

December 2, 2014 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7:00 PM. Present were Supervisor Zatz and Councilmen Dukler, Hinson and Wiegand. Councilman Reynolds was absent. There were approximately 4± audience members.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

December 5 – Annual Tree Lighting 7 PM sharp at the Gardiner Gables.

### **UCAT BUS STOP**

The Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) bus stops here at the Gardiner Town Hall for both morning and evening runs to New Paltz and Wallkill. Supervisor Zatz is encouraging all to get the word out.

### **SENIOR SERVICES RURAL BUS**

This bus program through the Office of the Aging (OFA) provides transportation for rural route residents over the age of 60 for shopping, medical appointments etc. For more information see the Town website or call the Office of the Aging in Kingston.

### **BID OPENING – 2015 HIGHWAY MATERIALS**

At 7:05 PM the Town Clerk read the legal notice for the 2015 road material bid. Six (6) bids were received, opened and reviewed. They were as follows: Callanan Industries, Grosso Materials, Mehlon Trucking, Ellenville Sand and Gravel, Mombaccus Excavation and Cranesville Block. All but Cranesville Block provided the Town with a non-collusion statement. The bids were turned over to the Highway Superintendent for review and recommendation of award. Bids will be awarded at next week's meeting.

### **OPEN SPACE COMMISSION**

The Town of Gardiner's Open Space Commission has not met for about a year now and is now looking to re-activate. Councilman Wiegand has scheduled a meeting with those members who want to remain on the commission to discuss their future. This meeting will be held Wednesday December 3 at 7 PM here at the Town Hall. Former Chairman Marc Moran is willing to help with the restart plan. One of Councilman Wiegand's discussion points is the monitoring of the easements.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN**

Councilman Wiegand handed out a revised version of the Infrastructure Plan that includes added infrastructure needs for 2015. They were outlined by action, cost and funding. Each Board member spoke about their ideas. Councilman Hinson spoke about restructuring the current bonds and exploring the purchase of a skid steer with a transfer station grant. Councilman Dukler is looking for part of the \$5 billion windfall that New York State has announced. He would like to move forward with the engineering for the park pavilion and also stated that the Town has a "windfall" of its own and should use it for infrastructure projects. Councilman Wiegand suggested the Town either hire someone or use a staff member to search for grants specifically for the Clove Road Bridge and the skid steer. Board members also discussed grant writers. Several names were mentioned as contacts including former Councilwoman Nadine Lemmon who was instrumental in obtaining the sidewalk grants.

### **ENTHUSIASTIC FOODS INC – LIQUOR LICENSE WAIVER LETTER**

A letter has been received from Enthusiastic Foods requesting a waiver of the 30 day hold on an application for a liquor license granted to municipalities when an application is filed. It was explained to the Board members that this was discussed earlier this year, but a small change has been made to the application so the business had to re-file the application. A motion was made by Councilman Dukler,

seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried to grant the waiver. The Town Clerk will send a letter to the NYS Liquor Authority stating the waiver has been granted. Supervisor Zatz recused.

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

Current Board of Assessment Review member Matt LaRussa's term has expired effective September 30, 2014. Mr. LaRussa is still interested in serving on this Board. As in the past and conducive to the Town's common practice, the Board will advertise the position to see if there is interest from others to serve. Interviews will be conducted next month if necessary.

**RIVERSIDE TRUST**

Supervisor Zatz will get in touch with David Murphy of Hacker & Murphy to get the status of the finalization of the appeal withdrawal regarding The Riverside Trust.

**OLD LIBRARY SALE**

The closing is scheduled for mid December.

**FRACKING BAN**

Councilman Dukler has reached out to attorney Stewart Glenn who is well versed in this subject. Mr. Dukler is waiting to hear back from him.

**OHIOVILLE ACRES**

The Ulster County Department of Health will be forwarding a letter to allow for common septic tanks within this subdivision/PDD.

**TRANSFER STATION BUILDING**

Board members are currently discussing the location options and pricing with the transfer station coordinator and are still working on a plan.

**EMPLOYEE MANUAL**

Supervisor Zatz will be arranging a meeting for January with Michael Richardson to discuss further modification of the employee manual.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Fran Platt – contact the Lowe's Foundation for grants for projects such as park buildings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler an carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher  
Town Clerk