

June 5, 2012 - Town Board Meeting

The Town of Gardiner Town Board meeting was held this date at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7 PM. Supervisor Zatz presided with Councilmen Koenig, Mele, Reynolds and Wiegand in attendance. There were approximately 19± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 9 – Community Farm Dinner at Kiernan Farm. All proceeds to go to the development of Open Space for the Hess Farm.

September 22 – Gardiner Day. For information contact the Town Hall.

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Koenig, seconded by Councilman Mele and carried, the minutes of March 6, March 16, April 3 and April 10 were approved as presented.

CHAPTER 184 - STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Councilman Koenig handed out an outline pointing out proposed changes to the above captioned section of the municipal code. Town members will review the suggestions independently and come back with any questions or comments. Councilman Mele and Councilman Koenig will work together on a draft law for review at the July 10 meeting and for public hearing in August.

OLD LIBRARY/FIREHOUSE BUILDING

Board members discussed the old library/firehouse and where to go with the building. Supervisor Zatz would like to declare the building surplus and advertise the building for sale. He stated the Town Board must adopt a resolution in order to sell the property which would be subject to permissive referendum. Councilman Wiegand reviewed all the minutes from 2009 regarding all Town Board discussions about the library/firehouse. Mr. Wiegand believes that the Town Board has explored all the options available and believes that there is not enough interest or money to preserve the building. He suggests declaring the building surplus and selling it. Councilmen Mele and Koenig disagree. This is municipal land in the heart of the Town which can never be replaced. They discussed the restoration of the building, use as a community space or municipal offices. They both suggested considering other Town properties that are not used for sale first. They asked the Town Board to consider the historical nature of the building. Councilman Reynolds believes the Town Board should proceed with the sale of the property. On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried by an additional aye vote from Supervisor Zatz, the Town Board was authorized to adopt a resolution declaring the building surplus for the purposes of selling the property. Councilmen Koenig & Mele voted nay. Supervisor Zatz stated that the next step is to come up with creative offers for the sale of the property. Councilman Wiegand will work with him on this.

Councilman Mele made a motion to obtain appraisals for all other properties in the Town not being utilized. Councilman Koenig seconded the motion. Councilmen Wiegand and Reynolds voted aye. Supervisor Zatz voted nay. Motion carried.

Councilman Mele made a second motion to rescind the motion to surplus the building. Councilman Koenig seconded the motion. Councilmen Wiegand, Reynolds and Supervisor Zatz all voted nay. Motion failed.

Audience members voiced their anger about not being able to express their opinion prior to the vote to surplus the building.

ZONING PROCEDURES

Board members discussed establishing zoning procedures for town projects such as the dog park. Councilman Koenig suggested that applicants should be required to get input and guidance from the Planning Board, Building Inspector, etc for advisory opinions. Board members also discussed having checklists for applicants so they will know what needs to be done.

STEVES LANE REAL ESTATE CLOSING

The closing for the Steves Lane property is scheduled for tomorrow at 11:30 PM here at the Town Hall. The purchaser is questioning the obligation to maintain the right of way. He would like the deed to declare the Town will maintain the easement/parking lot. A motion was made by Councilman Mele, seconded by Supervisor Zatz to amend the deed to include that the owner has no obligation to maintain the parking lot or the right of way that are used for the Rail Trail parking lot.

SIDEWALK UPDATE

NYS DOT has reviewed the bid package again. They indicated that the bid addendum should have been added to the base bid. This has changed the bid amount and has changed the lower bid to another company. DOT has promised a contract for tomorrow.

PARK BRIDGE TO POLE BARN

FEMA has approved the bridge to the pole barn and has given permission to begin with the construction.

ROUTE 299 CAMPGROUND UPDATE

Supervisor Zatz and Councilman Wiegand are working with the Palisades Interstate Park Commission (PIPC), the Alpine Club and Mohonk Preserve to be sure that the rules and regulations are keeping the neighbors in mind.

AG GRANT

In 2009 the Town was awarded an AG grant for farmland preservation that was taken away due to funding. It has now re-emerged. The Town will re-submit the application to become eligible once again.

MULTI BOARD MEETING

The Town Board scheduled a multi board meeting for June 26 at 7 PM for the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planner Jim Freiband and Building Inspector Henry Vance.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mary Beth Majestic – requested that the Supervisor post the agenda earlier.

Paul Colucci – he should be installing the new pump station within the next 10 days.

John Habersberger – suggesting holding off on the sale of the library/firehouse until the sidewalk landscaping is completed.

Matt Aube – suggested giving the building back to the Fire Dept.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, the Board entered into executive session at 9:00 PM for the purposes of discussing litigation. The Board will return to regular session only to adjourn the meeting.

LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

At 10:10 PM the Board left executive session and adjourned the meeting on motion of Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk