

Mar 5, 2015 – Workshop Meeting

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 21 – Fling Into Spring Wine Tasting. Sponsored by Gardiner Day Committee to be held at Robibero Winery.

PASSING OF MERRY McCALL

Supervisor Zatz announce the passing of longtime employee Merry McCall on February 22. Merry was employed by the Town at the transfer station for 25 years. She was well liked and many have inquired about her since her retirement 2 years ago. The Town and it's officials expressed their sympathy at her loss.

PROPERTY & LIABILITY AND HEALTH INSURANCE

Supervisor Zatz reminded the Town Board that representatives Robert Stubbs and Brad Palmiter will be present at next week's meeting to discuss the insurance renewals for the Town.

EMPLOYEE MANUAL

A draft of the employee manual has been given to each Board member. Supervisor Zatz asked each to review the draft and bring any questions, comments and/or recommendations to next week's meeting.

TRANSFER STATION

Due to an unexpected medical issue, the recycling coordinator at the transfer station will be absent for an extended period of time. Highway personnel stepped in to cover early on with very good substitutes filling in, making the opening and closing of the transfer station hours run relatively smooth.

Councilman Hinson did comment that he feels that more attention is needed to the transfer station for issues of open/close coverage. Councilman Reynolds stated there is inconsistency with management. The Town Board had a lengthy discussion about the day to day operation, safety issues, ice jams, flooding, communication etc. Councilman Dukler suggested a plan for two (2) Town Board members to review the transfer station operations.

TOWN HALL REPAIR AND PAINTING

Supervisor Zatz has received estimates for the repair and painting of the Town Hall. Costs total approximately \$31,000. This exceeds the procurement policy guidelines and will need to be put out for bid.

PARK PAVILION REPAIR

Cost estimate received for the repair of the park pavilion and the installation of gutters totals approximately \$27,000. No decision was made on how to move forward.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS

Councilman Wiegand and Superintendent Stiscia met with Morris Associates engineers about the salt shed repair/replacement, the garage repair/replacement and/or the relocation of the entire highway department. Senior engineer Tom Harvey suggested leaving the department at its current location on South Mountain Road. Mr. Wiegand also discussed with Mr. Harvey the steel boot Councilman Hinson spoke about. Mr. Harvey did not recommend its use.

LAZY RIVER RESORT – LIQUOR LICENSE WAIVER LETTER

A letter has been received from Lazy River Resorts requesting a waiver of the 30 day hold on an application for a liquor license granted to municipalities when an application is filed. Board members discussed this briefly and a motion was made by Supervisor Zatz, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried to grant the waiver. The Town Clerk will send a letter to the NYS Liquor Authority stating the waiver has been granted.

ACCEPTANCE OF GRIST MILL LANE

Resolution No. 61A – Acceptance of Grist Mill Lane - Offered by Supervisor Zatz
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 115 of the Highway Law, the Town of Gardiner has general authority and jurisdiction over the roads within the Town, including the acceptance of streets for maintenance purposes; and
WHEREAS, Grist Mill Lane is located within the Town of Gardiner; and
WHEREAS, Grist Mill Lane has been constructed and inspected in accordance with the Town Street Specifications; and
WHEREAS, the dedication of Grist Mill Lane has been recorded.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that
The dedication of Grist Mill Lane as a town owned and maintained road is hereby accepted and the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign all documents to effectuate the abandonment of the two (2) parcels, described as Parcel A & B as shown on Abandonment Map #1-A, by Ulster County to the Town of Gardiner.
Seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jack Habersberger – cautioned about environmental remediation of the highway property if the department is moved to another location. Suggested a call-in list for transfer station absences.
Scott Mosher – is there any plan for the transfer station in the event of an absence.
Mike Kruglinski – suggested adding the park pole barn onto the infrastructure plan.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk