

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**September 10, 2012**

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 Robin Andrews, who led in a moment of silence in memory of Robert Moseley, a long-time supporter of many organizations in the area and a former councilman for the Town and also in memory of Mary Mazzacano, a very active participant in many organizations in the area. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

Robin Andrews	Supervisor
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Michael Johnston	Councilman
Robert Preusser	Councilman
Kathleen Cashen	Councilwoman
Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Attorney for the Town
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Preusser to accept minutes of previous meeting of August 09, 2012 and workshop of August 27, 2012. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Preusser to correct minutes of July meeting. The resolution was made by Councilman Weigelt, not Councilwoman Cashen, and seconded by Councilman Preusser. Carried.

**Report of Superintendent of Highways – Louis LaMont** – Department has ditched both sides of Manor

Rock Road from Snydertown Road to the Parkway and added gravel. Chip-sealed Miller Road II and Stottville Road. Oiled and stoned (two coats) Bate Road and cold patching in all zones.

Park activities are winding down for the season.

Department also chip-sealed for the Village of Philmont

End of report.

**Committee Reports**

Economic Development Committee had no report.

Agricultural Committee did not meet. They are awaiting changes to be made by Zoning Review Committee.

Historic Preservation Committee had no report. Will be meeting next week.

### Correspondence

Letter to Greenport Rescue Squad

Hannaford – “flu” vaccine available

National Grid – Safety tips

Correspondence from Building Inspector, Stanley Koloski – Inspection standards in area of public assembly

Hudson Ltd. and Hudson River Estuary Program – Short course in Biodiversity Assessment – 3-day course

Reverse 911 service – <http://columbiacounty.com/>

Shaw Bridge grant approval – Preserve NY - \$8,400.00

Long Term Recovery Group of Columbia/Greene Counties – Coin drop, Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Suggestions from Economic Advisory Committee and Columbia County Planning Board – Re: Zoning changes

Ellen Jouret-Epstein – The What and Why of Official Maps

Ellen Jouret-Epstein – August 2012 Newsletter; Hudson River Valley Greenway

### Town Board Reports

**Councilman Preusser** – Attended meeting of Zoning Review Committee and also Planning Board

Will be meeting 09/15/2012 of Conservation Advisory Council at Trinity Church.

Another workshop of Capital Region Sustainability Plan for Cleaner Greener Community is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilwoman Cashen** – Attended two Zoning Revision Committee meetings on proposed zoning law.

Worked with Building Inspector and webmaster on the re-formatted zoning board forms for posting on the website.

Attended ZBA meeting as liaison to Town Board.

**Councilman Weigelt** – Truck for Highway Department ordered. Advertised for bids on dump body, plow equipment, wing and sander.

**Supervisor Andrews** – Philmont has their meeting this evening and will include presentation of Summit Lake grant received.

In Claverack, Michele continues to assist with bookkeeping. Will discuss budget at workshop meeting.

Attended review meeting of Capital Region Economic Development Council.

Attended Congressman Gibson's Broadband meeting. Mapping from the State has improved to show areas reporting no broadband.

Attended public meeting in reference to TCI fire. County now has Red Alert, reverse 911 system.

Received grant from Preservation League of New York for Shaw Bridge.

Received many calls regarding revised zoning. Public Hearing will remain open.

End of reports

Stipulation Agreement regarding Philmont's assessments on properties located within the Town of Claverack - Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Preusser to approve agreement. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Preusser, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to accept draft September 2012, draft January – September 2012 and final January – August 2012 Financial Reports. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Preusser to change the October Monthly Board Meeting to Thursday, October 04, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Carried. This will also include the acceptance of 5th Tentative Budget for 2013.

Motion by Councilwoman Cashen, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to declare October as Anti-Bullying month in the Town of Claverack. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Preusser to accept grant for Shaw Bridge of \$8,400.00 from Preservation League of New York State. Carried.

Superintendent of Highways, Louis LaMont questioned payment of bills that came in today. Vouchers will be signed.

**Meeting opened to public:**

**Jim Van Deusen** – Questioned water tower at Commerce Park. Has heard nothing in a year and this has been going on for 3 – 5 years. Supervisor will check into this.

'No Passing' zone by new A.B. Shaw firehouse needs to be readdressed. Red Mills to new firehouse should be a solid line. Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Preusser to send letter. Carried.

Many people present spoke regarding the proposed rezoning on Maple Avenue. **Craig Bender** canvassed Maple Avenue, Old Lane and Old Lane Extension. Consensus was that most residents want it to remain "Residential". Others who spoke against the proposal were **Cathy Bunin, Mrs. Bender, Marty Bunin** and **Jim Keegan**, who stated decision is now in the hands of the Board. Petitions had been given to Board members.

In regards to a question by **Councilman Johnston**, as to what would happen if Stair wants to sell his non-conforming use business. Answer was that it would have to be sold for a similar business.

**Jim Keegan** stated that his understanding in regards to sidewalks was that any new construction on the State highway would require sidewalks.

**Gretchen Stearns**, a member of the Zoning Revision Committee said she tried to find a way to contact everyone. This has been going on for a long time – the Comprehensive Plan provided zoning maps which is a vision of the Comprehensive Plan. This is an ongoing process and will be reviewed as needed.

**Councilman Johnston** thanked those who have worked many years on the new Comprehensive Plan and zoning revisions, working on how to promote business. This has been opened to challenge and change.

**Councilman Weigelt** stated the Economic Development Committee has also put in a lot of time in this process.

**Enid Futterman** supports the Committee and the Highway Commercial Zones. In the hamlet she supports to preserve Maple Avenue as a residential district.

**Ed Konow** questioned his request about the water district. Clough Harbour & Associates have the records in storage and are looking into this at the present time.

**Ian Nitschke** wants safe places for walking. Wants lower speed limit on Routes #23 and #23B, a dense residential area.

**Councilman Johnston** stated this has been discussed many times over the years and requests sent to the State with no help. It has been suggested that Town look into grants that might assist in obtaining a speed limit trailer that could be moved from one area to another. Possibility that it could also be done through shared services.

**Councilman Preusser** stated letters had been written to the State regarding Route #66, with no response.

No further comments.

Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilman Preusser to go into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss personnel. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Preusser, seconded by Councilman Johnston to go out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. Carried.

General A Fund bills, totaling \$24,779.60, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

General B Fund bills, totaling \$1,946.45, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DB bills, totaling \$32,177.08, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Highway DA bills, totaling \$1,205.19, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Escrow Account bills, totaling \$1,392.00, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts.

Water District A bills, totaling \$5,471.97, were audited and ordered paid from the account.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Supervisor Andrews, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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