

January 5, 2015

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:30 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
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development
Steven Myers, Director of Building and Development
John Scavo, Director of Planning

MOTION BY Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the December 8 and 15, 2014 meetings as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

No one wished to be heard.

**PUBLIC HEARING, 7:20 (7:30) PM
TO CONSIDER A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 13-5D
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on December 29, 2014.

Supervisor Barrett summarized the proposed local law explaining this removes the Environmental Specialist position and adds the position of Storm Water Management Technician. He expressed appreciation to Scott Reese, Storm Water Management Technician for his work in the Planning Department.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience at 7:32 p.m.

Everyone was given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed local law and no one wished to be heard. Supervisor Barrett declared the public hearing closed at 7:33 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING, 7:23 (7:33) PM
TO CONSIDER A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 125-6
CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROCEDURES

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on December 29, 2014.

Supervisor Barrett summarized the proposed local law explaining this will eliminate reference to the Environmental Specialist position in the Town Code.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience at 7:34 p.m.

Everyone was given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed local law and no one wished to be heard. Supervisor Barrett declared the public hearing closed at 7:35 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING, 7:25, (7:35) PM
TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR AN HISTORIC CONSERVATION EASEMENT
321 RIVERVIEW ROAD, REXFORD

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on December 24, 2014.

Supervisor Barrett said this application is for a 25-year term and thanked homeowner Chris Nafis for his submission.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience at 7:36 p.m.

Everyone was given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed local law and no one wished to be heard. Supervisor Barrett declared the public hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 2 of 2015, a resolution waiving permit fees of \$350 or less collected by the Department of Building and Development for all not-for-profit groups and amending Resolution No. 248 of 2012.

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to town code, permit fees are collected by the Department of Building and Development, and

WHEREAS, certain not-for-profit groups frequently pay the permit fee in connection with various activities in the town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to support not-for-profit organizations in the town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby waives permit fees of up to \$350 for all not-for-profit groups in the Town of Clifton Park and amends Resolution No. 248 of 2012.

Director of Building and Zoning Myers explained this change is due to the recent increase in building permit fees.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 3 of 2015, a resolution accepting permanent easements over parcels at the intersection of Arnold Drive and Route 146.

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

WHEREAS, neighborhood signs identifying the Woodland Hills neighborhood development exist on two parcels at the northeastern and northwestern corner of the intersection of Arnold Drive with State Route 146 within the town, and

WHEREAS, the signs and associated landscaping have been maintained by volunteers from the Woodland Hills Garden Club and neighborhood, and

WHEREAS the parcels are jointly owned by the D. Brooks Teele Revocable Trust and the Timothy K. Mitchell Revocable Trust, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Teele are willing to donate permanent easements over the property containing the neighborhood signs and associated landscaping to the town to ensure the permanent preservation of the corners and to preserve the neighborhood signs identifying the entrance to the Woodland Hills neighborhood from Route 146, and

WHEREAS, the town is willing to accept the dedication of these permanent easements to ensure that volunteers from the Woodland Hills Garden Club and neighborhood will have access to the corners for the beautification and landscaping of the neighborhood signs and associated improvements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the dedication of the attached permanent easements and authorizes the Supervisor to execute the easements and cause them to be filed with the County Clerk.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 4 of 2015, a resolution authorizing alcoholic beverages to be served at a birthday party to be held at the Shenendehowa Adult Community Center.

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

WHEREAS, Kristin and Matt Henry, 33 Garnsey Road, Rexford, have requested permission to serve alcoholic beverages on Friday, January 9, 2015 at a birthday party to be held at the Shenendehowa Adult Community Center, and

WHEREAS, it is the town's policy to require the using group to monitor the consumption of alcohol and be responsible for the group's activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Kristin and Matt Henry are authorized to serve alcoholic beverages on January 9, 2015 from 6:00-9:00 P.M., at an event to be held at the Shenendehowa Adult Community Center, contingent upon the provision of a certificate of liability insurance naming the town as an additional insured and in a coverage amount acceptable to the town.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Daniel Hartnett, Southbury Drive, Open Space, Trails Committee, thanked the Town Board for his reappointment. He expressed concern with snow removal and roads not being salted in his neighborhood on December 11, 2014. Superintendent of Highways Kukuk stated crews were out that evening and it takes some time for highway trucks to get to Southbury Road. He added he recognizes Southbury Road is more of a main thoroughfare and is looking at reassigning trucks to see if Southbury Road can be plowed or salted sooner.

Judy Morley, Wheeler Drive, speaking on behalf of her neighbors, thanked Town Attorney McCarthy for his efforts on transferring the easement at Arnold Drive and Route 146 to the town, stating a legacy established more than 40 years ago has been preserved.

Supervisor Barrett thanked volunteers and staff for the efforts in 2014. He reviewed initiatives for 2015.

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 7:55 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk