

May 14, 2012

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

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
 Mark Heggen, Comptroller
 Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs
 John Scavo, Director of Planning

MOTION BY Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2012 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Hughes announced a Stewardship Walk to be held on June 8 at 1PM on the new riverfront property, 41 acres on Riverview Road that was acquired through the Open Space program.

Councilman Whalen reminded residents of the upcoming Historic House Tour to be held on May 20.

Councilman Whalen also reminded residents of the Community Arts & Culture Commission roundtable to be held at the Clifton Park Halfmoon Library on May 15 at 7PM.

Supervisor Barrett thanked volunteers who helped with the tree seedling give-away held on May 12, sponsored by the Green Committee. He announced 500 seedlings were given out.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 125 of 2012, a resolution appointing Eric Prescott as an alternate member of the Town of Clifton Park Planning Board.

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

WHEREAS, due to Emad Andarawis's appointment to full membership on the Planning Board an opening exists for an alternate member on the Planning Board, and

WHEREAS, Eric Prescott, 218 Woodin Road, has been recommended to fill the position, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Prescott has currently been serving as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and his membership on that board will confer a benefit to the Planning Board and the residents of the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Eric Prescott, 218 Woodin Rd., is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Town of Clifton Park Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Emad Andarawis, term to expire December 31, 2012, effective May 16, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 126 of 2012, a resolution appointing Amy Standaert as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

WHEREAS, due to Eric Prescott's appointment to the Planning Board an opening exists for full membership on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and

WHEREAS, alternate member Amy Standaert has been recommended to fill the position on the Zoning Board of Appeals vacated by Mr. Prescott, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Standaert's membership as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals will continue to confer a benefit to the town and its residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Amy Standaert, 30 Orchard Park Drive, Clifton Park, is hereby appointed as a full member of the Town of Clifton Park Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Eric Prescott, term to expire December 31, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 127 of 2012, a resolution scheduling a public hearing regarding the Clifton Park Town Center draft plan.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park was awarded a Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) Linkage Program Implementation Grant of \$37,500 to conduct land use planning and to create a consensus vision of the community's "Town Center" area which is located in the vicinity of Interstate 87's Exit 9, and

WHEREAS, this study was an implementation of the 2008 Exit 9 Land Use and Transportation Study of Clifton Park and Halfmoon, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board appointed a Town Center Plan Study Advisory Committee to oversee the public planning process which included significant public input opportunities including public meetings and break-out sessions in June of 2011 and October of 2011 and, whose vision, findings and recommendations have been incorporated in a draft report that is available for public review, and

WHEREAS, the preparation of said land use plan as a public planning study is a Type 2 action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) as this supports and furthers the consensus vision about the look, feel and function of a future town center in the Town's existing Exit 9 commercial area, and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park Town Center Plan recommendations are conceptual in nature and are intended to characterize the types of improvements that are desirable, and may be implemented as part of future land use and transportation improvement projects, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to conduct a public hearing to obtain comment from the public prior to adoption of the Clifton Park Town Center Plan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board will hold a public hearing on June 4, 2012 at 7:05 p.m. in the Wood Memorial Room, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York, regarding the draft Clifton Park Town Center Plan; and be it further

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

John Scavo, Director of Planning stated the Town Center Plan will be available in the Town Clerk's office for public review and on www.cliftonpark.org/townhall/planning. He explained during the twelve month process there was no controversy. Final comments will be considered before final adoption of the Town Board. Application for a 2nd grant funded by CDTC will be completed and submitted.

Supervisor Barrett explained positive changes with controlling a moderate growth pattern, ascetics and success with businesses are the goals of the Town Board in the Exit 9 area for the future.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 128 of 2012, a resolution permitting Patricia Ward and "Dig Deep" to serve alcohol during a fundraising softball tournament at Veteran's Park on September 1, 2012.

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

WHEREAS, Patricia Ward and "Dig Deep", 42 Sweet Brier Drive, Ballston Lake, has requested a waiver of the town's "no alcohol" policy for the consumption of alcohol during a charity softball tournament at Veteran's Park on September 1, 2012, and

WHEREAS, it is the town's policy to require the using agency to monitor the consumption of alcohol, be responsible for the group's activities, and to provide the town with appropriate evidence of insurance to indemnify the town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Patricia Ward and “Dig Deep” is authorized to serve alcohol during a fundraising softball tournament on September 1, 2012 at Veterans Park providing that they provide the town with a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000, naming the Town of Clifton Park as an insured, so as to indemnify the town for any incidents which may result with the waiver of the “no alcohol” policy for the event.

Myla Kramer, Director Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, explained “Dig Deep” have held this fundraiser in previous years. They have been very responsible in the past. All the money raised is donated to various community non-profits.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 129 of 2012, a resolution adding additional summer staff for the Learn to Swim Program and the Clifton Park Action Park per Schedule A.

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary that additional summer staff be added for the Learn to Swim Program and the Action Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the individuals on the annexed Schedule A are appointed to said positions, effective immediately for the 2012 season, at the salary amounts listed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 130 of 2012, a resolution honoring Jimmy Eberle for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

WHEREAS, Jimmy Eberle, 3 Newport Road, Clifton Park, of Boy Scout Troop 6, has attained the rank of Eagle Scout, and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle Scout project, Jimmy built a volleyball court at Orenda Elementary School that will provide a recreational opportunity for years to come, and

WHEREAS, Jimmy designed the court, raised funds for the construction of the court and ultimately led community volunteers to build the court, and

WHEREAS, the newly constructed volleyball court will benefit children and adults alike in the Clifton Park community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board recognizes and honors Jimmy Eberle of Boy Scout Troop 6, Jonesville, NY, for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Beverly Czub, Miller Road, stated the 41 acres of open space property where the Stewardship Walk will take place is beautiful property and has historic background.

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 7:20 p.m.

Prepared by Teresa Brobston
Deputy Town Clerk