977 through 1985. He asked that a resolution be on the agenda for the next meeting with regard to Mr. Palm's service.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 5 of 2008, a resolution referring a Historic Conservation Easement Application to the Planning Board, Historic Preservation Commission and to the Environmental Specialist for review and comment for property at 18 Ferry Drive, Rexford.

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

WHEREAS, an application has been received by the Town Clerk for a Historic Conservation Easement for property at 18 Ferry Drive, Rexford, owned by Paul and Louetta Littman, and

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WHEREAS, the Planning Board, the Historic Preservation Commission and the Environmental Specialist shall investigate the area to determine if the proposal would be of benefit to the people of the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby refers the Historic Conservation Easement Application for property at 18 Ferry Drive, Rexford, owned by Paul and Louetta Littman, to the Planning Board, the Historic Preservation Commission and to the Environmental Specialist for review and comment and to report back to the Town Board within forty five days.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 6 of 2008, a resolution accepting an application for a Conservation Easement for property at 61 Appleton Road, Rexford.

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

WHEREAS, an application for a Conservation Easement was received from Carl and Marianne Springel, 61 Appleton Road, Rexford, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 17, 2007 in order to receive public comment regarding a conservation easement application for a parcel at 61 Appleton Road, Rexford (SBL 276.-1-5.1 and 276.-1-7.1), in accordance with Local Law No. 12 of 1996, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the application and the comments received; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the application for a parcel at 61 Appleton Road, Rexford (SBL 276.-1-5.1 and 276.-1-7.1) is hereby accepted and is granted a Conservation Easement in accordance with the provisions of Local Law No. 12 of 1996; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the applicant, Carl and Marianne Springel, whose parcel has been granted a Conservation Easement shall execute an agreement provided by the Town of Clifton Park.

Supervisor Barrett referred to Kevin Dailey's comments at the December 17, 2007 public hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

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Resolution No. 7 of 2008, a resolution reappointing Patricia O'Donnell as Registrar of Vital Statistics and Records Access Officer.

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

WHEREAS, it is desirable to reappoint Patricia O'Donnell, Town Clerk, as Registrar of Vital Statistics and Records Access Officer for a two-year term; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Patricia O'Donnell is re-appointed as Registrar of Vital Statistics and Records Access Officer with term to expire December 31, 2009.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 8 of 2008, a resolution authorizing the appointment of a Clerk to the Town Justice.

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

WHEREAS, due to the recent retirement of Judy Lamb, in the Town Justice Court, an opening exists for a Clerk to the Town Justice, and

WHEREAS, Town Justice Rybak and Town Justice Hughes, recommend that Darlene M. Sharron, 327 Riverview Road, Rexford, be appointed to the position of Clerk to the Town Justice-Exempt, at Grade 5, Step 1; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to appoint Darlene Sharron to the position of Clerk to the Town Justice-Exempt, Grade 5, Step 1 effective January 7, 2008, to be budgeted from A-1110-Exxx.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 9 of 2008, a resolution reappointing James Ruhl to the Environmental Conservation Commission.

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

WHEREAS, James Ruhl has had extensive experience as a member of the town's Environmental Conservation Commission, and

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WHEREAS, James Ruhl's appointment expired December 31, 2007 and the Town Board wishes to reappointment him for a one year term; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that James Ruhl, 168 Wood Dale Drive, Ballston Lake, be reappointed to the Environmental Conservation Commission for a one year term, term to expire December 31, 2008.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilwoman Walowit

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilman Roth read the notice of the Association of Town's annual meeting to be held February 17 – 20, 2008.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Norman Goldman, London Square Drive, read a prepared statement in opposition to the new timer and not having the opportunity to speak again after all others have spoken. He continued to express concern with a personnel appointment in 2006, and the problems occurring during the televising of Town Board meetings. He asked that the agenda be amended by removing statement allowing additional time.

Jim Baisley, Barkwood Lane, thanked the Board for their participation in collecting items for the troops. He said a good job is being done in snow removal but it is difficult when cars are left on the road. Supervisor Barrett reported Town Security will write tickets for cars parked on the road after a snow storm. Town Administrator Shahen said Town Security will also make phone calls and knock on doors when necessary.

Beverly Czub, Miller Road, Rexford, said it is her understanding there used to be signs in subdivisions stating no parking 48 hours after snow storm and, perhaps, signs should be put up again.

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Bill Mackesey, South Hollow Drive, gave an update of the Trails Subcommittee and thanked the Town Board for funding the Sherwood Dawson Trail which added 1.6 miles to the trail network. The Trails Subcommittee is continuing work on the revised Trails Master Plan which will be brought to the public for comments. Mr. Mackesey noted Sherwood Dawson, Van Patten and parts of Ushers/Longkill Trails are being kept open. He said trails that are not open might be due to lack of trail markers. He asked that State Police and Sheriff's Offices be notified about vehicles having to stop for pedestrians at cross walks. Mr. Mackesey reported the Trails Committee is now looking at development proposals when they come into the Planning Department prior to going before the Planning Board. He said open space and trail signage is being reviewed. Trail networks through the Dwaaskill and Northwoods Preserve are being reviewed. He reported an Eagle Scout may be building a bridge in the Northwoods Preserve. Regarding the lower Moe Road trail, Mr. Mackesey said another public meeting will be held.

Councilman Paolucci said engineers from CT Male and Director of Planning Maynard are looking at the upper section of Moe Road to see if any changes need to be made to the curve at Moe Road before looking at a trail.

Mr. Mackesey said some people are concerned that the Moe Road trail is not being looked at. He reported the Trails Committee wants to move forward on the Crescent Road project that would go from Dunsbach Road to Okte School; however, they would like consideration given to

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incorporating the Abele project so the trail could be extended beyond Okte. The potential Grissom Road trail could connect to the Vischer Ferry Nature Preserve. Mr. Mackesey said the library/school trail, as well as other school trails, will provide safe routes to school for children.

MOTION by Councilman Paolucci, 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 7:47 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk