

April 3, 2007 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this date at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7:00 PM. Supervisor Zatz presided with Councilwomen Lemmon & Kern and Councilmen Katz & Bialecki. There were approximately 24± audience members present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 5 – Blood Drive St. Charles Church Hall

April 7 – Easter Plant Sale Gardiner Firehouse

April 14 – Rummage Sale St. Charles Church 9 AM to 3 PM

April 21 – Gardiner Clean Up Day. Orange bags available at the Town Hall and the Library. Bring them to the transfer station for no charge on that day.

April 21 & 22 – 5 town appreciation day – Mohonk Preserve. A 1 month promotional free membership to any local resident.

April 27 – Women Helping Women Fund Raising Dance New Paltz VFW

INSURANCE

Robert Stubbs of Marshall & Sterling was present to review their proposal to the Town for the 2007 Property & Liability insurance. Changes to the policy include the addition of the new building with an increase in the blanket liability to \$1,946,329. The premium for this year has increased by \$200.00 to \$34,157.35. Board members were please with the proposal and the insurance was renewed for another year.

CELL TOWER DISCUSSION

Jim Jeffries of JNS Enterprises and Dominick Pinti and Randy Wilson of Verizon Wireless were present this evening to discuss the needs of the community for cell tower coverage. Mr. Pinti and Mr. Wilson explained Verizon's coverage needs and produced a map showing the coverage area of a 160 foot tower. With respect to placing the tower at either the Town Hall or firehouse, their concerns were the airport as a danger, setback requirements would be difficult to meet, aesthetics and historical preservation. They feel the best site with the most coverage is the transfer station. Any other location in town would require two 150 to 160 foot towers. All requirements with NIPA, SHIPA and Indian Affair have been met. There was discussion about a lattice tower versus a monopole, cell towers versus satellite and Town exemption from zoning.

Councilman Katz read a letter from Art Snyder in support of the tower and announced the receipt of a petition from the Gardiner Fire Dept and Rescue Squad in support as well.

Councilwoman Kern read a letter from Linda Kastan in opposition of the proposed tower.

Board members decided to proceed as if the tower was to be erected. The Zoning Board of Appeals can not vote unless a negative declaration is declared on SEQR. Attorney Dave Brennan will draft a negative declaration and the SEQR review will be done next week.

STOP DWI

Resolution No. 65A – Acceptance of Contract for STOP DWI

Offered by Councilwoman Kern

Resolved, the Supervisor is authorized to execute the 2007 contract with Ulster County STOP DWI for magistrates data collection after review with the Town Justices.

Seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried.

ZONING UPDATE

Councilwoman Lemmon reported the cost to have attorney Dave Brennan and planning consultant Dave Church prepare the SEQR documents would cost \$4,040.00. Other estimates from various firms in the area all topped \$20,000. On motion of Councilman Bialecki, seconded by Councilman Katz and carried, authorization was given to have Mr. Brennan and Mr. Church prepare the forms.

Also discussed – Joel Russell will deliver the final draft of the law by April 13 and the possibility of a public

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hearing on May 1 and a special meeting on May 7.

RAIL TRAIL ACQUISITION

Board members reviewed the short form SEQR as required. On motion of Councilman Bialecki, seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried, the Town Board declared Lead Agency.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION – SEQR

After the review the Town Board found that the purchase of the Rail Trail will not have a negative impact on the environment and acknowledged a negative declaration on motion of Councilman Bialecki, seconded by Councilwoman Kern and carried.

It was announced that a Closing Acquisition Ceremony will take place on April 29 or May 6 on the Rail Trail property located right off Route 44/55.

CLI SEWER DISTRICT EXPANSION

Property owners of the CLI District came before the Board to discuss the expansion of the Sewer District throughout the CLI District at the expense of the few making the proposal. They presented two options – run a sewer line along the Rail Trail from Steve’s Lane to the Dusenberre Road pump station or create a new district from Steve’s Lane to the transfer station property. Keith Libolt suggested scheduling a preliminary meeting with town engineers, Morris Associates, to get their assessment of the plan. He will provide a draft study for them to review. Councilwoman Lemmon will schedule the meeting with Rich Renna and the property owners to work out a plan.

BROADCASTING OR WEBCASTING OF MEETINGS

After some research, Supervisor Zatz informed Board members that Time Warner advised him that it is not feasible for our Town to broadcast our monthly meetings. To webcast our meetings the Town would need special equipment resulting in some relatively high costs. He asked Town Board members to think about it some more and he will get more information on the webcasting.

ECC VACANCIES

Five candidates have submitted a letter of interest to serve on the Environmental Conservation Commission.

Appointments for interview will begin at 6:00 PM before next week’s meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Pam O’Dell – stated that it is wrong not to have the minutes on the website.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bialecki, seconded by Councilman Katz and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher

Town Clerk