

September 4, 2012 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this date at 7:00 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall. Supervisor Zatz presided with Councilmen Koenig, Mele, Reynolds and Wiegand present. There were approximately 8 audience members.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sept. 22 – Gardiner Day, Majestic Park from 11:00 am to 4:30 PM.

### **NYS BURNING BAN**

Supervisor Zatz reminded all present that the burning ban enacted by the Governor of the State is in effect until October 10. He also reminded everyone that the burning of leaves and grass is strictly prohibit. Leaves and grass can be brought to the transfer station for composting.

### **2013 BUDGET**

Board members discussed what they would like to see completed with the budget. They discussed a 10 year plan, bonding, highway equipment, accounting software, Hess Farm funding, revaluation of property, old library/firehouse maintenance, and town garage building maintenance/expansion and park investments both short and long term. Board members also discussed at length a park master plan, and grants for the park, as well as hamlet parking, specifically Station Square.

Supervisor Zatz commented that the Town Hall is in need of some upkeep and maintenance. He also is suggesting the installation of security cameras at the Town Hall. There have been a few incidents at the Town Hall that have a cause for concern and have created the need for some security. Mr. Zatz stated that there are use issues with the sign in front of the Town Hall. This sign was purchased by the Gardiner Day Committee and Friends of the Library and there just isn't enough room for these two groups and the Town Hall information. Board members will need to discuss the purchase of an additional sign. Other topics brought up were the salt shed painting and transfer station signs.

### **AUDIT AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

NYS Comptroller's Office began their audit of the Town records today. They have begun with a review of the fund balances and reserve accounts, unexpended balances and how it is used for budget shortfalls and fund raising specifically for the Open Space Fund. Corrective actions will be forthcoming. Councilman Wiegand stated that he spoke with the auditor and she said that the Town Board is not doing well with budgeting – there are too many transfers.

### **ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Councilman Wiegand drafted a mission statement which he read to the Town Board. Suggestions were made and the changes will be implemented. Mr. Wiegand will bring it back to the next meeting with the changes. Currently two (2) members of the Town Board and two (2) members of the Planning Board are interesting in participating on the committee. Board members have decided that a seven (7) member committee should be sufficient.

### **LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEES**

Glenn Gidaly, President of the Board of Trustees, term expired on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Gidaly is interested in serving for another term and the Board of Trustees has recommended his re-appointment. Board members would like to advertise the opening before making a decision.

### **SALT SHED**

Watchtower Farms has completed the re-roofing of the salt shed. Thank you's will be sent to all the volunteers.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**David Straus** – stated that the 2006 GIS mapping grant has been received. This was a joint effort of the Town of Gardiner and the Town of Shawangunk. The mapping program has been installed in the Town of Shawangunk and will be installed in the Town of Gardiner in the near future.

**Pam O’Dell** – believes that the Library trustees should be interviewed each and every time there is an opening. They make fiscal decisions for the Library with taxpayer money with no oversight from the Town Board.

**Scott Mosher** – Are the Zoning Advisory Committee meetings opened to the public? Asked why the Library budget was not in the tentative budget.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried, the Town Board entered into executive session at 8:20 PM for the purposes of litigation, returning to regular session only to adjourn.

**LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilman Koenig, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, the Town Board left executive session at 9:30 PM and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher  
Town Clerk