

**TOWN OF CLAVERA CK**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**October 06, 2010**

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 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Robin Andrews, who led in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

Robin Andrews	Supervisor
James Van Deusen	Councilman
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Robert Preusser	Councilman
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Robert Fitzsimons, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept minutes of previous meeting of September 01, 2010. Carried

**Steven Winkley** of New York Rural Water was introduced by Nathan Chess. Water study for Town of Claverack named water resources of the Town. Work is done with Town and County. Will take approximately one year for report. Gave background and explanation of what will be done. Will need resolution from Town that Town agrees to work with New York Rural Water to complete this project report. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Preusser for same. Carried. A committee would determine how to work in the community and gather local data or issues and work with the people to implement recommendations.

**Tri-Form** –Non-Profit Corporation – Has place in Livingston. Would be for developmentally disabled persons. Purchased property on Millbrook Road which was formerly a subdivision with roads built to sub-division standards – not proceeding with subdivision. Road will not be dedicated to Town. At present time, Town has approximately \$500,000.00 in escrow and those involved want to know what they can do to get moneys released? They have no intention to doing a subdivision and want to get

release of this escrow account so that they can proceed with project. Building Inspector, Stanley Koloski, will do an entirely new site plan review for preparation to ZBA.

**Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont** - Working on grader patching on Roxbury Road and Stevers Crossing.

Park activities closing for season. Will soon have buildings winterized.

Building Inspectors' Reports for June, July and August 2010 received and on file in Town Office for review.

Dog Control Officer's Report received and on file in Town Office for review. Problem this past week due to unexpected hospitalization of man owning dogs and no one at home to care for them. Mr. Conklin was notified and worked diligently to get problem under control without taking the dogs to Columbia/Greene Humane Society.

### **COMMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Peter Reiss** - Read report on meeting of September 23, 2010:

1. Katy Cashen reported on her meeting with Zoning Review Committee to discuss an overall approach to regulating farm animals within the Town's hamlets.
2. Peter Reiss and Jim Cashen met with representatives from Farm Credit.
3. Brief discussion of timeline for farmland revaluation concluded that there is no need for immediate action by the committee.
4. Discussion about attending the Town Board workshop meeting the week before the Regular Monthly Meeting. Decided that this need not be a regular obligation by the committee, but could occur with advance word of an agenda topic within the committee's area of interest.
5. Discussion of the database and survey of farms in the Town. It was decided that the first priority will be working farms where the farm is the major/only source of income. This will be followed to include hobby farms and food production of home gardeners. If appropriate, Katy volunteered to modify the Ancram survey for use by Claverack . Chris Reed will provide information on upcoming workshops on nutrient dense food production open to both farmers and gardeners.
6. Reviewed a draft mission statement and generated suggestions for improvements which Chris Reed will incorporate before next meeting. Mr. Reiss said the committee could become a clearinghouse of information about important services and programs available to farms.

Next meeting of the Advisory Committee will be Thursday, October 28, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at 421 Roxbury Road

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Ian Stewart** – Reported there was no meeting in September and next meeting will be October 07, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Will also be meeting with County engineers in next few weeks to discuss steps aimed at preserving Shaw Bridge.

**YOUTH RECREATION** – Reported Kelly McGiffert-Eldert – Shawn Lynch has offered to co-chair the committee. Feels committee should meet and regroup. Maybe there is a better time to meet.

Will try to get space at Town Office to meet. Philmont Library had been secured, but it was brought to her attention that as a Town committee, meetings should be in Town space.

Next meeting scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Will e-mail the weekend before to verify the place.

#### **ZONING REVIEW COMMITTEE –**

1. Met with both Economic Advisory Committee and Agricultural Advisory Committee.
2. Received new version of Zoning Code (Version 2). Represents all the changes and modifications the committee has made over the last few months. Version 1 represented a zoning code that was in conformity to the Comprehensive Plan. Version 2 is a reworking to make the code specific to Claverack. Will review this version with consultant, Nan Stulzenburg, on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.
3. Almost completed a reworking of Part 1 of the Subdivision Law. Part 1 covers the application review process for both minor and major subdivisions. Part 2 pertains to road construction and incorporates many engineering topics that could be covered in other places. Will decide how detailed they want section to be.
4. On budget for consultant to complete the zoning code at a cost of \$15,000.00. This is the allotment that was budgeted to Zoning Review Committee for consultant fees at the November 2009 Town Board Meeting. Question outstanding is what the attorney's fees will be for 2010 and what they will be for 2011. Committee will request for 2011 Budget that if we are still working on this code, any unused funds for consultant be rolled over to 2011 and additional funds that are still undetermined be appropriated for the Town Attorney.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. LOSAP – regarding Churchtown Fire Company
2. Film Office – Regarding County Rte. #12 for film shooting.
3. Randy Northrup – Resignation from Planning Board. Motion by Councilman Preusser, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to accept resignation with regrets. Town Clerk will send letter to Mr. Northrup. Also, anyone interested in this position should send letter of interest to and qualifications to Town Office.
4. Letters regarding drainage problems, from Martin Bunin on Maple Avenue and Deborah Peles on Macoun Avenue.
5. E-mail from Richard Ehrenberg, regarding Shaw Bridge

## **TOWN BOARD REPORTS**

**COUNCILMAN JOHNSTON** – Gave report on GAR. Moving along as planned. Assessors have done a good job getting everything ready for reval. Cards have been kept up-to-date, making process easier and much faster.

Roof on Town Hall/Justice Court Building – Judges have someone who has to do community service. Has roofing experience and will be working on this project as soon as rain stops.

Skateboard Park – Waiting for okay from Board to proceed with Town Engineer.

**COUNCILMAN WEIGELT** – Highway – Truck ordered – There will be no salt/sand at Town Hall location.

**COUNCILMAN VAN DEUSEN** – Grant Committee - Met last week. Discussed extending water line and sidewalk from Village line to Town Park, use of bridges now closed that may be used as walking and bicycle paths, a walking path from Courts Lane to Agway, and wind energy for the Town Garage..

Mining – Committee has been set up – will meet on September 14<sup>th</sup>. This year is the end of seven years of the zoning overlay and scheduled for review.

Traffic Safety – Meeting scheduled end of October.

**COUNCILMAN PREUSSER** – Stream clean-up – Received necessary permits from D.E.C. Contacted outside contractors. Highway Department has been working on the clean-up.

Insurance – Richard Nesbitt present at meeting – Gave report to Board members, including coverage for air compressor being used as needed by all companies in the Town and stored at Mellenville Firehouse.

It was noted that there will be a fund raiser for the Howard family, who have a child with leukemia. A.B. Shaw, Philmont, Mellenville and Churchtown Fire Companies will participate.

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**SUPERVISOR ANDREWS** - Village of Philmont has applied for a Summit Reservoir Area Revitalization Plan, Planning Grant application for area around reservoir.

Application is in Village Office for review. Gave update on Rescue Squad, There is a Planning Board Meeting Thursday, October 07, 2010, for Greenport Rescue Squad for use of the former insurance building in Philmont.

**SUPERVISOR ANDREWS** – Claverack – Website has been up and running for about a month, with press release last month. Would like a committee set up for policies and procedures – anyone interested should send letter of interest to Town Office.

**SUPERVISOR ANDREWS** – County – Purchased Veterans’ van and is already in use.

Pine Haven Home – Architects doing sketching and speaking with staff for suggestions.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**DOG LICENSING.**- As reported in previous meetings, State no longer taking care of this. It is up to municipalities to set up program. Attorney Fitzsimmons will have draft law to distribute to Board at next meeting.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept Financial Report for August . Carried

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Preusser to accept Preliminary Town Budget for 2011 as prepared. Carried.

The following Budget Workshops were set up:

- October 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office Building
- October 13, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. at the Town Office Building.
- October 20, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. at the Town Office Building.

Motion by Councilman Preusser, seconded by Supervisor Andrews to set up Public Hearing on the 2011 Budget for Wednesday, November 03, 2010, 6:45 p.m., before the Regular Monthly Meeting. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Preusser to approve the Town Court to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program Grant (JCAP). Carried..

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Johnston for resolution to approve necessary transfers in 2010 Budget. Carried.

### **MEETING OPENED TO PUBLIC**

**Peter Reiss** – Chairs purchase with Judicial grant are great improvement.

**Ed Konow** – Read letter regarding speeding on Rte. 9-H. Short discussion followed. Possibility of blinking speed sign may help to alleviate problem.

**Nathan Chess** – Complimented new website. Wants budget put on website.

**Bill Blaauw** – Glad to see oil barrel at Ockawamick building gone. Also made comment that it is important to shop Columbia County first when shopping.

**Katy Cashen** – Wants agenda on website.

General A Fund bills, totaling \$8,747.12, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B fund bills, totaling \$4,890.53, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

There were no Highway DA bills.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$133,853.98, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A SW bills, totaling \$5,530.00, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Mariner Tower Escrow Account bills, totaling \$890.50, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

Homeland Tower Escrow Account bills, totaling \$1,124.50, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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

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

Councilman Van Deusen: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Weigelt: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Johnston: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Preusser: \_\_\_\_\_

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