

May 6, 2014 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this date at the Gardiner Town Hall at 6:15 PM. Present were Supervisor Zatz and Councilmen Dukler, Hinson and Wiegand. Councilman Reynolds was absent. There were approximately 17± audience members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried, the Board entered into executive session at 6:30 PM for the purposes of discussing personnel and real estate matters.

LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ENTER REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the Board left executive session at 7:10 PM and entered into regular session.

SUMMER RECREATION

Registration was held last weekend. One hundred fifty (150) campers registered. Registration will be held opened for those who were unable to make the weekend registration.

BURNING BAN & CONTROLLED BURNS

Supervisor Zatz reminded all that the NYS burning ban is in effective until May 15. Controlled burns will be conducted at Mohonk Preserve, Sam's Point and Minnewaska State Park from now until December.

NYSTCA – RMC ACCHIVEMENT – MICHELLE MOSHER

The Supervisor has received a letter from the New York State Town Clerk's Association advising the Town of the Town Clerk Michelle Mosher's achievement of Registered Municipal Clerk. Mr. Zatz read the letter and congratulated the Town Clerk on her reaching this goal.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT SURPLUS BID

The Town Clerk read the legal notice for the bid opening for the highway surplus equipment. Seven (7) bids were received from five (5) different companies. Each bid was turned over to the Highway Superintendent to review and award.

BOX CULVERT – GUILFORD SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD

Superintendent of Highways Brian Stiscia is recommending that the replacement of a box culvert on Guilford Schoolhouse Road be put out to bid. It is a large and time consuming project for the Highway Dept and Mr. Stiscia feels that it would be more efficient to have it done from an outside company. This is outlined in the 2014 Highway 284 Agreement. The Town Board questioned the process, time frame and can it come in under budget. Mr. Stiscia stated he would work his best to keep it under budget. He reminded the Town Board that they have a right to choose the best qualified bidder not necessarily the lowest. A motion was made by Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, authorizing the Superintendent of Highways to advertise for bid of the box culvert. The opening is scheduled for May 30, 2014 at 10:00 AM.

HIGHWAY 284 AGREEMENT

Resolution No. 90 – 2014 Highway 284 Agreement – Offered by Councilman Dukler

Resolved, pursuant to Section 284 of the Highway Law, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner hereby endorses and approves an agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys dated May 6, 2014;

Said agreement shall be signed by the majority of the members of the Town Board, with one copy to be filed with the Town Clerk; and

Further Resolved, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to disburse moneys from the Highway Fund in accordance with said agreement.

Seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried.

HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE

Supervisor Zatz, Highway Superintendent Stiscia and Councilman Wiegand will schedule a meeting to discuss the highway infrastructure as it stands to this point and to determine what direction to go in the future.

MINUTES

Minutes of February 11, 2014 were approved as written on motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried.

SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ROUTE 299

Councilman Dukler spoke with both Hank Alicandri and Nadine Lemmon regarding the speed limit reduction on Route 299. Ms Lemmon indicated that there is currently a movement in the State legislature to allow local governments to control the speed without input of the NYSDOT.

MOHONK PRESERVE

As stated the Mohonk Preserve will take under advisement the request made to increase their contribution to the Town in lieu of taxes. According to Councilman Wiegand, County Executive Michael Hein has a list of similar properties throughout the County that are also receiving the same scrutiny as the Preserve.

TRANSFER STATION

A new guide and price list has been created and will be available for distribution by June 1, 2014. Several new items have been included but most prices remain the same, with the exception of C&D. Supervisor Zatz stated that there is no clear method of measurement. With no scale the Town loses a large amount of money as a good guess is the best that can be done. Mr. Zatz is suggesting that the Town eliminate the dumping of C&D waste at the transfer station. Councilman Hinson agrees with this and stated that C&D is the biggest risk to picking up a deficit. Several motions were made concerning the transfer station. A motion to accept the increase and changes to the permit/coupon fee schedule was made by Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried. A second motion was made by Supervisor Zatz, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried accepting the new fee schedule and guide effective June 1, 2014. A third motion was made by Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, enacting an indefinite moratorium on C&D acceptance at the transfer station. They will allow one (1) bag/can for residential visits only.

REVALUATION

Councilman Wiegand would like an update on progress of the revaluation. He asked that Mike Dunham be scheduled to report to the Board at an upcoming Town Board meeting.

OLD LIBRARY BUILDING

Councilman Wiegand and Councilman Hinson have been researching various ways to sell the old library building. Board members discussed in executive session minimum bids, processes for sale of the building and on-line auctioning. Both There has been discussion with a firm in Pleasant Valley for on-line bidding and we are waiting on a proposal from the company. Once received the Town Board will

discuss this option. Councilman Wiegand will check references with other towns that have used their services.

WATER RESOURCE MONITORING

Supervisor Zatz reported that the project is moving along. The transducers to measure the water will be installed this month.

\$50,000 GRANT AWARD

The Town of Gardiner has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from Senator Bonacic to be used to extend the sidewalk and create a parking area for the ballfield along Route 44/55. Supervisor Zatz is also discussing a bus depot at the same site.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

David Sides- asked what the time frame was for the bidding process of the old library building.

Commented on the boat created for the New Paltz Regatta by the Town.

David Straus – agrees with the c&d moratorium. Suggested getting a scale.

Mary Beth Majestic – the sale of the old library building has been the best kept secret in Town. She is angry that the Town residents were not made fully aware of the status of the sale.

Asked that the Town address the “dump site” located on Route 208 on the old County lot down a bite and across from her house. There has been a mattress dumped there for several weeks.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Supervisor Zatz, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, the Board entered into executive session at 9:00 PM. They will return only to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk