

Monthly Town Board Meeting
April 7, 2011

The Town Board held their Monthly Meeting on the above date at 8:00 p.m, at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York.

PRESENT

Richard Shea	Supervisor
Betty Budney	Councilwoman
Barbara Scuccimarra	Councilwoman
Nancy Montgomery	Councilwoman
John Van Tassel	Councilman
Edward W. Doyle	Town Attorney

Supervisor Shea opened the meeting with the Salute to the Flag.

Before proceeding with the agenda, Supervisor Shea addressed the rally that was presently taking place outside the Town Hall with regard to the proposed Weapons Law. Supervisor Shea gave some background information as to why the law had been proposed; what the procedure was for enacting a Local Law, and how the Town Board works diligently to try to accommodate everyone on all issues. Supervisor Shea added that the Board would be reviewing the proposed weapons law further, and hoped to come back with a policy that would be amicable for everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of December 2, 2010, Putnam Pathways, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Public Hearing of December 2, 2010, Putnam Pathways, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of December 2, 2010, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Scuccimarra made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of December 2, 2010, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Year End Meeting of December 29, 2010, were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Year End Meeting of December 29, 2010, are hereby approved as presented.

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The Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of January 6, 2011, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of January 6, 2011, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of January 19, 2011, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Scuccimarra made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the Minutes of Weekly Town Board Meeting of January 19, 2011, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of February 3, 2011, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of February 3, 2011, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of February 9, 2011, Chapter 175-Zoning, were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Public Hearing of February 9, 2011, Chapter 175-Zoning, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Continuation of Public Hearing of February 16, 2011, Chapter 175-Zoning, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Continuation of Public Hearing of February 16, 2011, Chapter 175-Zoning, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Bid Opening of February 23, 2011, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Bid Opening of February 23, 2011, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of March 3, 2011, Weapons Law, were reviewed.

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Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Public Hearing of March 3, 2011, Weapons Law, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of March 3, 2011, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Budney noted that a mistake should be corrected in the Recycling Report. The new programs' name is "Pay As You Throw" not "Pay As You Grow."

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of March 3, 2011, are hereby approved as corrected.

The Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of March 9, 2011, were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of March 9, 2011, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of March 16, 2011, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Scuccimarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of March 16, 2011, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of March 24, 2011, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of March 24, 2011, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of March 30, 2011, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of March 30, 2011, are hereby approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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CAC – Councilwoman Scuccimarra reported that the CAC Meeting was held on March 8, 2011, at 7:30 pm, and that there were three items on the agenda: Steven Holly, the Rose residence, and Peter & Kyra Hazou. The next meeting will be on April 12, 2011.

Recreation – Councilwoman Montgomery reported that the Recreation Commission met on March 28. The Garrison Institute, the common facilities manager, will start work doing repairs on the entrance off of 9D in mid-April. The Town Park will open on April 23. Summer registration opens Monday @8:30am. The Senior Lunch is scheduled for Wednesday. There was a discussion on the newly formed Friends of Philipstown Recreation. The Board of Director's recommendation has been submitted to the Town Board and will be discussed later. The next meeting will be the last Tuesday of April.

Recycling - Councilwoman Budney noted that the Recycling Center would be closed this Saturday April 9, 2011. A Spring Cleanup will be scheduled for May 14 at the Garrison Fire House, which will be paid for with a private donation from Hudson Highlands Land Trust Board of Directors. Hazard Waste day will be on May 21 at Fahnestock. You will need to register for this. More info will follow.

Planning Board – Councilwoman Montgomery gave her heartfelt thanks with sadness in saying goodbye to Phil Vartanian, who was a great advocate for Philipstown. The Planning Board met on March 24 and she reported on the items addressed at the meeting. Next meeting will be held on April 21, 2011 at 7:30pm.

Zoning – Councilman Van Tassel reported that he attended both the March 14 and April 4 meetings. The next Zoning Board meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2011.

Highway - Councilwoman Budney read the monthly report submitted by Highway Superintendent Roger Chirico. The report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office for anyone wishing to review. Please report pothole issues to the Highway Department. Also, please clean up along/around brooks and streams on your property so as to keep the debris from causing clogs that can wash out the roads. This will be less costly for the Town.

Building & Land Acquisition - No report.

GVFD – Jamie Copeland, President of the Garrison Fire Department, read the report for the month of March. He also noted that the Fire Department hosted a training session with Metro North and Amtrak on train fires and had practical training at the Croton yard. In the month of April the department kicked off their recruitment drive starting with an Easter Egg Hunt. The Auxiliary is sponsoring a "Spaghetti Dinner" fundraiser and there will have an Open House (9-12) on April 9, 2011. The department will also be donating a treadmill to the Walter Hoving

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Home for a new exercise room that the West Point professors built. The Fire Department will have their own in-house training next Thursday.

Butterfield Library - Gillian Thorpe reported that Butterfield Library and Haldane School are partnering to hold a basic computer class for seniors (although all are welcome), which will be held at Haldane Central School. The library now has museum passes, which can be loaned out to the public. Currently, they have 5 passes to the Guggenheim and 6 passes for the Danbury Railway Museum. The Library is now taking a poll on Facebook to see what they should look into next. She asked that people go and vote if they want to have a say. Ms. Thorpe also wanted to remind everyone about "Big Truck Day," which will be on June 5 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Special Meeting - Friends of Philipstown Recreation, Inc.

1. The meeting was called to order.
2. Quorum Present
3. Resolution needed nominating Joseph F. Curto and Jeffrey P. Dain to the Board of Directors.

RESOLUTION #89-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilman Van Tassel, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried:

RESOLVED, that Jeffrey P. Dain is hereby elected as a Director of the corporation, which term will expire April 2012.

RESOLUTION #90-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilman Van Tassel, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that Joseph F. Curto is hereby elected as a Director of the corporation, which term will expire April 2013.

Claudio Marzollo made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney to close the Special Meeting of the Friends of Philipstown Recreation, Inc. at 8:26 p.m

TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF APRIL 7, 2011

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

C.T.V. Fees	\$ 10,827.00
Rec. Fees 2/11	38,644.74
Put. Co. DWI	400.00
T.C. Fees 2/11	522.70
Put. Co. Dog Surplus	355.48
Hudson Baylor	135.50
Bank Interest	357.90
Justice Fees 3/11	8,007.00
Bldg. Dept. Fees 3/11	23,495.00
AW Scrap	568.00

HIGHWAY FUND

Trident Ins. – truck damage	\$ 2,500.00
Village of Nelsonville – salt	2,561.60
Haldane – salt	972.95
P.C. – gas	1,847.84
P.C. – gas	423.74
Gen.Fund Ck – gas & salt	1,511.79
I.Vazquez – waste oil	94.40
CV Fire – gas	12.77
Bank Interest	107.17

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Bank Interest	\$ 33.88
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CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Clubhouse	\$ 200.00
Bank Interest	23.46

AGENDA

1. Honorary Resolution for Josephine Doherty

Supervisor Shea said that this was one of the nice things the Town Board has the opportunity to do. He then read the Resolution for Josephine Doherty.

RESOLUTION #91-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Budney, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried;

The Town Board of the Town of Philipstown by this Resolution does hereby pay tribute to Josephine Doherty.

WHEREAS, Josephine Doherty served the Town of Philipstown for sixteen years on the Planning Board and four years on the Conservation Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Josephine was unique in her sensitivity for doing what was best for the entire community; she had courage in expressing her convictions, and a special way of dealing with complex issues; and

WHEREAS, if there was one characteristic that distinguished Josephine's career as a public servant, it was her enormous capacity for hard work, putting more of herself into the job of working for her community; and

WHEREAS, Josephine has demonstrated, in many practical ways, her deep and genuine love for our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the undersigned members of the Town Board and Town Officers of the Town of Philipstown, express our sincere appreciation and thanks to Josephine Doherty for her distinguished service to the community, and highly commend her for the manner in which she carried out her duties and responsibilities.

2. Richard Dillman, representative from the New York Department of Transportation to address the Town Board.

Supervisor Shea said that Mr. Dillman is a PE, traffic engineer, and operations manager from the Poughkeepsie office. Mr. Dillman met John Van Tassel at the Putnam County Safety Board and was asked about several issues - the proposed traffic light on Route 9 at Fishkill Road, and when that will be installed. Mr. Dillman said that they did award the contract to Verde Electric and they had their "get start" construction meeting and anticipate that the light will be installed over the next two months. The other two issues he was asked to discuss were the speed limits on Route 9 and Fishkill Road. They are both presently 45 mph.

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Mr. Dillman stated that a speed study was done and at the conclusion of that study, unfortunately, they found that the speed limit of 45 is appropriate for that road. The other thing Mr. Dillman was asked to look at was the speed limit on 9D, just outside of Cold Spring where the speed limit is 55 mph. A speed study was done and it was determined that it too was an appropriate speed for the road. Councilwoman Scuccimarra stated that she had a little trouble with that because on 9D the limit is 40 mph going into a 25 mph school zone and the area will soon be rezoned a hamlet. Councilwoman Scuccimarra added that the area has a post office, school, a gas station and a church and she did not understand why the limit cannot be lowered. Mr. Dillman replied that all those surroundings are taken into consideration and one of the challenges of posting a speed limit that is lower than what would be appropriate would actually widen the gap of what people are driving; some people would observe the speed limit but others would just remain doing the speed limits they are comfortable with. Mr. Dillman added that when there is a wide range of speed limits, this actually increases the safety concerns. Councilman Van Tassel remarked that this is similar to the Route 9 corridor, which will go down to a hamlet design. Councilman Van Tassel added that the Town Board was just wondering why when you go through Rhinebeck and Hyde Park, the speed limit on Route 9 is 35 mph. Mr. Dillman said they have on-street parking and that section of Rhinebeck is an unincorporated portion of the Town. Supervisor Shea asked if this could be looked at again when circumstances change. Mr. Dillman replied "yes." Supervisor Shea said that he has two other considerations, one being road conditions on Route 9 south of 301. Mr. Dillman said that he was aware of this, due to the hard winter and all the rain. Mr. Dillman stated that these conditions would be taken care of and that he will check the schedule to see when the crew will be there to repave. Councilwoman Scuccimarra asked, "So this is a done deal" (the speed limit on 9D)? Mr. Dillman answered "yes at this time." Supervisor Shea asked about the light on Route 9, mentioning that one of the considerations is to put in a turnout lane. Mr. Dillman said there is nothing on the plans for that right now and noted that Putnam County had realigned Fishkill Road just a few years ago and it does not fit in the DOT right-of-way and acquisition of property would be necessary. Supervisor Shea asked if this is something we could explore in the future and Mr. Dillman said yes it was. Councilman Van Tassel asked about phasing the light so that traffic won't back up on Route 9. Mr. Dillman said that the light would phase when there is traffic on Fishkill Road. Councilman Van Tassel asked if there would be a light facing the gas station. Mr. Dillman said no since it does not line up very well; that a collision diagram was done and a pattern was not seen. Joe Giachinta asked Mr. Dillman if they took into consideration the fact that traffic will back up on the southbound side with the light there and asked if there would be a sign indicating the light. Mr. Dillman said that there is no plan for a sign at this time and one of the negatives is that more than likely there will be more accidents. Mr. Giachinta said he is dumbfounded that there will be no light on the gas station side. Mr. Dillman said the gas station exit lines up with ongoing traffic from Fishkill Road. Mr. Giachinta said that the issue right now is people coming out of the gas station

and without a light there, this is not solving anything. An audience member said that there would be another problem if there were a light on the gas station side and both turned green at the same time which would mean there would be traffic crossing together. Mr. Dillman said that he would be interested to see the accident data from the local police on this intersection. Councilman Van Tassel said that it would be good to close that entrance.

3. Deborah Kopald to present “The Environmental Health Impacts of the Wireless Revolution”.

Deborah Kopald, representing herself, addressed the Town Board on the effects of electro magnetic pollution. She said that this is a subject people know very little about and something scientists say is a greater threat to human health than global warming. She covered cell towers, wi fi, cell phones, smart meters and compact fluorescent lights and their links to cancers. The FCC is considering ditching landlines and she thinks that this is outrageous in light of the study’s linking cancer to cell phones. Ms. Kopald recommends cell towers be kept 1,500 feet away from schools, religious institutions and homes and Wi Fi should be banned from all schools. Ms. Kopald stated that other electro magnetic radiation issues are compact fluorescent lights, which are supposed to reduce global warming, but they have a high magnetic field where incandescent bulbs do not. Another issue is smart meters, which automatically reads gas, water and electric meters. In wrapping up, Ms. Kopald believes that children should grow up in microwave free zones and urges people to work with their local governments on solutions to minimize health risks from these technologies.

Michael Gibbons asked if Ms. Kopald had anything on LED lights. Ms. Kopald said she does not know very much about this, but has heard that they have a high level of toxins. Supervisor Shea asked about cordless phones and Ms. Kopald said that they are as bad as cell phones. Supervisor Shea thanked Ms. Kopald for her presentation.

4. Resolution authorizing a donation in the amount of \$300.00 to the Nelsonville Fish & Fur for this year’s “Kids Fishing Day” scheduled for May 1, 2011.

Town Clerk Merando read the Nelsonville Fish & Fur’s letter. Supervisor Shea said the Town has done this in the past and is glad to help out.

RESOLUTION #92-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Budney, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board approves the donation of \$300.00 to Nelsonville Fish & Fur for this year’s “Kids Fishing Day” scheduled for May 1, 2011

5. Resolution needed to authorize Supervisor Shea to sign the Parade/Assembly Permit for a Residential Auction for March 31, 2011 (nunc pro tunc).

RESOLUTION #93-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Montgomery, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the Parade/Assembly Permit for a Residential Auction for March 31, 2011 (nunc pro tunc).

6. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between Putnam County Real Property Tax Services and the Town for all required documents in connection with real property.

Town Clerk Merando read the resolution and noted that this is done every year. It is standard.

RESOLUTION #94-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Budney, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the contract between Putnam County Real Property Tax Services and the Town for all required documents in connection with real property.

7. Resolution needed accepting the resignation of Nancy Montgomery from the Friends of Philipstown Recreation.

Councilwoman Montgomery said that this was important to her to get this organization off the ground. She noted that Bob Bickford and Claudio Marzollo helped put this together. They filed with the IRS and finally have a mechanism to raise funds for Philipstown Recreation where they won't have to go out to bond or won't have to raise taxes to support any of the properties they have. It was really important once they adopted their Master Plan, and they are now at a point to start raising private funds. Councilwoman Montgomery stated they started it and she helped get it off the ground and now she is going to step down so that other people in the community can participate. Supervisor Shea said that this is a move to make contributions more discretionary rather than mandatory through taxes and feels that people feel more comfortable. Supervisor Shea expressed his assurance that the Friends of Philipstown Recreation will get donations.

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RESOLUTION #95-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Scuccimarra, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby accepts the resignation of Nancy Montgomery from the Friends of Philipstown Recreation.

8. Resolution needed appointing Nancy Montgomery as the liaison of Friends of Philipstown Recreation.

RESOLUTION #96-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Budney, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby appoints Nancy Montgomery as the liaison of Friends of Philipstown Recreation.

9. Resolution accepting the resignation of Joe Regele as a member of the Philipstown Recreation Commission effective immediately.

Supervisor Shea said they hate to lose volunteers. Councilman Van Tassel stated that Joe Regele was a little frustrated with the process and asked Mr. Regele to stay on the field's committee. Mr. Regele will debate that and get back to him. Supervisor Shea thanked Mr. Regele for his service.

RESOLUTION #97-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Budney, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby accepts the resignation of Joe Regele as a member of the Philipstown Recreation Commission effective immediately.

10. Resolution authorizing the release of escrow funds on the Reeve Application.

RESOLUTION #98-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilman Van Tassel, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby approves the release of any expended balance of the escrow deposit for Annemarie Reeve.

10. Resolution authorizing the release of escrow funds on the Rhodes Application.

RESOLUTION #99-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Budney, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby approves the release of any funds for processing and consultants' fees held in escrow for R.A.S. 3, LLC/Rhodes Application.

11. Resolution needed to adjust the terms of office for Philipstown's Planning Board Members.

Town Clerk Merando explained that this needs to be adjusted because there were four different terms expiring in the same year. She did some research and found that in 1994 they were given 5-year terms instead of 4-year terms causing this situation.

RESOLUTION #100-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilman Van Tassel, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby approves the adjusted term of office for Planning Board Member, Anthony Merante from March 31, 2015 to March 31, 2014.

RESOLUTION #101-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Budney, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby approves the adjusted term of office for Planning Board Member, Michael Leonard from March 31, 2012 to March 31, 2013.

RESOLUTION #102-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilman Van Tassel, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby authorizes Town Clerk Merando to advertise for the vacancy for a Planning Board Member, with the term to expire March 31, 2014.

RESOLUTION #103-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Montgomery, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried;

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby approves the adjusted term of office for Planning Board Member, Pat Sexton from March 31, 2013 to March 31, 2012.

12. Resolution needed appointing members to the Board of Assessment Review.

RESOLUTION #104-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Montgomery, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby appoints Jamie Adams to the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire September 30, 2015

RESOLUTION #105-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Scuccimarra, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby appoints Gordon Casement to the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire September 30, 2015

RESOLUTION #106-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilman Van Tassel, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby appoints Michael Leonard to the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire September 30, 2013.

Supervisor Shea said they will hold off on the appointment of Rita Geraty until Town Clerk Merando can speak with her.

RESOLUTION #107-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Budney, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby appoints Dorothy Gilman to the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire September 30, 2014.

RESOLUTION #108-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilwoman Scuccimarra, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried;

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby appoints Gordon Casement, as Chairman, to the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire September 30, 2015

13. Town Board to form a committee to review the Historic Preservation Overlay.

Supervisor Shea said that the Historic Preservation Overlay was recently removed from the Zoning and they would like to review it further. To that end they would like to appoint two Town Board members to serve on a committee to do some research.

RESOLUTION #109-2011

The following Resolution was presented by Councilman Van Tassel, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby appoints Councilwoman Budney and Councilwoman Scuccimarra to sit on the committee to review the Historic Preservation Overlay.

14. Code Enforcement Monthly report.

Town Clerk Merando read the Code Enforcement Monthly report for March.

15. Schedule Workshops/Meetings.

Continuation of Public Hearing for the GVFD truck on Wednesday April 13, 2011, at 7:30pm.

16. Any other Business that may come before the Town Board.

Councilman Van Tassel reported that he attended a Fields Committee meeting March 22, @7:30 am. The Committee discussed the proposed RFP, which will be presented to a number of engineering firms that specialize in coordination and development of athletic fields. The RFP's goal is to meet the needs of the entire community with coordination and consolidation to eliminate possible duplication of facilities. The task for the RFP would include analyzing existing fields, facilities and conditions, review demands and usage, prepare recommendations for improving and expanding the fields, and prepare a cost estimate for these options, as well as, other items to be considered. The group will meet again on April 27 at 7:30am, at Town Hall.

Councilwoman Scuccimarra talked about "Litter" and she is encouraging people to pick up a bag and take a walk; do teams, ask your neighbors. Councilwoman Scuccimarra stated that there is a lot of garbage on the roads and noted that there are a number of people in town who do it all the time. An audience

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member asked about telephone books that are dropped at the mailboxes and then are left there. He said the Town should contact the telephone company and request them not to drop them off at the mail drops. Another audience member wanted to mention that kids from the Putnam County Litter Patrol had cleaned up Route 9 and 301 in past years and did a real nice job.

Councilman Van Tassel talked about the ongoing problem on Peekskill Road and informed the Town Board that Donald Smith hosted a meeting with regard to the problem of heavy truck traffic on this road. Sheriff Smith and other members of the sheriff's department, County Engineer Mark Rosa, State DOT Engineer Rich Dillman, Mayor Gallagher of Cold Spring, Mayor Corless of Nelsonville and Peekskill Road resident Doug Logan, attended the meeting. Mark Rosa reported that Putnam County would be doing repairs to the bridge that will require closing the road. Councilman Van Tassel said this will basically give us a test period as to where the truck traffic will detour. The consensus of the group was that the northbound thru traffic, from the Bear Mountain Bridge going north should use Route 403, if possible, to get to Route 9 rather than trying to negotiate the 9D/Route 301 Main Street turn there. Mr. Dillman will investigate the ability of requesting a permanent detour using the Route 403 option as a preferred truck route. The repairs on the small bridge, which is attached to the foundation to Mr. Logan's business, may also alleviate some of the vibrations. Basically, when these heavy trucks come over, they are literally shaking his house apart. Councilman Van Tassel noted that you couldn't just ban the trucks from that road or set weight limits. They are hoping that these repairs and a repaving program, that is scheduled, will alleviate some of the problem.

Supervisor Shea said that he and Councilwoman Montgomery visited with the seniors this morning to hear their concerns. Supervisor Shea remarked that one thing he was going to push for this year was to try to get the senior center to become a reality, which he is committed to doing. More in-depth discussions would be ongoing on how this could be done. Supervisor Shea added that he visited the Putnam Valley Senior Center, which is state of the art and is fully funded by the County and built by the County. Supervisor Shea remarked that seniors deserve better treatment here; that the Town Board was committed to getting them space at the former Butterfield sight. Councilman Van Tassel and he attended several meetings at the County. There has been a lot of talk, but now it is time for action. The Town Board is committed to partnering with the County if they are willing, but the Board will also go ahead on their own if that's what it takes. Supervisor Shea has met with the owners of the Butterfield property and has a couple proposals out there for what he would like to do. The Town Board will talk to the Village of Cold Spring about having some municipal services there. The Town can only commit to a certain level over there - probably around 4,000 sq. ft., which would include a kitchen. The Town will look to the County to increase that space for other activities. This year is a real opportune time and Supervisor Shea has been working with Legislature Tamagna and Interim County Executive Paul Eldridge. Both are firmly on board

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with this. So, the Town Board will need help to sway the legislature to do the right thing for Philipstown. Supervisor Shea stated that the Town Board is not talking about a big financial commitment, they are not talking about buying the space, they are talking about a long-term lease and there are a lot of creative options that could be taken advantage of to get the seniors a place they deserve.

Supervisor Shea asked the audience for their comments, and advised them that he would not entertain comments on the Weapons law tonight. There will be an evening for that.

AUDIENCE

Kim Connor asked that when they do something at the Butterfield site would the Town entertain space for the Farmers Market? Supervisor Shea said that they certainly would. Mayor Gallagher said the Village would help in any way they can to get the senior center at Butterfield. The Village has put in a proposal for the Police Dept. and there is a possibility for shared space: court and meeting rooms. The Village has a meeting scheduled with the owners next week (week of April 11). Supervisor Shea noted that an ADA facility was also needed.

Dave Vichery thanked the Town Board and Town Clerk Merando for their work and taking action on the term limits for the Planning Board. He wanted to follow up on the Executive Session on the Planning Board interview. He looked through the Town Code manual and there is a section on how an Executive Session should be used and thought that the Town Board would like to take a peak at that. Supervisor Shea said that they have looked at it and Town Attorney Doyle has done some research on that and they feel that they are on firm ground when they interview someone for a Planning Board position to do that in Executive Session. Mr. Vichery said that there are certainly some things about interviews that would be done in Executive Session, but this type of position where it is a public policy decision-making group the individuals being questioned about their thinking, their qualification and perspective on a public issue like that is pretty much like interviewing a judge. These are public comment things. If it is an interview where they are discussing wages than that could be in Executive Session. Mr. Vichery went on to ask about a letter in late 2009 from Joel Russell to the Town Board about Section 175 Zoning Law (adopted) that mentioned that there might be certain chapters that might be in conflict with the new zoning regulations. Mr. Vichery stated that perhaps there are two ways to cope with that - one being, to address all the other chapters and make those changes at the same time that Chapter 175 is adopted, or to make a statement in the new code stating that if there are conflicting issues then Chapter 175 would supercede. Town Attorney Doyle stated that the current plan is to adopt the law and shortly thereafter go through each of the other laws that require amending.

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Rodney Tudor, a member of the GVFD, stated that Jamie Copeland forgot to mention something earlier - that the Garrison Fire Department was having an Open House on April 9, from 9:00 am to Noon. Secondly, it is Mr. Tudor's understanding that Central Hudson will be eliminating a position, which is very helpful to local Emergency Services. Mr. Tudor remarked that he was speaking on his own behalf and not as a representative of the firehouse. Mr. Tudor stated that a gentleman comes to fix downed wires, problems with poles and relieves them in a timely fashion. Supervisor Shea asked is that Tommy Martins' position. Rodney answered yes. Mr. Tudor requested that the Town set up some ordinance that if the EMS has to sit on emergencies for more than one hour they could be fined or charged. Prior to this gentleman coming to Philipstown to do what he does, there were times that they would sit for hours waiting. It would be a great help for EMS if the Town could come up with some way to punish them (Central Hudson) for having the EMS workers sit for free for hours.

Lastly, Mr. Tudor asked whether the Town Board has done a study as to the effects on Garrison getting more truck traffic with the closing of Peekskill Road? Councilman Van Tassel said that is up to the state DOT and it is a touchy situation because no matter where the traffic is directed, there would be an adverse effect, but the feeling was that the state roads would be better prepared to handle this type of traffic.

Kathleen Foley, a resident of the Village of Cold Spring, said that as she listens to the talk about the new uses at Butterfield and the one thing that she thinks we haven't yet started to think about is the significance of the Town Hall building. She fully supports finding ways to consolidate services at Butterfield, but she wants us to think about how important the Town Hall building is to the Town and Village. It is unusual that a building of this age continues in its original use. She hopes that we can think of ways, if services are moved out of the building, that it is continued to be used as public space. Ms. Foley does not know what the answers are but hopes that as discussions go forward on the consolidation of services that this very important landmark building is kept in mind.

VACANCIES

Recreation Commission (2)
CV Park District Advisory (2)
CV Water District Advisory (3)

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$104,766.42 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 3A & 4

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Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$143,954.03 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 3A.

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Scuccimarra and unanimously carried that the CV Park District Vouchers in the amount of \$1,328.25 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 3A.

Councilwoman Scuccimarra make a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the CV Water District Vouchers in the amount of \$13,942.72 are hereby approved as presented in Abstracts 3A.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Scuccimarra made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery to close the Monthly Meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley
Deputy Town Clerk