

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2009, 7:30 P.M.**

Present; Jeff Logan David Lewis Kitty Brown, JaneAnn Williams, Toni Hokanson

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Hokanson at 7:37 p.m. with the Pledge of allegiance.

Agenda: a motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Councilman Lewis. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

Announcements: Link to Metro North available, schedules available. Comprehensive Plan Workshop scheduled for Feb 7th at SUNY; snowdate; 2/14. Tax preparation assistance available for low income households.

Presentation: Attorney Dave Gordon introduced by the Supervisor; he is updating the Wetlands Law. He indicated the law was passed in 2005, litigation almost immediately went to the Supreme Court in March or April of 2007. It was in effect for almost a year and a half. A change in procedural grounds would be not to send to the County a second time.

The Law is an important resource: state and federal government regulate wetlands, not regulated on parcels of 12.4 acres or smaller not regulated by the State. Law would allow the town to have jurisdiction. Issues: agriculture;

Public Comment: Rachel Lagodka, Village resident: the law is to fill in the gap left vacant by the State and Federal governments. Planning Board appointees need to care about wetlands.

Josh Honig, Town resident, agrees with Rachel, but feels you can't enforce a law you don't have on the books.

Supervisor Hokanson: a lot of changes don't change the objective, goal and the outcome of the law.

Research vernal pools.

KT Flusser, Village resident, is ecstatic that the Town is moving forward; advises let's get the law on the books-fast forward and pass, figure out details later and then the Village can pass one.

Supervisor Hokanson: get technical people together and bring back to herself, the Town Board, EnCB, Planning Board, Scott Cuppett of NYSDEC; Dave Clouser (Town Engineer) and Spider Barbour (Wetlands Inspector).

Public Comment: Jonathan Wright, Planning Board member, thanked the Board for moving forward with the wetlands law. His issues: new position creating: we are in need of a person to manage building and planning process. Troubled by process you took – asking – done few things before defined – the position-readvertise – look into more aggressively full-time to part time is troubling; look at more competitive wage and making it full-time.

Old Business: Revolving Loan Fund: Councilwoman Brown asked if the UCDC is taxpayer funded. We shouldn't pay – how much are they funded by county legislature? If \$50,000 it should be a service.

New business: EPA grant for Recycling Center: proposal for EPA funding – this would supplement budget that is already in place. Looking for input on work plan. Supervisor Hokanson moved the Board authorize Laura Petit to sign on behalf of the Town.

Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Street light for Briarcreek Road: tabled until next week; seems to be lit; Councilwoman Williams will bring in a street light map which also shows intensity to be reviewed and will drive by at night to check.

ZBA reimbursement request: by Vince Quigley, Town resident - Councilman Logan made a motion not to refund. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Harrison refund request: Councilwoman Williams made a motion to authorize a refund for having Veteran Status, applicable to the Recycling permit fee. An attempt will be made for the Assessor's office to provide an updated list of exempted residents for the Landfill to use when customers visit. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Reappointments: Dr. Eric Stutts as emergency healthcare provider at no pay. Supervisor Hokanson moved to re-appoint him. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Committee Reports: Councilwoman Brown reported the HPC was asked to participate in statewide study for tax rebates on houses receiving historical designation to facilitate receiving a property tax adjustment. There are areas having a significant amount of empty properties undergoing renovation for re-use. HPC is gathering data, however, there are no houses that qualify locally.

Greenworks Committee: met on Monday, four sub-committees have been set up with five or six people serving on each. They are full of ideas and energy; they are working with the PTA on their fundraising for school trips. They are looking at children doing community service or environmental projects rather than selling candy bars, and may possibly sell environmental bags instead.

Councilman Logan: *CWOSP*: would like to be liaison. Attended meeting this week, feels they are a very organized group-have an RFP out.

Warrants: Councilwoman Williams made a motion authorizing Supervisor Hokanson to expend \$302,255.65 for the January warrant. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Volunteer application from Rosendale lifted from their website. To be adopted here.

Executive Session: Councilman Lewis made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:03 p.m. Councilwoman Williams made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:04 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk