

Weekly Town Board Meeting
June 24, 2015

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.

PRESENT:

Richard Shea	Supervisor
Nancy Montgomery	Councilwoman
John Van Tassel	Councilman (arrived late)
Michael Leonard	Councilman
Robert Flaherty	Councilman

AGENDA

1.Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing for a proposed Local Law to amend Town Code Chapter 89 “Filming” by changing the title of the Chapter to “Filming, Events and Mass Gatherings” and amending the provisions of the Chapter to provide for regulation of Events and Mass Gatherings. (Suggested date July 9, 2015 @ 7:15 p.m.)

Supervisor Shea gave a brief overview of the proposed law, pointing out that this is something to give institutional land owners the opportunity to hold unusual gatherings without going through a full blown site plan review. This could benefit private landowners wishing to have larger gatherings. There is no mechanism in place to allow people the right of assembly. He noted that the Planning Board had some comments, which can be amended, and the Town Board can sit down with them to further discuss this matter. Supervisor Shea noted that he wants to move forward with this process, as summertime is a busy time for events. The Town Board will issue permits. He also stated that safety is at the forefront of this proposed law, requiring fire apparatus on site.

He went on to say that one comment from the Planning Board was to increase the number of people attending an event. He believes that there was a bit of misunderstanding with the Planning Board as to the thrust of what the Town Board was trying to achieve. This law is certainly not intended to put more restrictions on gatherings or events.

Councilman Flaherty referenced Section 6, paragraph G, requiring that fire apparatus be on site during the event. He pointed out that all fire companies are manned with volunteers and asked whether or not a fee is associated with this.

Supervisor Shea responded saying that he believes that there would be discussions between the fire companies and the applicant. He is aware that there have been some discussions between Glynwood and the North Highlands Fire Company. It is his feeling that no one is going to contact a fire company and assume their just going to arrive. It is his belief that there will be a discretionary donation made. Supervisor Shea stated that there is awareness that these are

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volunteers and is a valuable service for them. They are serving not only for emergencies, but are also showing support to the community.

RESOLUTION #113-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes Town Clerk Merando to advertise a Public Hearing for a proposed Local Law to amend Town Code Chapter 89 "Filming" by changing the title of the Chapter to "Filming, Events and Mass Gatherings" and amending the provisions of the Chapter to provide for regulation of Events and Mass Gatherings to be held on July 9, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York.

2. Resolution appointing Michael Carr as Deputy Code Enforcement Officer at the rate of pay not to exceed \$50.00 per hour.

RESOLUTION #114-2015

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board appoints Michael Carr to serve as Deputy Code Enforcement Officer at the rate of pay not to exceed \$50.00 per hour.

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

Councilwoman Montgomery stated the she and Town Clerk Merando attended a meeting on the 2015 Consolidated Funding Grant application that the county would like the Town of Philipstown to participate in, as is every other municipality in Putnam County. They are asking for a letter of intent. It was noted that the county would be covering the match in the amount of \$125,000.00.

The Town needs to review projects that they would like to see come to fruition. Councilwoman Montgomery pointed out that the monies would be used for a feasibility study involving countywide projects, thus splitting the funding between all municipalities. The main focuses at the meeting were subjects such as tourism, trails, and recreation.

Town Clerk Merando reported that she attended the regional conference on this grant opportunity months ago. She reported to the Town Board that another area of interest for this funding was creating hamlets. She referenced the Fishkill Road Project and the installation of sidewalks. Supervisor Shea recalled the project, which would allow traversing via sidewalks from the field to the plaza. Councilwoman Montgomery noted that there is a detailed study for that on the county website. Other municipalities in the county are also considering

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hotel/motel/ bed and breakfast facilities. It was noted that there are no restrictions in our town's zoning for that use. She would like to see a feasibility study to assist emergency services, as tourism has generated many emergency calls over taxing the services. Councilwoman Montgomery asked that the Town Board put some thought into this and she will draft a letter for the Board to act upon at the July Town Board meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Montgomery made a motion seconded by Councilman Van Tassel and unanimously carried to close the Weekly Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina M. Merando, Town Clerk