

April 1, 2014 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this date at 7 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Zatz and Councilmen Reynolds and Wiegand. Councilmen Dukler & Hinson were absent. There were approximately 15± audience members.

PASSING OF MARION KELLS

Supervisor Zatz announced the passing of Marion Kells. Mrs. Kells was a very active member of the community, serving on the Wallkill School Board, a Town of Gardiner Councilwoman and as Town Supervisor. Supervisor Zatz ordered flags to fly at half staff for a week. She will be greatly missed.

STATE WIDE BURN BAN

New York State DEC has announced its annual burning ban effective March 15 through May 14, 2014. Property owners throughout New York State are not allowed to burn any brush during this time. Those violating this ban are subject to fines.

MOHONK PRESERVE

Mohonk Preserve has announced that they will be conducting controlled burns on their property here in the Town through the end of the year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 2 – Constitution Study Group, Town Hall 7 PM.

April 12 – Annual Easter Egg Hunt Majestic Park, Noon sharp!

April 19 – Gardiner Day Committee Annual Easter plant sale, Gardiner Firehouse, 9AM to 3 PM.

April 19 – Town wide roadside clean up in celebration of Earth Day. Orange bags for trash and clear bags for can/glass bottle recycling are available at the Town Hall. There will also be a commercial shredding vehicle at the Town Hall for residents to use for free to dispose of personal papers, documents etc. This is sponsored by NYS Solar Farm.

April 20 – Gardiner Fire Dept Pancake Breakfast 8 AM to Noon.

April 24 – Gardiner Livable Community Committee open forum for seniors at the Gardiner Library

April 25 – Women Helping Women dance at the VFW in New Paltz from 6 PM to 10:30 PM.

Sponsored by the Gardiner Day Committee. All proceeds to benefit the battered women's shelter located in Kingston.

SUMMER RECREATION

Applications and information for Summer Recreation for 2014 are now available on the Town's website.

PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE

Robert Stubbs from Marshall & Sterling was present this evening to discuss the property & casualty insurance for 2014. Mr. Stubbs researched various insurance companies as a new carrier was needed. He presented a proposal with NYMIR (New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal) which he reviewed in detail with the Board. Mr. Stubbs suggested increasing the deductible on the property Inland Marine policy and the Crime policy to bring the cost within the budget. On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried, the Town Board accepted the property & casualty insurance proposal with NYMIR not to exceed \$32,986.

MASS GATHERING PERMIT – CUPCAKE FESTIVAL

Resolution No. 82 – Mass Gathering Cupcake Festival -Offered by Councilman Wiegand

Whereas , the Town of Gardiner has adopted certain rules and regulations governing outdoor musical entertainment, amusement and assemblies in order to provide for public order and the protection of

safety, health and well-being of persons and property within the Town known as Chapter 107 of the Municipal Code, and

Whereas, the Gardiner Cupcake Festival Committee has proposed to hold an event known as “Gardiner Cupcake Festival” on Saturday May 17, 2014 on property know as Wright’s Farm in the Town of Gardiner which is reasonably expected to attract more than 1000 persons, and

Whereas, the applicant has provided the Town Board with information concerning the purpose of the event, the hours of operation, the provision of adequate off-street parking, the provision of toilet facilities, and copies of notice sent to area police agencies, fire departments and rescue squads, and

Whereas, the Town Board is satisfied that adequate provisions have been made by the applicant and that planned event will not disturb the public order and safety, then

Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Gardiner hereby grants a permit for an outdoor assembly known as “Gardiner Cupcake Festival” to be held on Saturday May 17, 2014, between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. on property know as Wright’s Farm in the Town of Gardiner in accordance with the application presented to the Town and subject to the following conditions.

1. Provide a certificate of insurance naming the Town of Gardiner.

Seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried.

HIGHWAY SURPLUS BID

Highway Superintendent Brian Stiscia has identified five (5) pieces of heavy equipment that he would like to put out to bid. Councilman Wiegand suggested setting a minimum bid. Mr. Stiscia believes that a minimum bid would discourage bidding. A motion was made by Councilman Reynolds, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, to allow the Superintendent of Highways to put out to bid surplus highway equipment. Bid opening will be scheduled for the first meeting in May.

QUARTERLY HIGHWAY FINANCIAL REPORT

Superintendent of Highways Stiscia reported to the Town Board about winter maintenance and 2013/2014 winter costs. Snow removal, overtime, and material expenses are all within the budget. The most costly for this year was the salt used for snow and ice.

Mr. Stiscia is creating a spreadsheet for the vehicle replacement and road maintenance schedule to cover the next couple of years. A copy will be forwarded to the Town Board.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Effective May 1 the hours of the transfer station will be changed as follows: Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 8 AM to 4 PM, Wednesday 12 PM to 6 PM, closed Sunday, Monday & Thursday.

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

The Town of Gardiner 2013 annual report has been completed and filed with the Town Clerk’s office. Supervisor Zatz will try to schedule CPA Mary Kimball to attend the May 6 meeting to review the report with the Town Board.

SURPLUS TOWN PROPERTY

Councilman Wiegand has been researching surplus property owned by the Town of Gardiner. His research has revealed that these properties have certain deed restrictions and does not allow for the sale of the property without going through special legislation.

OPEN SPACE – HESS FARM

The closing for the Hess Farm Open Space project took place on Friday. Open Space Institute (OSI) is interested in looking at other property in the Town.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jack Habersberger – asked what the total cost to the Town of Gardiner was for the sidewalk project.
Patrick Bonner – stated he heard that the sidewalk drainage did not meet State code.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Reynolds and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk