

February 5, 2013 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this date at the Gardiner Town Hall at 6:30 PM. Present were Supervisor Zatz, Councilmen Koenig, Mele, Reynolds and Wiegand. The Board entered immediately into Executive Session for the purposes of interviews for various Board and Committee seats.

### **REGULAR SESSION**

At 7:25 PM the regular session of the workshop meeting was called to order. There were approximately 14± audience members.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

February 23 – Annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Gardiner Firehouse. Sponsored by the Gardiner Day Committee.

February 23 – Spay/neuter Clinic at Natural Pet Center.

### **ROUTE 299 CAMPGROUND**

The Town has received a response from Palisades Interstate Park Commission (PIPC) regarding the letter sent by the Town Board suggesting submitting the project plan to the Planning Board for approval. PIPC thanked the Town Board for their suggestions. Their response was accepted and no further action will be taken by the Town Board.

### **DEPUTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

**Resolution No. 63** – Deputy Highway Superintendent – Offered by Supervisor Zatz

Resolved, that the Board concurs with the Superintendent of Highways appointment of Thomas Power as Deputy Superintendent of Highways for the Town of Gardiner pursuant to Town Law Section 7-15 and to serve at the pleasure of the Superintendent of Highways and without compensation.

Seconded by Councilman Mele and carried.

### **COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

In executive Session earlier this evening Town Board members conducted three interviews for open and/or expired terms on the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, Assessment Review Board, Parks and Recreation Commission and the Open Space Commission. Board members interviewed only those who would be new to a position. Any current members interested in continuing did not need to be interviewed. The decision of the Board was as follows:

Zoning Board of Appeals – On motion of Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, Michael Beck was re-appointed for another five (5) year term.

Planning Board – On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Koenig and carried, Raymond Sokolov was appointed to serve out the balance of Paul Meussig's term through April 1, 2014.

Board of Assessment Review – On motion of Councilman Koenig, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried, John Friedle was re-appointed for another five (5) year term.

Parks & Recreation Commission – On motion of Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried, Jaynie Marie Aristeo was re-appointed for another seven (7) year term.

Open Space Commission – On motion of Supervisor Zatz, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried, John Hinson was appointed as a member of the Open Space Commission.

### **SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATE**

Bid packages are out and the opening is scheduled for February 20 at 11:00 AM. Two (2) separate RFP's were put together. Each phase will be a separate bid. Supervisor Zatz reviewed a tentative schedule for the sidewalk projects from bid opening to completion.

**ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The committee members have met a few times and are making progress, discussing several ideas such as regional water scheme and clearing up verbiage in the zoning law.

**TRANSFER STATION UPDATE**

Councilman Reynolds stated that he would be attending a meeting at the Town of Hurley Transfer Station later in the week. He and Councilman Koenig are looking into short term and long term options for the Town's own Transfer Station. They are also exploring different deposit containers. After looking at the current operations of the transfer station both Councilmen will compile a report on what changes to make, they will review the current fees, address control issues, discuss doing our own tipping and consider weighing the trash versus per bag fee.

**OPEN SPACE – HESS FARM**

Councilman Wiegand reported that \$84,000 of the \$112,000 Town share has been raised to date. Deadline is March 31 for the remaining \$28,000. Mr. Wiegand commented that there is a group of town citizens who are willing to match up to \$10,000 towards the remaining funds.

**CELL TOWER**

Councilman Mele and Councilman Reynolds will be meeting with Allen Hinckley of SB Wireless to discuss alternative sites.

Councilman Mele is in contact with John Arthur of Wireless Edge about the current contract.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**David Straus** – Suggested regional recycling.

**Ray Sokolov** – stated that he has had the experience of overflowing roll-offs at the transfer station.

**John Habersberger** – concerned with more serious traffic jams at the transfer station if weighing becomes the fee process.

**Scott Bittner** – large pothole across from the post office and asked that it get filled in.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Mosher  
Town Clerk