

Monthly Town Board Meeting  
July 10, 2014

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 10516.

## **PRESENT**

Richard Shea	Supervisor
Nancy Montgomery	Councilwoman
John Van Tassel	Councilman
Dave Merandy	Councilman
Michael Leonard	Councilman

Hudson Highlands Troop 2911 opened the meeting with the Salute to the Flag.

## **REVIEW OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the Public Hearing of May 21, 2014 – Chapter 175 “OC” to “HC” were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the Minutes of May 21, 2014, are hereby approved as presented. *(Councilwoman Montgomery abstained)*

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of May 21, 2014 – Garrison Fire – Equipment Purchase were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the Minutes of May 21, 2014, are hereby approved as presented. *(Councilwoman Montgomery abstained)*

The Minutes of the Weekly Meeting of May 21, 2014, were reviewed.

Councilman Leonard made a motion, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried that the Minutes of May 21, 2014, are hereby approved as presented. *(Councilwoman Montgomery abstained)*

The Minutes of the Monthly Town Board Meeting of June 5, 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 June 5, 2014, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Public Hearing of June 18, 2014 – Garrison Fire – Equipment Purchase, were reviewed.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Montgomery and unanimously carried that the Minutes of June 18, 2014, are hereby approved as presented.

The Minutes of the Weekly Town Board Meeting of June 18, 2014, were reviewed.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the Minutes of June 18, 2014, are hereby approved as presented.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Conservation Board** – Councilman Leonard reported on the items addressed at the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The first being located at 201 Stone House Road, a referral from the Planning Board regarding Steep Terrain and the second item was the car wash on Route 9 and it's operational plan. There was a discussion with regard to chemical treatments at Dale Pond, located on Lane Gate Road, and the mitigation plan for Banker off of Route 9 by the Hudson River. The next scheduled meeting is for August 12, 2014. Councilwoman Montgomery asked if the treatment to the pond was for weed control? Councilman Leonard responded saying yes.

**Recreation** – Councilman Van Tassel reported that he attended the June 24<sup>th</sup> Recreation Commission Meeting at which time John Maasik opened the meeting welcoming the two new commission members. The financial reports were read and approved and available to the public. The first week of summer camp had a record number of participants totaling 115+ campers. The pool and the surrounding fences at the Recreation Center have been removed and the area was graded and seeded. The Commission has been discussing programs slated for the fall and welcome any ideas from the residents. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for July 29, 2014.

**Recycling** – No Report. However, Councilwoman Montgomery announced that the Recycling Center would be open this weekend.

**Planning Board** – Councilman Merandy reported on the June 19<sup>th</sup> Planning Board Meeting. The first item discussed was the Auth application, a site plan located at 279 Route 9. The proposal is for a 3800 sq. foot three bedroom ranch. The main problem is the steep slopes and the driveway. A site visit is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup>. The next item was Cold Spring Farm. Discussion was on access to the property. The Planning Board informed the applicant to return to the Building Inspector, as this plan is a radical change. The next item was 201 Old Stone Road. Application is for significant construction/renovation with changes to the driveway. He noted that most of the property is on steep slopes. New septic locations are being considered. Tuana application is a 3-lot subdivision located at 992-996 Old Albany Post Road, Garrison. This subdivision is illegal and must be conformed to fit the new zoning. A site visit is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> and referrals will be submitted to all the board involved, as many members are newly appointed and were not involved initially. ESP is a new site plan application located on Route 9 in Cold Spring. Councilman Merandy noted that this property has been in violation of existing codes, however, have been resolved. It is the intention to combine two residential lots into one lot and have it re-zoned commercial. A site visit was planned for

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June 29<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, Obert Wood, a new site plan application located at 316 Old West Point Road, Garrison. The application is for a 3800 square foot residence, noting that most of the property is under a conservation easement with many restrictions already in place. Last year the applicant was given permits to install a driveway and septic. A public hearing has been scheduled for July 22, 2014. The next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2014.

**Zoning** – No report. Councilman Van Tassel stated that the next scheduled meeting would be September 8, 2014.

**Highway** – Councilman Van Tassel read the Highway Report, which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

**Building & Land Acquisition** – Supervisor Shea stated that the town has received three proposals for appraisal services for the VFW, all of which are higher than anticipated. The town is waiting for a fourth proposal before making a decision on which firm will be used.

**Butterfield Library** – Councilwoman Montgomery read the report for June, which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

**Putnam County Legislator** – Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra addressed the Drug Crisis, noting that there have been many public forums on this subject. A Youth Group has been established in Mahopac for young adults from the ages of 18 through 28. The focus of this group is preparing young adults "how to say NO to drugs and alcohol." She stated that she would love to see a program like this in Philipstown for young adults who have questions, but don't want to speak with their parents. The Sheriff's Department has been very busy and everyone on patrol has been trained on the NARCAM. She also noted that the Putnam County Jail is becoming a hospital, so to speak, as the arrests for drug abuse escalates, as does the medical care that is needed. Medication Take Back Day is scheduled for September 20, 2014, at the Cedar Street Friendship Center from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

The Putnam County Department of Health will be holding a Rabies Clinic on July 12, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m., at the Hubbard Lodge.

Legislator Scuccimarra then addressed the Post Office, who she has spoken with recently, and was told that they are still looking at four different locations in Cold Spring.

She then announced that July 6<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> is evasive species week. Evasive species are an environmental disaster throughout this country, threatening wild life, wetlands and native plant species.

She also reported that the EMT course is now a reality and will be held at the Putnam Valley Ambulance Corp and will begin in August 18, 2014. Finally, she reported that Vincent Tamagna is working on de-federalizing the trolley so it can be parked here in Cold Spring and used for routes here in Philipstown. Discussions are underway with the City of

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Beacon, enabling the trolley to run from Cold Spring to Beacon. The plans for the trolley would include traveling to Route 9, Vera's, and the Fish Library in Garrison to name a few. Councilman Leonard referenced a response from the NYSDOT with regard to the condition of the roadway on Route 9D. It was noted that they would patch where needed. However, there are no plans to pave, and there is no money at this time.

**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN  
MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR  
MONIES RECEIVED AS OF July 10, 2014**

**GENERAL & PART-TOWN FUNDS**

Justice Fees – May 2014	\$ 13,311.00
CTV Fees	12,875.00
CTV Fees	19,304.00
Town Clerk Fees – May 2014	438.79
Town Clerk Fees – Dogs – May 2014	444.00
Building Fees – June 2014	17,638.00
Bank Interest	85.70

**HIGHWAY FUND**

General Fund - Gas	\$ 334.86
Putnam County – Gas	560.98
Putnam County – Gas	2,,081.66
State Insurance Fund	340.00
State Insurance Fund	1,530.00
Bank Interest	138.75

**CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT**

Bank Interest	\$ 1.92
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**CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT**

Clubhouse Fees	\$ 350.00
Bank Interest	13.31

**AGENDA**

**1. Paula Clair to discuss the Algonquin Gas Transmission Pipeline.**

Mrs. Clair gave a presentation on the Algonquin Gas Transmission Pipeline, which is attached as Exhibit "A."

**2. Russell Cusick to address the Town Board with regard to Stormwater.**

Mr. Cusick had contacted the Town Clerk's Office and asked to be removed from this month's agenda and requested that he be on the August agenda.

**3. Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing for the purchase of a new rescue truck for the Continental Village Volunteer Fire Department.**

Supervisor Shea stated that the Town Board should meet with members of the fire company before scheduling any public hearing.

**RESOLUTION #110-2014**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby tables this matter until they have met with members of the Continental Village Fire Department.

**4. Resolution authorizing Town Clerk Merando to advertise for bidders for the mowing of cemeteries.**

**RESOLUTION #111-2014**

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 the mowing of cemeteries.

**5. Resolution approving the proposed financing of equipment by the Garrison Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.**

- SEQRA – Type II Action
- Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to sign the Section 147(f) Approval and Written Agreement

Supervisor Shea stated that he had received a phone call from Brad Miller of the Garrison Fire Company asking that the Town Board hold off on this matter. He would like to meet again to further discuss the purchase.

**RESOLUTION #112-2014**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby tables this matter until they can meet with members of the Garrison Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

**6. Resolution adopting the amended 2014 Fee Schedule with regard to Chapter 71.**

Supervisor Shea comment that the town established escrow accounts for site plans, etc. He went on to say that if there is a \$2,000.00 set amount for a big project, those monies are depleted quickly, and the applicant doesn't replenish the account, which only results in the project being delayed. The objective of the Town Board is to establish more defined criteria of what the cost would be in association to various projects. Supervisor Shea stated that he would like to sit down with members of the Planning Board to come up with criteria that would work for the town as well as the applicants. A realistic number would include the projected costs for engineers, attorneys, etc.

**RESOLUTION #113-2014**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby adopts the amended 2014 Fee Schedule with regard to Chapter 71, escrow accounts.

**7. Schedule workshops/meetings.**

- July 23, 2014 – Workshop to review the criteria for escrow accounts with members of the Planning Board.

**8. Code Enforcement Monthly Report.**

Town Clerk Merando read the Code Enforcement Monthly Report.

**9. Any other business that may come before the Town Board.**

Councilman Van Tassel discussed the NARCAN program, noting that 20 members of Emergency Services have been trained in the use of nasal NARCAN. He thanked all the participants in this program. He also announced that Dr. Rebber has offered to train any family that would like to have NARCAN in their possession. She can be reached at the Putnam County Department of Health.

Councilwoman Montgomery interjected that she has also been trained and has attended forums on this crisis. She pointed out that there are no AA or NA meetings here for the youth

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under the age of 18. She stated that she would continue to advocate for some of the resources needed for the younger adults.

Councilman Van Tassel thanked the emergency services for their response and expertise with the two most recent fires in the villages.

Supervisor Shea gave a brief overview of the Hudson Fjord Trail meeting that was held at Dutchess Manor on July 9, 2014.

## **AUDIENCE**

Mr. Jubi addressed evasive species here in Philipstown and echoed Legislator Scuccimarra's comments on how devastating they can be.

## **VACANCIES**

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 \$244,639.49, are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 6A & 7.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard and unanimously carried that the Highway Vouchers in the amount of \$52,061.13, are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 6A & 7.

Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried that the CVPD Vouchers in the amount of \$4,124.93, are hereby approved as set forth in Abstract 6A & 7.

Councilman Van Tassel made a motion, seconded by Councilman Merandy and unanimously carried that the CVWD Vouchers in the amount of \$5,760.84, are hereby approved as set forth in 6 & 7.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Merandy made a motion, seconded by Councilman Leonard to close the Town Board Monthly Meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina M. Merando  
Town Clerk

**STOP THE ALGONQUIN  
PIPELINE EXPANSION**

**sape2016.org**

***Algonquin Incremental Market Project, Docket  
#CP14-96-000***

**Philipstown Town Board**

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# *Pipeline Poses Unacceptable Risk to Health and Safety in Putnam County and Northeast Region*

## *Why?*

- Huge 42" diameter high pressure pipeline crossing under Hudson River*
- Intersects proposed high voltage power lines*
- Location – Close proximity to Indian Point spent fuel rods*
- Near Ramapo and Stamford-Peekskill earthquake faults\**
- Risks – Explosion, Rupture, or Fire could cause unimaginable catastrophe*

*Dallas Township, Pennsylvania*



*\*See quote (in reference materials) from Irwin Redlener, M.D., Director, National Center for Disaster Preparedness, Earth Institute and Professor of Health Policy and Management, Columbia University*

## *2013 Gas Pipeline Fires, Explosions and Other Significant Accidents in U.S.*

- **70 significant incidents, including explosions and fires in 2013, as per PHMSA\***

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**1 Explosion, fire or other significant accident every 5 days**

\*The Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration - a branch of the US Department of Transportation – This data covers Distribution gas pipelines lines only – and does not include other gas pipeline explosions, fires and accidents.

Significant Incidents include one or more of the following:

- **fatality or injury requiring in-patient hospitalization**
- **\$50,000 or more in total costs, measured in 1984 dollars**
- **highly volatile liquid releases of 5 barrels or more or other liquid releases of 50 barrels or more**
- **liquid releases resulting in an unintentional fire or explosion**



**West Virginia Gas Pipeline Explosion December 2012**

**Flames shot some 100 feet in the air and destroyed 4 homes and part of Interstate 77, as emergency responders scrambled to cap the ruptured gas line - a 20-inch transmission line owned by Columbia Gas — and bring the blaze under control.**

# Compressor Stations

Local Algonquin Expansion Compressor Stations Locations

Southeast, Putnam County    Stony Point, Rockland County

*Note: Project includes three other compressor stations in New England*

## Issues

- Emissions of tons of highly toxic pollutants into the air, annually
- Noise 24/7
- Health Impacts
- Explosions



Neil Harper, of Vermont, looks on as he stands in front of a compressor station that he believes was a source of his leukemia.

## **What are the Health Impacts from Compressor Stations?**

**Nosebleeds, headaches, dizziness, skin rashes, respiratory, developmental, and neurological system problems, leukemia, breast, kidney and liver cancer**

*(See Complete list of Health Impacts composed by Wilma Subra, President, Subra Company; Former Vice-Chair of EPA National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology; MacArthur Fellowship "Genius" Award recipient - in packet )*

*Photograph courtesy of Four Corners Press Montezuma County, Colorado*

## Toxic Emissions Southeast Compressor Station\*

### Spectra Projections - Post Project Tons Per Year (tpy) Toxins Southeast Compressor Station

\* Denotes over the permitted U.S Threshold

<u>Post Project Projections As of:</u>	<u>October 2013</u>	<u>February 2014</u>	<u>June 2014</u>	<u>Threshold</u>
• Volatile Organic Compounds	<del>2.8</del> tpy	+ <del>15.8</del> tpy	75 tpy*	40 tpy
• Nitrogen Oxide:	<del>52.6</del> tpy	+ <del>14.1</del> tons/year	133 tpy*	40 tpy
• Sulfur Dioxide:	<del>2.4</del> tpy	+ <del>2.0</del> tpy	7 tpy	
• Carbon Dioxide	<del>83,926</del> tpy	+ <del>74,048</del> tpy	283,598 tpy*	75,000 tpy
• PM <sub>10</sub>	<del>4.7</del> tpy	+ <del>3.8</del> tpy	(14 tpy	
• PM <sub>2.5</sub>	<del>4.7</del> tpy	+ <del>3.8</del> tpy	combined)	
• Carbon Monoxide	<del>27.6</del> tpy	+ <del>23.2</del>	219 tpy*	100 tpy

† Plus possible unknown emissions from (2) 4,700 hp Solar Centaur 40-4702 turbines, (1) 585 Waukesha VGF24GL natural gas fired emergency generator & several miscellaneous heating devices (not listed on Spectra's Emission Tally in February 2014)

### Emission Impact Measurement

#### Current Practice by FERC and Other Permitting Agencies:

- Emissions from each infrastructure component (Pipelines, compressor stations, metering stations) are assessed individually.
- Cumulative impacts of the entire project infrastructure emissions are not evaluated.

#### What makes sense to protect our community:

- A cumulative emission assessment of all infrastructure, existing & proposed should be done, prior to approval.
- A Health Impact Assessment should be completed before an air permit is issued.

Per Spectra Energy pre & post application Resource Report 9 & Resource Report 12 - 6/2014 Appendix - Algonquin Incremental Market

# Water Issues\*



- ❖ *There will be over 12,270 feet of wetland crossings (over 2 miles) by this pipeline*
- ❖ *Over 20 acres of wetlands will be affected by this pipeline*
- ❖ *Wetlands are essential in preserving high water quality*
- ❖ *There are 200 feet of stream crossings by the pipeline.*
- ❖ *Part of the Croton Watershed could also be impacted.*

*\*Reference - Spectra Energy Algonquin Incremental Market Project, Resource Report 2, Water Use & Quality*

# **Taxpayer Burden**

**Local emergency workers are responsible to respond to any incidents.**

- **Taxpayers and their Municipality bear these costs.**
- **It is unclear whether there will be any reimbursement by the gas companies.**

**Incidents include:**

- **Any emergency response actions necessary should there be an accident.**
- **Damage to the water supply**
- **Other environmental damage**
- **Public Health Impacts**

# Climate Change

## Methane Release

- *Venting from Compressors*
- *Leakage from pipelines and other gas infrastructure*

***Methane emissions contribute to climate change. \* Methane is a far more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide.***

*\*Resource: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report 2013  
[http://www.climatechange2013.org/images/uploads/WGIAR5\\_WGI-12Doc2b\\_FinalDraft\\_All.pdf](http://www.climatechange2013.org/images/uploads/WGIAR5_WGI-12Doc2b_FinalDraft_All.pdf)*

# ***Inadequate Pipeline Regulation and Oversight***

## ***Issues Hampering Realistic Pipeline Oversight***

- ***PHMSA has fewer inspectors;***
- ***Gas pipelines are increasing rapidly - More than 15 in NYS*** 
- ***PHMSA relies on reports from operators to record incidents.\****

***\*Per Climate News – Winner of Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting***

## ***As Per Northeast Gas Association, February 2014***

### ***NYS Proposed Pipeline Projects***

- ***National Fuel Empire Tuscarora Lateral***
- ***Empire Tioga County***
- ***Columbia East Side Expansion Project***
- ***Williams & Cabot Constitution Pipeline***
- ***Iroquois Wright Interconnect***
- ***Tennessee Rose Lake***
- ***Millennium North South Upstate Connector***
- ***Millennium Hancock Compressor Project***
- ***Spectra Texas Eastern Team 2014***
- ***Williams Rockaway Lateral***
- ***Iroquois Eastern Long Island***
- ***Spectra AIM Project***
- ***Spectra Atlantic Bridge Project***
- ***PNGTS C2C***
- ***Tennessee Northeast Expansion***
- ***Tennessee Connecticut Expansion***