

September 2, 2014 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at the Gardiner Town Hall at 6:00 PM. Present were Supervisor Zatz and Councilmen Dukler, Hinson, Reynolds and Wiegand.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board members entered into executive session immediately for the purpose of conducting interviews for several board vacancies.

LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ENTER INTO REGULAR SESSION

At 7:30 PM the Town Board left executive session and entered into regular session. There were approximately 19± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sept. 13 – Gardiner Day 11 AM to 4:30 PM. Many activities planned including a Fruit Pie Bakeoff. Vendors are still welcome. Contact the Town Hall for more information.

2014 SENIOR SURVEY – OFFICE OF THE AGING

This survey is to identify areas of need for housing, transportation, nutrition etc. for seniors in Ulster County. The survey is now available online through Survey Monkey or by calling the Office of the Aging.

MOHONK PRESERVE FALL OPEN HOUSE

Mohonk Preserve is holding its free fall one month access for Gardiner residents beginning September 2 through October 2.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

Effective immediately, electronic collection at the transfer station has been temporarily suspended until further notice.

PASSING OF BILL STAMATEDES

Supervisor Zatz announced the passing of Bill Stamatedes, a longtime resident and fire dept. life member.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Superintendent of Highways Stiscia is requesting replacement of the 2002 Ford Ranger Pickup with a 2015 Ford F-350. Mr. Stiscia has spoken to a dealer and the approximate cost for a new truck would be \$30,000. He will come back next week with a complete proposal outlining the cost of the truck and the cost of a plow. He plans on funding from the sale of scrap metal and surplus equipment and the remaining to come from the Highway 5110 line.

The Highway 284 Agreement projects have been completed and within the budget. Guiderails have been replaced on several roads. Replacement of additional guiderails will continue next year. The highway crew is working on Forest Glen Road improving drainage and widening the road as well as improving the easement on Crispell Lane. Superintendent Stiscia is planning on continuing road repair weather permitting.

CLOVE ROAD BRIDGE

As discussed previously, the Clove Road bridge is in urgent need of repair. It has been flagged by the State and will be a major project for the Town of Gardiner. The cost will be too great for the Town to pay out of one budget year. The Town Board will need to consider bonding or grants. The

Superintendent is currently discussing with Mohonk Preserve for help with the grant writing and a bypass through Mohonk property during construction.

NEW HIGHWAY VEHICLE

Mr. Stiscia would like to purchase a new 2015 Ford F-350 Super Duty pick up. This truck will have an 8' bed and plow. It will replace the 2002 Ford Ranger at a cost of \$30,000 plus \$5,000 for the plow. \$14,000 will come from the sale of the surplus equipment sold earlier this year with the remaining to come from the 5110 highway line. Superintendent Stiscia will have a proposal for next week's meeting with a cost breakdown.

HIGHWAY BUDGET 2015

Superintendent of Highways Stiscia presented his proposed highway budget for 2015 to the Town Board. He reviewed his requests as follows: Increase in salaries, internet line and fuel oil and would like to replace the 85 Mack and continue with the repair of bridge culverts and guiderails. Mr. Stiscia would also like the Town Board to consider the purchase of a skid steer.

PLANNING BOARD & ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENT

Board members received four applications to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals—David Gandin, Carol Richman, Ralph Erenzo and Ray Sokolov. On roll call vote of the Town Board Ray Sokolov was re-appointed to the Planning Board for another seven (7) year term on motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried by aye votes from Supervisor Zatz and Councilmen Wiegand, Hinson and Reynolds. Councilman Dukler voted nay. On roll call vote of the Town Board David Gandin was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five (5) year term on motion of Councilman Dukler, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENT

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried, Michael Gagliardi was re-appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

2015 BUDGET SEASON

Board members discussed ways to reduce the budget for 2015. Councilman Dukler suggested possibly consolidating staff and services. Councilman Hinson had concerns that this would compromise personnel and Councilman Wiegand felt that it was too sensitive for discussion outside of executive session. Supervisor Zatz stated that the reality is that the budget must be kept at a 2% increase or less. He also feels that cutting services and consolidation of staff is a possible option.

TRANSFER STATION GRANT APPLICATION

Transfer Station Coordinator Wendy Toman is requesting approval from the Town Board for a pre-application for a grant for a new transfer station building. Board members decided to have Ms Toman attend the next meeting to discuss grants.

SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING DATE CHANGED

Due to a conflict with Primary Day the Regular Town Board meeting for September will be held on September 10th.

OLD LIBRARY BUILDING

The Town is moving forward with the internet auction site for the sale of the old Library building located at Station Square. They are currently in the process of completing the contract. Marketing and final auction should be completed by the end of October.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jack Habersberger – commented that reducing staff or hours will just cause work to be shifted to other dept.

Rich Koenig – asked what the status was of the solar panels on the salt shed.

David Straus – suggested the highway dept. do a five (5) year build out for budget purposes.

ANTI-FRACKING

Councilman Dukler would like the Town Board to consider a resolution for anti-fracking and anti transport of fracking materials for the Town.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk