

**Workshop Meeting**  
**June 28, 2021**  
**836 Route 217, Philmont NY**  
**6:00pm**

Attendees:

Clifford Weigelt Supervisor	Stephen Hook Councilman
Katy Cashen Councilwoman	Brian Keeler Councilman
George Duntz Councilman	
William R Michael Deputy Town Clerk	

Tom Bertels spoke about vehicles speeding on VanDeusen Road. He was asking the board to consider having a 30 mph speed limit on the road. Mr. Bertels said it appears at this time to be no speed signs or speed limit. The board will consult with the town attorney in reference to the process in having a speed limit set and signs up. Supervisor Weigelt suggested having the town's mobile electronic speed sign put there to deter the speeding vehicles.

Supervisor Weigelt discussed with the board his thoughts on purchasing a piece of playground equipment resembling a wooden boat to use at the playground at the town park. He stated he had seen them at some other parks and thought it would be a nice addition to the new playground equipment recently put up in the park.

Councilwoman Cashen spoke about the COVID Relief Funding Application. She went over areas of the application, budget information, what documents are required, contact person, etc. The deadline for the application is July 7, 2021. She stated the exact amount that the town would receive is unknown at this time. She will follow up as to filling out the application.

Discussed employee insurance plans that are due for renewal soon. Councilwoman Cashen presented the board with handouts of the cost of plans. She stated that the increase for the year is approximately thirty three hundred dollars.

Councilwoman Cashen presented the board with a map she obtained showing landlocked properties throughout the town. The board has been considering a possible change to the zoning law that requires a certain amount of road footage on a buildable lot. The current requirement leaves many properties unable to get to without an easement from neighboring properties.

Discussed new water lines being ran into the hamlet park for watering purposes. Councilman Duntz stated he was at the park and found a monument blocked from weed, plants, etc. He asked could it be cleaned up by park employees so the monument can be seen. The town will also be purchasing a new flower tree. Councilwoman Cashen asked about the proposed hamlet sign. Councilman Hook stated he is checking on prices.

Discussed replacing missing swings at the town park. Councilman Hook will check with park manager Derby Shutts to see if there are any in storage, if not, new swings will be purchased.

Discussed reimbursement for park rental fees. The board was informed that through a miscommunication between the town office and park manager Derby Shutts, the kitchen was not opened on time for a renter which according to the renter, food had gone bad that they had brought. Councilman Hook explained he had received a call and in turn called park employees who had come to open the kitchen shortly after the originally stated time the renters would be coming. The board decided to return the fee back to the renter.

Discussed the Claverack and Churchtown fire district boundaries. Supervisor Weigelt stated that he had thought that things were set for a public hearing. Councilwoman Cashen stated that the two companies have to come to an agreement on the actual information. Supervisor Weigelt and board members stated they had thought the agreement was reached and had been set for a public hearing. Councilwoman Cashen went on to say that it has not been listed which caused confusion between attorney's and the county. The public hearing will not be able to be held at the July 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting but the board will follow up with the town attorney.

Councilman Hook updated the board about the old Claverack Library which will be used for town court, town board and planning and zoning meetings. He advised that a sink hole near the septic system had been worked on and now are waiting for the electric meter to be moved from inside the building to the outside, at which time the rest of the work can be completed. He stated that he hopes the work will be completed by next month.

Discussed plans to demolish and consider a new building for the current town hall location. Councilwoman Cashen stated she felt that the public needed to be involved to give input on the design of the new building and what is needed. She stated there should be a public forum where the public can participate. Supervisor Weigelt stated at this point proposals should go out soon for bids to demolish the old building.

Discussed park grant status. Councilwoman Cashen stated she had contacted DASNY. She said that during COVID, everything had stopped. The grant had been previously granted but at this time it is in the hands of the Senate Finance Committee to review.

Discussed escrow accounts. The town bookkeeper has received bills from an engineering company that had reviewed plans for the planning board which at this time has no money in escrow. The board will consult with the town attorney.

Motion by Councilman Hook to enter into executive session. Seconded by Councilman Duntz, all in favor. Enter into executive session at 7:29 PM.

Motion by Councilman Hook to leave executive session. Seconded by Councilman Keeler, all in favor. Left executive session at 8:17 PM.

Motion by Councilman Hook to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Cashen, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.