

June 7, 2016 – Workshop Meeting

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 21 – Annual 5K sponsored by the Gardiner Fire Dept.

Supervisor Majestic reminded audience members that a pool permit is required for any pool deeper than 24”

The Town Board will hold one (1) meeting per month for the months of July and August.

Summer Recreation still has room for campers. Contact the director to sign up.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

There is a vacancy on the ECC. Anyone interested in serving can contact the Supervisor.

MASS GATHERING PERMIT – SUNFLOWER ART FESTIVAL

Raph Erenzo and Liz Glover-Wilson were present to discuss their application to the Town for a Mass Gathering Permit. Board members voiced their concern with locations of parking areas, pedestrians crossing Albany Post Road, bus route, signage, security, noise, road closures and overall safety of attendees. Councilwoman Walls stated that our current law is restrictive but is concerned with the number of projected attendees. She is looking at a maximum of 4500. Ms Walls and remaining Board members were concerned on how they would keep track of the number of people at the event. Discussion continued and being satisfied with the answers to their concerns, a motion was made to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution No. 72 - Permit for Outdoor Assembly In the Matter of Sunflower Art Festival
Offered by Councilwoman Walls

Whereas, the Town of Gardiner has adopted certain rules and regulations governing outdoor musical entertainment, amusement and assemblies in order to provide for public order and the protection of safety, health and well-being of persons and property within the Town known as Chapter 107 of the Municipal Code, and

Whereas, the Sunflower Art Studios, Inc. has proposed to hold an event known as “Sunflower Art Festival” on Saturday August 13, 2016 on property know as Tuthilltown Distillery in the Town of Gardiner which is reasonably expected to attract more than 1000 persons, and

Whereas, the applicant has provided the Town Board with information concerning the purpose of the event, the hours of operation, the provision of adequate off-street parking, the provision of toilet facilities, and copies of notice sent to area police agencies, fire departments and rescue squads, and

Whereas, the Town Board is satisfied that adequate provisions have been made by the applicant and that planned event will not disturb the public order and safety, then

Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner hereby grants a permit for an outdoor assembly known as “Sunflower Art Festival” to be held on Saturday August 13, 2016, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. on property know as Tuthilltown Distillery in

the Town of Gardiner in accordance with the application presented to the Town and subject to the following conditions.

Seconded by Supervisor Majestic and carried.

MASS GATHERING PERMIT PROCEDURE REVIEW

Board members are all in agreement that the Outdoor Entertainment Law for the Town of Gardiner has room for improvement. Supervisor Majestic asked the Town Board to review the law and comment on how to fine-tune it.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS ELECTED TERM

Superintendent of Highways Brian Stiscia is requesting the Town Board to adopt a local law changing his term of office from two (2) to four (4) years. If adopted, this local law is subject to a mandatory referendum and will be placed on the ballot in November for approval by the voters. A public hearing will be scheduled at next week's meeting to be held in July.

SUMMER RECREATION TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilwoman Walls and carried, Supervisor Majestic was authorized to sign the bus transportation agreement with the New Paltz School District for the summer recreation program.

PAINTING OF THE TOWN HALL EXTERIOR

Supervisor Majestic noted to the Town Board that painting and minor maintenance of the Town Hall building is needed. Councilwoman Walls asked her to produce a list (scope) of work that needs to be done for the Town Board to review.

CLOVE ROAD BRIDGE

Superintendent of Highways Brian Stiscia has received correspondence from the NYS DOT regarding the Clove Road bridge. They have placed two (2) yellow flags citing areas that are in serious deterioration. Engineers Morris Associates did a review and came up with four (4) different scenarios on how to handle the problems. Councilwoman Walls stated that this affects three (3) different municipalities and a major landowner. She suggested speaking to the County Highway Commissioner, two (2) adjoining municipalities and the landowner to discuss how this can be handled. Closing the bridge will have a big impact. Mr. Stiscia has already contacted the County and other municipalities and they have expressed no interest in getting involved. A suggestion was made to swap road maintenance of a County road to the Town of Gardiner for the repair of the bridge.

MOUNTAIN LAUREL WALDORF SCHOOL

A request has been received from Mountain Laurel Waldorf School to use the park pavilion on September 17 for a fundraiser. A Mass Gathering Permit would be required. Supervisor Majestic will be in contact with them to inform them of the permits required.

SPEED LIMIT BEVIER ROAD

A request to lower the speed limit on Bevier Road to 35 MPH was met with some resistance from a resident on the road. Currently there is heavy traffic on this narrow road with campers and camping vehicles. The resident stated that most already drive below the requested 35 MPH limit and he feels that this will only encourage faster speeds. Board members were in agreement

and no change will be made to the speed limit. Secondly, Board members discussed the installation of guardrails along a stretch of the road that has a rather steep embankment to the river. All believed this was a safety issue and agreed to the installation of the guardrails.

RAIL TRAIL USE BY PLATTEKILL LIBRARY

The Plattekill Library is requesting permission to use the Gardiner portion of the rail trail for a dog walk/summer reading program. The event is scheduled to take place on August 13 and should last approximately 45 minutes. Board members were in support of the event. Supervisor Majestic will contact the Library.

SOLAR FARMS

The Planning Board is concerned with solar farms popping up in the Town. Is the Town prepared to handle this? Supervisor Majestic reviewed the Master Plan and realized there is nothing addressing solar power. The Master Plan is over ten (10) years old. The adoption of a moratorium to give the Town sometime to address and create a law/regulations on solar power was suggested.

FEDERAL EPA

The Town is in receipt of a “free” assessment offer at the landfill for potential solar farm. Councilwoman Walls questioned whether this was an offer from an EPA employee or perhaps a contractor. Although Board members liked the idea, Supervisor Majestic was asked to find out just exactly who the assessment would be done by.

SALT SHED REPAIR BID AWARD

The Town received seven (7) sealed bids for the repair of the salt shed at the highway garage. Morris Associates has reviewed all the bids and has suggested the award go to M&P Builders in the amount of \$66,480. A motion was made by Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried to accepted their recommendation and award the bid to M&P Builders.

DUSINBERRE ROAD DRAINAGE WORK UPDATE

Work was completed in less than two (2) weeks. During the construction three (3) manholes were found buried under the road. The Roehrs Construction crew raised the manholes to street level. The job was well done.

MARAKILL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT UPDATE

The old bridge has been removed and they will be pouring concrete next week. All work is on schedule.

CELL TOWER UPDATE

AT&T is all ready to go. They have received all of the required permits with the Town. We are waiting on them to “flip the switch”. Verizon still has some work to do and have not received all of their permits.

FRONT ENTRYWAY UPDATE

Work will begin on the front entryway by the end of June or beginning of July.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk