

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**April 14, 2016**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, was held at the Town Hall, #836 Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York. Meeting opened at 8:05 p.m. by Supervisor Clifford Weigelt, immediately following the Public Hearing on Local Law #1 of 2016, amending the Mt. Ida Wellhead Protection Overlay District. Supervisor Weigelt led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

Clifford Weigelt	Supervisor
Kathleen Cashen	Councilwoman
Stephen Hook	Councilman
Brian Keeler	Councilman
Maryanne Lee	Councilwoman
Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr., Esq.	Attorney for the Town
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler, to accept minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of March 10, 2016 and Workshop of March 28, 2016. Carried.

Supervisor Weigelt turned meeting over to Attorney Fitzsimmons, who explained Local Law #1 of 2015, Amending the Mt. Ida Wellhead Protection Overlay District, as discussed at the Public Hearing, held prior to this Regular Monthly Meeting. After he presented the SEQR form, motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Brian Keeler for a negative declaration. Carried.

Supervisor Weigelt stated due diligence was done by all involved in this study, that has gone on for many months, and the result is a wellhead protection law that is the best as it can be. Steve Winkley did a fantastic job. Councilwoman Cashen agreed with Supervisor Weigelt and the Town was lucky to have Mr. Winkley. Councilman Keeler was in agreement and also thanked Mr. Winkley. Councilwoman Lee stated she was comfortable with Mr. Winkley's work and made a motion to approve Local Law #1 of 2016. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Cashen and carried.

**Report of Highway Superintendent – Louis LaMont** – Snow fence taken down and put away for another year.

Completed sweeping in all zones and have swept for the Village of Philmont, Town of Copake and will be moving to the Town of Greenport.

Department has been ditching Oak Hill and Roxbury Roads, working on Millbrook Road Bridge Project and getting ballfields in Town Park ready for the Little League Season.

**Dog Control Officer's Report for March** received and on file in Town Office for review.

There were no **Committee Reports**.

**Jeane LaPorta** gave a **Historian Report**. An article was in The Poughkeepsie Journal on Mellenville, Hudson Girls School and Brookwood Annex collaborating with Hudson Prison History Project, Hudson Boston Railroad, Stone Mill, Baseball teams in Claverack. Mrs., LaPorta has worked on several genealogy requests. She stated that she sends a packet, including Claverack history brief, copies of all documentation with authorizations, maps of the area of inquiry and photos of grave stones and homesteads as applicable possible for all queries.

She took part in a webinar, Writing the Grant, on March 09, 201 and attended a NYSDOT meeting on the Stone Mill Road detour.

Shaw Bridge Historic Marker, donated by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation has been received. It requires the Town's Highway Department to provide the expertise in setting the sign, location and completion date. The Foundation requests notification of marker commemorative events and attends and documents commemorative events related to the historic marker program. Tentatively, the commemoration is planned for Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., pending approval of the Town Board and Claverack Highway Department.

Mrs. LaPorta also gave a report on the newly formed Claverack Historical Society. She is currently president of the Society. Elections are slated for June 2016. They are working to establish a dependable secure nonprofit to manage grants and donations on behalf of identified historical projects.

### Correspondence

Including, but not limited to:

Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack – Invitation to Supervisor and Board for Celebration Sunday on 05/22/2016

Trinity United Methodist Church – Re: Columbia County Reach 2017 Program

Charles E. Hoag, Jr., Esq. – Resignation as Town Judge

NYSDOT – Re: Bridge on Rte. 9-H over Taghkanic Creek update

Morris Associates – Re: Millbrook Road Bridge over Loomis Creek – Summarize results of March 18, 2016

NYSDOT – Re: Lower speed limit request on County. Rte. 9 from Town of Claverack/Town of Ghent line to Rte. 66 in Town of Ghent. Town of Claverack did not have any objection to continuing the 45 mph speed limit zone from the Town of Ghent through Town of Claverack limits

Elaine Sadofsky – Re: Columbia/Greene Humane Society – noise and walking dogs on her property

Kim Kiel – Resignation from Claverack Economic Development Committee

ISO – Re: West Ghent Fire Protection District Public Protection Classification

Hudson River Valley Greenway – Re: Grant Program information

Dog Control Officer's Report for March

Audrey Kropp – Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties – Re: Culvert assessment recently done. Also a seminar on May 03, 2016, called Municipal Infrastructure: Identifying Undersized Culverts".

Mary Ann Lee – e-mail – Re: Labeed Ahmad – Holy Qur'an Exhibition – included a number of e-mails back and forth – Wants venue for this exhibit – neither library available.

CEDC – 2016 Annual Member Meeting – April 19, 2016 – 7:30 – 9:15 A.M.

Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr., Esq. – e-mail – Re: Fire Protection District boundaries e-mails regarding inland waterways

D. L. Davey – e-mails – Requests Town Board postpone vote to change Wellhead Protection boundary

Richard and Cecile Harrison – e-mail – Re: Altering/redrawing boundaries of Mt. Ida Wellhead Protection Zone

Jim McCabe – e-mail – Re: Mt. Ida Wellhead Protection area

Report of Economic Development Advisory Committee

Gail Halstead – e-mail – Requesting Peddler's License

Steve Winkley – Hydrogeologist and Source Water Protection Specialist from New York Rural Water – Re: Mt. Ida Wellhead Protection area

### **Supervisor's Report**

On the County level, Pine Haven sale should be closed by end of May. Will be for 120 beds. County Supervisors seem to be happy with this. County will see about 3M after sale. Company is also looking into a 100 unit assisted living residence. It would be about two years before they get an answer from the State. Good news is that it now goes back on the tax rolls.

On the Town level, CHIPS reimbursement is higher than anticipated. Looking into Inland Waterway. No mandates and frees up grant money.

E-mail received from land conservancy – would like to meet with Town Board.

### **Town Board Members' Reports**

**Councilman Hook** – Met with Dog Control Officer, Reg. Conklin. Met with Highway Superintendent, Louis LaMont regarding work needing to be done in the Town Park. Met with Court personnel regarding the Court facility. Spoke with Youth Park Director, Brett Holmes, regarding the Summer Youth Program.

**Councilwoman Cashen** – Discussed cost of a pedestrian bridge for Stone Mill Road with NYSDOT. There will be a public informational meeting on April 28, 2016, 6:30 p.m. at Columbia/Greene Community College. Bridge on Rte. 9-H is scheduled to be completed by end of November 2016.

Attended Planning Board meeting as Town Board liaison and interviewed candidates for Planning Board vacancies.

Discussed Wellhead Protection Overlay District with other Board members and NY Rural Water Association staff.

Attended Claverack Historical Society meeting and discussed possible dates for Shaw Bridge Historic Marker ceremony.

Contacted other Towns in County for information on their Summer Recreation Programs and their fees.

Reviewed materials necessary for Inland Waterway designation and, with other Town representatives, attended broadband meeting to discuss Countywide Broadband efforts.

**Councilman Keeler** – Attended Broadband meeting with Councilwoman Cashen and John Lee on need for broadband. This area is worst in the Capitol District for coverage.

Worked on fire company boundary lines.

**Councilwoman Lee** – Continued working on Lighting District problem. Waiting to hear from National Grid on how lighting can be provided for underground service areas and future development, how to solve the problem of Brookbound Lane, where poles are behind houses, and how billing is handled in a private area light option.

Attended a field trip to Gallatin Town Court on April 06<sup>th</sup> as part of the Building Committee. Next Committee meeting is scheduled for May 05<sup>th</sup> at the Town Office Building.

Attended Legislative Breakfast April 08, 2016 at Columbia/Greene Community College. Also attended a broadband information workshop hosted by Congressman Chris Gibson, the Columbia Economic Development Corporation Annual Meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> and the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

End of Board reports.

Supervisor Weigelt reported that the Town Park gets a lot of use now with the weather warming up and the Town really needs to spend some funds on improvements. Tennis courts and basketball courts need attention and parts for the bathrooms are no longer available when there is a problem, due to the age of the facilities.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to approve Local Law #1 of 2016, amending the Mt. Ida Wellhead Protection Overlay District. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilwoman Lee to appoint Gretchen Stearns to the two- year unexpired term of Richard Gerlach on the Planning Board, with the term ending December 31, 2018 and Stephen King to a seven-year term, also on the Planning Board, with the term ending December 31, 2022. Carried

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to appoint David Graziano as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Year 2016, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Keeler to accept draft January – February 2016, draft January – March 2016 and draft March 2016 financial statements. Carried.

### **Other Business**

Short discussion on fire district boundaries. Explained by Attorney Fitzsimmons. Motion by Councilwoman Lee, seconded by Councilman Hook to set Public Hearing for May 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m., prior to the Regular Monthly Meeting. Councilwoman Cashen opposed and Councilman Keeler abstained. Motion carried with Councilman Hook, Councilwoman Lee and Supervisor Weigelt in favor of motion.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to accept resignation of Town Judge Charles Hoag, with regrets. Attorney Hoag is retiring and moving from the area. Carried.

Short discussion on Inland Waterways Designation.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to set the May workshop for May 23rd at 6:00 p.m., instead of May 30<sup>th</sup>, due to Memorial Day holiday. Carried.

Opened to the public:

Ian Nitschke commented on the daffodil project in the hamlet and tulips by the Reformed Dutch Church.

General A bills, totaling \$21,036.55, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$3,045.73, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$15,790.79, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A bills, totaling \$9,275.15, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There were no Escrow Accounts bills.

There were no Highway DA account bills.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Lee, meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilwoman Cashen: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Hook: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Keeler: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilwoman Lee: \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_