

April 7, 2015 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at 7:00 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall. Supervisor Zatz presided with Councilmen Dukler, Hinson, Reynolds and Wiegand all present. There were approximately 15± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 18 – free household hazardous waste collection at UCRRA in Kingston from 8 am to 2 pm. Please go on UCRRA’s website to register.

April 25 – Earth Day events. Free paper shredding at the Town Hall from 9 am to 1 pm for Gardiner residents, roadside cleanup. Orange bags available at the Town Hall.

SUMMER RECREATION

Summer Recreation applications for 2015 are now available on the website. This year the program will be held from July 6 through August 14 from 9 am to 3 pm at George Majestic Memorial Park for ages 5 through 13. Sign up for previous campers is being done through e-mail. Sign up for new campers must be done in person at the Town Hall on either Friday April 24 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm or Saturday April 25 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. For more information check the website or contact the Town Hall.

ENDING KEY BANK RELATIONSHIP

Key Bank has opted to end its relationship with the Town of Gardiner after a 25+ year association. After much research the Town has chosen to enter into a banking agreement with M & T Bank. On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the Supervisor was authorized to move forward with contracts with M & T Bank for all Town accounts.

Resolution No. 67 – M&T Bank - Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 64 of Town Law, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner hereby designates to the following banking institution as official depository for the Town in accordance with the Investment Policy and other approved agreements:

Manufacturers and Trading Trust Company (M & T Bank)

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

PREAUDIT APPROVAL AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 68 – Offered by Councilman Dukler

Resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the amending of Resolution No. 92-2013 and Resolution No. 95-2014 to include the following to the list authorizing pre-audit payments and electronic transfers of funds.

Postage meter payments

Seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

EMPLOYEE MANUAL COVER LETTER

Board members have received a draft of the cover letter that will accompany each employee manual for current and future employees. All approved of the letter and authorized the Supervisor to include it with each manual.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT

Three (3) people expressed an interest in serving as a Planning Board member. Current member Mon Dorris will not seek re-appointment after many years of service. Those interested included current alternate Keith Libolt, Carol Richman and Bridget Regan. Each was interviewed and all are highly qualified to serve. Councilman Dukler stated that he feels the process of interview needs to be established. Councilman Wiegand reviewed the Town Board interview steps and suggested that Mr. Dukler draft an interview process/plan in the way he sees it should be conducted. Also suggested to have a discussion of what a Planning Board should look like. Supervisor Zatz believes that the Town Board interviews in a very specific way already. He opposes any impression that the process is not done well.

A vote of the Town Board for appoint went as follows: A motion was made by Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, to appoint Carol Richman as member and keep Keith Libolt as alternate. Councilman Reynolds voted aye. Councilman Hinson voted nay. Supervisor Zatz also voted nay, however the Town Clerk did not hear his vote correctly and assumed it was an “aye”. Supervisor Zatz clarified his vote with Mrs. Mosher after the meeting to be sure the minutes reflected his vote correctly as “nay”.

TRANSFER STATION UPDATE

It has been one (1) year since Wendy Toman has been hired as recycling coordinator. Councilman Dukler questioned where the Town stands with the transfer station, what needs improvement and commented on the transfer station survey he is in the midst of conducting. He has completed the individual interviews with various town employees/elected officials and is ready to conduct the second part – patron input. After some discussion it was agreed upon that the patron survey will be handed out at the town hall to all as they renew their 2015 permit. Ms Toman, who was present, was asked what the status of the pre-application of the grant was. She stated that she had received approval and was told that there was approximately a three (3) year waiting period. Supervisor Zatz was surprised that she had received correspondence about this and the Town had not. Mr. Zatz asked Ms. Toman to forward all paperwork regarding the pre-application and all grant material to him and the Town Clerk.

Discussion continued with the permit fee increase. Suggestions of an increase from \$25 to \$30 for residential permits and a fee of \$10 from no charge for senior permits were proposed by Ms. Toman. This was briefly discussed and the Town Board agreed to increase the residential fee to \$30 but to keep the senior permit at no cost for all resident seniors 65 or older. A motion was made by Supervisor Zatz, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

FINANCIALS

Councilman Wiegand had planned to discuss unexpended funds and reserves but has asked to defer this to next week. His focal point will be on highway as well as the Town Hall and the park.

TOWN PARK POLE BARN

David Sides is working on a plan to complete the building. Information will be forthcoming.

VIDEOTAPING OF MEETINGS

Councilman Dukler stated that the video taping of the Town Board meeting will begin next week. Those wishing to view the meeting will need to create a You Tube account to upload the video.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

David Straus- commented that in 1988 he wrote the proposal to change the landfill to a transfer station.

Paul Colucci – is dismayed by the Town Board decision on the Planning Board appointment. He feels tonight’s process sidestepped a sitting alternate member and considered it a slap in the face to him. He believes a courtesy should have been extended to the sitting alternate.

Rich Koenig – made a statement about the political influence for the appointment of the Planning Board member.

Jack Habersberger – He feels that it would be difficult to get someone to sit as an alternate in the future in light of tonight’s decision to overlook the current alternate.

Mary Beth Majestic – has a concern with how candidates understand their role as a Planning Board Member as she considers her interaction and experience with the appointee during a previous matter before the Planning Board.

Scott Bittner – suggested that the rubber stamp of the alternate as a full member will discourage applicants.

Katherine Betts – requested a system from the Town to get feedback from the community regarding the transfer station.

Jack Habersberger – not saying that the alternate should be automatically appointed, but they have served a time already on the Board so the work ethic is established. He feels out of respect it would be good to appoint the alternate if they are capable.

Town Board members discussed whether or not Mike Boylan, Chairman of the Planning Board should be present and/or have comments to the Town Board in advance regarding the interview of candidates for the Board. No decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Supervisor Zatz, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk