

September 5, 2017 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at 7:00 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall. Supervisor Majestic presided with Councilwoman Walls and Councilmen Dukler, Hinson and Reynolds also present. There were approximately 14 ± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sept. 9 – Gardiner Day at Majestic Memorial Park from 11:00 to 4:30

Sept. 8 – 10 – Gardiner Library Fair

Sept. 9 – Hug the Library event 2 PM

TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting for the Town Board will be held on Wednesday Sept. 13 due to Primary Day which is to be held on Tuesday Sept. 12 here at the Town Hall from 12 to 9 PM.

TOWN HALL DOUBLE DOOR REPLACEMENT

The lobby doors will be replaced on Wednesday Sept. 13. Access to the Town offices will be through the side door at the top of the outside stairs.

SOLAR PRESENTATION

Keith Libolt was present to discuss with the Town Board the possibility of a solar project at the Transfer Station or Majestic Park. Mr. Libolt reviewed the EPA report. Unfortunately this project is not big enough for a syndicated investor. A small individual investor is possible. The best way to get interest is to put out an RFP.

BUILDING INSPECTOR APPOINTMENT

The Town has received three (3) letters of interest regarding the Building Inspector/Zoning Code Enforcement Officer position. Out of the three (3) candidates one (1) applicant stood out, Andrew Lewis. Supervisor Majestic made a motion to appoint Mr. Lewis to the position of Building Inspector/Zoning Code Enforcement Officer at a beginning salary of \$29.00/hour. Councilman Hinson seconded the motion. Motion carries. This position is part-time and will consist of 20 hours per week. Mr. Lewis will begin as soon as possible.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION

On motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilman Hinson and carried, the Town Board accepts Building Inspector/Zoning Code Enforcement Officer Henry Vance's letter of resignation, with regrets. Mr. Vance commented in his letter that he will make himself available to help with the transition. Mr. Vance's last day will be Sept. 29.

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

There are vacancies on three (3) Boards/Committees with the Town. At this time the Town Board is scheduling an interview for the Zoning Board of Appeals for 7:30 pm Sept. 13. The remaining Board vacancies, Parks & Recreation and Ethics Board, will be scheduled for a later time.

SHARED SERVICES UPDATE

Supervisor Majestic brought up Shared Services and the meeting she will be attending in Kingston tomorrow with the anticipation of a vote on the plan. This plan is strictly for the County and has no effect on the Town. The Town Board sees no reason not to support this.

MORATORIUM REQUEST UPDATE

Supervisor Majestic cited the 5 requisites for a moratorium as listed in the NYS publication entitled Land Use Moratoria. Ms Majestic reached out to the attorney for the Town and she has stated that the moratorium would need to be for a defined use in the law. Since “glamping” is not defined in the law, lodging or camping would be the appropriate classification. Board members discussed creating a committee to review the Master Plan and the Zoning Law to identify any weaknesses they may have. Other items discussed were the rights to residents & developers, the Zoning Board of Appeals decision, the right of quiet enjoyment for a resident at their home, and how a moratorium will affect an applicant that has already begun the process. Several residents voiced their opinion against the project.

ROUTE 299 SPEED REDUCTION

The Town is in receipt of a request from the Town of New Paltz asking the Town of Gardiner to support their resolution to reduce the speed limit on Route 299 to 45 miles per hour. The Town will create their own resolution for the portion of road from the intersection of Route 44/55 to the town line. This will be brought back for vote at next week’s meeting.

Councilwoman Walls left the meeting at 8:50 PM.

2018 BUDGET

Supervisor Majestic has distributed all 2018 budget worksheets to department heads. Most departments have returned their requests to her. The tentative budget is due to the town clerk by September 30. Additional budget meetings may be possible.

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL MEETING

Supervisor Majestic attended the Ulster County Transportation Council meeting in Kingston on August 29th. Ms Majestic stated that it was a very informative meeting and she should attend it more often.

MOHONK PRESERVE ANNUAL DONATION

The Town is in receipt of the annual donation from Mohonk Preserve in the amount of \$5,000.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Scott Bittner – asked the status of the PA system in the Town Hall. It is very difficult to hear what is being said in the meetings by planning board members and consultant Jim Freiband. Supervisor Majestic stated that it is a budgetary item to be discussed this year.
Brian Stiscia – Commented that he attended the FEMA meeting for funding in relation to blizzard Stella earlier this year. He has received payment for the Mack truck and backhoe auctioned off with Auctions International.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Supervisor Majestic, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher, Town Clerk