

April 12, 2016 – Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7 PM. Supervisor Majestic presided with Councilwoman Walls and Councilmen Dukler, Hinson & Reynolds. There were approximately 18± audience members.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Burn ban continues through May 15
- April 16 - reminder of the household hazardous waste drop off at UCRRA in Kingston from 8 am to 2 pm.
- April 19 Primary Day. Voting is from 12 Noon to 9 PM
- April 22 Women Helping Women Dance.
- April 23 – Gardiner Clean Sweep
- May 3 – Shawangunk Multiple Use area will be closing to camping
- April 30 – May 1 – Open Studio Tour throughout the Town of Gardiner. Get a map at the Town Hall.

### **COUNCILWOMAN WALLS ANNOUNCEMENT**

Councilwoman Walls disclosed that she will be working with engineering firm Barton & Loguidice.

### **HIGHWAY GARAGE SALT SHED**

Pete Setaro of Morris Associates was present to discuss the repair project for the salt shed at the highway garage. Pictures of the deterioration were handed out. Mr. Setaro spoke of the repair process which will cost approximately \$100,000 allowing for a minimum of 10 years additional use. Board members moved forward with authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for the bid. Plans will be available on April 25, with a scheduled bid opening of May 12. Award of the project may be made at a special meeting, possibly May 17. Councilman Hinson once again asked if this was not such an emergency as before and if it could be put off. Both Mr. Setaro and Superintendent of Highways Stiscia believes it is still an urgent repair. Mr. Stiscia believes that it could be completed by Fall. A motion was made by Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried, authorizing Morris Associates to prepared bid documents.

### **NYS DOT PRESENTATION**

Francis Bossolini, contractor for the bridge replacement over the Marakill on Route 44/55 was present to discuss with the Town Board and the public the proposed project. It is a 25 foot span to be completely replaced with a new bridge. Route 44/55 will be closed from May 5 to Aug. 1 with a detour set up from Albany Post Road to Libertyville Road to Route 299. Mr. Bossolini stated that there will be much in the way of public outreach. Supervisor Majestic is concerned with additional traffic on Guilford Road. The road was repaved last year and there is concern of damage to the road. Ms Majestic asked Mr. Bossolini to send the website information electronically so the Town can post on our website the project plans and detour details.

### **DUSINBERRE ROAD DRAINAGE BID AWARD**

The Town received 12 bids with the lowest bid from Roehrs Construction at \$76,740. Engineer Tom Harvey reviewed the bid and recommended award be given to Roehrs Construction. A motion was made by Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried,

awarding the bid for Dusenberre Road Drainage Project to Roehrs Construction at a cost of \$76,740.

**2016 HIGHWAY 284 AGREEMENT**

Resolution No. 62 – Agreement for Expenditures of Highway Moneys

Offered by Councilwoman Walls

Resolved, pursuant to Section 284 of the Highway Law, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner hereby endorses and approves an agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys dated April 12, 2016.

Said agreement shall be signed by the majority of the members of the Town Board, with one copy to be filed with the Town Clerk; and

Further Resolved, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to disburse moneys from the Highway Fund in accordance with said agreement.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

**MASS GATHERING PERMIT- GARDINER CUPCAKE FESTIVAL**

Resolution No. 63 – Gardiner Cupcake Festival

Offered by Councilman Hinson

**Whereas** , the Town of Gardiner has adopted certain rules and regulations governing outdoor musical entertainment, amusement and assemblies in order to provide for public order and the protection of safety, health and well-being of persons and property within the Town known as Chapter 107 of the Municipal Code, and

**Whereas**, the Gardiner Cupcake Festival Committee has proposed to hold an event known as “Gardiner Cupcake Festival” on Saturday May 14, 2016 on property know as Wright’s Farm in the Town of Gardiner which is reasonably expected to attract more than 1000 persons, and

**Whereas**, the applicant has provided the Town Board with information concerning the purpose of the event, the hours of operation, the provision of adequate off-street parking, the provision of toilet facilities, and copies of notice sent to area police agencies, fire departments and rescue squads, and

**Whereas**, the Town Board is satisfied that adequate provisions have been made by the applicant and that planned event will not disturb the public order and safety, then

**Resolved**, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner hereby grants a permit for an outdoor assembly known as “Gardiner Cupcake Festival” to be held on Saturday May 14, 2016, between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. on property know as Wright’s Farm in the Town of Gardiner in accordance with the application presented to the Town and subject to the following conditions.

1. Provide a certificate of insurance naming the Town of Gardiner.

Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

**PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT AND ALTERNATE APPOINTMENT**

On motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, Keith Libolt was appointed to the Planning Board for a term of seven years to expire on March 31, 2023. Warren Wiegand was appointed as alternate.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

On motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, Bruna Rondinelli was appointed to the ECC for a term to expire on March 31, 2023. A second

motion was made by Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, appointing Roberta Clemens to the ECC for a term to expire on March 31, 2022. One seat still remains open.

### **BOARD VACANCIES**

There remains 2 vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission as well as several vacancies on the Open Space Commission. Warren Wiegand will be sending an e-mail to the former members of the OSC to see if they are still interested in serving.

### **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS**

#### **PARKLAND**

Supervisor Majestic has sent a request to attorney David Brennan asking for written suggestions on addressing the Ulster County Planning Board required recommendations.

### **MOHONK PRESERVE**

Supervisor Majestic spoke with Mohonk Preserve Director Glenn Hoaglund regarding the speed limit reduction on Route 299. They discussed a crosswalk at the campground and Mr. Hoaglund was told that NYS DOT cannot do a crosswalk if the speed limit remains at 55 MPH. The Town of New Paltz is working on a study with the County and Mr. Hoaglund asked if the Town of Gardiner would like to participate just for gathering information. A motion was made by Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, to participate in the County study on the speed reduction request from Mohonk Preserve.

### **MOHONK PRESERVE RANGERS**

At last week's meeting Supervisor Majestic brought up parking tickets at the overlook to be given out by Mohonk Preserve rangers on behalf of the Town. It would involve deputizing two (2) rangers, making them employees of the Town at \$20 per hour. Minimal time would be spent on this. Councilman Hinson is not comfortable with this and is opposed to it. Councilwoman Walls asked how substantial of a problem it is right now. Board members decided to do nothing right now and address at a later point if necessary.

### **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK CHANGE – INSURANCE BUYOUT**

A motion was made by Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, to amend the employee handbook section 5.3.2 Amount of Buy Out to the following language: If the employee is eligible for individual coverage, the employee will receive an amount equivalent to 40% of the Town's annual premium contribution for individual coverage. If the employee is eligible for dependent coverage, the employee will receive an amount equivalent to 40% of the Town's annual premium contribution for dependent coverage.

### **CENTRAL HUDSON LED LIGHTING**

Board members authorized Supervisor Majestic to sign a letter from Central Hudson to install blanket LED lighting throughout the Town at no cost. If the letter is not signed, Central Hudson will change the lighting anyway, but will charge the Town a fee. A motion was made by Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried.

**RIVERKEEPER CLEAN-UP**

On May 7 three (3) crews located in Gardiner, New Paltz and Tillson will enter the Wallkill River to clean up trash dumped in the river. David Sides from Gardiner is asking the Town Board to allow free access to the transfer station to dispose of the trash. Three (3) locations – Farmers Turnpike, Gibbons Lane and Albany Post Road will be drop off areas for trash collected. The Highway Dept. will be picking up the bags on the following Monday. The Riverkeeper clean-up crew is looking for volunteers and asked that this be announced on the town’s website as well. Permission was granted to access the transfer station for the purpose of disposing the collected trash.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of February 2, February 9, February 12, March 1 and March 8 were approved as written on motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried.

Councilman Reynolds left the meeting at 8:25 PM

**SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT**

The February report of the Supervisor was approved as presented on motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

**CLAIMS**

Claims for the month of March were approved for payment on motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried. They are listed on Abstract #3 as follows: General Fund voucher #92-145 \$56826.47; Highway Fund voucher #57-84 \$7470.67; Sewer fund voucher #4-8 \$2571.74; Gardiner Light District voucher #1 \$337.97.

**TOWN WEB SERVER**

The current web host that the Town uses is shutting down. Supervisor Majestic has researched several options and has found that Go West is the best option for a cost of \$59/month. A total increase of \$112/year. A motion was made by Councilman Dukler, seconded by Supervisor Majestic and carried, authorizing the new web server host.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Henry Tortora – stated he is not getting e-mails from the Town again. Supervisor Majestic will address the problem.

Rich Koenig – clarified why the Mohonk rangers were giving out parking tickets.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher  
Town Clerk