

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

February 27, 2023

The 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
Councilman Morelli
Councilwoman Walowit
Councilman O’Hara
Councilwoman Reid
Town Clerk Brobston

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
John Scavo, Planning Director
Michael Woerner, Director of Parks & Recreation
Daniel Clemens, Buildings, Parks & Recreation Director
Terri Cook, Animal Control Director
Norah Hoefner, Communications and Technology Coordinator
Walter Smead, Assessor

MINUTES

MOTION by Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilman Morelli to approve the Town Board minutes of February 6 & 13, 2023 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Councilman O’Hara thanked the members of the Historic Preservation Commission and Friends of Historic Grooms Tavern for their assistance last Friday in hosting a tour of the Grooms Tavern, Blacksmith Shop and the Grange with Congressman Tonko. A tour, accomplishments, renovations and plans of expanding the area as Heritage Square, which includes the tavern, grange and blacksmith shop, were discussed.

PRESENTATION

Councilwoman Reid announced the winner of the Taste of Clifton Park Soup Contest, which occurred during the recent Town Winterfest, to Power’s Inn and Pub. Thank you to all eight restaurants who participated. Over 500 votes were received. 2nd place was The Flats, 3rd place Ravenswood.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING CHAPTER 182, TAXATION, TO
PROVIDE TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR ENROLLED MEMBERS OF INCORPORATED
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES, FIRE DEPARTMENS AND AMBULANCE SERVICES
AND THEIR SPOUSES WITH THE TOWN. 7:08PM

Town Clerk Brobston read the legal notice as it appeared in The Gazette on February 20, 2023.

Supervisor Barrett stated this legislation was recently passed by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Barrett stated the Town Board is in support of this proposal. He stated this is an opportunity to provide a benefit to volunteer firefighters and EMS workers and will have the most impact regarding retention and recruitment.

Marty Schanz, Fire Departments representative, thanked the Town Board for considering this relief for the volunteer firefighters. This will have a great impact on the future retaining and recruitment of membership.

Assessor Walter Smead encouraged the fire districts that he has not been in contact with to reach out to him with applications before March 1 to get the upcoming year tax break. A minimum of two years is required to be eligible.

Councilman Morelli questioned the minimal years required and noticed in the proposed law it stated five years.

Attorney McCarthy stated the proposed law should reflect two years.

Attorney McCarthy stated the proposed law should also include domestic partners definition and be added to the legislation.

No one else wished to be heard. Public Hearing closed at 7:21PM.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING CHAPTER 92, DOGS, PROVIDING THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICE WITH AUTHORITY TO SEEK AN ORDER OF RESTITUTION, IN CERTAIN ANIMAL CONTROL CASES, WITH DAMAGES TO THIRD PARTIES. 7:22PM

Town Clerk Brobston read the legal notice as it appeared in The Gazette on February 20, 2023.

Attorney McCarthy explained, the proposed are two additional authorizations under the Animal Control Statue. It is possible that if the Animal Control office is called to retrieve an injured animal, under the Ag & Markets Law they are required to provide that animal with a basic level of care, possibly a trip to the Animal Shelter or a veterinary. If the owner of that animal is not found or if that owner chooses not to redeem the animal, it is possible the Town could be stuck with the cost of the care. The first proposal would allow the Animal Control office to petition the local courts for an order of restitution in that area. The second proposal includes if an animal causes damage either for a fight or other act, the Town would be allowed to impose civil penalties.

Councilman Morelli questioned, in the event restitution is required, will the owner be entitled to a hearing?

Attorney McCarthy answered yes.

No one else wished to be heard. Public hearing closed at 7:28PM.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 42 of 2023, a resolution adopting a local law amending Chapter 99 of the Town Code, relative to the installation of lock box entry systems for emergency services in multiple dwelling residential buildings without 24/7 access.

Introduced by Councilwoman Walowit, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman O'Hara.

WHEREAS, Chapter 99 of the Town Code provides for key lock box systems for the use of the Town's various fire companies to access multiple family residential apartments in emergency circumstances, in cases where there is no 24-hour staffing to provide such access, and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2023, the Town Board held a public hearing on a proposal to update the Chapter by requiring the installation of Supra Max lock box entry systems in these same multiple dwelling residential buildings, for the use of emergency medical service companies throughout the Town, for the same purposes, and

WHEREAS, the proposal includes an effective date of June 30, 2023, for the installation of these lock box entry systems; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 1 of 2023, a local law amending Chapter 99 of the Town Code, as attached, is hereby adopted, effective June 30, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 43 of 2023, a resolution adopting a local law amending Chapter 182, Article VI, of the Town Code, to provide for enhanced real property tax exemptions for enrolled members of incorporated volunteer fire companies, fire departments, and incorporated voluntary ambulance services, and their spouses/domestic partners within the Town.

Introduced by Councilman Morelli, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Reid.

WHEREAS, Chapter 182, Article VI, provides for certain real property exemptions for enrolled and certified members of Incorporated volunteer fire companies, fire departments, and incorporated voluntary ambulance services, and their spouses, and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2023, the Town Board held a public hearing on a proposal to update Section 182-13 of this Chapter by adding that these fire and ambulance service volunteers are required to provide service within the Town, reside in real property in the Town, and the proposed tax exemption shall be to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of such property for Town, Highway and Special District purposes, and

WHEREAS, domestic partner is defined for this Section as individuals living with their significant other for a period of at least six (6) months immediately before the loss/event, are not married, have financial interdependence with each other, are not related by blood to the extent that they would be eligible to be married in New York, and are in a demonstrated committed relationship as defined by the New York State Civil Service Employee Benefits Division, and

WHEREAS, this proposal also updates Chapter 182, Article VI, Section 182-14, regarding the Lifetime Exemption to add that the Assessor is authorized to grant a lifetime ten (10) percent exemption, as authorized by the New York State Real Property Tax law, to any enrolled fire or ambulance volunteer who accrues more than 20 years of active service, and their spouse/domestic partner, provided that the authority or authorities having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, provide written documentation of the duration of the qualified service pursuant to RPTL 466-a: now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 2 of 2023, a local law amending Chapter 182, Article VI, Sections 182-13 and 182-14 of the Town Code, as attached, is hereby adopted, effective immediately.

AMENDMENTS

MOTION by Councilman Morelli, seconded by Councilwoman Reid to approve the recommended amendments in the above resolution.

MOTION was unanimously carried.

MOTION by Councilman O'Hara, seconded by Councilman Morelli to amend the proposed local law, Chapter 182-13 B. (4) [five] two years.

MOTION was unanimously carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE AMENDED RESOLUTION

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O'Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 44 of 2023, a resolution adopting a local law amending Chapter 92, Article II of the Town Code, and adding Article V to this Chapter, to authorize the Animal Control office to seek an order of restitution in certain animal control cases with damages to third parties.

Introduced by Councilwoman Walowit who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman O'Hara.

WHEREAS, Chapter 92, Article II, provides for penalties for violations of the Chapter related to dogs, and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2023, the Town Board held a public hearing on a proposal to update Article II of this Chapter, by requiring the owner of animals impounded under this Section, which require veterinary care and impounding expenses, to be required to pay these expenses whether or not the owner chooses to redeem his or her dog, and

WHEREAS, this proposal also authorizes the Town to seek an order of restitution for damages or destruction of property, or for veterinary bills related to an injury or damage to pets or domestic animals, as a result of a violation, and

WHEREAS, this proposal also adds Article V to the Chapter, to authorize the Animal Control office to petition the Justice Courts for an order of restitution upon pet owners for the costs of emergency veterinary care and shelter expenses incurred, in cases where injured pets are seized, care for and sheltered by the Animal Control Officer under 1 NYC RR 77.2 et seq. of the Agriculture and Markets regulations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 3 of 2023, a local law amending Chapter 92, Article II and adding Article V to the Chapter of the Town Code, as attached, is hereby adopted, effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 45 of 2023, a resolution hiring Jean Marks as a part-time Animal Control Officer.

Introduced by Councilwoman Reid, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Morelli.

WHEREAS, an opening exists for a part-time Animal Control Officer, and

WHEREAS, Terri Cook, Animal Control Director, has recommended that Jean Marks be hired provisionally for the position, pending Civil Service Certification; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Jean Marks is hereby hired as a part-time Animal Control Officer for the Town of Clifton Park at Grade 3, Step 1 (\$21.10 per hour), budgeted from A-3510-E4000 (General Fund-Animal Control Part-Time Employee), effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 46 of 2023, a resolution to adopt amendments to the 2023 Budget for the Town of Clifton Park, to increase the Country Knolls Pool operating budget and to add a budget account for Town Center Park operating expenses.

Introduced by Councilman O’Hara, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Reid.

WHEREAS, the Comptroller has recommended the creation of a new budget for the Country Knolls Pool, as a result of the transferring of operational responsibility for the pool contained in Resolution 249 of 2022, with an annual Budget of \$171,957, and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller has also recommended a budget amendment to add a new budget account A-07250 for Town Center Park operating expenses, to be funded with a transfer of \$23,000 from Unassigned Fund balance, and

WHEREAS, a budget account for Town Center Park was not included in the original 2023 Budget, as the Town Center Park was not completed at that time, and

WHEREAS, the Town Center Park is now complete and submitting expenses to the Town; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to amend the 2023 Town of Clifton Park Budget, to increase the operating budget for the Country Knolls Pool, Account A-07151, and to add a budget account for operating expenses for Town Center Park, Account A-07250.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 47 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the sale of a computer rack, declared surplus by the Town Board and Buildings & Grounds Department, to sell as surplus equipment at public auction.

Introduced by Councilman Morelli, who moved its adoption, seconded Councilwoman Reid.

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, has identified a computer rack, per the attached, as surplus property, and

WHEREAS, based upon the recommendation of Mr. Clemens, the Town Board declares the computer rack, pictured in the attachment as surplus; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Buildings & Grounds Department to sell the surplus equipment, as is, through an upcoming online public auction.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 48 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of ten (10) HID light ballasts on light fixtures on Baseball Field #13 at the Clifton Common, with Clifton Park Baseball agreeing to pay half of the total costs, upon project completion.

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, requested quotes for the purchase of ten (10) 1500-watt light ballasts, to be placed on steel light poles on Field #13, at the Clifton Common, and

WHEREAS, ballasts quotes were received on or before February 10, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the lowest conforming quote is from ASKCO Electric Supply, 14 Cooper Street, Glens Falls, NY, at \$2,823, for the acquisition of 10 light ballasts, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation also received separate quotes for the installation of these ten (10) HID light ballasts, and

WHEREAS, ballast installation quotes were received on or before February 10, 2023, and

WHEREAS, CDE Electric, Inc., Cairo, NY, submitted the lowest conforming quote to install the ten (10) HID light ballasts on Baseball Field #13 at the Clifton Common, on steel poles approximately 70 feet high, at a cost not to exceed \$5,200, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to purchase these ten (10) HID light ballasts from ASKCO Electric Supply, at a cost not to exceed \$2,823, and have them installed by CDE Electric Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$5,200, for a total project cost not to exceed \$8,023, and

WHEREAS, this total project cost not to exceed \$8,023, will be split equally between the Town and Clifton Park Baseball with each paying a cost not to exceed \$4,011.50; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, is authorized to purchase ten (10) HID light ballasts from ASKCO Electric Supply for \$2,823, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby awards the quote to CDE Electric, Inc., Cairo, NY, for the installation of these ten (10) HID light ballasts, on Field #13 at the Clifton Common, at a cost not to exceed \$5,200; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to pay in the first instance, pending reimbursement of 50% of the total cost of the project from Clifton Park Baseball, for the purchase and installation of ten (10) HID light ballasts for Field #13 at the Clifton Common, to be paid from A-07112-00024 (General Fund- Clifton Common- General Maintenance).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 49 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the hiring of Larry Rorick as an Adventure Challenge Facility Coordinator for the Summer 2023 season.

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

WHEREAS, Michael Woerner, Director of Parks & Recreation, has identified the need for staff to conduct the Adventure Challenge Course for 2023, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woerner has recommended that Larry Rorick, 24 Fieldstone Drive, Ballston Lake, be hired as an Adventure Challenge Facility Coordinator, for the 2023 Project Adventure Program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Larry Rorick be appointed as Facility Coordinator, effective at the date of the 2023 Course inspection through August 31, 2023, to be paid an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the Season, at \$29.75 per hour, to be paid from A-7629-E2350 (General Fund- Adventure Challenge- Adventure Coordinator).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 50 of 2023, a resolution issuing permits to serve alcoholic beverages per the attached Special Alcohol Use Permit Requests.

Introduced by Councilman O’Hara, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, the following applicants have submitted Special Alcohol Use Permit Requests to the Clifton Park Senior Center, to be allowed to serve alcohol, in the form of beer and wine, for gatherings at the Senior Center on the following dates and times, as listed on the applications:

Anil Bisht, resident of CP, 03/11/2023, 6:30-10:30pm
Lisa Stephenson, resident of CP, 04/01/2023, 5:00-9:00pm

; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Special Alcohol Use Permit Requests, submitted by Anil Bisht and Lisa Stephenson, for gatherings as indicated.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 51 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with the Saratoga County Sheriff’s Department for Specialized Law Enforcement Services.

Introduced by Councilman Morelli, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman O’Hara.

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has found it to be effective and efficient to obtain law enforcement services within the Town through the Saratoga County Sheriff’s Department, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to renew the existing Agreement for Specialized Law Enforcement Services with the Saratoga County Sheriff’s Department, per the attached agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the attached agreement with the Saratoga County Sheriff’s Department whereby the Sheriff’s Department shall provide Specialized Law Enforcement Services within the Town of Clifton Park for a one (1) year period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, for an amount not to exceed \$608,135, to be paid from A-3120-15 (General Fund-Security-Other Contractual).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett stated the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors approved a new five-year contract with the Saratoga County Deputies PBA.

Resolution No. 52 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign a service agreement with CTA (California Transit Authority) Band to perform at the Town of Clifton Park’s Annual July 4th Celebration on the Clifton Common.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park will once again be holding a July 4th Celebration on the Clifton Common, complete with musical entertainment, and

WHEREAS, California Transit Authority, is an Ensemble Band formed among former members of “Chicago,” and other well-known National Music Acts, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to contract with CTA to provide musical entertainment for the celebration, and

WHEREAS, costs associated with the performance, will be offset through a sponsorship with Prestige Services, Inc; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the attached Service Agreement with CTA Band, to perform on July 4, 2023, on the Clifton Common; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to increase A-2042 (4th of July Celebration) by \$22,000 and increase A-7550-52 (Expenditures – 4th of July) by \$22,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 53 of 2023, a resolution awarding the engineering services contract to Prime AE of NY, for Transfer Station Hopper Repairs.

Introduced by Councilwoman Reid, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman O’Hara.

WHEREAS, two (2) hydraulic compactors and two (2) hoppers, as well as the existing electrical components and hopper chutes at the Transfer Station, require repair and replacement, and

WHEREAS, Prime AE of NY performed the engineering services for the original Transfer Station Hopper construction in 1992 and have retained the original plans, and

WHEREAS, Prime AE has submitted a proposal to perform the design, bid and construction engineering services for the Transfer Station Hopper repairs, and

WHEREAS, the Prime AE Group proposes a cost not to exceed \$16,900 for these engineering services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Supervisor Barrett recommends that the quote of Prime AE Group be accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign an agreement with Prime AE Group of NY for design, bid and construction engineering fees, related to the Transfer Station Hopper repairs at a cost not to exceed \$16,900 to be paid from a transfer from A-915 (Undesignated Fund Balance) to A-8160-135 (Transfer Station Engineering).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 54 of 2023, a resolution hiring a part-time Dispatcher for the Town of Clifton Park Senior Van Department.

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

WHEREAS, an open position has occurred as a result of Cindy Zlogar’s transfer from the part-time dispatcher position to the Town Attorney’s office, and

WHEREAS, George Bradt, Clifton Park, has been recommended to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that George Bradt, Clifton Park, be appointed to fill the position of part-time Senior Van Dispatcher, at Grade 2, Step 1, to be paid \$18.83/hr. from A-6772-E4000 (General Fund-Community Support-Part-time laborers), effective March 16, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 55 of 2023, a resolution authorizing short-term use of street sweeping services from Kingsbury Sweeping (formerly known as Evolution Construction Services), for use by the Highway Department.

Introduced by Councilman O’Hara who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Reid.

WHEREAS, the Highways Superintendent has requested authorization to retain Kingsbury Sweeping for assistance with the 2023 spring street sweeping services program, since the Town’s main sweeper was destroyed in the August 2021 “White Building Fire,” and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has been notified that the new sweeper purchased by the Town in 2022, is delayed an estimated two fiscal quarters, and

WHEREAS, Kingsbury Sweeping performed similar work for the Department in 2022 with satisfactory results (as Evolution Construction Services), and has submitted the lowest conforming quote for the work; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Highway Department is authorized to retain Kingsbury Sweeping for a period of two weeks for 2023 spring street sweeping services at a time to be determined, dependent on weather conditions, and issue a purchase order, in an amount not to exceed \$18,000 to be paid from DA-5110-009 (Highway Fund – General Construction – Equipment Rental).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Morelli, Councilwoman Reid, Councilman O’Hara,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Councilwoman Reid questioned where the funds would come from. She questioned why the difference in the rate is less from last year.

Comptroller Heggen answered that the funds would come out of the current 2023 budget.

No one else wished to be heard.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Dave Dittmer, Canterbury, member of the Tree Committee, urged the Town Board to look carefully at the fertilizer and chemical treatments for the Town Center Park. He would like to see the Park kept GREEN and set the right standard for our Town.

Supervisor Barrett stated several years ago materials used to tackle weeds, grubs, ticks, etc. were changed to be sure our Parks remain safe and nice looking. He stated the County no longer uses the chemical in Clifton Park, per the Town’s request, where it is often brown along the roadside to kill the weeds.

Daniel Clemens, Director of Parks, Buildings & Grounds, stated the treatments are very basic and simple, mostly fertilizer throughout the Town. He stated he will be gathering additional information pertaining to what the Town uses as treatments.

Darlene McGraw, Halfmoon, gave the definition of a “committee”. She explained the GREEN Committee has not been established by the Town Board per Town Code and she resigned from that committee. She encouraged the Board to look into the situation.

Councilwoman Reid stated since that information of the GREEN Committee not established by the Town Board was brought to her attention, she shared that information with the Town Board and are working on addressing that.

Dylan Mirarchi, Malta, stated he made a statement a few weeks ago and was not completely accurate. The specific number of Town’s in NYS that can limit firearms discharge is 20 and not the 11 as previously stated and Clifton Park was not one of those listed towns. He stated Mr. McCarthy asked at a previous meeting, what was cited when he referenced this topic. He stated the authority is found in the NYS Consolidated Laws in Town Laws. DEC is not the agency to limit firearms discharge. He encourages the Town to work with Ducks Unlimited on a large scale restoration project and requests the Town to eliminate inflicting firearms regulations in control of the waters in the Vischer Ferry Nature Preserve.

Discussion of examples of what the restoration project would entail and what it would lead to ensued.

Ann Connolly, Valdepanas, thanked the Town Board and Attorney McCarthy for the approved resolution that increases the responsibility the animal owners have for their pets. Support from law enforcement was encouraged.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilman Morelli, 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 PM
Teresa Brobston
Town Clerk