

May 1, 2012 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this date at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7:00 PM. Present was Supervisor Zatz and Councilmen Koenig, Mele, Reynolds and Wiegand. There were approximately 19± audience members.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

May 4 – SVFD Ladies Auxiliary Penny Social

March 15 – May 14 – Burning ban. No open burning allowed until May 15.

May 12 – Grand opening Gardiner Dog Park

May 19 – Friends of the Gardiner Library Plant Sale

May 19 – Cupcake Festival at Wright's Farm

May 20 – Lyme Disease Session at the Gardiner Library 5 PM

### **SUMMER RECREATION**

Supervisor Zatz announced that there are still openings for the 2012 Summer Recreation program.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The executive session held earlier this evening was for the purposes of interviews and litigation.

### **UCRRA**

The 20 year agreement between the Town of Gardiner and The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency will be coming to an end this year. The Agency is extending a one (1) year renewal to all Towns. Councilman Koenig would like to invite other area trash agencies to give a presentation to the Town Board about what they have to offer at their facilities. A motion was made by Councilman Koenig, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried, authorizing Councilman Koenig to arrange an outline for any presentations to be made. He will come back next week with his plan. Supervisor Zatz and Councilman Wiegand voted nay.

### **CELLTOWER UPDATE**

The applicant Wireless Edge, is moving forward on its Special Permit application, specifically the conditions imposed. They are collecting the information needed for the Planning Board presentation for the re-opening of the public hearing. Town Board members would like Wireless Edge to move ahead more quickly – to pick up the pace.

### **SALE OF PUBLIC LAND DISCUSSION**

Board members are considering drafting a plan for the sale of town owned lands, particularly the old Library/Firehouse. Councilman Wiegand would like this scheduled for the first or second meeting in June. Supervisor Zatz would like as a condition of sale that a creative plan be put together for the use of the land. All proposed conditions will be discussed at the meeting.

### **CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**

Board members discussed guidelines for conservation easements in the Town. Councilman Koenig had been researching easements and was made aware of the fact that there is no record of assessment on the Riverpark easement. Board members discussed assessments and how taxes are paid for these parcels of land. Councilman Wiegand stated that this discussion is not about Riverpark but about structuring all easements in the Town. It was suggested that an audit of all town all properties be done to identify what lands are missing from the tax rolls. Board members agreed to discuss this with the Assessor.

### **SIDEWALK PHASE II BIDS**

Supervisor Zatz announced that to date seventeen (17) bid packages have been picked up.

With Phase I, the Town is still waiting on comments from DOT regarding the submissions made in August of 2011.

**FEMA**

Supervisor Zatz and Parks & Recreation Chairman Mike Gagliardi have met with the representatives of FEMA regarding the bridge over the creek that leads to the pole barn. \$9700.00 has been approved for payment for the repair work and \$7600.00 has been agreed upon for mitigation.

**SALT SHED REPAIR**

All roofing material has been ordered. Target date to begin the repair work by Watchtower Farms is August.

**2009 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK BAN**

Renewal for the Bond Anticipation Note on the 2009 International Dump Truck was on April 28. The rate for the next year is 1.7%.

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR**

**Bernie O’Bry** - dismayed by the agenda item “River Park Investigation.” He found it offensive.

**Marion Kells** – questioned if taxes were being paid on all other conservation properties.

**David Straus** – asked about the written document of contract on easements.

**Henry Tortora** – asked for the date and time of the Lyme Disease seminar.

**David Sides** – made a statement about the actions of the Town Board regarding the Riverpark easement.

**Bill Richards** – asked what was the channel used to communicate with the cell tower applicant.

**Tracy Bartels** – asked if any motions were made in the executive session held earlier this evening.

**Nancy Cass** – asked about the volunteer sheet that Supervisor Katz mentioned at the beginning of the meeting.

**Jack Habersberger** – likes the idea of creative options for the sale of public lands.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:55 PM, on motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher  
Town Clerk