

April 5, 2016 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this date at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7 pm. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilwoman Walls and Councilmen Dukler, Hinson and Reynolds. There were approximately 11 ± audience members.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- There is a burn ban in effect for the State of New York from March 15 through May 15. No open burning is allowed at all during this time
- April 16 Household Hazardous Waste drop off from 8 am to 2 pm at UCRRA
- April 19 Primary Day
- April 21 Due to Primary Day the Planning Board meeting will be held on Thursday April 21
- April 22 Women Helping Women Dance at the New Paltz VFW 6:30 to 10:30 PM. All proceeds will go to the battered women's shelter in Kingston. Sponsored by the Gardiner Day Committee.
- April 22-23 Gardiner Clean Sweep. Orange bags are available at the Town Hall for trash pick-up along Town, County and State roads.
- Beginning May 3 the Shawangunk Multiple Use area on Route 299 will be closed to camping.

### **HIGHWAY UPDATE – SALT SHED**

Superintendent of Highways Brian Stiscia spoke to the manufacturer of the current pole building along with Morris Associates engineer Tom Harvey about the safety and repair of the building. They concluded that the building is safe enough to repair. The highway dept. will do some demolition work. The fungus that has developed will be scrapped off and the support beams will be shored up. Cost will be around \$100,000. The Town should receive a letter from Morris Associates sometime next week with the particulars of the repair work. Councilman Hinson asked if this may not be as urgent as originally thought for this year. Mr. Stiscia claimed that it is still very urgent.

### **MASS GATHERING PERMIT APPLICATION – GARDINER CUPCAKE FESTIVAL**

Board members are in receipt of an application for the Annual Gardiner Cupcake Festival to be held on May 14, 2016 at Wrights Farm from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Councilwoman Walls asked if there was any feedback on cons of the festival. There were none that Board members were aware of. Voting for the permit will be next week.

### **LOCAL LAW – SUBDIVISION PARKLAND LAW**

Supervisor Majestic reviewed the law to refresh all present as to its purpose. We have received a response from the Ulster County Planning Board with three (3) required recommendations. One of the requirements is already in the law per attorney David Brennan.

Councilwoman Walls commented that former Councilman Wiegand's purpose and motivation for this law was to create funds for recreational use. Ms Walls likes the mechanism to allow for land instead of fees. Other Board members re-affirmed that this was a good choice for a law. Supervisor Majestic is concerned with stepping on the toes of the Planning Board. The Planning Board makes decisions for planning in the Town while the Town Board makes decisions on revenue. There was a lengthy discussion about a fee structure however nothing was resolved.

**NYSDOT PROJECT – MARAKILL BRIDGE ON ROUTE 44/55**

The NYS DOT project managers would like to make a public presentation at next week's meeting. Preliminary work will begin this month with the bridge/road closed completely from May to August. A map of a suggested detour has been delivered to the Town. In addition to this bridge the Wallkill River bridge in New Paltz and the Trapp's bridge are also scheduled to be replaced this summer.

**MOHONK PRESERVE REQUEST**

Mohonk Preserve is working with the Town of New Paltz on reducing the speed limit on Route 299 to 45 MPH. They are asking the Town of Gardiner to coordinate with the Town of New Paltz to reduce the speed up to the intersection with Route 44/55. Some board members believe that there is heavy traffic regardless of the new campground and feel that it can be hazardous and reducing the speed would be sensible while others support a speed reduction just at the campground. Supervisor Majestic commented that the daily commute with a speed limit reduction increases time of the commute. She is all for safety of the campers, but a long stretch as this with a reduction in speed seems unreasonable.

Another request of Mohonk Preserve was to re-enact the practice of the park rangers giving parking tickets at the overlook. There did not seem to be any interest in this.

**EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK REVIEW**

Supervisor Majestic is asking the Town Board members to review sections of the employee handbook with regard to the insurance buyout.

**CENTRAL HUDSON**

Supervisor Majestic is in receipt of a request from Central Hudson to sign a contract with them to change all street lighting to LED at no cost to the Town. More information is needed.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Superintendent Stiscia – The Welcome to Gardiner sign on Route 299 has been installed.  
Rich Koenig – Thanked Mr. Stiscia for putting up the Welcome to Gardiner sign. Asked about the Ohioville Acres Conservation Easement and who is responsible for the enforcement of the “taxes” on the easement.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle I. Mosher  
Town Clerk