

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**May 09, 2005**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, was held at the Town Hall, Rte. #217, Mellenville, New York. Meeting called to order by Supervisor, James W. Keegan, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

James W. Keegan	Supervisor
Anne Twaddle	Councilwoman
James Van Deusen	Councilman
William L. Blaauw	Councilman
Clifford Weigelt	Councilman
Louis LaMont	Highway Superintendent
Joe Romano	Town Engineer
Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq.	Town Attorney
Martha Pizza	Deputy Clerk
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Motion by James Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept minutes of previous meeting of Monday, April 11, 2005, Carried.

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilwoman Anne Twaddle to accept contract of Mid-Hudson Cablevision. Carried.

Supervisor Keegan introduced Robert Jones, who created the web site for the Town. Mr. Jones stated project is formally completed, was launched on approximately April 12th, and is growing day by day. Has had feedback, especially on forms. There is a full color logo. Still working on history section and will add as information is received. Need more information on fire services.

E-mail is up and running - [www.townofclaverack.com](http://www.townofclaverack.com)

Carrie Pizza, representing the Summer Program, spoke on the program for the coming season. Jessica Schedler was recommended as co-director for the season. More CIT's were recommended to look to future years as counselors. Saturday, June 18th, downstairs of the Town Office Building, has been setup for signups for the program. Information is on website. Motion by Councilman Weigelt, seconded by Councilwoman Twaddle to accept recommendations. Carried.

Transportation bids for Summer Youth Program and Winter Ski Program - One bid received:

Michael Johnston Bus Company  
\$2.50 per mile  
Waiting time -\$20.00 per hour

Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilman Blaauw to accept bid. Carried.

Supervisor Keegan read Proclamation sent by Columbia County District Attorney, Beth Cozzolino, **PARENTS WHO HOST LOSE THE MOST**. Posters on display in Town Office. Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt for resolution accepting same. Carried.

Attorney Fitzsimmons explained a memo received from the Law Department, Office of the Corporation Counsel of the City of New York. The bill, which they are asking for support of, stops double recovery by employees. They request letters supporting the bill. Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to support this bill. Carried.

The Nord license, as discussed in prior meetings, was explained by Attorney Fitzsimmons. It can be terminated at any time. Town is not liable in any way. Can do nothing with the property without consent from the Board.. Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilwoman Twaddle to approve same and proceed. Carried.

Meeting opened to public:

**Richard Cross** - 47 Rte. #23 - Member of Neighbors for Claverack, requesting a moratorium on major subdivisions. Gave need constraints on development. Farmland being purchased for building.

Requested the following:

1. Place on agenda for next meeting
2. Grant chance to give facts
3. Town sponsor moratorium or public hearing

**Enid Futterman** - Believes this is crucial to history of Claverack and its rural character. Wants to make sure what is best for the Town. Must consider the cumulative effect on the Town. Submitted petition.

**Carlos De Mola** - Has lived here six years. There is onslaught of major subdivisions happening fast. On Old Barring Road, having seven new homes on 5 acre lots each would have irreversible damage. Wants temporary moratorium until Comprehensive Plan does its work

**George Rodenhausen** - Town does have moratorium experience from a few years ago. Problem was the Board let existing application go through. Wants Town to act on a moratorium before more come before the Planning Board. Stated every major subdivision raises taxes. Support request on petition.

**Peter Hotaling** - Serves on Planning Board, but remarks are his own. Sold his land to another farm operation, but this is not always possible. Comprehensive Committee appointed only 30 days ago. Now there are those who expect and demand Board to enact a moratorium immediately.

**Ian Nitschke** - Wants minutes corrected from last meeting as to his remarks.

**Katie Cashen** - Will determination on moratorium be made tonight? No.

No further comments.

**Report of Highway Superintendent - Louis LaMont** - Finished installing new infield of Girls' Softball field with clay. Removed one more tree from Park in Claverack and removed stumps. Ready to plant three crabapple trees with assistance from some residents and the Claverack Garden Club. Installed guardrails on four box culverts where they have been missing for some time and replaced posts on guardrails that had rotted wooden posts. Completed replacing missing street signs. Grading dirt roads and cold patching in all zones. Park opened for 2005 season.

Councilman Blaauw noted three flowering crabapple trees were purchased, one which was purchased by Highway Superintendent out of his own pocket. Public should be made aware of this.

Letter of thanks from Meg and Katie Cashen, thanking Town Highway Department for picking up garbage collected during 15th Annual Earth Day Clean-up on Roxbury and Thielman Roads, parts of Oak Hill Road, Stevers Crossing and Rte. #217.

Request received from Highway Superintendent LaMont, requesting speed limit be reduced on Stickle Road to 25 mph. 30 mph is lowest request can be made for. Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to proceed. Carried. Will send request to County for review and then it will be forwarded to State.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Park Commission** - Councilwoman Twaddle - Park officially opened on May 1<sup>st</sup> . Summer weekends almost full. Six flowering pear trees will be planted, at no charge to the Town, in the Fall.

**Traffic Safety** - Councilman Van Deusen -Chairman Reginald Osterhoudt passed away. New chairman to be appointed.

Received a letter of traffic concern from Bill Graziano who resides at 23 Clover View Drive. Safety concern includes intersections of Orchard, MacIntosh and Clover View Drives. Requested the no passing zone be extended from marker 1050 south for about one mile past the Clover View Drive/Farm Credit intersection with Rte. 9-H. Possibly speed limit could also be addressed. Motion by Councilman Van Deusen, seconded by Councilwoman Twaddle to pass this information on, since this is a State Highway. Carried.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilwoman Twaddle, to approve Financial Reports for March and April 2005, as prepared by Town Accountants. Carried.

Building Inspector's Report for April 2005 received and on file in Town Office for review.

Dog Control Officer's Report for April 2005 received and on file in Town Office for review. Seven Building Permits issued in April.

Request received from Philmont Rod and Gun Club, requesting contribution for Fishing Derby. Town funds cannot be used. Contributions will be given by Town Officials personally.

Invitation received from American Legion Post #252, to participate in Memorial Day Parade. Should meet at American Legion at 8:30 a.m. Parade will step off 9:00 a.m.

Letter from family of Muriel Thiesson, thanking delegation of Town Officials for coming to calling hours.

Letter from Michael Flack and Abigail Sloane requesting a six month moratorium on major subdivisions

Letter received from Nancy Floeger requesting Town Board address all future development and layout a master plan before projects like Old Barrington development and others take away ability to map out a reasonable and acceptable vision for future of Town.

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Weigelt to go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m., to discuss contacts. Carried

Motion by Councilman Blaauw, seconded by Councilman Van Deusen to go out of Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. Carried.

Bills #227- #294, including Water Fund, totaling \$117,409.57, were audited and ordered paid from their accounts,

Highway bills #160- #185, totaling \$18,409.57, were audited and order paid from their accounts,

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by Councilwoman Twaddle, seconded by Councilman Weigelt, meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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

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

Councilwoman Twaddle:- \_\_\_\_\_

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

Councilman Blaauw:- \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**Resolution No. - #39**

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by: William L. Blaauw

Seconded by: Clifford Weigelt

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Board of the Town of Claverack that:

They support the project **PARENTS WHO HOST LOSE THE MOST**, as sponsored by the Columbia County District Attorneys Office.

1. **It is illegal** to host or allow teen drinking parties in your home.
2. **It is unhealthy** and unacceptable for anyone Under age 21 to drink.
3. **It is unsafe and illegal** for teens to drink and drive.
4. **Parents can be prosecuted** under the law.
5. Everything associated with a violation, such as **Personal property, can be confiscated**

The following Town Board members voted " Aye" in favor of said Resolution:

James W. Keegan  
Anne Twaddle  
James Van Deusen  
William L. Blaauw  
Clifford Weigelt

The following Town Board members voted "No" in opposition to said Resolution:

"None"

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the same was duly declared adopted by the Supervisor .

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Town Clerk