

Weekly Town Board Meeting  
February 13, 2013

The Town Board held their Weekly 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
John Van Tassel	Councilman
David Merandy	Councilman

**AGENDA**

**1. Discussion with regard to the appointment of a Town Attorney.**

Supervisor Shea commented that the Town Board had held interviews with various firms and have narrowed the appointment down to three. Supervisor Shea stated that it makes sense to him to hire Drake Loeb, as they have been representing the Town on many issue for some time. He also pointed out that it is his belief that the Town Attorney need not be present at every meeting.

Councilman Van Tassel noted for the record that both firms, Drake Loeb and Hogan & Rossi, were capable to do the job. He was very impressed during the interviews with Hogan & Rossi. Councilman Merandy interjected that he would never vote for Drake, Loeb, as he has seen how Mr. Gaba represents the Village and doesn't feel he serves in the best capacity for the community as a whole.

Councilwoman Montgomery noted for the record that she would recommend Luke Hilpert, noting that he is local and she feels strongly about hiring someone local. She also pointed out that Mr. Hilpert doesn't have enough municipal experience and she hopes that changes in the future so the Town could re-consider him for the position. She commented that she has worked with Drake, Loeb and feels they are qualified for the position.

**RESOLUTION #64-2013**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown hereby appoints the firm Drake, Loeb, Heller, Kennedy, Fogerty, Gaba & Rodd, PLLC, as Town Attorney to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board for general services, advice and attendance at meetings (when needed), and at the rate of \$175.00 per hour for attorney's and \$90.00 per hour for legal assistants and paralegals; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Dominic Cordisco of the aforementioned firm, represent and attend Town Board Meetings when needed.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Supervisor Shea	AYE
Councilwoman Budney	AYE
Councilwoman Montgomery	AYE
Councilman Van Tassel	ABSTAINED
Councilman Merandy	NAY

Resolution adopted by majority vote.

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

Councilman Merandy brought up the issue of salt. Councilwoman Montgomery reported that there was a faulty salt spreader, and that was the reason for some areas seeing inches of salt dumped. She encouraged residents to call Roger Chirico with any questions or concerns. Discussion continued at length and Supervisor Shea stated that the environment is being impacted by the large amount of salt being used by private citizens, town highway, county highway and the NYSDOT.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Van Tassel, seconded by Councilwoman Budney to close the Weekly Workshop at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina M. Merando  
Town Clerk