

TOWN OF CLIFTON PARK TOWN BOARD

April 3, 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: Deputy Town Attorney Neil Weiner  
Mark Heggen, Comptroller  
Michael Woerner, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Daniel Clemens, Buildings, Parks & Recreation Director  
Norah Hoefner, Communications and Technology Coordinator  
Michael O’Brien, Collection System Manager  
Dahn Bull, Highways Superintendent

MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett announced an upcoming press conference regarding details about the first annual Clifton Park Restaurant Week, April 24-April 30. Details of who is participating and the deals will be on the Town website, [cliftonpark.org](http://cliftonpark.org).

Councilwoman Walowit announced the passing away of Stephanie Van Auken, aka Mama. Well known in the community and will be sorely missed.

Councilwoman Walowit, responding on a question from the previous Town Board meeting, read from page 1100-1 of the Town Employee Handbook the following: All press releases, publications, articles and any other documents for release to the media or the public must be coordinated through and released by the Town Supervisor’s Office.

Councilman Morelli announced, the full report that he requested from the Town Attorney at the end of last year, is available on the Town website. The intent to include this report is for transparency to the residents.

PRESENTATION-Clifton Park Town Historian

Town Historian John Scherer presented the Town Board with a 2022 Annual Historian Report. He stated the Town of Clifton Park turned 199 years old on April 1, 2023. Highlights included the following: Promotion of local history with the Shenendehowa School librarians and teachers, provided images and text that the NYS Archives put on-line for all teachers in NYS to use, several exhibits were created; including “The Archaeology of Clifton Park”, “Remembering the Dearly Departed” featuring antique memorials of the deceased. Mr. Scherer stated he assisted the

Saratoga County History Center with the planning of an exhibit in the Clifton Park section of a larger exhibit on Saratoga County. He stated he continued to write articles on local history for several magazines. The annual history bike ride was held in October featuring the Grooms Tavern, Erie Canal and the Vischer Ferry Historic District and walking tour on a separate occasion. Several additional programs were given which included, Stories and Memories of Clifton Park, Low Bridge: The Erie Canal in Saratoga County, Through the Stereoscope: Time Machine to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Serendipity in Saratoga County Genealogy, catch the Brass Ring: the State Museum Carousel, Music Halls to Movie Palaces, Dredging Up the Past; Researching Clifton Park's History, Clifton Park's One Room Schoolhouses, and Clifton Park Ghost Stories. The Town acquired several items for the Town's history collection. His work continued with the Association of Public Historians of NYS and with the Friends of Historic Grooms Tavern, the Mohawk Towpath Byway and the Historic Preservation Commission and continues to interpret the history of the community.

Historian John Scherer thanked the Town Board and Town Offices for their support in all the efforts to preserve and interpret Clifton Park's history.

#### PRESENTATION-Clifton Common Playground Replacement Proposal

Supervisor Barrett explained residents' concerns were to retain the look and feel of the existing playground and this proposed plan does that. The proposed playground will meet all current codes and safety standards and will be accessible for all children.

Josiah Simpson, MJ Engineering, in collaboration with Play by design, presented visuals of the proposed updates. The current playground was built over 30 years ago, building codes change, the material it was built out of is reaching the end of its life and needs a lot of maintenance. The character of the playground, with the castles and nooks and crannies are what residents would like to see repeated in the proposed playground. The current structure lacks modern inclusivity. The proposed still resembles the character and form of the current structure. The toddler playground and swings were just recently updated. The proposed plans include wide ramps with inclusive equipment and accessibility for wheelchairs etc. The interior courtyard will have climbing equipment with the periphery having various slides. More toddler equipment will be located near the existing swings. Photos of the play equipment to be included were viewed. He explained various learning and challenging equipment is included. The schedule for the proposed project is to have completed by the end of August, equipment will take three months to arrive, ordering the materials in May if approved.

Question from the floor, is the swings ADA accessible?

Supervisor Barrett explained, two ADA swings already exist. They were replaced when the toddler area in the front was updated.

Supervisor Barrett explained, the Town received a \$250,000 NYS grant for this project to offset the cost.

Mr. Simpson explained, the two surfaces proposed are a non-toxic fall safe soft rubber bonded wood chip that is firm and allows water to drain through it which is located towards the outer edges of the site. The other surface in the high traffic areas is a poured-in-place rubber that is a fall safe firm ADA compliant material that can be formed around the structure. The firmness is much safer and easier for navigating the area. The structures will be a composite plastic smoother material, similar to the material of the existing toddler playground. Equipment guarantees of at least 30 years with expected life of 50 years.

Mr. Simpson stated the cost for the equipment, surfacing, and construction is little less than \$601,000 plus site work cost of approximately \$30,000.

Supervisor Barrett stated the Town's Buildings & Grounds Department will remove the current structure.

Councilman Morelli supported the proposed project especially the visibility within the structure.

Councilwoman Walowit supports the project especially the ability to wash it down and the safety of the structure.

Supervisor Barrett stated, the proposed project will be available on social media and the Town website [cliftonpark.org](http://cliftonpark.org) for viewing. The drawings/plans will be available in the Wood Room for viewing as well. Comments & questions are welcome to contact the Town Board.

Presentations closed 8:02PM

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 75 of 2023, a resolution awarding the generator service contract for Town Sewer District generators and Buildings & Grounds-managed generators to Patriot Onsite Generator Service, LLC.

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

WHEREAS, Michael O’Brien, Collection Systems Manager, advertised for quotes for a three-year preventative maintenance contract for generators in all Town Sewer Districts and those generators managed by the Town’s Buildings & Grounds Department, and

WHEREAS, Patriot Onsite Generator Service, 151 Plantz Road, Johnstown, NY, submitted the low quote of \$14,100 annually, for a three-year term, and

WHEREAS, Michael O’Brien recommends that the contract be awarded to Patriot Onsite Generator Service; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the quote for the preventative maintenance of the generators in all Town Sewer Districts and those managed by the Buildings & Grounds Department, be awarded to Patriot Onsite Generator, on the basis of their quote, in an amount not to exceed \$42,300 for the term of the contract, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute a contract with Patriot Onsite Generator Service, LLC consistent with the quote documents, for a term of up to three years, to expire on 04/01/2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the accounts on Schedule A be charged based on the allocation.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

Resolution No. 76 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the Sewer Department to purchase one (1) used bypass pump that the Town is currently renting from Xylem Pumps.

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

WHEREAS, Michael O’Brien, Collection Systems Manager, has requested authorization to purchase one (1) used bypass pump for use by the Sewer Department during sewer emergencies, and

WHEREAS, the Sewer Department is currently renting a diesel pump and engine from Xylem Pumps, Feura Bush, NY, for use in a declared emergency in the southern portion of Town within Clifton Park Sewer District #2, and

WHEREAS, Mr. O’Brien has negotiated a potential purchase of the emergency equipment from Xylem Pumps, at a total cost not to exceed \$14,000; now, therefore, be it

WHEREAS, Mr. O’Brien recommends purchasing this bypass pump, using best value criteria under Procurement Policy #15, in lieu of continuing to rent it, as it will allow the Town to more effectively respond to and maintain multiple sewer emergencies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Collection Systems Manager is authorized to purchase the above-referenced bypass pump for use by the Town Sewer Department, in a total amount not to exceed \$14,000 to be paid from G11-8111-200 (Clifton Park Sewer District #2-Sewer Contractual-Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 77 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the emergency purchase of a standby generator for Settlers Lane Pump Station, pursuant to Sourcewell Service Cooperative Contract #092222-CMM.

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

WHEREAS, Collections Manager Michael O’Brien, has advised that the original Cummins standby generator for the Settlers Land Pump Station has failed and is beyond repair, and has requested authorization to purchase a new Cummins standby generator, pursuant to the procurement process through Sourcewell Service Cooperative, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §103(16), municipalities are authorized to purchase materials, equipment or supplies through publicly bid contracts of another political state or political subdivision thereof, and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell-mn.gov is a service cooperative created under Minnesota Statutes §123A.21, and provides cooperative purchasing contracts to public entities under Minnesota Statute 471.59, to participating agencies and governments, and

WHEREAS, Mr. O’Brien advises that the Cummins standby generator, available through Sourcewell Contract #092222-CMM, will best meet the needs of the Sewer Department; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Sewer Department is authorized to purchase the Cummins standby generator, referenced above in an amount not to exceed \$15,866, to be paid from G5-8111-200 (Dutch Meadows District #1-Sewer Contractual-Equipment); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$1,000 from G5-8111-24 (Dutch Meadows Sewer-Sewer Admin-General Maintenance) to G5-8111-200 (Dutch Meadows Sewer- Sewer-Equipment).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 78 of 2023, a resolution adopting the 2023 emergency and general services fees schedule for the Town's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) contract with Clifton Park Halfmoon Emergency Corps (CPHM).

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

WHEREAS, CPHM has asked the Town Board to authorize fee schedule increases to keep up with rising costs for the response, transportation and delivery of emergency medical services in the Capital District region, and

WHEREAS, fees for base rates and advanced services and mileage reimbursement were last adjusted in 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to authorize the new fee schedule, detailed in Exhibit A attached, of the existing EMS contract with CPHM; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board adopts the attached 2023 emergency and general ambulance services fee schedule proposed by the Clifton Park Halfmoon Emergency Corps, effective April 1, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 79 of 2023, a resolution renewing Existing Term Easements pursuant to Section 125-10 C Conservation Easement Renewals of the Town Code.

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

WHEREAS, the Town initiated a Term Conservation Easement Program in 1996, with term easements issued with a minimum 15-year term thereafter, and

WHEREAS, the first term conservation easements issued pursuant to Town Code Chapter 125 expired in 2011, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 100 of 2020, the Town Board adopted Local Law No. 5 of 2020, eliminating the requirement for a public hearing on renewal applications of existing term conservation easements, and

WHEREAS, five applications were received from individual holders of Existing Conservation Easements expiring in 2023, to renew the existing conservation easement, and

WHEREAS, the individuals and parcels listed on the attached Schedule A, have applied for renewal of term conservation easements for properties and terms as listed, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Code, Chapter 125-10 (C) the Town Board wishes to renew all applications for renewal of term conservation easements, as listed on Schedule A; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the expiring renewal applications submitted to the Assessor, as shown on Schedule A, are hereby renewed.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 80 of 2023, a resolution approving a Road Use and Crossing Agreement with Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc., for the construction and maintenance of underground facilities for transmission of renewable energy, pursuant to statutory incentives authorized by the State of New York.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 104 of 2020, the Town Board expressed support for a Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. (CHPE) project to transmit electrical energy through the Town, and granted preliminary consent for the construction of underground conduits beneath Town Roads and publicly owned places, to further the intent of the project, and

WHEREAS, CHPE now requests authorization to construct conduit and transmission facilities to cross under Rustic Bridge Road, pursuant to a Road Use and Crossing Agreement, subject to a Host Benefit Funds Agreement with the project sponsors, subject to future negotiation with affected municipalities, including Clifton Park, and

WHEREAS, CHPE will provide all work zone traffic control, will work closely with the Town’s Highway Department regarding lane closures, and will provide a Letter of Credit against any residual project damages not repaired on site by the project and its contractors, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board continues to support the project, and wishes to take actions necessary to advance the project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the attached Road Use and Crossing Agreement with Champlain Hudson Power Express Transmission Cable System.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett explained, this is a project that will bring hydro power from Canada to NYC. The lines will run 339 miles underground, as well as above ground going through many communities. Basically, following the rail system, staying within the right-of-way lessening the need to go onto private properties. One section will cross Rustic Bridge Road. Pre-construction notifications will occur and will be passed along to the residents. He stated NYS has approved the project, as well as Saratoga County. Revenue will be realized and disbursed to the effected communities throughout the County.

Resolution No. 81 of 2023, a resolution awarding the bid for pool chemicals for the Barney Road, Locust Lane and Burning Bush pools for the 2023 Season.

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

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2023, bids were received for the above-referenced contract, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has recommended that the bid for pool chemicals for the three Town pools be awarded to Surpass Chemical Co., Inc. for the following amounts:

Sodium Hypochlorite	Per Gallon	\$3.15/gal
Car Boy Bleach	5-Gallon Container	\$17.50/container
Muriatic Acid	Per Gallon in 5-gallon carboy	\$10.60/gal
Drum Deposit		\$10.00 per carboy
Sodium Bisulfate	Per Pound	\$0.77/pound

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts and awards the above referenced bid to Surpass Chemical Co., Inc., 1254 Broadway, Albany, NY, to be paid as follows: from line A-7150-045 (General Fund-Barney Road Pool – Supplies), from line A-7152-045 (General Fund-Locust Lane Pool – Supplies) and from line SP5-7151-045 (General Fund-Country Knolls Pool – Supplies), in accordance with the amount used at each pool.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 82 of 2023, a resolution amending the contract with VinMar Solutions for lawn care services for Town-wide parks and various park districts to add fertilizing of the Town Center Park.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 30 of 2018, the Town Board authorized a multi-year fertilization contract with VinMar Solutions for several Town Park and Park District facilities, and

WHEREAS, VinMar Solutions has provided a quote in the amount of \$5,040, to provide fertilization services for the Town Center Park, through an amendment to the existing contract, which expires December 31, 2023; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes Daniel Clemens, Director of Buildings, Parks & Recreation, to accept the Town Center Park proposal from VinMar Solutions for fertilization services, for a cost not to exceed \$5,040, for the term of April 2, 2023 through September 16, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Center Park fertilization services are to be paid from A-7250-24 (General Fund-Town Center Park- Maintenance).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 83 of 2023, a resolution approving an amendment to a trails grant contract with Saratoga County.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 36 of 2020, the Town Board authorized a grant contract for support from the Saratoga County Open Space Grant Fund for the acquisition of an open space parcel at 10-12 Thoroughbred Way, which contract was executed on March 4, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the March 4, 2020 Grant Contract, contained certain contingencies relative to two previous grant awards for projects that did not proceed, and

WHEREAS, the County of Saratoga and the Town Board wish to amend the March 4, 2020 Grant Contract, by eliminating the contingencies relative to the earlier planned projects, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board hereby relinquishes grant awards for the two earlier projects, as referenced in the amended contract, attached; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute the amended Grant Contract and related vouchers for the close out of the acquisition project at 10-12 Thoroughbred Way.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 84 of 2023, a resolution hiring staff for the Barney Road Golf Course and for the 2023 Jonesville Summer Half-Day Camp Program.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to hire returning and new staff members for operation of the Town’s Golf Course and Jonesville Summer Half-Day Camp Program, and

WHEREAS, Michael Woerner, Director of Parks and Recreation, has recommended that the individuals listed in the attached Schedule A be hired; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the individuals listed in the attached Schedule A, be hired as staff for the Town’s Golf Course and Jonesville Half-Day Camp Program for the 2023 summer season; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the staff be paid as indicated on Schedule A.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED



Resolution No. 85 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Highways to promote Nicholas Brisson to the position of Working Supervisor within the Highway Department.

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

WHEREAS, of December 2, 2022, Richard Countermine, the Highway Department’s Inventory Specialist, retired and the vacancy was filled by Matthew Farnsworth, which left a vacancy for the position of Working Supervisor, and

WHEREAS, upon Mr. Farnsworth leaving Highway Maintenance operations, a promotion to fill the vacancy of Working Supervisor is being requested to manage the day-to-day tasks of the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, Superintendent of Highways Dahn Bull, has recommended the promotion of the following individual:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position of Appointment</u>	<u>Address</u>
Nicholas Brisson	Working Supervisor	55 Gretel Terrace, Ballston Lake

WHEREAS, Mr. Brisson has been with the Department for nearly 17 years as a Motor Equipment Operator, where he has become well acclimated with the job duties and practices of the Department; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorize the promotion of Nicholas Brisson to the position stated above; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Mr. Brisson will be promoted to a Grade 7, Step 2, Year 1, a salary of \$66,810, and \$32.12/hr., effectively immediately and retroactively to March 22, 2023, to be paid with a transfer as detailed in the attached Schedule A.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 86 of 2023, a resolution hiring seasonal laborers for the 2023 Summer season at the Clifton Park Highway Department.

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

WHEREAS, Dahn Bull, Highways Superintendent, wishes to hire seasonal laborers for the 2023 Summer season, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bull has conducted interviews and driving record reviews, and has recommended the hiring of the following at a rate of \$16.00/hour;

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
Mr. Jason Aubrey	40 Hemlock Drive, Clifton Park	May 8, 2023
Mr. Gregory George	70 St. Andrews, Clifton Park	May 15, 2023

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the individuals listed above be hired as summer seasonal laborers, at a rate of \$16.00/hour, effective on the dates noted above, to be paid from DA-5110-E4000 (Highway Fund-Highway Construction- Part-time Employee).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 87 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Highways to hire Christopher Cuttita and Tyler Clifford in the Clifton Park Highway Department.

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

WHEREAS, after the resignation of Nelson Bonesteel (MEO) and Ryan VanGalen (Laborer), two vacancies exist in the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, Superintendent of Highways Dahn Bull, has recommended the hiring of the following individuals:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>License Type</u>	<u>Address</u>
New Hire	Christopher Cuttita	Class B	424 Moe Road, Clifton Park
Transfer	Tyler Clifford	Class D	214 Granada Ct, Halfmoon

WHEREAS, Mr. Cuttita has a Class B Driver’s License, with two years of experience driving large commercial vehicles, and Mr. Clifford has nearly 10 years of experience working within the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the hiring of Christopher Cuttita as Motor Equipment Operator, Grade 5, Step 1, Year 1, at a yearly salary of \$54,496, (\$26.20/hr.), and the transfer of Tyler Clifford from Buildings & Grounds, MEO Light to Highway Department Laborer, at Grade 4, Step 3, Year 2, at a yearly salary of \$51,230, (\$24.63/hr.), both to be paid from account transfers as detailed in the attached Schedule A, effective at a start date no earlier than Monday, April 10, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

No one wished to be heard.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilwoman Walowit encouraged residents to read the BSK report posted on the Town website.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Joanne Coons, Nancy Tudar, Tom Piwinski, GREEN Committee members, read a memo addressed to the Town Board with concerns of a Town Board member, Councilwoman Walowit, accusing the group of negatively affecting the work environment of Town employees and of being a “toxic” group. They were shouted at with anger, and a hand was held up to silence them in a very confrontational, unprofessional manner. None of the group understood what they were being accused of, nor was there any evidence to support this claim. The group stated they appreciate the help and collaboration that many town officials and employees have provided, and

continue to provide, as they all work toward shared goals. Apologies were offered to anyone the group inadvertently offended. They wish to speak up in a safe environment to iron out any differences there may be.

Councilwoman Walowit stated the issue with the Tree and GREEN Committees was that these committees have created issues and spoke offensive words about Department Heads. She requested respect to be given to the staff.

Supervisor Barrett suggested the groups get together and work out the issues.

John Bologna, Goldfield Lane, spoke sympathetic words for the passing of Stephanie Van Auken "Mama".

Darlene McGraw, Halfmoon, spoke her condolences for the passing of "Mama". Supports the increase of fees for the CPHM EMS. Concerns shared about making meetings public.

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 9:19 PM

Teresa Brobston  
Town Clerk