

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**August 14, 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 at 7:15 p.m., immediately following the Public Hearings on Local Law #1 and Local Law #2 of the Year 2014. Supervisor Weigelt led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

Clifford Weigelt	Supervisor
Kathleen Cashen	Councilwoman
William Gerlach	Councilman
Stephen Hook	Councilman
Brian Keeler	Councilman
Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr.	Attorney for the Town
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 July 10, 2014. Carried. There was no monthly workshop meeting, which was publically noticed.

Meeting opened to public:

**Michael Brandon – Town Justice** –Read and gave letter to Board members requesting a service program contract regarding the three air conditioning units cooling the Town Hall and Courthouse facility be reinstated. Due to recent problems with the southeast wall unit, and subsequent repair, found out that the service contract had been discontinued by previous administration. The immediate repair was quite expensive and would have been avoidable with a service contract. Because of the age of the building and lack of insulation, effective air conditioning is critical for the many meeting uses and the daily operation of the court.

He also commended Highway Superintendent LaMont and the Highway Department for the excellent job on Tishauser Road, replacing the culvert pipe.

**Tom Runyon** – Regarding the changes in the hamlet to multiple use. Explained by Councilwoman Cashen.

**Report of Highway Superintendent – Louis LaMont** – Replaced culvert pipes on Tishauser Road (1), Bate Road (2), Catskill View Road (2), Snyderstown Road (1) and culvert pipes (2) and catch basin (1) on Roxbury Road. Ditching on Decker Road.

Mowing roadsides in all zones.

Questioned whether new water rates have been put on website. This has not been done.

Bill received from Morris Associates regarding Millbrook Bridge project. Who authorized the study that they did and subsequently billed the Town?

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

There were no **Committee Reports**.

### Correspondence

Office of State Comptroller – Governmental Training offers.

Columbia Economic Development Corp. – Unemployment Report.

“ “ “ “ - Columbia County Affluent Towns.

N.Y.S. Department of Labor – Educational Programs available.

Paul Mier – On behalf of Deer Drive, seeking cable service from Mid-Hudson Cable, Inc.

Enid Futterman –E-Mail as sent to Past Grattan – in IMBY - Re: Columbia County Airport Committee.

D. L. Davey – As Above.

Stephen King – As Above.

Pete Bevacqua – As Above.

Patterns for Progress – Monthly bulletin.

N.Y.S. D.O.T. – Approval for Ginsberg's proposed entrance.

N.Y.S. Public Service Commission- To examine alternating current transmission upgrades.

### Supervisor's Report

**Pine Haven Home** – Information on this has slowed down. County is looking into privatizing and County Committee is looking into all aspects at this time.

**Ockawamick School Building** - County looking into selling this property. Town still has option on two acres and County is going to take out the parcel for the Town. He had map present to show exactly where this parcel is located.

**Town Park** – Would like to upgrade kitchen, upgrade playground and install better lighting in pavilion.

### Board Members' Reports

**Councilman Hook** – Met with Youth Program Director, Brett Holmes. Averaged 65 campers on field trips and approximately 120 children per day at program.

After brief discussion on an unwritten agreement made several years ago that there be no signs put in the Claverack Park by the intersection of Rtes. #23 and 9-H., motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler that all sign be removed from that area, stating that this is a memorial park. Carried.

**Councilwoman Cashen** – Worked with Attorney Fitzsimmons on final edits for zoning changes and rezoning of the two hamlet parcels to Hamlet Business 1 designation.

Participated in interviews of applicants for Planning Board vacancy.

Attended Planning and ZBA Board meetings and discussed minor changes and hamlet property changes included in Local Laws #1 and #2.

Followed up on request for support letter for Greenway Grant for GIS data sets for underground water resources.

Worked with Deputy Clerk and webmaster to update website.

**Councilman Gerlach** – Compliments to John Lee and Economic Development Committee for hard work and coming up with ideas to be presented to the Board for consideration.

**Councilman Keeler** – Topics and information have already been covered by Board members.

After explanation by Attorney Fitzsimons, motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook, for negative declaration to Local Law #1. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Keeler to adopt Local Law #1 of 2014, amending the Zoning Law with minor changes, additions and corrections, including the use of solar panels. Carried.

After explanation by Attorney Fitzsimmons, motion by Councilman Keeler, seconded by Councilman Hook, for negative declaration to Local Law #2 of 2014. Carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Hook to adopt Local Law #2 of 2014, adding parcels #121.3-1-89 and #121.3-1-87 to Hamlet Business 1 zone. Carried.

After explanation of guidelines incorporated in rules for Planning Board members, motion by Councilwoman Cashen seconded by Councilman Hook to accept Planning Board Rules of Procedure as proposed. Carried.

Planning Board applicants were met and interviewed. Motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilwoman Cashen to appoint Joseph Singleton. This term is an unexpired term and runs through December 31, 2016. Carried.

After explanation of request from Columbia County Planning and Economic Development for letter of support of grant application to Hudson River Valley Greenway, to be used to create GIS data sets of the existing groundwater resources as mapped by New York State Rural Water Association, motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Keeler for approval of support letter. Carried. These will be made available to all municipalities in Columbia County and posted on the New York State GIS Clearinghouse website for public availability upon completion.

Short discussion on workshops for 2015 Budget. Department heads will receive information on the past years to fill in with requests for 2015, to be used in preparing new budget. Dates will then be set up for workshops to work on putting the budget together.

Meeting opened to public:

**Chris Post** – Will Greenway Water GIS program be in conflict with Steve Winkley’s study being done for the Town? No, this will not interfere with that study.

**Ronald Cardis** – Commends input by committees who have worked diligently putting rules and laws together.

**Councilman Gerlach** – Challenged Board to ALS Awareness Challenge.

**Councilman Hook** – Introduced Joseph Singleton, newly appointed member of the Planning Board.

General A bills, totaling \$27,379.58, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B bills, totaling \$2,657.69, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$103,159.92, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A bills, totaling \$5,168.36, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There were no Highway DA bills.

There were no bills for Escrow Accounts.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Hook, seconded by Councilman Gerlach, meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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