

May 19, 2014

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

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways
Mark Heggen, Comptroller

MOTION BY Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett thanked all involved with the town's Open Space Day.

The Supervisor thanked all the volunteers that took part in the roadside cleanup from Longkill Park, down Longkill Road, along Ushers Road to Van Patten Drive. He said another roadside cleanup on Van Patten Trail to Carlton Road is planned for June 1st at 1:00 pm.

Supervisor Barrett reminded residents of the Nature Photo Contest. The deadline has been extended to June 14th. Information is on the town's website.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION

Resolution No. 123 of 2014, adopted May 12th recognizing Eagle Scout Douglas Brown's accomplishments was read and presented to him. Douglas reviewed his project of a creation of a garden and construction of two benches at the Shenendehowa Adult Community Center dedicated in memory of Pat Malinowski, former receptionist at the Center. He thanked Curtis Lumber, Ace Hardware and Home Depot for their donations.

HISTORIC PLACES PRESENTATIONS

Resolution No. 132 of 2014, a resolution designating six structures to be placed on 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 Ransom Betts House, 38 Droms Road (SBL 276.-1-37.1), Barent Palmeton House, 692 Route 146A,

(SBL 264.-3-46.1), Nathaniel Holmes House, 37 Nott Road (SBL 269.20-1-1), Charles Butler House, 7 Nadler Road (265.15-3-26), Eliphalet King House, 974 Main Street (SBL 259.9-3-17), and Mathias Peters House, 32 Vischer Ferry Road (SBL 287.12-1-2), be added to the Town Register of Historic Places, and

WHEREAS, structures placed on this Register will be 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 Ransom Betts House, 38 Droms Road, Barent Palmeton House, 692 Route 146A, Nathaniel Holmes House, 37 Nott Road, Charles Butler House, 7 Nadler Road, Eliphalet King House, 974 Main Street and Mathias Peters House, 32 Vischer Ferry Road, to the Town Register of Historic Places.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Mark Kazmierczak, Chair of Historic Preservation Commission, described significant features and displayed photos of the six homes added to the Town Register of Historic Places. Members of the Commission were introduced. Supervisor Barrett and Mr. Kazmierczak introduced and presented plaques to the homeowners.

Resolution No. 133 of 2014, a resolution announcing 2014 Historic Preservation Annual Award.

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

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission annually presents awards to owners of residential and commercial structures that exemplify the Commission's desire to preserve and protect our town's unique heritage, and

WHEREAS, the structure located at 38 Droms Road, near Grooms Corners, was built by local architect Augustus M. Waite for Ransom and Julia Betts in about 1880, and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1905 the house was sold to many different residents and most recently purchased and maintained by Nancy DeKorp and Walter Szwetkowski, and

WHEREAS, Nancy DeKorp and Walter Szwetkowski have meticulously saved and beautifully restored most of the original elements of this historic house; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Historic Preservation Commission and Clifton Park Town Board hereby award the 2014 Residential Historic Preservation Award to Nancy DeKorp and Walter Szwetkowski for their efforts of preserving and protecting the Ransom Betts House and our town's heritage located at 38 Droms Road.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

A plaque was presented to Nancy DeKorp and Walter Szwetkowski in recognition of the 2014 Historic Preservation Award. Ms. DeKorp thanked all who guided and helped in restoring their home at 38 Droms Road.

Resolution No. 134 of 2014, a resolution recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the Jonesville Cemetery.

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

WHEREAS, Jonesville Cemetery was authorized for establishment by the New York State Senate on January 15, 1864, and

WHEREAS, Jonesville Cemetery was designed by Burton Arnold Thomas who designed over twenty-two cemeteries in the garden style (winding paths, hills, park-like setting), a romantic kind of landscaping popular in the first half of the 19th Century, and

WHEREAS, during the Victorian Era, the cemetery became a picnic area for families, an earthen vault and a gazebo were erected and different roads within the cemetery were named, such as Pastoral Walk which connected nearby Jonesville Methodist Church and the former Grace Episcopal Church to the cemetery, and

WHEREAS, as the cemetery grew and the need for burial sites increased, the picnics ended and the local beagle club, formed by Dr. John McElroy, used the cemetery for beagle trials (where beagles chased rabbits), and

WHEREAS, the second legal milestone in the history of the Cemetery Association was the Articles of Incorporation which established a legal status and involvement with the New York State Division of Cemeteries, Department of State, and

WHEREAS, in July 1905, at a board meeting the directors, with the approval of those present at the annual meeting of the association, passed a resolution to apply for the articles, and

WHEREAS, the articles established a board of six members (currently nine) and an annual meeting on the third Saturday of December, now held the last Thursday of March, and

WHEREAS, in 2005 the iron fence built in 1910 was replaced along Ushers/Longkill Roads, demonstrating the commitment and dedication of the directors to the dignity and grace of the Jonesville Cemetery, funds for the new fence were generously donated by community members, and

WHEREAS, also in 2005 the Friends of the Cemetery was formed to inform and to involve property owners, seven granite benches from Friends were also added to the grounds and a restoration program was also funded for the raising and repairing of fallen gravestones and the cleaning of the oldest stones/monuments, and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Town of Clifton Park presented the Cemetery Association with the historic bell from the former Grace Episcopal Church from Main Street, Jonesville, for permanent display at the Ushers Road entrance, and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Association dedicated a granite Veteran's Memorial near the flagpole to honor all who have served our beloved country, and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Jonesville Cemetery was listed on the New York State Register of Historic Places and placement on the National Register of Historic Places, the same year it celebrated its 150th Anniversary of its founding through a series of special events including honoring over 100 veterans, and

WHEREAS, the Cemetery Association has been an active partner in educational tours for adults and elementary students in raising awareness of the history of the cemetery and the town heritage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Historic Preservation Commission and the Clifton Park Town Board hereby recognize the 150th Anniversary of the Jonesville Cemetery and placement on to the National Register of Historic Places.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Town Historian, John Scherer, congratulated the Friends of the Jonesville Cemetery, noting this is the 10th property in town to be recognized by state and national governments, and reflects the care by the Cemetery Board and also their efforts in making a visit to the cemetery an educational experience.

Ed Hughes, Chair of the Jonesville Cemetery Trustees, thanked the town's Historic Preservation Commission on behalf of the six founders and past and present members for this honor. He reported presently 1800 people rest in the "peace and beauty" of the Jonesville Cemetery. He reviewed activities planned to celebrate the Jonesville Cemetery 150th Anniversary.

Town Historian Scherer displayed a Clifton Park sampler donated to the town by antique dealer, Stephen Betts. He explained how the sampler, dated August 26, 1819, ties in with Clifton Park history.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 135 of 2014, a resolution authorizing the hiring of summer staff for the Buildings and Grounds Department.

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

WHEREAS, a need exists for summer workers in the Buildings and Grounds Department, and

WHEREAS, Michael Handerhan, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, has recommended that Thomas Dell'Anno, 20 Spruce Street, Clifton Park, be hired as a summer worker; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Thomas Dell'Anno be hired as part of the summer Buildings and Grounds Department staff for the summer of 2014, effective immediately, to be paid \$9.00 per hour, to be budgeted from A7110-E4000 (Buildings & Grounds summer help-employee).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 136 of 2014, a resolution hiring returning lifeguard Kelsey Barbour for the 2014 season.

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary that returning staff be rehired by the Department of Parks & Recreation for the Country Knolls, Barney Road and Locust Lane pools, and

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has recommended that Kelsey Barbour, 6 West Sky Lane, Clifton Park, be rehired as a lifeguard for the 2014 season; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that returning lifeguard Kelly Barbour is hereby hired for the 2014 season, to be paid at Step 5, \$8.75 per hour as lifeguard and \$9.10 per hour as water safety instructor, effective immediately through September 1, 2014

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 137 of 2014, a resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) HD Western Star trucks Model 4700 from Oneida County DPW Bid.

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

WHEREAS, Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways, has requested approval to purchase two heavy duty trucks to continue the replacement program for the snow plow fleet, and

WHEREAS, after assessing the needs of the Highway Department Mr. Kukuk has recommended the purchase of two Western Star Model 4700, diesel powered truck cab and chassis, equipped with dump bodies, material spreaders and snow plow attachments, and

WHEREAS, the prices quoted are extended from the Oneida County Bid award, under the provisions of Municipal Law Section 103 of the General Municipal Law which allows one municipality to “piggy-back”, and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 103 has been amended to allow the extension of equipment configurations and awarded pricing discounts to all political subdivisions in New York State based upon qualified bid responses to a municipal entity with notice, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the options available, Superintendent Kukuk has recommended that the pricing from New York Truck Equipment of Queensbury be accepted for an amount of \$108,580 plus \$81,655 for equipment, total of \$190,235 per truck; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the purchase of two Western Star Model 4700 trucks from New York Truck Equipment of Queensbury at a total cost of \$190,235 per truck, under the provisions of the amendment to General Municipal Law 103, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the purchase of the two trucks will be financed with a ten year municipal lease.

Superintendent of Highways Kukuk reported currently 22 snow plow heavy duty trucks are used, however ten are 15 years and older and a couple are over 20 years which is beyond a useful life. The two older ones will be put up for auction.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Ronald Streeter, Glenwood Drive, reminded residents of the annual Relay For Life to held on June 13 and 14 at the Shenendehowa High School track. Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on the 13th.

Frank Berlin, Main Street, thanked all involved with the successful Open Space Day.

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

Motion carried at 8:05 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk