

Monthly Town Board Meeting
July 11, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Philipstown held their Monthly Meeting on the above date at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York.

PRESENT:

Richard Shea	Supervisor
Betty Budney	Councilwoman
Nancy Montgomery	Councilwoman
David Merandy	Councilwoman
John Van Tassel	Councilman

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of June 6, 2013, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried that the Minutes of June 6, 2013, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Weekly Workshop of June 12, 2013, were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Minutes of June 12, 2013, are hereby approved as presented.

Supervisor Shea then opened the floor to Legislator Scuccimarra, who presented an update on work being done to improve County transportation. Legislator Scuccimarra stated that there was no countywide list of Putnam County veterans at this time, and a list was being put together so that free rides could be provided to veterans for trips to VA hospitals in the area. Councilwoman Montgomery asked Legislator Scuccimarra if she and/or County Executive, Mary Ellen O'Dell could attend one of the senior meetings. Legislator Scuccimarra responded that the County Executive was planning on coming over to the area next week.

Supervisor Shea reported that he and Legislator Scuccimarra had met earlier in the day and discussed the quality of the food served to the seniors and added that he was seeking a joint effort between the Town, Village of Cold Spring, and Putnam County regarding seniors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CB – Councilwoman Montgomery reported that no meetings would be held until September. Michael Leonard, a Conservation Board member, stated that there may be a meeting scheduled on CF Diversified.

RECREATION – Councilman Van Tassel reported that he did not attend the June 25th meeting, but did have a report submitted by Recreation Supervisor Stickle. Councilman Van Tassel reported that summer camp was in full swing; pre-school graduation was held on June 14th with the Learning Center graduating eight (8) children to Kindergarten; the RFP was sent out for the boilers and the bid opening was held on July 10; Robert Dean approached Recreation about doing his eagle scout project at the North Highlands Park; Recreation Commission voted to have a large tree removed at the play ground and to have Pidala Electric install a new light switch in the gym. Councilman Van Tassel added that the Friends of Philipstown were working with the Putnam County Health Department to get approval of the septic plans for the Park Pavilion. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30th at 7:30 p.m.

RECYCLING – Councilwoman Budney had no report. She asked Legislator Scuccimarra if the contract had been signed for electronic pickup at the Landfill. Legislator Scuccimarra responded that she would check with Mary Rice, the person in charge of obtaining the signature.

PLANNING BOARD – Councilman Merandy gave a report on the June 20, 2013 meeting. The agenda included a Public Hearing for Open Space Conservancy's request for approval of a subdivision plat on Route 9D, Garrison; Entergy's request for a six-month extension on their site plan application for 3 Horseman's Trail; access and site plan approval for 19 Sky Lane; Garrison Properties (Guinan's) submission of a revised plan for 7 Garrison Landing, and C. F. Diversified's new submission for a two-lot subdivision; request for six-month extension for Philipstown Square. Councilman Merandy reported that the next two meetings scheduled for July 25th and September 12th will be held at Butterfield Library.

ZONING – Councilman Van Tassel reported on the June 10, 2013 meeting. Only one item was on the agenda, which was James Gleick, who had applied to install a Residential Wind Turbine at 200 Long and Winding Road. Application was deemed incomplete. Councilman Van Tassel stated that the next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

HIGHWAY – Councilwoman Budney read the June report, which is on file at the Town Clerk's office for review.

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BUILDING & LAND ACQUISITION – Supervisor Shea reported the he met on Wednesday evening, July 10, with an architect who would be working up a budget and a solution for the use of the Dahlia House.

BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY - Councilwoman Budney read the July report, which is on file at the Town Clerk’s office for review.

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE AND GARRISON FIRE JOINT TRAINING REPORT – Councilwoman Montgomery gave a report on the details of the joint training events that took place at the four Philipstown fire companies for the first six months of 2013. Training consisted of ice rescue drills; vehicle extrications; forcible entry techniques; tanker shuttle drill at Croton Harmon station for train fires, and training on the use of foam. A class on harassment issues was also held.

TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR

MONIES RECEIVED AS OF JULY 11, 2013
GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

Cablevision Fees	\$ 11,810.00
Cablevision Fees	18,283.00
Recreation Fees – 4/13	48,131.24
Town Clerk Fees – 5/13	382.50
Town Clerk Fees – Dogs – 5/13	411.50
Justice Fees – 5/13	12,025.00
A.W. Scrap Metal	1,745.00
U.S. Post Office Refund	95.93
Bank Interest	160.93
Building Fees – 4/13	17,257.00
Building Fees – 5/13	12,646.00
Justice Fees – 5/13	6,515.00
Tax Collector – Bank Interest	242.29
Putnam County Mortgage Tax	140,357.74
Justice Court Recovery	7,000.00
Justice Fees – 6/13	7,000.00
Gerelli Insurance Refund	77.00
Recreation Community Recycle	4.40
Town Clerk Fees – 6/13	303.38
Town Clerk Fees – 6/13 – Dogs	358.50
Tax Collector – Penalty Interest	15,112.95
Tax Collector –Reminder Fees	104.00
Tax Collector – Miscellaneous	4.84
Building Fees – 6/13	14,166.00

HIGHWAY FUND

Putnam County – Gas	\$ 2,814.38
General Fund – Gas	447.20
Haldane (Salt)	659.92
General Fund – Gas	298.45
Argonaut Insurance – Guard Rail Damage	2,742.47
Bank Interest	286.52

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Bank Interest	\$ 6.47
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CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Bank Interest	\$ 18.68
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AGENDA

1. Linda Bull, Regional Advisory Officer from New York State Archives to address the town’s record retention program.

Regional Advisory Officer, Linda Bull, spoke briefly about the Town’s Record Retention Program. Ms. Bull noted that Town Clerk Merando’s office has been converting paper records to electronic ones. Ms. Bull stated that Town Clerk Merando is kept informed of any and all workshops and training for transferring paper files to computer files. Ms. Bull remarked that Philipstown was way ahead of other state municipalities as far as electronic record-keeping was concerned – that only one other municipality, namely the Town of Wappingers, has done as much. Councilwoman Montgomery questioned if Ms. Bull had any suggestions on improving Philipstown’s system. Ms. Bull replied that what Town Clerk Merando has accomplish was “Herculean,” that what has already been done was remarkable.

2. Dianne K. Olsen, Senior Extension Educator, from Cornell Cooperative Extension to discuss the Hudson River Estuary Flooding Project.

Ms. Olsen spoke about New York’s changing climate and what could be expected now and in the future and about post-storm training programs that are now being offered for highway superintendents, municipal officials and contractors. Ms. Olsen presented each member of the Board with a pamphlet containing further information, a copy of which is file in the Town Clerk’s office.

2a. Greta Passeri to address the Town Board

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Greta Passeri, of Hudson Valley Wind Energy, spoke on behalf of James Gleick regarding the installation of a wind turbine on property located in Garrison. Mr. Passeri spoke about the long process the Gleicks have endured, the canceling of the Zoning Board of Appeals' meeting for July, and the roadblocks that the Gleick's have been facing. Ms. Passeri pointed out that the Town's zoning laws only classify wind turbines as commercial, or large wind – that the Gleick's request is for a small wind turbine. She added that the project has been ongoing for almost a year and a lot of money, paper and time have been wasted; that the problem is lack of communication between departments; that information regarding wind energy is not understood. Again, the topic of contention was the canceling of the July meeting and moving it to September, setting the project back further. Supervisor Shea stated that he would seek to get the ZBA to set up a meeting in July. Councilman Van Tassel stated that he would contact the Town Engineer to assure that the application was complete.

3. Mr. & Mrs. Norris to discuss a proposed street name on a common driveway.

Robert Lusardi, Esq., representing Mr. & Mrs. Norris, addressed his letter to the Town Board, dated May 14, 2013, regarding a request submitted by Mr. Craig Roffman, President of East Mountain Holdings, petitioning the Town Board to be granted the right to give a street name to a common driveway utilized by the Norrises and three other lots in the East Mountain Holdings subdivision. Mr. & Mrs. Norris expressed their objection to allowing Mr. Rothman the right to name the private driveway. After further discussion, Supervisor Shea asked the Norrises if they had spoken directly with Mr. Roffman about this and added that the Town Board had no jurisdiction over someone naming a private road. Supervisor Shea suggested that the Norrises contact Mr. Rothman and discuss this situation with him. Councilwomen Montgomery and Budney offered their assistance to work with the Norrises to try to set up a meeting with Mr. Roffman.

4. Resolution for adoption of Uniform Notices of Claim Act and authorize Supervisor Shea to sign the Certificate of Designation.

RESOLUTION #96-2013

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the Certificate of Designation for adoption of the Uniform Notices of Claim Act.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Merandy	AYE
Councilman Van Tassel	AYE
Councilwoman Budney	AYE

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Councilwoman Montgomery AYE
Supervisor Shea AYE

5. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the Parade Permit for the Walter Hoving Home and waive the fees associated with the same

RESOLUTION #97-2013

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the Parade Permit for the Walter Hoving Home and waive the fees associated with the same.

6. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the agreement between the Town and Ben Ciccone, Inc., for the Old Albany Post Road Reconstruction Project.

RESOLUTION #98-2013

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Shea to sign the agreement between the Town and Ben Ciccone, Inc., for the Old Albany Post Road Reconstruction Project.

7. Friends of Philipstown to discuss the pavilion at Philipstown Park.

Recreation member, Claudio Marzollo, introduced Jeff Dain, who outlined the specifications for the planned pavilion for the Philipstown Town Park. A sketch of the proposed pavilion was displayed. Mr. Marzollo then informed the Town Board that another project that the Friends of Philipstown were hoping to do, was the installation of an ice skating rink. Member, Joel Conybear, explained that the ice rink would be an inexpensive one (approximate cost - \$8,000). He also spoke about winter activities that could be held at the park. Mr. Marzollo then informed the Town Board that he and his wife, Jean, would be donating a \$50,000 matching grant with hopes of getting donations from the public. Friends of Philipstown have already raised \$45,000 so far towards the approximate \$175,000 that is needed.

8. Code Enforcement Monthly Report.

Town Clerk Merando read the Monthly Report.

9. Schedule Workshops/Meetings.

July 17, 2013 – 7:30 P.M. - Discussion on various items

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10. Any other business that may come before the Town Board.

Supervisor Shea stated that he had a meeting with the group working on the Fjord Trail. Andy Chmar reported that the group was moving forward with plans, mainly focusing on Cold Spring and the connection between the train station and Little Stony Point.

AUDIENCE

Robert Jube of East Mountain Road So., thanked the Town Board and Superintendent of Highways, Roger Chirico for looking at the road near his home. He stated that the Highway Department has been clearing the culverts, making some larger and adding some.

VACANCIES

CV Park District Advisory Committee (3)
CV Water District Advisory Committee (3)

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$118,099.68, are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 6A & 7.

Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$36,850.00, are hereby approved as set forth in Abstracts 6A & 7.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Budney and unanimously carried that the CV Park District Vouchers in the amount of \$2,328.79, are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 7.

Councilwoman Budney make a motion, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried that the CV Water District Vouchers in the amount of \$17,009.72, are hereby approved as presented in Abstract 7.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Budney made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel to close the Town Board Monthly Meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Joan B. Clauss
Deputy Town Clerk