

**TOWN OF CLAVERACK**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**January 06, 2022**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York, was held remotely due to the COVID-19 restrictions, with the public being able to listen, question and comment.

Present remotely:

Clifford Weigelt	Supervisor
Kathleen Cashen	Councilwoman
Stephen Hook	Councilman
Douglas Colwell	Councilman
George Duntz	Councilman
Robert Fitzsimmons, Jr., Esq.	Attorney for the Town
Mary J. Hoose	Town Clerk

Absent:

Louis LaMont	Superintendent of Highways
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Motion by **Councilman Hook**, seconded by **Councilman Duntz** to accept minutes of previous meeting of December 09, 2021. Carried

There was no Superintendent of Highways report.

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

**Correspondence**

Including, but not limited to:

Philmont Public Library – e-mail – January newsletter

Weaver, Justin – e-mail – 2022 Quarterly KISS PROGRAM (shredding)

Colwell, Douglas – Re: Resignation from Zoning Board of Appeals due to be newly elected to Town Board

NYSTCA – e-mail -Legislation Update - Open Meetings Law and Public Officers Law

Rob. Fitzsimmons, Jr., Esq. – e-mail – Information on Air-B-N-B's

Davey, Donna – e-mail – Re: Speeding on Stottville Road continues

Town of Claverack Planning Board – Re: Notice of Meeting and Public Hearing

Columbia County Habitat for Humanity – e-mail – Yearly Report

Bradley, John – e-mail -Request to not vote on proposal to moving EMO until a full assessment has been conducted and discussed with the public

NYSDEC – e-mail – Re: Announces \$11 million for Climate Smart Community Projects availability  
Social Security Star – e-mail – Newsletter  
Wittler, Gregory – e-mail – Re: Tractor trailers using their engine/jake brake on Rte. 9-H

### **Supervisor's Report**

Regarding speed signs – Cannot be on State property.- Highway Superintendent to have plans for placement. **Councilman Colwell** explained that signs have to be close to road or will not read properly. Wants signs to be set up on NYS Rte. #23B and Red Mills.

also met with State officials because Van Deusen Road request rejected.

**Councilman Duntz** stated there is a lot more traffic than in the past.

**Supervisor Weigelt** said that a request for speed sign on Dunbar Road received from a resident.

**Councilwoman Cashen** said that landowners on Rte. #23-B may agree to the traffic signs. The Town is under Region 8.

Supervisor Weigelt reported that there will be more meetings with the State Department of Transportation.

### **Board Member Reports**

**Councilwoman Cashen** – Met with NYSDOT officials along with other Town Board members on several issues. Followed up with residents that had inquiries on these issues.

Followed up with National Grid on LED streetlight conversion for the Hamlet.

Along with Deputy Supervisor/Councilman Hook, worked with member of Claverack Library and staff members to arrange for N95 masks to be distributed at the Library for residents and worked on parking signs for the former library building to be used temporarily for the Town Court and other Town activities until new building is built.

Worked on questionnaire for 2022 Town insurance quote and providing information to Insurance Broker on the former Claverack Library building to be used temporarily by the Town for Town Court and other Town meetings.

Contacted Town Employment attorney for advice on employee retirement/resignation requirements.

Attended January Planning Board meeting and “zoomed” meeting for the public.

Worked with Deputy Clerk and volunteer coordinator on 2022 Winter Ski Program for youth in the Town at Catamount Ski Area.

**Councilman Duntz** – Working on lights that need to be replaced.

Looking into a Neighborhood Watch Program.

Looking into funds for ski program at the State level to see if there are any programs available at the County and/or Town level.

Welcomed Town Board back, with **Councilman Colwell** now on board.

Daniel DeCintio has requested the Town to look into a project for his Eagle Scout. Will look into this. It was brought up that he might be able to work on Mastadon project as discussed by Jeane LaPorta.

**Councilman Colwell** – Discussed with Councilman Duntz regarding Spring sports.

Thanked all who supported him, giving him the opportunity to serve the residents of the Town.

Would like to be part of the meetings with NYSDOT.

**Councilman Hook** – Monthly food pantry pickup in Hudson. Also recycling several times for Town Office and Food Pantry.

Many meetings in regard to former Claverack Library including Lowes for information and picking up supplies needed for Library building, meeting with County, meeting with S & F for camera system, Mid-Hudson Cable, called Magna 5 to switch phones and many other times met at library to keep up on progress.

Went to Pro-Printers for Building Department materials.

Attended Agawamick Creek Watershed meeting.

Picked up tax bills from Real Property.

Attended, with other Board members meeting with NYS Department of Transportation on several issues.

Signed checks several times at Town Office.

**Councilman Hook** also reported problems in the Town Park. Law enforcement was notified. **Supervisor Weigelt** questioned the cameras there. Will look into placement of or the need for more cameras.

Discussion on COVID-19 test kits. Received a supply of masks and kits from Columbia County Emergency Management. May be more in the future, but do not know if or when.

The Board of Assessment Review (BAR) has no one up for reappointment this year.

There is one opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). This will be put on the Town website.

Chairman of the Planning Board, **R. Scott Cole**, has suggested that Planning Board members have laptops. **Councilwoman Cashen** agrees that this would be a good idea. It would take away from paper work. Will speak with Joe Vining. He does the computer work for the Town. **Stephen King**, a member of the Planning Board supports this idea. Motion by **Supervisor Weigelt**, seconded by **Councilman Duntz** to go forward with this idea. Carried.

Motion by **Councilman Hook**, seconded by **Councilman Duntz** for a raise for Katrina Gore, secretary in the Building Department. Carried.

Motion by **Councilman Hook**, seconded by **Councilman Duntz** to accept financial Statements. Carried.

Motion by **Councilman Hook**, seconded by Councilman Duntz to change the charges for CO's to \$100.00 for Residential Permits and \$125.00 for Commercial Permits. At the present time, they are both the same. Carried.

Discussion on fence permits. This was explained by **Councilman Hook**. At the present time, there is no permit issued for a fence up to 6 feet and there are fences being put up over this. **Councilwoman Cashen** sked whether local fence businesses are aware of this, that the maximum is 6'. Feels that this needs to be looked in further.

Update on former Claverack Library building, to be used as the Town Court and other Town activities while new facility is built. Meeting with Mabey's Moving and Storage tomorrow. Plans are for moving into the building the last week in January or first week in February.

Nothing new to report on Agawamuck Creek at this time.

Opened to public:

**Stephanie Sussman** – Glad to see recording on website. Read a resolution that she wants the Town to make, which has already been passed by the County Board of Supervisors.

**Breda Shufelt** – Stated that committees should be set up and should include Town residents.

**Donna Davi** – Resident on Stottville Road. Still a speeding problem on that road and questioned what the Town can do besides the signs. They don't seem to be doing much good.

No further comments.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, on motion by **Councilman Hook**, seconded by **Councilman Duntz** meeting closed at 7:35 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Councilman Colwell; \_\_\_\_\_

Councilman Duntz: \_\_\_\_\_

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

