

February 1, 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
Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs

MOTION BY Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the January 11 and 19, 2016 meetings as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett reminded all of Winterfest on February 5th at the Clifton Park Center Mall.

The Supervisor also reminded residents of the American Heart Association's "Wear Red Day" Friday, February 5th.

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – RICHARD CIPPERLY – KINNS ROAD PARK

Supervisor Barrett reported the county has decided not to go through with the timber harvesting at Kinns Road Park. The town and county will formalize a management agreement, though the town has been managing the park for many years without a formal agreement. He said it is the intent of the county and town to work toward the town taking ownership of the park. The Town wants to formalize a stewardship plan for the park for now and into the future.

Richard Cipperly, Consulting Forester, presented the Forest Stewardship Plan for Kinns Road Park, attached. Mr. Cipperly said he has met with Dennis Flynn, BOCES Conservation Instructor, noting this is a great opportunity for the students to learn. He stated commercial harvesting would not work in the park. Mr. Cipperly said he was impressed with the fact that there is no litter in the park. He reported root rot is not rampant in the park but some of the red pines are affected and will be taken down.

Supervisor Barrett noted the plan is very basic and simple. He said it is important to monitor areas where there are "stationary targets" which would be around the parking lot and picnic areas. He continued if there is a tree near a trail that is dying it will be taken out. The Supervisor explained in managing the park the town has put in fencing, signage, patrols the park, plowing parking lot, clean up refuse and removal of trees that are of a concern.

Dennis Flynn, BOCES Conservation Instructor, said this is a great opportunity for the students to learn forestry. He anticipates students starting in the parking lot area on February 5th and continuing on February 8,10,12 from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm with that work to be completed in a week. He reviewed work to be done and equipment to be used, noting trail work would be started after parking lot work is done. Mr. Flynn stated safety is his biggest concern. He noted he has spoken with Open Space Coordinator Jen Viggiani regarding leaving downed trees within the park for wildlife habitats.

Supervisor Barrett said he would like to completely close the park for the two hours that work is being done with notice on social media and signage. He stated he would like to establish stewardship volunteers, with Mr. Cipperly offering a short training program in the spring. The Supervisor said he would like to offer a logo contest and T shirts. He stated the town's goal is to manage the park as a park.

PUBLIC HEARING, 7:00 PM (7:48 PM)
TO CONSIDER AN HISTORIC CONSERVATION EASEMENT APPLICATION
283 RIVERVIEW ROAD REXFORD

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on January 22, 2016.

Supervisor Barrett explained the purposes of the Conservation Easement program.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience at 7:50 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 7:51 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING, 7:05 PM (7:52 PM)
TO CONSIDER AN HISTORIC CONSERVATION EASEMENT APPLICATION
958, 960, 962 MAIN STREET JONESVILLE

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on January 22, 2016.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience at 7:52 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 7:53 P.M.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 16 of 2016, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) of Washington, Saratoga, Warren, Hamilton and Essex Counties for tree maintenance at Kinns Road Park.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park manages Kinns Road Park on behalf of the County of Saratoga and on behalf of the residents of Clifton Park, Saratoga County, and beyond, and

WHEREAS, the town has retained North Country Forestry, Richard J. Cipperly as a consulting forester to draft a stewardship plan for the park from a timber management perspective, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cipperly has identified the area closest to the parking lot and along the northernmost trail as in need of maintenance in the form of trimming, pruning, and removal of trees which are dead or diseased, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Washington, Saratoga, Warren, Hamilton and Essex Counties teaches and trains students in areas of environmental conservation and forestry, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services students have the education, training, and equipment to provide trimming and tree maintenance and removal of dead or diseased trees under the supervision of the board and of professional foresters, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to engage the Board of Cooperative Educational Services to assist in timber management and tree maintenance in the vicinity of the parking lot and some trail perimeter with the park under the supervision of Richard J. Cipperly, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services wishes to provide their students with a unique forest environment in a suburban park, to provide opportunities to train in timber management in an outdoor recreation setting, and

WHEREAS, Kinns Road Park provides a unique setting as a plantation forest which has been adapted to the needs of multiple user groups including joggers, dog walkers, runners, and cross country running and skiing groups and teams; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant NYCRR 617.5 (b) (14), the maintenance activity authorized by the agreement constitutes a Type II action under SEQRA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the attached agreement with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for a five-year period commencing immediately.

Supervisor Barrett said BOCES will be providing insurance. The park will be closed when work is going on but shouldn't be a problem since work will be done for only two hours a day for four days.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 17 of 2016, a resolution approving the 2016 Summer Recreation Day Camp Salary Matrix for employees.

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

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks and Recreation has prepared a 2016 Summer Recreation Day Camp Salary Matrix per Schedule A; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adopts the 2016 Salary Matrix for Day Camp Salaries per Schedule A.

Supervisor Barrett explained salaries are being raised 25 to 35 cents depending on position.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 18 of 2016, permitting Patti Ellis and Ann Wortalik to serve alcohol during a family reunion on June 18, 2016.

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

WHEREAS, Patti Ellis and Ann Wortalik, 7 Tracey Court, Clifton Park have requested a waiver of the town’s “No Alcohol” policy for the consumption of alcohol during a family reunion at Collins Park on June 18, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and

WHEREAS, it is the town’s policy to require the using group 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 Patti Ellis and Ann Wortalik are authorized to serve alcohol during a family reunion on June 18, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Collins 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 19 of 2016, a resolution authorizing the Town Board to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement with the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. AFSCME Local 1000, AFL-CIO, representing Town of Clifton Park General Unit of Saratoga County Local 846.

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

WHEREAS, an agreement has been reached between the Town of Clifton Park and the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., AFSCME Local 1000, AFL-CIO for the Town of Clifton Park, General Unit of Saratoga County Local 846, and

WHEREAS, this agreement will cover a three (3) year term, commencing on January 1, 2016 and terminating on December 31, 2018; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement dated January 21, 2016 with the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. unit representing Town of Clifton Park General Unit of Saratoga County Local 846, copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit “A”, all provisions to be incorporated into a new contract as appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the provisions in the previous contract not modified by this Memorandum of Understanding to remain.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 20 of 2016, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign a Lease Agreement with De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc. (through Electronic Business Products), for a digital copying system for use by the Parks & Recreation Department.

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

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has requested that a new digital copier/printer be leased for use by the Parks & Recreation Department, and

WHEREAS, the proposed cost for leasing the copier has been budgeted per the attached schedule, and

WHEREAS, quotes were received with Electronic Business Products submitting the lowest quote of \$277.00 per month for thirty-six months, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that the use of an installment purchase contract to finance the digital copying system is a cost-effective method of acquisition of such equipment and is consistent with General Municipal Law Section 109 (B); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to enter into a Lease Agreement with De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc. (through Electronic Business Products), for a Lanier, MP C5503 Digital Copier/Printer System with print/scan/fax modules and fifty sheet stapling finisher, for thirty-six (36) months, at a cost not to exceed \$277.00 per month, plus \$.007 for black and white copies and \$.06 for color copies, to be paid from A-7021-003 (Parks and Recreation-Copier).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 21 of 2016, a resolution reappointing representatives to represent the Town of Clifton Park on the Mohawk Towpath Byway Project.

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

WHEREAS, John Scherer, 113 Vischer Ferry Road, Rexford and Lawrence Syzdek, 43 Riverview Road, Clifton Park have served as representatives from the Town of Clifton Park for the past year, and

WHEREAS, a need continues to exist for representatives to represent the Town of Clifton Park on the Mohawk Towpath Byway Project for the year 2016; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby reappoints John Scherer, Rexford and Lawrence Syzdek, Clifton Park as representatives from the Town of Clifton Park to the Mohawk Towpath Byway Project for the year 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 22 of 2016, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to enter into a Lease Renewal Agreement for properties at 1 Barney Road.

Introduced by Councilwoman Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 251 of 2010 authorized the Town Supervisor to enter into an agreement for the purchase of the Clifton Knolls Executive Golf Course, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 251 of 2010 also authorized the town to enter into a renewable rental agreement with Robert Phillips for the maintenance equipment shed, greens keeper's office, rest rooms, and putting green at the Barney Road Clubhouse, as well as a long term easement for golf course parking, and

WHEREAS, the town wishes to exercise its option to renew the rental agreement with Robert Phillips for the maintenance equipment shed, greens keeper's office, rest rooms, and putting green at the Barney Road Clubhouse, as well as a long term easement for golf course parking, at an annual cost not to exceed \$10,400; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to enter into the attached leasehold agreement with Robert Phillips for rental of the maintenance shed, putting green, Suite 150 at the Barney Road Clubhouse at 1 Barney Road, at \$1,300 per month from April 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016 for a total annual cost not to exceed \$10,400.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 23 of 2016 a resolution authorizing the hiring of a Mechanical Equipment Operator for the Transfer Station.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 15 of 2016, the Town Board authorized the hiring of Vincent Mucurio as a laborer for the Department of Buildings & Grounds, effective February 9, 2016, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board anticipates an opening at the Transfer Station, and has posted an opening for Mechanical Equipment Operator at the facility, and

WHEREAS, Vincent Mucurio has expressed interest in the MEO position at the Transfer Station, and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Vedder, Transfer Station Superintendent, has recommended that Vincent Mucurio, 890 Main Street, Clifton Park be hired to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 15 of 2016 is hereby rescinded; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to hire Vincent Mucurio as a Mechanical Equipment Operator for the Transfer Station at Grade 5, Step 1, \$44,036, (\$21.09/hour) effective February 9, 2016.

Supervisor Barrett stated Mr. Mucurio has the appropriate license for this position.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 24 of 2016, a resolution supporting annual funding to municipalities for infrastructure upgrades and improvements.

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

WHEREAS, communities within the State of New York maintain extensive networks of intertwined infrastructure that is critical to public health, and to the state and local economies, and

WHEREAS, many municipalities are responsible for water systems, sewer systems, storm water facilities, and other infrastructure which were constructed decades ago under earlier regulatory standards, and

WHEREAS, these systems are owned and maintained at various levels of government, but require consistent maintenance, monitoring and upgrades, and

WHEREAS, while the State of New York provides application based funding assistance on a case by case basis, the need for improvements to the state's infrastructure impacts the public health of all of our communities on an annual basis, and

WHEREAS, the state initiated the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs) in 1981, which provides consistent funding assistance for the maintenance of local roads, and

WHEREAS, the CHIPs Program provides a successful model for the distribution of statewide assistance through a fair and equitable formula that can ensure that every municipality receives funding assistance for sanitary sewer, drinking water and storm water systems; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park hereby supports a New York State annual infrastructure funding program to provide a fair and equitable formula to distribute funds to municipalities to ensure the integrity and solidity of municipal infrastructure.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

No one wished to be heard.

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 8:28 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk