

January 4, 2016

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
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways
Steven Myers, Director of Building and Zoning
John Scavo, Director of Planning

MOTION BY Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the December 14 and 21, 2015 meetings as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 2 of 2016, a resolution authorizing the town to establish a monthly equivalent rate for the Self-Insured Dental Fund for 2016.

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

WHEREAS, the town has established a self-insurance dental fund to pay claims for its employees and retirees, and

WHEREAS, the fund's experience in the past 2 years allows for a reduction in monthly premium contributions by employees, and

WHEREAS, the town establishes a monthly equivalent rate to fund the claims, and

WHEREAS the town wishes to reduce the current monthly equivalent rates by 5 percent for single and family coverage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the town hereby establishes the 2016 monthly equivalent rate at \$43 per month for a single person and \$90 per month for 2-persons or families.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 3 of 2016, a resolution setting a public hearing to consider amending Sections 103-15.2 and 208-109C(3)(d) of the Town Code amending notification listing fees and the requirements to notify neighbors within 500 feet of a commercial use seeking area variances.

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

WHEREAS, Town Code requires that applicants seeking use variances, pursuant to Section 267 of the New York State Town Law, provide notice to owners of property within 500 feet of the subject premises, and

WHEREAS, the Town Code exempts applicants for area variances from the 500 foot notice requirement, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that area variances for commercial uses, within 500 feet of existing residential uses, can impact homeowners in residential uses in transition neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals may benefit from the use of the 500 foot notice procedure when evaluating an application for an area variance for a commercial property within 500 feet of an existing residential property, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board seeks public comment on a proposal to require that 500 foot notices be mailed to owners of residential property within 500 feet of commercial property for which an area variance is applied for; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing is scheduled for January 19, 2016 at 7:05pm, on a proposal to amend Sections 103-15.2 and 208-109C(3)(d) of the Town Code amending notification listing fees and the requirements to notify neighbors within 500 feet of a commercial use seeking area variance.

Director of Planning Scavo noted this legislation would be above and beyond state requirement. This comes from requests from town residents.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Rocco Ferraro, Friar Tuck Court, Planning Board Chair, thanked the Town Board for his reappointment to the Planning Board and commended the Town Board for appointing excellent and qualified people to Planning Board. He said they are very professional in their deliberations of the projects that come before them. Mr. Ferraro said he asks that all alternate members attend all Planning Board meetings. He said the advisory boards that give information to the Planning Board are very important and recommendations are taken very seriously. He praised Director of Planning John Scavo on doing a fantastic job.

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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 7:43 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk