

September 6, 2005 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board met this evening at the Gardiner Meeting Hall at 7:00 PM. Supervisor Zatz presided with Councilwoman Lemmon and Councilmen Fischer, Richards and Bialecki present. There were approximately 28± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open Space Meeting – Monday Sept 19 at the St. Charles Church Hall at 7 pm

Mohonk Town Appreciation Weekend – Sept 17 and 18

Gardiner Gardeners – Thursday Sept 8 at the Gardiner Library at 7 pm

Republican BBQ – Saturday Sept 10 from 3 to 5 pm

Property Tax Rally – Wednesday Sept 7 at the Gardiner Meeting Hall at 7pm

Gardiner Library 30 year celebration – Saturday Sept 10

HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF

For information on how to participate in hurricane Katrina relief go to the website.

YEAR OF THE LIBRARY

Resolution No. 98 – Offered by Supervisor Zatz

WHEREAS the library has been an intellectual and social hub for Gardiner since its inception in 1975, but the building has grown too small to properly serve a community that has doubled in size during the same time period,

WHEREAS, the Town of Gardiner, in February 2005 deeded a parcel of land to the Gardiner Library Trustees for the purposes of building a new library to better serve Gardiner residents with greater access to books and other media, access to information and programming,

WHEREAS in May 2005 the Library Trustees formally hired Butler, Rowland, Mays, Architects (BRMA) to design a new building,

WHEREAS we are grateful to Head Librarian Peg Lotvin and Assistant Librarian Ken Greene for their exemplary diligence and creativity in making the most of the library's very limited space

WHEREAS, in 2004, there are 2,394 registered library members in Gardiner out of a population of 5,612, an extraordinary 42% and the Gardiner library circulated 27,202 books and other materials, and presented 203 adult and children's programs

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Library are embarking on a fund raising campaign to build the library which will benefit our entire community,

WHEREAS in recognition of the extraordinary contributions that the library has made to the quality of life in Gardiner for the last 30 years, many events are planned to celebrate the "Year of the Library" which may include Gardiner authors reading from their books and additional programming for children and adults, public discussion and forums, and fund raising events,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner proclaims September 2005 to September 2006 as "The Year of the Library" in Gardiner and encourages everyone in the town to join in celebrating literacy, love of learning, self-improvement, and the creation of a new Gardiner Library facility..

Seconded by Councilman Bialecki and carried

LIBRARY 414 PETITION

Resolution No. 99 – Offered by Supervisor Zatz

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner received a petition from the Gardiner Library Board of Trustees regarding the budget for the Library, fiscal year 2006; and

WHEREAS, this petition requires a referendum for the November ballot; then

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to forward a referendum to the Board of Elections to be placed on the ballot for the general election on November 8, 2005.

Seconded by Councilman Bialecki and carried.

HUCKLEBERRY RIDGE –APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY STREET DESIGN

Resolution No. 100 – Offered by Supervisor Zatz

Resolved, pursuant to Section 184.12 of the Municipal Code(Street Specifications), and upon the written recommendation of the Town Planning Board, the Town Engineer and/or the Town Superintendent of Highways, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner does hereby approve the Preliminary Street Design and Layout as shown on a map and plan entitled Scenic Meadow Estates dated December 23, 2004. Further resolved, pursuant to Section 184.13 of the Code, that any subsequent amendment or alteration in the above plans must be approved by action of the Town Board with the exception of additional storm drainage facilities required by the Superintendent.

Seconded by Councilman Bialecki and carried. Councilman Richards voted nay.

HUCKLEBERRY RIDGE – SCENIC MEADOW ESTATES APPROVAL OF STREET NAME

Resolution No. 101 – Offered by Supervisor Zatz

WHEREAS, the Town of Gardiner Planning Board has reviewed the application of Huckleberry Ridge LLC, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board requested that the street of the proposed subdivision be named, and

WHEREAS, the applicant has provided the following street name(s) for the proposed subdivision:

Scenic Meadow Drive

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner approves the name(s)

Scenic Meadow Drive

For the Scenic Meadow Estates subdivision and directs the Town Clerk to forward this resolution to the Planning Board.

Seconded by Councilman Bialecki and carried.

CREATION OF GARDINER YOUTH COMMITTEE

Supervisor Zatz would like to create a Gardiner Youth Committee to help design programs for the young people in our town. He is recommending Louise Trancynger who is on the UC Youth Board Planning & Evaluating Committee, Mike Gagliardi, Parks and Recreation Chairman, Carl Zatz and Julie Weisz, this past year’s director of the summer recreation program. In addition Mr. Zatz would like to pass a resolution to hire Julie Weisz as the Youth Coordinator through December 31 for a salary not to exceed \$2,500. Councilman Fischer was opposed to this because he believed that the \$2500 budgeted last year was not for salaries but for other expenses. He also believes that this should come from the Parks & Recreation fund. He feels that this will set a precedent to create this position for next year for an annual salary in the area of \$10,000. Supervisor Zatz assured him that that was not the case. After much discussion Board members agreed to table the resolution and go forward with the Youth Committee on the following motion made by Supervisor Zatz, seconded by Councilman Richards and carried: Its mission is to reach out and engage Gardiner 11-15 year-olds in recreational, educational, and life-skill

oriented activities. Studies show that participation in extra-curricular activities tapers off at age 11 and begins again at age 16 when many begin to look for work.

The one year-plan for this committee is to identify and reach out to the children in this age bracket and begin providing activities that stimulate interest and parental support. The committee will be funded in part by the Ulster County Youth Board and other organizational grants. In collaboration with the UCYB, we plan to launch a Skateboard Camp during summer, 2006. The goal of this camp is to teach much-needed life skills under the umbrella theme of recreational skateboarding.

The committee will at its outset have three members, Louise Trancynger, evaluating member of the Ulster County Youth Board, Mike Gagliardi, Chair of Parks & Rec, and Carl Zatz, Town Supervisor.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mary Ann Fallek – asked what the numbers of the young people were in the Town of Gardiner. No one know the count.

Matthew Aube – when he was a child there was a Gardiner Youth Commission. Commented that it was a great program.

Janet Kern – asked if skateboarding was gender neutral.

Marion Kells – commented that Councilman Fischer's opposition to hiring a youth coordinator isn't that he doesn't want to do anything for the youth of Gardiner perhaps it has to do with the growth of government and spending.

Scott Bittner – requested the Town to ask the NYSDOT to install a stoplight at the intersection of Route 44/55 and Albany Post Road. There have been two serious accidents in the past two days. This is a common scene at this intersection.

Jack Acree – also has a concern about this intersection. Believes that a light should be installed at the intersection.

John Sansalone – commented that there has been a problem with this intersection for many years. Other supervisors have attempted to get a light there but have been unsuccessful.

Harold Agor – commented that the DOT has created the problem by installing a large light pole close to the intersection on Albany Post Road which hampers visibility.

Joe Katz – suggested a rally on a Saturday morning at the intersection

After a lengthy discussion about this issue, Councilwoman Lemmon agreed to send a letter to the NYSDOT requesting a light.

DUSINBERRE ROAD UPDATE

Councilman Fischer reported that he and Councilwoman Lemmon met with representatives of Wood Classics and has a meeting scheduled for Monday September 12 to go to Sam Cristler's house to observed the noise he hears. From the meeting with Tom Reynolds it was suggested that perhaps they could contact the engineer or representative of the company who manufactured the machine to come out and make recommendations on how to quiet the machine or possibly turn the baffle around on the machine to quiet it down.

RE-SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 13 MEETING

Due to a conflict with Primary Day it is necessary to re-schedule the regular meeting of the Town Board from Tuesday September 13 to Monday September 12.

BUDGET 2006

Supervisor Zatz brought up the budget for 2006. He had requested that all budget requests be returned by September 1 and he is now working on the tentative budget which is due to the board by October 1. He plans to start discussion at the first meeting in October. He handed out a copy of a health survey

conducted by the Ulster County Supervisor's Association and asked Board members to think about health insurance, salary increase and the possibility of highway personnel increase.

MORATORIUM EXTENSION

On motion of Supervisor Zatz, seconded by Councilman Bialecki and carried, a public hearing was scheduled for October 11, 2005 at 7:15 PM for the purposes of extending the moratorium for another three months.

MINUTES

Minutes handed out to Board members a couple of months ago for May 3, May 10, May 31, June 7, June 14, July 6, July 12 and July 25 were all approved as written on motion of Councilman Richards, seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Lemmon, seconded by Supervisor Zatz and carried Mark Stutzman was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Richard Butler for a term to expire on April 1, 2006. Councilman Bialecki voted nay and Councilman Fischer abstained.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATE APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Richards to appoint Peter Licis as an alternate to the ZBA. This motion failed for lack of a second. Another motion was made by Councilwoman Lemmon to appoint Laurie Willow with a seconded from Councilman Bialecki. Councilman Fischer voted nay and Supervisor Zatz and Councilman Richards would not vote. Motion fails. A third motion was made to appoint Eileen Roosa as the alternate by Councilwoman Lemmon, seconded by Councilman Fischer. Councilman Richards and Supervisor Zatz voted aye and Councilman Bialecki voted nay. Motions passes.

CELL TOWER SERVICE

Councilman Bialecki reported that he has been in touch with Jeff Staley from JNS Enterprises, but Mr. Staley has been extremely busy. Possible sites are the transfer station and the town hall. Verizon is very interested in participating. Mr. Bialecki feels at this point we need Mr. Staley to make a presentation. In the meantime he would like to have the master management agreement reviewed by our attorney. It was suggested that it be sent to David Brennan for review.

WATER STUDY

John Sansalone spoke to the Board about the water study committee, that at the present consists of Councilwoman Lemmon and himself. They spoke of their desire to create a water district and to begin the process by sending a questionnaire to the residents and have it analyzed by Peter Fairweather. In order to do this they need authorization to expend \$3,500. There was a lengthy discussion about this and the Board decided to table a decision for a later time.

PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUATION – ZONING

Supervisor Zatz reviewed the timeline for the zoning law leading to the vote of the local law as follows: Public Hearing is continued or postponed until next week based on the will of the Board, Friday Sept. 9 Planning Board finalizes comments, Tuesday Sept. 13 the Town Board receives the Planning Board comments, Public Hearing is closed, The Board debates the law as drafted and debates Planning Board and Public Comments, the Board decides to what extent to continue with or modify the draft, If there is no substantive change, the meeting is adjourned. Friday Sept 23 Joel Russell and David Brennan review the minutes, letters, etc of the Public Hearing and prepare a summary memo to be placed in record.

Tuesday Oct 4 Joel Russell presents summary to the Board, SEQRA Review, Negative Declaration is declared. Friday Oct 7 Dave Brennan prepares memo describing Negative Declaration for the record. Tuesday Oct 11 Final deliberation and vote.

There was discussion about the delay on receiving the planning board comments. Supervisor Zatz assured the Town Board that the comments will be ready for the Monday meeting. Councilman Fischer suggested that a Planning Board member be present at this meeting in case the Board has any questions. Mr. Zatz will pass on the request. Comments were as follows:

Michael Yukoweic – presented a letter addressing his opposition to the law and believes that the minutes of the public hearing meetings did not properly demonstrate his opinion. He made several other points in his letter and said document has been placed in the file of record.

Kathy Hudson – has a copy of the draft Planning Board comments and stated that they recommend a meeting after the comments have been distributed.

There being no further comments the public hearing was held opened until September 12.

TIME WARNER CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Councilman Richards is currently speaking with a representative of Time Warner Cable to renew the franchise agreement that the Town has with them. He spoke at length about a 5% charge that users have on their bill. He is waiting for numbers from Time Warner.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Richards, seconded by Councilman Bialecki and carried, the Board adjourned to executive session at 9:10 PM for the purposes of discussing litigation. They will return to regular session only to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Bialecki, seconded by Councilwoman Lemmon and carried, the Board left executive session and adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk