

January 6, 2015 – Organizational Meeting

The Organizational 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 10± audience members.

PASSING OF CARLETON MABEE

Our Town Historian, Carleton Mabee, passed away, December 18, 2014 just one (1) week from his 100th birthday. Dr. Mabee was a Pulitzer Prize winner in 1944 for his literary work entitled The American Leonardo: The Life of Samuel F. B. Morse. Other works include Sojourner Truth: Slave, Prophet, Legend as well as several local history books such as Listen to the Whistle, a history of the Wallkill Valley Railroad and a book about the heritage of Gardiner and Lake Minnewaska. Dr. Mabee will be missed here in our community.

TRANSFER STATION COMPOSTING

Wendy Toman, Recycling Coordinator, is proposing a composting program at the transfer station. The plan is to give composting buckets to participating permit holders who will return them filled with allowable composting material from their household waste. These materials in turn will be picked up by a local organic farmer for his use cutting down on the cost for haulage from the County. Town Board members are willing to try this program and re-analyze the savings to the Town in six (6) months.

TRANSFER STATION BUILDING

Paul Colucci presented and reviewed a quote/proposal for an additional building to be located at the transfer station. This building is planned to be used for basic storage. Cost is approximately \$35,000 plus additional costs for engineering, concrete work and stone. Councilman Wiegand asked if the quote is enough for Ms Toman to begin an application for a grant for this building. All were unsure and Supervisor Zatz suggested that a Town Board members speak to the Town of New Paltz on their process for obtaining a grant for their building.

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS

COMPENSATION FOR USE OF AUTOMOBILE

Resolution No. 1- Offered by Councilman Dukler

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law that public officials and employees authorized to use their privately-owned vehicles for official duties shall be reimbursed at the rate of 57.5¢ per mile for the use of their personal vehicles payable upon itemized voucher claim.

Seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

PROCEDURAL ACTS

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Resolution No. 2 -- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 62 of Town Law, that Regular Meetings of the Town Board during 2015 shall be held on the first and second Tuesday of each month, except for the months of July and August when only one meeting will be held the second Tuesday and for the month of November when the first meeting of the month will be held on the first Thursday, due to a conflict with Election Day, and Further Resolved, that all meetings shall commence at 7:00 P.M., local time unless otherwise announced.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

2015 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Resolution No. 3 -- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the following schedule of official Holidays for town offices and departments is hereby adopted:

Martin Luther King Day Obs., Mon., Jan. 19
President's Day Obs., Mon., Feb. 16
Memorial Day, Obs., Mon., May 25
Independence Day, Obs., Fri., July 3
Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 7
Columbus Day Obs., Mon., Oct 12
Election Day, Tues., Nov 3
Veterans Day, Wed., Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Day, Thurs., Fri., Nov. 26, 27
Christmas Eve Thurs., Dec. 24
Christmas, Fri. Dec. 25
New Year's Day Fri, Jan. 1, 2016

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY

Resolution No. 4 -- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 64 of Town Law, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner hereby designates to the following banking institutions as official depositories for the Town in accordance with the Investment Policy and other approved agreements:

Key Bank of N.Y.
Key Trust Company
Federal Reserve Bank of N.Y.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO FILE REPORT TO STATE COMPTROLLER IN LIEU OF ANNUAL REPORT

Resolution No. 5 -- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 29 of Town Law, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor in lieu of filing an Annual Report as required under Section 29 (10) to file a copy of the Report to the State Comptroller with the Town Clerk as required after the close of the fiscal year, and Further Resolved, the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish a notice of said report in the official newspaper.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

SR. JUSTICE COURT CLERK – Jean Savago

Resolution No. 6 - Justice Court Sr. Clerk

Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, that Jean Savago is hereby appointed as full-time senior clerk of the Justice Court, to be compensated at the rate of \$18.47 per hour to be paid bi-weekly.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

JR. JUSTICE COURT CLERK – Christine Palumbo

Resolution No. 7 – Justice Court Jr. Clerk

Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, that Christine Palumbo is hereby appointed as part-time junior clerk of the Justice Court, to be compensated at the rate of \$16.63 per hour to be paid bi-weekly.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK – Jewell Turner

Resolution No. 8 -- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 30 of Town Law, the Town Board hereby concurs with the Town Clerk's appointment of Jewell Turner as Deputy Town Clerk to be compensated at the rate of \$17.93 per hour to be paid bi-weekly, and

Further Resolved, that the Deputy Town Clerk shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Clerk and shall enjoy limited powers and duties with respect to issuance of licenses and permits and acceptance of fees and filings on behalf of the Town Clerk during normal business hours.

Further Resolved, that Jewell Turner shall be eligible for certain insurance benefits as a full time employee of the Town.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO ENGAGE LEGAL COUNSEL

Resolution No. 9 -- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to engage an Attorney for the Town on a contractual basis in matters of legal counsel and representation on a case by case basis with all claims for service to be paid by voucher and to serve at the pleasure of the Board, and

Further Resolved, that the following persons or firms are hereby authorized to represent the Town:

Paul T. Kellar, Esq. of Kellar & Kellar & Jaiven, PC

David Brennan, Esq. of Young, Sommer, PC

Larry Wolinsky, Esq. of Jacobowitz & Gubit

David Murphy, Esq. of Hacker & Murphy

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

AUTHORIZING PLANNING BOARD AND ZBA TO ENGAGE LEGAL COUNSEL

Resolution No. 10 -- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the Town Board hereby consents and authorizes the Town Planning Board and Town Zoning Board of Appeals to engage an Attorney, to provide legal opinion and advice in matters pending before these Boards, with all claims for service to be itemized and paid by voucher, and

Further Resolved, that the following person or firms are hereby authorized in such matters to represent the Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals:

Paul T. Kellar, Esq. of Kellar & Kellar & Jaiven, PC

David Brennan, Esq. of Young, Sommer PC

Larry Wolinsky, Esq. of Jacobowitz & Gubits

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO ENGAGE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

Resolution No. 11 -- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent are hereby authorized to engage a Professional Engineer for the Town on a contractual basis in matters of professional review of applications which come before the Board, and in matter of public works authorized by the Board, with all claims for services to be paid by itemized voucher,

Further Resolved, that the following persons or firms are hereby authorized to represent the Town:

Morris Associates, Inc.

John Tarolli, P.E.

David Clouser and Associates

Sterling Environmental Engineering, PC

Hagopian Engineering

Brinnier & Larios, PC

Further Resolved, that the Town Planning Board, as part of the subdivision and site plan review authority is hereby authorized to engage a consulting engineer to be selected by the Planning Board,

with the understanding that such technical review services will be reimbursed to the Town by the applicant, with claims subject to audit by the Town Board.
Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR SEWER DISTRICT

Resolution No. 12 -- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the firm of Morris Associates, Inc., Poughkeepsie, N.Y., be and hereby is designated as consulting engineer for the operation of the plant, routine testing and laboratory services, and other professional services associated with the operation and maintenance of the sewer system, and

Further Resolved, that Morris Associates, Inc., is hereby designated licensed operator of the plant and;

Further Resolved, that said professional services shall be billed on an hourly basis to be submitted by voucher claim subject to approval by Supervisor and audit by the Board. Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR – Henry Vance

Resolution No. 13 -- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 138 of Town Law, that Henry Vance be and hereby is appointed part-time Town Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Gardiner to be compensated with a salary of 25,483 per annum to be paid bi-weekly and said salary does not include allowance for use of his personal automobile for official business and mileage will be paid upon submission of a voucher on a monthly basis, and

Further Resolved, that the Town Building Inspector shall serve at the pleasure of the Supervisor pursuant to Town Law, and

Further Resolved, that Mr. Vance is appointed with the full knowledge and understanding that he shall be required to meet and maintain the qualifications prescribed by the Secretary of State.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER – Vincent Brognano

Resolution No. 14 -- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 114 of the Agricultural & Markets Law and Chapter 80 of the Municipal Code, that Vincent Brognano be and hereby is appointed part-time Dog Control Officer of the Town of Gardiner, and shall be compensated at the rate of \$17.11 per hour and to serve at the pleasure of the Supervisor, and

Further Resolved, said Dog Control Officer shall be compensated for use of his personal vehicle at a mileage rate to be set by the Board.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

TOWN RECYCLING COORDINATOR – Wendy Toman

Resolution No. 15 – Offered by Councilman Reynolds

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law and other statutes, that Wendy Toman is hereby appointed to serve as Town Recycling Coordinator, and shall be compensated at the rate of \$ 17.92 per hour to be paid and to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Further Resolved, that Wendy Toman shall be eligible for certain insurance benefits as a full-time employee of the Town.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

MUNICIPAL BOOKKEEPER – Darlene Halstead

Resolution No. 16 -- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 29 of Town Law, the Town Board hereby authorizes and consents to the Supervisor's appointment of Darlene Halstead as Municipal Bookkeeper, a position allocated to the competitive class of the civil service, to receive a salary of \$25.74 per hour.

Further Resolved, that Darlene Halstead has successfully fulfilled the requirements by passing the civil service exam and shall continue to be eligible for certain insurance benefits as a full-time employee of the Town.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR – Warren Wiegand

Resolution No. 17 – Offered by Councilman Dukler

Whereas, the Town Supervisor has appointed Warren Wiegand as Deputy Supervisor of the Town of Gardiner pursuant to Section 42 of Town Law, and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Deputy Supervisor shall serve without compensation.

Seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

SOLE ASSESSOR – Maureen Gallagher

Resolution No. 18 - Offered by Councilman Wiegand

The Town Board hereby authorizes and consents to the appointment of Maureen Gallagher as the Sole Assessor for the Town of Gardiner, to be paid bi-weekly and to be compensated at an hourly rate of \$20.81 per hour to be paid bi-weekly and to serve at the pleasure of the Supervisor.

The State Board’s Rules for Real Property Tax Administration requires Maureen Gallagher to meet and maintain minimum qualification standards.

Further Resolved, that Maureen Gallagher shall be eligible for certain insurance benefits as a full time employee of the Town.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND WAGES (GENERAL FUND)

Resolution No. 19 -- Offered by Councilman Dukler

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the following named persons are employed in the position indicated to be compensated at the annual salary or hourly rate indicated for the year 2015, subject to the extent of funds appropriated for said services in the Annual Budget, Town General Fund, according to the following schedule:

<u>Dept/Position</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Salary/Wage</u>	<u>Pay Period</u>
P/T Planning Sec/ P/T ZBA Secretary Registrar of Vital Statistics	Margarete Wagner	\$17.38	Bi-Weekly
P/T Building Custodian	Michelle Mosher	Fee Basis	Monthly
P/T Park Custodian	Barbara Kobelt	\$15.01	Bi-Weekly
P/T Supervisor Assistant	Barbara Kobelt	\$15.01	Bi-Weekly
	Donna Smith	\$14.35	Bi-Weekly

Further Resolved, the part-time employees listed above are not eligible for health insurance benefits unless specifically authorized by the Town Board.

Seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried.

CLERK – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (General Fund) – Robin Kaufmann

Resolution No. 20 -- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, that Robin Kaufmann is hereby appointed clerk of the Highway Department, to be compensated at the rate of \$16.97 per hour to be paid bi-weekly.

Further resolved, that Robin Kaufmann shall not be eligible for certain insurance benefits as a part time employee of the Town.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

CLERK - BUILDING DEPARTMENT (General Fund) – Jewell Turner

Resolution No. 21 -- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, that Jewell Turner is hereby appointed clerk of the Building Department, to be compensated at the rate of \$ 17.93 per hour to be paid bi-weekly.

Further resolved, that Jewell Turner shall be eligible for certain insurance benefits as a full time employee of the Town.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

ASSESSOR FIELDWORKER – Nancy DeStefano

Resolution No. 22 – Offered by Councilman Wiegand

The Town Board hereby authorizes and consents to the appointment of Nancy DeStefano as part time Assessor Fieldworker, to receive a salary of \$ 15.61 per hour to be paid bi-weekly and to serve at the pleasure of the Assessor.

