

December 10, 2013 – Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at 7:00 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Zatz and Councilmen Koenig, Mele, Reynolds and Wiegand.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried, the Board entered into executive session at 6:45 PM for the purposes of discussing potential litigation and personnel.

#### LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ENTER INTO REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, the Board left executive session at 7 PM and immediately entered regular session. There were approximately 6± audience members present.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAR Registration – The assessor has informed the Town Supervisor that there are approximately 250 residents of the Town that have not re-registered for their STAR Exemption. Supervisor Zatz will post this on the website, the town sign and send it out to all on the e-mail list.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF COUNCILMAN MELE AND KOENIG

Resolution No. 133- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

**WHEREAS**, Councilman Carmine Mele and Councilman Richard Koenig were elected to the Gardiner Town Board in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, during their four years of service on the Town Board, Carmine and Richard made many, significant contributions to Gardiner; and

**WHEREAS**, after many years as a member and chairman of the Planning Board, Carmine Mele was a key contributor to the Zoning Advisory Commission as it sought to update the Town's 2008 Zoning Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmine Mele was instrumental in insuring that the Town's annual budgets were well-conceived and prudent, so that taxes were kept at a minimum and the necessary investments were made in the town; and

**WHEREAS**, after serving a number of years on the Open Space Commission, Richard Koenig led two groups of volunteers who successfully purchased, without cost to taxpayers, the development rights to the Kiernan and Hess farms; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Koenig also led the effort to update the town's highway garage on South Mountain Road and to improve the scope and financial viability of the transfer station; and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that on December 10, 2013, the Gardiner Town Board recognizes Councilman Carmine Mele and Councilman Richard Koenig for their many, important contributions to Gardiner.

Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried. Councilman Koenig and Mele both abstained.