

February 2, 2016 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop Meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall. Supervisor Majestic presided with Councilmen Hinson, & Reynolds and Councilwoman Walls in attendance. Councilman Dukler was absent. There were approximately 14± audience members.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Gardiner Day Committee is looking for volunteers
- Vacancies exist on the ECC
- Two (2) chocolate labs are available for adoption at the Gardiner Shelter. For more info contact Dog Control Officer Vinny Brognano
- March 12 Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner sponsored by the Gardiner Day Committee. Seatings are at 5 PM and 7 PM
- Series of Lectures presented by the Shawangunk Ridge Biodiversity Partnership to be held at SUNY New Paltz. Lectures on Weds. & Thurs. at 7 PM

### **DUSINBERRE ROAD PRESENTATION**

Sam Cristler, resident of Dusinberre Rd., spoke to the Town Board regarding traffic safety on Dusinberre Road. He would like the Town Board to consider traffic calming devices (speed humps), lining the road, lowering the speed limit and enforcement. Board members discussed and commented that similar problems exist on other town roads. An alternate solution may be a neighborhood watch and asking businesses on Steve's Lane to remind their employees to keep their speed down on the road. In the meantime a resolution will be drafted for adoption at next week's meeting to reduce the speed to 30 mph. The resolution will be sent to Ulster County for their review and decision.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Majestic asked for approval of tonight's agenda. A motion was made by Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

### **TOWN HALL TIME CLOCK**

Supervisor Majestic is proposing the purchase of a time clock for employees at the Town Hall. Ms Majestic would like to eliminate handwritten time cards as this can cause a flag for auditors. She will draft a time clock policy for the Board to review.

### **JUSTICE COURT GRANT**

Councilman Hinson stated that the Town Justice Court was awarded a grant recently in which \$18,500 of it is designated to repair work for the front entrance of the building. Mr. Hinson cited problem areas created by water leakage/run-off to the front door & steps which need complete replacement. Other areas of the building that need to be addressed is power washing of the building, painting of the building, replacement of some flashing and gutters directed to the flat roof.

### **PARKS & RECREATION – SUMMER RECREATION**

The Town is currently applying for a grant through Ulster County in the amount of \$1,000-\$1,500. Summer Recreation director Frank LaRonca is updating the applications for campers, and employees and working on fee increases for 2016. We should have all forms and fee schedule shortly.

**ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS MEETING**

The annual Association of Towns Conference is scheduled for February 14- 17, 2016 in NYC. Councilwoman Walls will be attending and has been designated as representative for voting on the resolutions presented during the meeting. Ms Walls will be making suggestions of change for both Resolution #3 Property Tax Cap Reform and Resolution #4 Strengthening State Relations Mandate Relief & Revenue Sharing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The ECC currently is in need of members. There are three (3) open seats and two (2) applicants. Supervisor Majestic commented Bruna Rondinelli has expressed interested and would like to schedule an interview for next Tuesday. Councilwoman Walls asked what the protocol was for interviews and suggested doing a press release and putting on the website the vacancies available. Once we have received letters of interest, a date will be set to do all the interviews at once. Town Board members agreed with this plan and Supervisor Majestic will hold off on interviewing Ms Rondinelli.

**NYS SOLAR FARM**

The Town has received a request to reduce the escrow account from \$6000 to \$1500. There are outstanding bills and Board members would prefer to keep it at \$6,000. A joint meeting is in the works between NYS Solar Farm, Jim Freiband, Attorney David Brennan, Mike Boylan and the Town Supervisor. There is still a long process with the Planning Board with site plan approval and SEQR review. Councilman Hinson has concerns with removal of the panels when they are no longer needed/used. He is suggesting a bond for removal and an exit plan if the facility should shut down. Councilman Reynolds would like a third party opinion for a solar farm in the Town. Planning Board member Kathy Hudson stated a model zoning solar law will be available at the end of March. Ulster County Planning Board will be doing training on March 22 at SUNY Ulster for the law.

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

Health Insurance for the Town is renewing on April 1. All Board members have received a folder with several different quotes for their review. The Town is looking at an approximate increase of 19%.

**RETIREE INSURANCE**

Retired Town employees currently receive coverage through MVP-Gold. Supervisor Majestic informed Board members that this policy covers medical and vision but no dental.

**TRANSFER STATION PERSONNEL**

Board members will meet next week in executive session to discuss personnel at the transfer station. Supervisor Majestic commented at the newly elected training school she attended last month she was informed that executive sessions should never be scheduled and she is opposed to scheduling this meeting. This was discussed among the Board regarding the need for scheduling.

**COLLATERAL AGREEMENT**

This agreement is a tri-party FDIC document for \$250,000 which needs to be signed by the Supervisor and the Deputy Supervisor. It is between the Town and M&T Bank of NY/Mellon. Authorization will be addressed at next week's meeting.

**NEW PALTZ FIREWORKS**

New Paltz Town Supervisor Neil Bettez has asked the Town of Gardiner if we would like to collaborate with them for the 2016 Fourth of July Fireworks. Board members will consider this and decide for next week.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Rich Koenig asked the Town to replace the missing sign on Route 299 “Entering Gardiner.” Supervisor Majestic commented that the Planet Aid clothing box is not allowed to be placed on government property.

Kathy Hudson stated that Sam Cristler has paid for signs to slow down traffic on Dusinger Road only to have them stolen repeatedly. Ms Hudson also urged the Town Board to adopt the Aquifer Law that has been drafted by the ECC. She was informed that it is still being fine tuned.

**ADJOURNEMENT**

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher  
Town Clerk