Further resolved, that Nancy DeStefano shall not be eligible for certain insurance benefits as a part time employee of the Town.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

EMPLOYEES SALARIES AND WAGES (HIGHWAY FUND)

Resolution No. 23 -- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the following positions are hereby established, to be compensated at the hourly rate to be paid bi-weekly indicated for the year 2015, Town Highway Fund, according to the following schedule:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Wage</u>
Working Supervisor	Thomas Powers	\$23.62hr
HMEO	Wayne Otis	\$21.56hr
HMEO	Daniel Keegan	\$21.56hr
HMEO	Mathew Aube	\$21.56hr
HMEO	Terry DePiero	\$21.56hr
HMEO	Adam Monteleone	\$21.56hr
HMEO	John Lischinsky	\$21.56hr
HMEO	Kyle Fletcher	\$21.56/hr

Further Resolved that all overtime pay will be one and one half of regular pay and,

Further Resolved, that those persons regularly employed on a full-time basis (40 hours per week) shall be entitled to health insurance benefits and other benefits as stipulated in the union contract.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Resolution No. 24 - Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law, the annual salaries for elected Town Officials of the Town of Gardiner in the year 2015 are hereby set as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary/Wage</u>	<u>Pay Period</u>
Town Supervisor	\$39,312	Bi-Weekly
Councilperson	\$ 5,264 each	Bi-Weekly
Town Justice	\$14,385 each	Bi-Weekly
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$52,270	Bi-Weekly
Superintendent of Highways	\$53,955	Bi-Weekly

Further Resolved, that the Supervisor, Town Clerk and Superintendent of Highways shall be entitled to certain health insurance.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

MUTUAL AID - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Resolution No. 25 -- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, the Town Highway Superintendent is authorized to make mutual aid agreements in accordance with the New York State Highway Law with surrounding Town and County Highway Departments, Fire Departments and Police Agencies.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

ESTABLISHMENT OF PETTY CASH FUND FOR TAX COLLECTOR

Resolution No. 26 – Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the establishment of a petty cash fund in the amount of \$100 for the purposes of making change during the tax collection season.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

RETURN CHECK CHARGE

Resolution No. 27 – Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 85 of the General Municipal Law that a \$20 charge be imposed on each check tendered and returned for insufficient funds.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

DEPOSITS IN INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS

Resolution No. 28 – Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 11, General Municipal Law, the town board authorizes the tax collector to deposit, as a temporary investment measure, all tax collections in an interest bearing account.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

AUTHORIZING BID OPENINGS

Resolution No. 29 – Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 103(2) of the General Municipal Law, the town board authorizes the Town Clerk to receive and the Town Supervisor or in his absence the Deputy Town Supervisor to open competitive bids on public works and purchase contract that are required to be advertised.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING BOARD – Michael Boylan

Resolution No. 30 – Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 272 of Town Law, that Michael Boylan be and hereby is appointed as Chairman of the Planning Board of the Town of Gardiner who shall serve without compensation until the first day of January of the next year in accordance with Town Law.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

CHAIRMAN OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – Michael Beck

Resolution No. 31 – Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 267 of Town Law, that Michael Beck be and hereby is appointed as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Gardiner who shall serve without compensation until the first day of January of the next year in accordance with Town Law.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

Resolution No. 32 – Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 64 of Town Law, the Town Board hereby designates the Times Herald Record as the official newspaper for the purpose of legal advertising.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

STANDARD WORK DAY – RETIREMENT

Resolution No. 33 - Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Be It Resolved, that the Town of Gardiner hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of the body.

Title	Name	SS# last 4 digits	Reg. #	standard work day	Term	days/months
Supervisor	Carl Zatz			7hrs/5 days	01/01/14-12/31/15	20
Town Clerk/ Tax Collector	Michelle L. Mosher	xxxx	37066420	7 hrs/5 days	01/01/14- 12/31/17	20
Town Justice	Robert Rich	xxxx		6 hrs/5 days	01/01/14- 12/31/17	7.66
Town Justice	Bruce Blatchly	xxxx	388007241	6 hrs/5 days	01/01/12- 12/31/15	6
Town Board	Mike Reynolds	xxxx		6 hrs/5 days	01/01/12- 12/31/15	2.72
Town Board	John Hinson	xxxx		6 hrs/5 days	01/01/14- 12/31/17	2.72
Hwy Superintendent	Brian Stiscia	xxxx		8 hrs/ 5 days	01/01/14- 12/31/15	20
Assessor	Maureen Gallagher	xxxx	35375633	7 hrs/5 days	N/A	20

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

APPOINTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICER – Carl Zatz

Resolution No. 34-- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law and other statutes, that Carl Zatz, Supervisor, be and hereby is appointed Social Services Officer for the Town of Gardiner and is authorized to administer Home Relief programs and perform such other duties as the Board may prescribe, and to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

DEPUTY SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICER – Darlene Halstead

Resolution No. 35-- Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Town Law and other statutes, that Darlene Halstead, Bookkeeper, be and hereby is appointed Deputy Social Services Officer for the Town of Gardiner and is authorized to administer Home Relief programs and perform such other duties as the Board may prescribe, and to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MEMBER – Raymond Sokolov

Resolution No. 36 – Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section C-49(A) of the Ulster County charter and Section A7-5(A) of the Administration Code, the Ulster County legislature appoints members of the Ulster County Planning Board, and

The Town Board hereby authorizes and consents to the appointment of Raymond Sokolov as Ulster County Planning Board representative for the Town of Gardiner. Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

ULSTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL – Carl Zatz

Resolution No. 37 – Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, The Town Board hereby authorizes and consents to the appointment of Carl Zatz as Ulster County Transportation Council representative for the Town of Gardiner.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK – Christine Palumbo

Resolution No. 38 – Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, pursuant to Section 30 of Town Law, the Town Board hereby concurs with the Town Clerk's appointment of Deputy Town Clerk who shall serve without compensation and shall enjoy limited powers and duties with respect to issuance of licenses and permits and acceptance of fees and filings on behalf of the Town Clerk during normal business hours, and

Further resolved, that Christine Palumbo is hereby named Deputy Town Clerk.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

DEPUTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT –Thomas Power

Resolution No. 39 – Deputy Highway Superintendent – Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Resolved, that the Board concurs with the Superintendent of Highways appointment of Thomas Power as Deputy Superintendent of Highways for the Town of Gardiner pursuant to Town Law Section 7-15 and to serve at the pleasure of the Superintendent of Highways and without compensation.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

TOWN BOARD GOALS

Supervisor Zatz offered to each Board member the opportunity to state their goals for 2015:

Councilman Wiegand – he plans to follow through with the infrastructure plan and implement as much of it as possible. His focus will be on funding.

Councilman Dukler – His goals are to continue looking into bike trails in the Town. He would also like to serve as liaison to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Mr. Dukler would also like to see the budget process begin a bit earlier and personally he plans to challenge himself to learn the grant writing process.

Councilman Reynolds – Mr. Reynolds plans to continue working on production of the transfer station.

Councilman Hinson – would like to work with the cell tower company to erect a second tower at the highway dept. property and would like to see better communication between the Town Board and the Town employees. He has a personal challenge of meeting the cost of living growth through the budget.

Supervisor Zatz – Supervisor Zatz would like to work on improving the CLI District as well as increasing growth in the Hamlet. He would like to encourage business throughout the Town such as tourism, agri-tourism and the arts. Open space is another priority and Mr. Zatz will be looking for creativity for future land acquisition.

CELL TOWER UPDATE

Councilman Dukler spoke to the Wireless Edge Company recently and they indicated to him that the Town may see movement on the second tower this year.

FRACKING LAW

Although the Governor has passed an anti-fracking law statewide, Councilman Dukler is still looking to create a local law and will come back to the Board with a plan in the future.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Councilman Hinson would like the Town to obtain another proposal for health insurance in addition to the one received annually from Brad Palmiter. Mr. Hinson will look into getting another agent to make a proposal to the Town prior to April 1. Councilman Wiegand asked Supervisor Zatz to have his assistant do a survey of surrounding towns regarding their practices of health insurance premium contribution by employees.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

David Straus – commented food waste is denser in weight than accumulation in volume. Mr. Straus asked the Board address a public water supply in the infrastructure plan and to have the recycling coordinator outline a second level of goals. He also commented that the Environmental Conservation Commission would like to have a liaison from the Town Board as well.

Mike Kruglinski – suggested contact Assemblyman Cahill and/or Senator Bonacic for help in getting the reimbursement of the \$126,000 from the NYS DOT.

Brian Stiscia – Expressed appreciation to the Town Board for working together with him this past year.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk