

May 16, 2011

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 Hughes
Councilman Romano
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
John Scavo, Director of Planning

MOTION BY Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilman Romano, to approve the minutes of the May 2 and 9, 2011 meetings as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Hughes spoke of the need of a property tax cap, stating people are leaving NYS due to the burden of taxes. He said it is important to have mandate relief as well in order for the state to get back on its "economic feet".

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PRESENTATIONS

Historic Preservation Commission Chairman Kazmierczak announced the Lewis R. Garnsey House, 14 Garnsey Road, Rexford, owned by Stanley and Nancy Kiyonaga, is being placed on the Town Register of Historic Places. Town Historian Scherer reviewed the background of the house.

Supervisor Barrett presented the following resolution and the Historic Plaque to the Kiyonagas.

Resolution No. 150 of 2011, a resolution adding the Lewis R. Garnsey House to the Clifton Park Town Register of Historic Places.

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

WHEREAS, The Historic Preservation Commission has recommended that the Lewis R. Garnsey House, located at 14 Garnsey Road, Rexford (SBL 269.-2-14.3) and owned by Stanley and Nancy Kiyonaga be added to the Town Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, structures placed on this Register are given historic status for purposes of town-wide recognition and, as such, shall be provided with appropriate marker and inclusion in a town brochure identifying all sites so designated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adds the Lewis R. Garnsey House, 14 Garnsey Road, Rexford, to the Town Register of Historic Places.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Mr. Kazmierczak announced the Annual Historic Preservation Award will be presented to Dale and Kirk G. Gleason for an adoptive use of the historic Joseph Arnold House, 981 Route 146, currently Dr. Gleason's dental office. Mr. Scherer reviewed the history of the house.

Mr. Kazmierczak announced the Annual Historic Preservation Award will be presented to Paul and Joanne Coons for the restoration and rehabilitation of the Peters-Lockrow House, 4 Balsam Way in the Carlson Farm subdivision. Mr. Scherer reviewed the history of the house.

Supervisor Barrett presented the Awards to Dale and Kirk Gleason and Paul and Joanne Coons and commended them for their dedication in preserving historic properties.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 151 of 2011, a resolution awarding the bid for fence work at Field 14 on the Clifton Common.

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

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2011 bids were received for the above referenced bid, and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid for fence repair work was submitted by Quality Fence, 1223 Lincoln Terrace, Peekskill, New York, for \$10,750, and

WHEREAS, Michael Handerhan, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, has reviewed the bids and has recommended that the low bid submitted by Quality Fence in an amount of \$10,750 be accepted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts and awards the above referenced bid to Quality Fence, Peekskill, New York in an amount not to exceed \$10,750, to be paid from A-7112-200 (Clifton Common)

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 152 of 2011, a resolution establishing the Town of Clifton Park Town Center Study Plan Advisory Committee and appointing members to this committee.

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

WHEREAS, a grant administered by the Capital District Transportation Committee for the purpose of land use concepts, connectivity for traffic in all forms and analysis of growth capacity, in terms of scale, infrastructure and character, has been awarded to the Town of Clifton Park for study in the Exit 9 commercial area, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to create a Town Center Study Plan Advisory Committee for a temporary term, sufficient to last through the duration of a Town Center Study Plan with the Town of Clifton Park Planning Department and Capital District Transportation Committee, pursuant to Resolution No. 95 of 2010, and

WHEREAS, the Town Center Master Plan Advisory Committee shall be an ad hoc committee which shall be responsible for holding public presentation or presentation of the draft plan to ensure full opportunity for a public participation in the preparation of said plan, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to appoint members to this ad hoc Town Center Advisory Committee for implementation of the committee's mission and responsibilities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Center Plan Advisory Committee is hereby established; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that along with representatives assigned from Capital District Regional Planning Commission, Capital District Transportation Authority, New York State Department of Transportation and Capital District Transportation Committee, which are funding partners for this study, the Town Board hereby appoints to the Town Center Plan Advisory Committee the following for a term of service to last through the duration of the study:

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| 1. Albert Karoly | 87 Rolling Brook Drive, Clifton Park, 12065 |
| 2. David Triller | 1 Nottingham Way, Clifton Park, 12065 |
| 3. Thomas Werner | 7 Eagle Trace, Ballston Lake, 12019 |

Director of Planning Scavo said the study plan will be building upon the recommendations of the 2008 Clifton Park/Halfmoon Exit 9 Land Use Transportation Plan. The study plan will explore land use and design alternatives through transportation in the area, as well as looking at improving "walk ability", mixed use, uses residential, commercial and civic, and at capacity building for that area. First public workshop is scheduled for June 7th from 6:30 to 8:30 at the library. A design workshop, which will be a hands-on exercise, will be held on June 8th from 5:30 to 8:30.

Supervisor Barrett said he has lobbied DOT to improve the Route 146 corridor, notably the washboard effect on the road, areas leading up to traffic lights at Route 9 and intersection of Routes 146 and 9. He said the town has offered to front the money through a contract with DOT to get these roads up to par but to no avail. The Supervisor thanked all involved with this study.

Mr. Scavo reported stakeholders; e.g. the school district, property owners and developers, and the Southern Saratoga Chamber of Commerce, as well as residents who live in proximity to the area, are asked for their vision of the corridor and how "walk ability" can be encouraged. CDTA has a bus route in the area but hasn't had the ridership hoped for; however, if mixed uses are encouraged within the corridor CDTA feels there will be opportunity to encourage future ridership.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 153 of 2011, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign an arrangement letter with Cusack & Co. for auditing services on 2010 financials.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires that an outside audit of the Town's financial activities for fiscal year 2010 be conducted, and

WHEREAS, an acceptable proposal for the audit of the 2010 fiscal year activities of the Town of Clifton Park has been submitted by Cusack & Co., Latham, NY; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign an arrangement letter with Cusack & Co. for auditing services on 2010 financial statements, at a total cost of \$18,350 (should a single audit be required the additional fee would be \$2,750), to be paid from A-1320-19 (Auditor –Auditing Expense).

Town Comptroller Heggen said this price is a very modest increase from the previous year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 154 of 2011, a resolution authorizing a Shenendehowa High School student to intern with the Town of Clifton Park's Security Patrol.

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

WHEREAS, Joshua King, a student at Shenendehowa Schools, has applied to the Town of Clifton Park to secure an internship with the Town's Security Patrol, and

WHEREAS, Shenendehowa Schools believes internships can complement a student's academic studies as well as their career goals, and

WHEREAS, Shenendehowa offers an opportunity for students to earn academic credits during the summer months through internships, and

WHEREAS, Joshua King, 14 Esopus Drive, Clifton Park, has been recommended to work as an unpaid intern with the Town's Security Patrol; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to Joshua King, Clifton Park, to work as an unpaid intern with the Town's Security Patrol, from May 18, 2011 through June 22, 2011.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 155 of 2011, a resolution scheduling a public hearing to consider an application for the Conservation Easement (Historic Preservation) program.

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

WHEREAS, the Town's Conservation Easement (Historic Preservation) program requires public comment on properties proposed to be included in the program, and

WHEREAS, Arthur and Dorothy Bourdeau, 683 Bruno Road, Clifton Park, have requested inclusion in the program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing is scheduled for June 6, 2011 at 7:10 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Room, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York, to consider the property owned by Arthur and Dorothy Bourdeau, (SBL 265.19-7-11) for inclusion in the Conservation Easement (Historic Preservation) program, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the property owner give notice to all adjacent property owners and other entities as provided in the Town's Conservation Easement (Historic Preservation) legislation in advance of the public hearing and submit receipts of mailing to the Town Clerk's office prior to the date of the public hearing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to publish appropriate notice of the same.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 156 of 2011, a resolution proclaiming May 21, 2011 National Kids to Parks Day.

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

WHEREAS, May 21st is the first National Kids to Parks Day organized and launched by the National Park Trust, and

WHEREAS, National Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit America's parks, and

WHEREAS, it is important to introduce a new generation to our nation's parks because of the decline in park attendance over the last decades, and

WHEREAS, we should encourage children to lead a more active lifestyle to combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes mellitus, hypertension and hypercholesterolemia, and

WHEREAS, National Kids to Parks Day is open to all children and adults across the country to encourage a large and diverse group of participants, and

WHEREAS, National Kids to Parks Day will broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board, Clifton Park, New York, does hereby proclaim May 21, 2011 National Kids to Parks Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board urges the residents of the Town of Clifton Park to make time May 21st to take the children in their lives to a neighborhood, state or national park.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Hughes, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Paolucci

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Jim Baisley, Barkwood Lane, asked who has taken over the duties of the Town Administrator. Supervisor Barrett said nothing has changed and responsibilities have been spread out to different department heads. He said he is approving time sheets and expenditures on a weekly basis.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilman Hughes, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing possible contract negotiations and a personnel issue. Motion unanimously carried at 7:55 p.m.

No action was taken

Board returned to the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

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

Motion carried at 8:22 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk