

Monthly Town Board Meeting
February 6, 2014 (Amended)

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
	Nancy Montgomery	Councilwoman
	Michael Leonard	Councilman
	David Merandy	Councilman
	John Van Tassel	Councilman

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

Supervisor Shea announced that the Town lost a former Board Member, Al Hosmer, who was a consummate gentleman, a real hard worker on the Board, and a person you could really rely on. He asked for a moment of silence in his memory.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Year End Meeting of December 30, 2013, 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 30, 2013, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 9, 2014, were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 9, 2014, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Philipstown Depot Theatre Annual Meeting of January 9, 2014, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Leonard and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the Philipstown Depot Theatre Annual Meeting of January 9, 2014, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of January 9, 2014, were reviewed.

Councilman Merandy made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of January 9, 2014, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of January 15, 2014, were reviewed.

Councilman Merandy made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of January 15, 2014, are hereby approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CB – Councilman Leonard reported that he attended the January 14, 2014 meeting. There was one item on the agenda; Alspan LLC, formerly Cybercon, an application for an 8,700 ft. addition. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 11, 2014, at 7:30pm.

RECREATION – Councilman Van Tassel reported that he attended the January 27, 2014 meeting, at which time Director Amber Stickle presented the 2013 year-end financial report. Copies are available. He wanted to point out that the Recreation Department came out \$17,000 under budget and on the expense side, fell \$195 short of their projected goals. The spring book is out as of today, and registration will open February 10, 2014. There will be a senior luncheon on February 12, 2014, for which volunteers are needed. The first annual Winter Carnival at the Recreation Center will take place on Saturday February 8, 2014, from 12 noon – 5:00 pm, which is being co-hosted with Hudson Highlands Land Trust. John Maasik and Andy Chmar briefly talked about their part in the Winter Carnival. A schedule of events will be posted at both locations. Mr. Chmar thanked the volunteer fire departments and Joel Conybear for spearheading the event. Volunteers should arrive at 11:00 am at the Recreation Center. Mr. Chmar also announced that sledding would take place at Winter Hill, along with several other events. All activities are free with the exception of the food.

RECYCLING – Councilwoman Montgomery had nothing to report this month.

PLANNING BOARD - Councilman Merandy reported that they met on January 16, 2014. He wanted to welcome Andy Merante back to the board as Chairperson. There were three items on the agenda; Gex site plan, Alspan LLC public hearing, Winter Hill subdivision and gave an inform review of the Hudson Highlands Reserve subdivision. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2014, at the Butterfield library.

ZONING – Councilman Van Tassel reported that he attended the January 13, 2014 meeting at which time a Public Hearing was held for appeal #884, 20 Nazareth Way. The Zoning Board members attended a 2-hour training session on January 28, 2014, at the Town Hall given by AKRF. The Board would like to have another training session in six (6) months. The next meeting will be held on February 10, 2014, at 7:30 pm.

HIGHWAY – Councilman Van Tassel read the report submitted by Highway Superintendent Roger Chirico, which is on file at the Town Clerks office.

Supervisor Shea wanted to follow up on the Manitou Station Road situation - That the Town is committed to work with the County on this and his thanks to Legislator Scuccimarra for her work on the grant. Supervisor Shea stated that the Town might have to put up money to leverage the grant money and if the grant comes in, the Town certainly

wants to support that. Regardless, something has to happen. If the Town gets the grant, they can leverage up to 1 million dollars with \$200,000, which and he feels is a good investment. Hopefully, the grant comes along and the project gets done.

Town Clerk Merando then took the opportunity to thank Roger Chirico and his crew at Highway for the great job they did removing the piles of snow today around the Town Hall.

BUILDING & LAND ACQUISITION – Supervisor Shea said that they signed an insurance claim for the Dahlia House and hopefully the Town will receive something to cover the cost of repairs due to the flood.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR REPORT - Legislator Scuccimarra reported that she was sorry to hear about Al Hosmer, that he was a wonderful Councilman for many years and a wealth of knowledge. She went on to say that at the same time, the County lost David Bruen, the first County Executive.

Legislator Scuccimarra noted that the County is seeking other grants; a \$400,000 grant to reconnect the wetlands and a Countywide grant for culvert reconstruction that they will be able to add to this. The County would be able to include Manitou Station Road in the culvert grant.

There will be a meeting to discuss a permanent location for the Post Office on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 7:30 pm, at Haldane in the Music Room. Her idea is that they go into Butterfield, but since it is not here yet, they will look for other locales. In the meantime, the Garrison location is awful. There is not enough parking there and people are parking all over. They are not looking at the adverse effects on the residents and the school. She has spoken to Congressman Maloney's office and he is going to help. Some discussion ensued about the work the Post Office is doing.

Last week the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce held their 4th Annual Trail Blazer Award honoring professionals who made a positive impact on the Putnam business community. She was very happy to attend and to see how many businesses from our communities were honored. The businesses were: Cold Spring Coffee Pantry, The Garrison, Tighrope Interactive, Cathryn's Tuscan Grill, Art to Wear, Roberts Salon, Jaymark, Fresh & Co., Cold Spring Farmers Market and Garrison inaudible.

Another thing that has happened lately is the County Executive has proclaimed 2014 the year of the senior. Putnam has the fastest growing senior population in New York State. It is a year to highlight the seniors and their contribution to our community. Legislator Scuccimarra said that this is a good time to bring attention to Philipstown and tell them that we need more services and help here. The transportation department is working on a whole new schedule, which will include the west side of the County. It will include para transit; take seniors to shopping, doctors visits, shopping, etc. Supervisor Shea asked if this would mean that the Town would be included in a new bus line. Legislator Scuccimarra said "yes." To save money, a new RFP for a new bus company was submitted. The County is still brainstorming and asked if anyone had ideas to please let

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her know. She said this should take place within the next few months. They have already been taking veterans back and forth, so now we need to include seniors. We need a lot more help here for our seniors with a facility and menus. Councilwoman Montgomery said that the greatest need is transportation to and from appointments. She noted that we do have a service at Recreation now, but that we have lost a lot of volunteers. She went on to ask for volunteers who may have a day here and there to help transport seniors.

On February 12, 2014, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, the Hudson Highlands Fjord Planning Charet will take place at the Chalet. They are encouraging people to participate in bringing this vision to reality. The public, from all the municipalities, is asked to provide their ideas.

The last thing Legislator Scuccimarra wanted to talk about was sharing services. Governor Cuomo is hot on consolidation of services and she thinks it is time for the Legislature, Cold Spring, Nelsonville and the Town to sit down to see where we may be able to share services. There may be grant possibilities for this too. Supervisor Shea said that the Town was thinking about this.

**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF FEBRUARY 6, 2014**

GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS

Tax Coll – Gen A – Partial	\$500,000.00
Tax Coll – Butterfield Library – Full pay	276,000.09
Tax Coll – CV Fire	255,199.82
Tax Coll – Phil #1	63,954.01
Tax Coll – NH Fire	723,012.77
Tax Coll – Garr Fire	596,293.92
Tax Coll – Hwy – Partial	200,000.00
Town Clerk Fee – 12/13	410.40
Town Clerk Fee Dogs – 12/13	531.00
Tax Coll – 2013 Misc.	433.67
Justice – 12/13	10,204.00
Justice – 12/13	9,949.00
Bldg Fees – 1/14	8,679.00
Bank Interest	59.40

HIGHWAY FUND

P. C. Gas	1,727.42
P. C. Gas	695.01
Bank Int.	167.09
Gen. Fund Gas	123.19
Gen. Fund Ck Gas	1,346.21
Vazuez Co Drain Oil	44.55

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

Bank Interest	6.03
Tax Coll Unpaid Water	24,660.00

CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT

Bank Interest	25.71
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AGENDA

- 1. Resolution awarding the 9' Steel Dump Body/Plow & Sander to Hudson River Truck & Trailer of 12 Commerce St., Ext. Poughkeepsie, New York, for the total cost of \$18,261.00 "Nunc Pro Tunc"**

RESOLUTION #52-2014

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby awards the 9' Steel Dump Body/Plow & Sander to Hudson River Truck & Trailer of 12 Commerce St., Ext., Poughkeepsie, New York for the total cost of \$18,261.00 "Nunc Pro Tunc."

- 2. Resolution to re-appoint the following to the Philipstown Planning Board for a four (4) year term:**

Anthony Merante	Planning	4-year term expiring March 31, 2018
Neal Zuckerman	Planning	4-year term expiring March 31, 2018

RESOLUTION #53-2014

The following Resolution was presented by Councilman Leonard, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that Anthony Merante is re-appointed to the Philipstown Planning Board for a four (4) year term expiring March 31, 2018.

RESOLUTION #54-2014

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

RESOLVED, that Neal Zuckerman is re-appointed to the Philipstown Planning Board for a four (4) year term expiring March 31, 2018.

- 3. Resolution to re-appoint the following to the Philipstown Conservation Board for a two (2) year term:**

Eric Lind	C Board	2-year term expiring March 3, 2016
Andrew Galler	C Board	2-year term expiring March 3, 2016
Robert Repetto	C Board	2-year term expiring March 3, 2016
Mark Galezo	C Board	2-year term expiring March 3, 2016

RESOLUTION #55-2014

The following Resolution was presented by Councilman Leonard, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried;

RESOLVED, that the following are re-appointed to the Philipstown Conservation Board for a two (2) year term:

Eric Lind	C Board	2-year term expiring March 3, 2016
Andrew Galler	C Board	2-year term expiring March 3, 2016
Robert Repetto	C Board	2-year term expiring March 3, 2016
Mark Galezo	C Board	2-year term expiring March 3, 2016

4. Resolution re-appointing the following residents to the Philipstown Continental Village Park District:

Tony Galfano	467 Sprout Brook Road	Garrison, NY
Ken Gonsalves	4 Evans Knoll	Garrison, NY
Fred Romer	26 Schuyler Lane	Garrison, NY

RESOLUTION #56-2014

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

RESOLVED, that the following are re-appointed to the Philipstown Continental Village Park District:

Tony Galfano	467 Sprout Brook Road	Garrison, NY
Ken Gonsalves	4 Evans Knoll	Garrison, NY
Fred Romer	26 Schuyler Lane	Garrison, NY

5. Discussion with regard to Grassi Lane, Garrison, New York.

Diane Travis was there to discuss the issue associated with the private road she and other residents have with the Cold Spring Post Office moving to the Garrison location. She stated that, because the Town could not make a decision on the Butterfield project, the residents are being inconvenienced. Supervisor Shea explained that Butterfield was not a Town issue, but a Village of Cold Spring one. Ms. Travis said that Grassi Lane is a private road and the residents pay for all the maintenance of the road, and noted that the Post Office has been using the road as a parking lot and turn-around and have created two driveways onto their road. All this traffic is causing damage. No one has come to them to make any offer to help maintain the road. People park on the road to go into the post office making it difficult to get in and out of their own road. They are very frustrated and need help in resolving these issues. No one in any government entity has contacted them about how this is going to impact the residents of this road. The landlord of the property has never come to them either. Supervisor Shea remarked that the Town was the only municipality that was decisive on the Butterfield project by committing to the plan several years ago. He would like to offer the Town's assistance to help her immediately since there is obviously a problem. He will meet with the Building Department tomorrow to see what can be done and if the Town would have to take legal action on the residents' behalf.

Ms. Travis stated that she did send a letter to the sheriff's department asking for help because of the traffic issues.

6. Code Enforcement Report

Town Clerk Merando read the report submitted by the Code Enforcement Officer, Kevin Donohue. Copy of which is on file in the Town Clerks Office.

Town Clerk Merando had one more item, which was a request for a resolution to advertise for bidders for #2 fuel oil bulk deliveries on an as-needed basis for the year 2014 for the Claudio Marzollo Community Center. A discussion ensued with regard to #2 fuel oil for Recreation. Supervisor Shea asked the Town Clerk to advertise for bidders for #2 fuel oil bulk deliveries. Supervisor Shea requested that it be advertised in the PCNR and the Poughkeepsie Journal.

RESOLUTION #57-2014

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Town Clerk Merando to advertise for bidders for #2 fuel oil bulk deliveries on an as-needed basis for the year 2014, for the Claudio Marzollo Community Center.

7. Schedule Workshop/Meetings

February 13, 2014 7:30 pm	Workshop to discuss alternative energy, RFP
February 19, 2014 7:00-9:00 pm	Interviews – PB, CB, BAR
February 20, 2014 7:00-9:00 pm	Interviews – PB, CB, BAR

Supervisor Shea asked that Town Clerk Merando advertise for persons interested in serving on a Comprehensive Plan Committee.

RESOLUTION #58-2014

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Town Clerk Merando to advertise for individuals interested in serving on a Comprehensive Plan Review Committee.

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

Supervisor Shea asked the members of the Town Board, "Is it the feeling of the Board to move ahead with entertaining alternative energy systems including wind energy?" Councilman Leonard said they could obviously prepare some discussion points to go over the current moratorium, as well as other conditions, and then get an idea of the scope. Supervisor Shea said that he agrees with that and that we should be interested in alternative energy. He believes that the discussion should be driven by the availability of wind. There are areas that are identified on a map. It would be helpful to also discuss solar energy so that it does not have to be revisited later. Councilwoman Montgomery felt that each one needed to be addressed individually. Supervisor Shea agreed. The Town Board will have discussions first to set some parameters. A workshop will be scheduled for February 13, 2014, at Town Hall at 7:30pm.

AUDIENCE

Andy Chmar asked if the Town Board had received an invitation for the Hudsonia Biodiversity Training, which is a 6-month course and doesn't cost anything. Previously it was a 9-month course and the groups met once a month then examined an area. The training course is for Town Boards, Planning Boards, Conservation Commission, Watershed Counsels and others directly involved in environmental reviews. Applications are due by March 3rd and training will begin in April. Mr. Chmar is encouraging Philipstown and its various boards to be involved in this training.

VACANCIES

Recreation Commission (1)
Planning Board (1)
Conservation Board (1)
Board of Assessment Review (1)
CV Park District Advisory Committee (3)
CV Water District Advisory Committee (3)

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried that the General Vouchers in the amount of \$277,266.86 approved as set forth in Abstract 2.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$ 83,548.37 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 2.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the CVPD Vouchers in the amount of \$2,796.31 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 2.

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Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried that the CVWD Vouchers in the amount of \$11,606.34 are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 2.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Van Tassel to close the Town Board Monthly Meeting at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Crawley
Deputy Town Clerk