

TOWN OF CLAVERACK

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

February 17, 2014

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 called to order by Supervisor, Clifford Weigelt, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. This meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 13, 2014, but was postponed due to inclement weather.

Present:

Clifford "Kippy" Weigelt	Supervisor
Kathleen Cashen	Councilwoman
William Gerlach	Councilman
Stephen Hook	Councilman
Brian Keeler	Councilman
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to accept minutes of previous meeting of January 09, 2014 and Workshop of January 28, 2014. Carried.

The following speakers have requested to speak:

**David Robinson** – Columbia County Dept. of Public Works - Gave information and update on the Pine Haven Home project. County owns in excess of 40 acres. Presently is a 120 bed 56,000 sq. ft. one story hospital model facility with new plans for a new 128 bed 112 sq. ft. two story with a homelike setting. Existing building will remain and at present use is undecided. There will be a water storage unit on the property.

Schedule includes going to bid in third quarter of this year. Hoping to have construction to begin next year. Need site plan approval and some ZBA and Planning Board approvals or use of the Monroe decision, which provides for different tests and responses and relief for meeting local standards. Mr. Robinson suggested a sub-committee as a sounding board to help in this part of the project. Height, setbacks and square footage need to be addressed. Old ordinance would have been okay for this project while new one is not without variances.

**Sylvia Schaumann** – Representing former Claverack Garden Club – Will meet with Highway Superintendent LaMont in April to make plans for planting in Village and Town Parks. Gave \$400.00 gift certificate for replacement of plants in these parks. This was from the balance left in the Garden Club account.

**"Bill" Mulrein** – President of Little League and comprises of both boys' and girls' teams. Little League began here in 1966. Presently includes Towns of Copake and Claverack Little Leagues. Runs through the middle of July and does not want to see any issues on the use of the fields as there seemed to be last

year. There was a suggestion that perhaps use of Memorial Field in Philmont, if updated, could be used if necessary.

**Meeting opened to public:**

**Michael Brandon – Town Justice** – Gave presentation and copies of same to Board members. In need of more filing space for Court documents and information. **Brenda Weigelt, Court Clerk**, added that perhaps scanning many of the files would help. Meanwhile, Highway Superintendent LaMont, will work on this.

No further comments.

**Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont** - Worked 18 snow storms with men putting in many long hours and doing an excellent job.

More sand and salt hauled in.

**Dog Control Report** for January received and on file in Town Office for review.

**Committee Reports**

**Historic Advisory Committee – Ian Nitschke** – Main object of Committee at present time is funding of Shaw Bridge. Went to meeting in Catskill as they just received some funding. Gave information on different programs available for funding.

Wants Town to consider nominating the Millbrook Road Bridge for National Register.

**Economic Development Committee** – Will be meeting next week.

**Correspondence**

Including:

NYSDOT – Re: Region and Centerline Rumble Strips – Proposed  
NYSDOT – Re: Rte. 9-H Bridge Replacement over Taghkanic Creek  
Correspondence regarding anti-fracking activist barred from 312.5 square miles of PA  
Nick Zasorin – Re: 01/16/2014 Register Star update on Millbrook Bridge  
Nick Zasorin – Re: Possible Ethics violation 01/25/2014 Meeting at Churchtown  
Firehouse – Power Line Extension  
Christine Vanderlan – Applications available for Biodiversity Assessment Training  
David R. Foley, Esq. – Speeding on Rte. #23  
Stanley Koloski – Building Inspector for Town – Re: Proposed Building Permit Procedure  
For Ginsberg Project  
George Varney – Request for waiver of fees in connection with fire destroying residence  
On County Rte. #16  
Ian Nitschke – Re: Millbrook Bridge  
Enid Futterman – Re: Columbia County Airport  
James McCabe – Re: Columbia County Airport

Donna Davey – Re: Columbia County Airport  
Cornell University – Re: Local Roads Program Training Courses  
Rip Van Winkle Tobacco Free Action of Columbia and Greene Counties – Re: Initiatives  
Columbia County Habitat for Humanity – 20 year report  
David Foley – Re: Rte. #23 Speed counter-measures

### **Town Board Member Reports**

**Councilman Keeler** – ZBA – Hopefully will be meeting this month.

At this time there was a motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen for approval of waiver request by George Varney, whose family home was destroyed by fire His request was for relief from the cost of permits for demolition and rebuilding. Carried.

**Councilwoman Cashen** – Proposed Power Line Informational meeting attended by all Town Board Members.

Conducted, with other committee members, interviews for Planning Board opening.

Worked with new webmaster to update Town website.

Followed-up on Town insurance.

**Supervisor Weigelt** – On Pine Haven Committee and Airport Committee on County level. In regards to Airport project, Mr. Nero has given new proposals and Supervisors are going over them.

Not many residents attending Saturday morning meetings at Town Hall.

Request for motion to change Workshops from the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Motion for same by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Gerlach . Carried.

Meeting at Churchtown Firehouse in regards to proposed power line extension well attended by Friends and Families of Claverack.

Supervisor has been in contact with Economic Development Committee members and they are revamping and expect to meet next week.

Reporting on bridge on State Rte. #66 (Bunker Bridge) – Looking to close bridge for repairs, which should be accomplished within three months if having only one-way into Greenport. Exact dates for this are nt, as yet, decided.

In regards to Philmont Village Court, Philmont is going to keep its' Court.

End of Reports.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Gerlach to appoint Lisa Bowe to the Board of Assessment Review (BAR). Carried. This is the unexpired term of William Gerlach and will expire on October 01, 2015.

Motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Hook, to reappoint James Keegan to Board of Assessment Review (BAR). Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen for changes or additions to the following Department/Committees:

Court: Councilman Gerlach and Councilman Hook  
Finance/Accounting/Budget – Supervisor Weigelt, Councilmen Keeler and Gerlach  
Youth/Park/Recreation – Councilmen Hook and Keeler with Councilwoman Cashen on the web aspect. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook to accept financial reports, all drafts (January 2014, January – December 2013). Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Keeler to replace sign for Town Court at a cost of no more than \$100.00. Carried.

In other business, there was discussion on community shredding - Councilman Hook will look into this.

**Meeting opened to Public:**

**Councilman Gerlach** stated that the Town needs to make sure when bridge on Rte. 66 is closed for outgoing traffic from Hudson that it is not detoured through Claverack.

**Ian Nitschke** – Need speed limit reduction on Rte. #23.

**Supervisor Weigelt** stated Town is waiting for Greenport Town Board Meeting for use of their speed sign, which will be used on Rte. #23 and also in other places, including Rte. #27.

**Michael Brandon** stated there should be no rotary on the intersection of Rtes. #23 and #9-H. **Mr. Nitschke** wants a rotary there. **Supervisor Weigelt** stated that these are State roads and the State has the control.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Gerlach to go into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m to discuss personnel. Carried..

Motion by Supervisor Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Hook to go out of Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.. Carried.

General A bills, totaling \$19,511.17, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$935.75, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$27,913.28, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A bills, totaling \$4,890.53, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Catskill View Road Escrow Account, totaling \$13,624.69 was audited and ordered paid from the account.

There were no Highway DA bills.

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

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

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

Councilman Gerlach: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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