

May 21, 2018

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.

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

Absent: Councilman Whalen

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Daniel Clemens, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

MOTION BY Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Whalen

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Supervisor Barrett, noting the last session of Youth Court for this year is May 30th and thanked Councilwoman Standaert for her work. Councilwoman Standaert thanked everyone involved in Youth Court, particularly the student volunteers.

Supervisor Barrett reported members of the Senior Center have been making toys, blankets and pillows for use at the Animal Shelter and will be presenting donations to the shelter on May 22nd.

The Supervisor reviewed events held at the Hamlet Hop and thanked all the volunteers and the Vischer Ferry Fire Department for their work.

PRESENTATION

Supervisor Barrett presented the Open Space Award to Ray Seymour, Chairman of the Stewardship sub-committee of the Open Space, Trails and Riverfront Committee for his involvement in land conservation for decades. Supervisor Barrett thanked members in attendance this evening, Dan Matthias, Jim Ruhl, Alexia Jacobs, Bill Connor and Jerry Burr for their dedication to the open space program.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 127 of 2018, a resolution authorizing the Receiver of Taxes and Assessments to attend the New York State Association of Tax Receivers and Collector's Seminar.

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

WHEREAS, Rose Savallo, Receiver of Taxes & Assessments, has requested permission to attend the New York State Association of Town's Tax Collector's Seminar to be held at the Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort in Lake Placid, New York, June 10-13, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$800, and

WHEREAS, the amount has been budgeted for 2018 in budget line item A-1330-1 (Tax Collector Travel & Conferences), and

WHEREAS, attendance at the seminar would confer a benefit to the town's citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Rose Savallo is hereby authorized to attend the Tax Collector's Seminar in Lake Placid, New York, from June 10-13, 2018, at a cost not to exceed \$800, includes registration fee, lodging and meals, to be vouchered appropriately and to be paid from budget line item A-1330-1 (Tax Collector Travel & Conferences).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Whalen

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 128 of 2018, a resolution authorizing the hiring of 2018 summer help for the Buildings and Grounds Department.

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

WHEREAS, openings exist for seasonal help in the Buildings and Grounds Department, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, has recommended that the individuals listed as summer hires for Buildings and Grounds, on the attached Schedule A, be hired to fill the positions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Geoffrey Frey and Christopher Jupin be hired as seasonal workers for the Buildings and Grounds Department for the summer of 2018, at \$10 per hour, effective immediately, to be budgeted from A-7110-E4000 (Buildings & Grounds-Part-Time Employees).

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Clemens said the department is now fully staffed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Whalen

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 129 of 2018, a resolution authorizing the hiring of 2018 summer help for the Clifton Knolls Park District.

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

WHEREAS, openings exist for seasonal landscaping work in the Clifton Knolls Park District, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, has recommended that the individuals listed as summer hires for Clifton Knolls Park District, on the attached Schedule A, be hired to fill the positions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Joseph DeFeciani and Michael Spulnick be hired as seasonal workers for the Buildings and Grounds Department for the summer of 2018, at \$10 per hour, effective immediately, to be budgeted from SP3-7131-E4000 (Clifton Knolls Park District-Clifton Knolls Contractual-Part-Time Employee).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Whalen,

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 130 of 2018, a resolution accepting the conveyance of a portion of roadways, open space parcels, and utility and access easement(s), subject to easements retained for driveway access.

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

WHEREAS, as a condition of approval for the Oronacah Farms Residential Subdivision, also known as Vischer’s Landing, March 27, 2007, the Town of Clifton Park Planning Board required that the applicant convey lands to the Town of Clifton Park for such purposes as are incidental thereto and for the benefit of the grantee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the conveyance of lands and roads from Tralongo Builders, briefly described as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>SBL</u>
Pond View Drive	277.5-5-99 (portion of)
Bridgewater Court	277.5-5-99 (portion of)
Open Space Parcel A	277.5-5-23
Open Space Parcel B	277.5-5-22
Utility Easement Lot 18 & 19 aka 6 & 8 Bridgewater Ct.	277.5-5-3.1 & 277.5-5-4.1
Utility Easement & Future R.O.W.	277.5-5-23 (portion of)
Easement along Vischer Ferry Rd.	277.5-5-1 & 277.5-5-2 (portion of)

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this conveyance is expressly conditioned upon receipt and approval by the Town Attorney of all necessary documents including review of the recorded deed in the Saratoga County Clerk’s Office, metes and bounds description of the conveyance and retained easements, provision of title report, provisions for payment of all taxes, recording fees, and assessments which are acceptable to the Town Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that there be appended to the within resolution a copy of the recorded conveyance after it has been filed with the Saratoga County Clerk, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provision of Section 171 of the Highway Law of the State of New York, consent be and the same hereby is given to the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Clifton Park to make an order laying out the aforesaid road(s) as public highway(s), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Superintendent of Highways is hereby authorized to post a thirty (30) miles per hour speed limit for the herein described highway(s), together with all necessary regulatory signs for proper traffic control.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Whalen

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 131 of 2018, a resolution appointing Susan H. Leonard to permanent status as Director of the Clifton Park Senior Community Center.

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

WHEREAS, Susan H. Leonard, 21 Spruce Street, Clifton Park, was provisionally appointed by Resolution No. 175 of 2017 as the Director of the Clifton Park Senior Community Center, and

WHEREAS, Susan Leonard successfully passed the Civil Service Exam for the position of Director of the Clifton Park Senior Community Center and was certified as a permanent employee on May 15, 2018; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Susan H. Leonard, 21 Spruce Street, Clifton Park, is hereby appointed to permanent status as Director of the Clifton Park Senior Community Center per Civil Service Certification as of May 15, 2018.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Whalen,

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 132 of 2018, a resolution authorizing an amendment to the "2018 Summer Pool Directors/Managers Schedule A".

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 78 of 2018, the Town Board authorized the hiring of management and training staff to operate the three town-owned pools for the 2018 season, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to hire Michael Stone, 315 Kings Road, Schenectady, in the place of David Czechowski as originally listed in "Schedule A 2018 Summer Pool Directors/Managers"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the attached Schedule A, as amended, will be the staff for the three town-owned pools, with start dates and ending dates as indicated.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Whalen

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 133 of 2018, a resolution authorizing the hiring of Megan Mydosh as Account Clerk Typist in the Comptroller's Office.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists for the position of Account Clerk Typist in the Comptroller's Office, and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller's Office interviewed eligible candidates from the Account Clerk Typist Certification of Eligible List maintained by the Saratoga County Department of Personnel, and

WHEREAS, after interviewing Megan Mydosh, 718A Bruno Road, Clifton Park, and reviewing her qualifications, Comptroller Mark Heggen has recommended that Ms. Mydosh be hired to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park hereby authorizes the hiring of Megan Mydosh to fill the position of Account Clerk Typist, at Grade 4, Step 1 (\$23.02) per hour, effective June 4, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, the amount of \$24,171 needed for the balance of 2018, to be paid with a transfer from A-01315-E0715 (Comptrollers-Rose Savallo) to A-01315-Exxx (Comptrollers-Employee).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Whalen

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 134 of 2018, a resolution supporting the application of Maple Hill Farm to the Saratoga County Farmland and Open Space Protection Program.

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

WHEREAS, Kurt and Juliette Swartz are the owners of certain real property (the "Property") known as Maple Hill Farm and consisting of approximately 72.9 acres of viable agricultural land in tax map parcel #263.-2-8.1 located on Ashdown Road and 146A in the Town of Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, the Swartzes are interested in protecting the Property for agricultural purposes by conveying a permanent conservation easement on the land, and

WHEREAS, the Town's Comprehensive Planning Documents include the Comprehensive Plan and the Clifton Park Open Space Plan, adopted by the Town Board by Resolution No. 115 of 2003, and

WHEREAS, the Town's Open Space Plan includes a farmland protection program, with a primary goal to "preserve and enhance the historic, residential, agricultural and rural nature of the Town of Clifton Park" and to protect farmland by "partner(ing) with state and federal grant programs to obtain conservation easements", and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Farmland Protection and Open Space Preservation grant program was established in 2003 by the County Board of Supervisors to aide farmers in meeting the required local match of the New York State Farmland Protection Implementation Grant Program (FPIG) which enables the purchase of development rights (PDR) on eligible farmland, and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board passed a resolution endorsing the conservation of this Property on April 25, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors has allocated \$100,000 for the 2018 Farmland Protection and Open Space grant program and eligible applicants include all Saratoga County municipalities and not-for-profit land trusts, and

WHEREAS, Saratoga PLAN is a New York not-for-profit conservation organization dedicated to preserving the rural character, natural habitats, and scenic beauty of Saratoga County so these irreplaceable assets are accessible to all and available for present and future generation, and

WHEREAS, the Maple Hill Farm agricultural property is a working farm and is squarely within the primary goals of both the Town's Comprehensive Planning Documents and the County Farmland Protection program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board fully supports and endorses the application by Saratoga PLAN for Maple Hill Farm for funding from Saratoga County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board is willing to partner with Saratoga Plan to facilitate grant funding from Saratoga County to Saratoga PLAN, and is willing to consider contributing to the project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Whalen

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 135 of 2018, a resolution supporting the application of Bowman Orchards to the Saratoga County Farmland and Open Space Protection Program.

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

WHEREAS, Kevin and Martha Bowman and Bowman Real Estate Holding Company, LLC are the owners of certain real property (the "Property") known as Bowman Orchards and consisting of approximately 95.65 acres of viable agricultural land in tax map parcels #282.2-27.11, 282.2-27.12, and 282.2-27.14 located on Sugarhill Road in the Town of Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, the Bowmans are interested in protecting the Property for agricultural purposes by conveying a permanent conservation easement on the land, and

WHEREAS, the Town's Comprehensive Planning Documents include the Comprehensive Plan and the Clifton Park Open Space Plan, adopted by the Town Board by Resolution No. 115 of 2003, and

WHEREAS, the Town's Open Space Plan includes a farmland protection program, with a primary goal to "preserve and enhance the historic, residential, agricultural and rural nature of the Town of Clifton Park" and to protect farmland by "partner(ing) with state and federal grant programs to obtain conservation easements," and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Farmland Protection and Open Space Preservation grant program was established in 2003 by the County Board of Supervisors to aide farmers in meeting the required local match of the New York State Farmland Protection Implementation Grant Program (FPIG) which enables the purchase of development rights (PDR) on eligible farmland, and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board passed a resolution endorsing the conservation of this Property on April 25, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors has allocated \$100,000 for the 2018 Farmland Protection and Open Space grant program and eligible applicants include all Saratoga County municipalities and not-for-profit land trusts, and

WHEREAS, Saratoga PLAN is a New York not-for-profit conservation organization dedicated to preserving the rural character, natural habitats, and scenic beauty of Saratoga County so these irreplaceable assets are accessible to all and available for present and future generation, and

WHEREAS, the Bowman agricultural property is a working farm and is squarely within the primary goals of both the town's Comprehensive Planning Documents and the County Farmland Protection program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board fully supports and endorses the application by Saratoga PLAN for Bowman Orchards for funding from Saratoga County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board is willing to partner with Saratoga Plan to facilitate grant funding from Saratoga County to Saratoga PLAN, and is willing to consider contributing to the project.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett
Noes: None
Absent: Councilman Whalen

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 136 of 2018, a resolution awarding the contract for upgrades to Kids' Corner Playground to Play by Design.

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

WHEREAS, Supervisor Barrett has been working with user groups on concepts and plans for potential upgrades to the Kids' Corner Playground at the Clifton Common, and

WHEREAS, the town has reviewed proposals for design, plans and concepts for modernizing the play area and constructing play apparatus at the park, and

WHEREAS, Play by Design, 119 West Buffalo Street, Ithaca, NY, has proposed a custom designed concept for the upgrades to the Kids' Corner area of the playground, which includes specification and supply of playground equipment for the play area, and

WHEREAS, Play by Design will provide design services, as well as carpentry labor, materials, safety surfacing, and will specify and provide the playground equipment, and

WHEREAS, the play area will be designed to current ASTM and Consumer Product Safety Commission Guidelines, and will meet Americans with Disabilities Act accessory guidelines, and

WHEREAS, the design concept by Play by Design best meets the town's needs based on the type of equipment specified, layout concept, safety surfacing and pricing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board awards a lump sum contract for the design, specification and construction of upgraded equipment and play area for the Kids' Corner Playground at the Clifton Common to Play by Design in an amount not to exceed \$76,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the comptroller is authorized to transfer \$76,000 designated for capital projects from A-886 (General Fund-Reserved Capital Projects) to A-7112-200 (Clifton Common-Equipment) to fund the project.

Supervisor Barrett presented a slide show of proposed playground equipment. He explained residents want to keep the look and feel of the current park, therefore, the equipment has the look of wood but is plastic and low maintenance. The Supervisor passed around the ground cover, the base of which is rubber mulch. He stated the bricks will stay in place but did note some have become cracked and broken over the years.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Whalen,

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 137 of 2018, a resolution approving a NYSERDA contract and grant funding for LED lighting at Prestige Services Arena.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park participates in the Clean Energy Communities Program, and has achieved the high impact items required to qualify for grant funding under the program, and

WHEREAS, the town has been awarded a grant from NYSERDA in the amount of \$50,000 under the program to be used to offset costs of energy efficiency programs, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22 of 2018, the Town Board awarded a bid for LED upgrades to the lighting systems at the Prestige Services Arena to Graybar Electric, and at the basketball courts at the Clifton Common, and

WHEREAS, upgraded lighting systems will improve the user experience for the hockey teams and skaters that use the ice arena, as well as indoor lacrosse, summer day camp, and the basketball leagues and recreational users at the basketball courts, while saving substantial energy costs for the town's operation of these popular recreational facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to accept the \$50,000 grant proposed by NYSERDA to enable work to begin on the LED upgrade project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute the attached agreement with NYSERDA for grant funding in support of the LED upgrade project at the Prestige Services Arena, and the basketball courts at Clifton Common.

Supervisor Barrett explained this system will allow better control over the lights on the courts and can allow the courts to be used past the usual curfew.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Whalen

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Ray Seymour, Nadler Road, thanked all for the recognition, stating only successful by working as a group. He said recognition should also be given to Dave Miller and Councilman Romano for their guidance in getting the Open Space Committee off the ground in 2000. Mr. Seymour thanked the Friends of Clifton Park Open Space for their dedicated service, noting it is necessary to have a shared vision to accomplish anything and noted the Master Plan includes the phraseology of open space. He stated the importance of volunteers giving Frank Berlin as a "sterling example"

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

Motion carried at 8:00 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell
Town Clerk