

Weekly Town Board Meeting
June 7, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Philipstown held their Weekly 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
Michael Leonard	Councilman
Robert Flaherty	Councilman

AGENDA

- 1. Resolution pledging that the Town of Philipstown is a Climate Smart Community.**

RESOLUTION #104-2017

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Philipstown believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Philipstown in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

1. Pledge to be a Climate Smart Community.
2. Set goals, inventory emissions, plan for climate action.
3. Decrease community energy use.
4. Increase community use of renewable energy.
5. Realize benefits of recycling and other climate-smart solid waste management practices.
6. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through use of climate-smart land-use tools.
7. Enhance community resilience and prepare for the effects of climate change.
8. Support development of a green innovation economy.
9. Inform and inspire the public.
10. Commit to an evolving process of climate action.

Ms. Ertl introduced Europa McGovern, Planner of Clean Energy Communities Coordinator. Ms. McGovern briefly addressed the Town Board extending an offer to help anyway she can moving this program forward, included but not limited to assisting with grants.

2. Resolution authorizing Town Clerk Merando to advertise for a position available in the Code Enforcement Office.

RESOLUTON #105-2017

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 a position available in the Code Enforcement Office.

3. Resolution authorizing Supervisor Shea to draft a letter opposing a request from NYSDEP for the Town to create a water district for twelve properties and forward letter to the Village of Cold Spring.

Supervisor Shea gave a brief overview of this request to create a district. A detailed letter from the Village of Cold Spring dated April 30, 2017 is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTION #106-2017

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor Shea to draft a letter opposing the NYSDEP's request to have the Town of Philipstown to create a water district for twelve properties and forward letter to the Village of Cold Spring.

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

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A resident of Philipstown residing on East Mountain Road South addressed the Town Board with regard to his concerns about the intersection of Est. Mt. Rd. S. and Route 9. He requested that a flashing light or street light. Citing the dangerous conditions, traversing this intersection. The Town Board agreed to see what they can do, and contact the New York State Department of Transportation.

5. Discussion with regard to the Horton Road, LLC request for a zoning change.

Supervisor Shea recused himself from this matter and left the room.

There being no further business to discuss, Town Clerk Merando was excused from the Weekly Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina M. Merando
Town Clerk