

Public Hearing on Grievance Day

March 19, 2009, 7:15 p.m.

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

At 7:15p.m. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to open the Public Hearing, a Local Law for Grievance Day. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. It is normally scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of May; it is changing to the 4th Thursday after the 4th Tuesday, May 28. This is due to our Assessor working in another Town and attending their BAR on May 26th.

Public Input

Ron Turner and Charlotte Carr spoke as members of the BAR who were not contacted about the change of date; no one was notified.

Dave Porter, Town resident, asked what if public is not available.

Supervisor Hokanson responded the public does not have to be here.

Ph open – Supervisor Hokanson moved to go into executive session at 7:26 p.m. to discuss the hiring, firing, promotion, demotion of a particular individual or individuals. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams.

At 7:46 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson moved to come out of Executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Williams

Public Hearing Grievance day Input: Peg Taylor, a member of the BAR, stated she was amazed that BAR members were not notified. She feels the members should be present at the BAR hearings rather than voting “blind” on assessment issues. She has some scheduling conflicts with the change of date. Supervisor Hokanson apologized, stating the request is from the Assessor and assumed notification was done.

Councilwoman Brown questioned if another day is better. Can hold the Public Hearing open to choose new date with the Assessor?

Supervisor Hokanson moved to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast.

At 8:53 p.m. the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance..

Agenda: eliminate Christ and Rappa subdivisions, add: Waste oil; Stoneleigh Woods, Joe Snyder for Cops Grant, update on River monitor and Gauge, the DARE Van, Voting districts, Community Center usage. Supervisor Hokanson moved to accept the amended agenda. Seconded Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Ira Margolis, Village resident, FOILED information from Town Assessor and said there was a problem with info Foil. He Foiled the same information from the Village Inspector. The Town's info does not agree with Village. List from Village carries 100 more items than assessor said in existence. He believes Assessor's information is incorrect. The number of Village properties not listed on assessors' Village list.

Information should not differ between Village and Town. Possibly undertaxed as business operations. See Supervisor Hokanson on Monday – she will copy info. Dave Porter – alternate members Town Planning Board – not coming so much – quality improved dramatically – not a measure the Planning Board needs to adopt. A lack of quorum is rare – recusal of members – try recruitment. Consistency of message – dysfunctional to have alternates popping on board. Vicki Russell – asked about use of Community Center rental for private party - \$100. quoted; now \$300. or more; who can afford it? Discount should be offered to community people. Supervisor Hokanson and Chuck will revisit fee schedule. \$100 or less was a guestimate. Ron Turner asked the Town to return roadway chains at Moriello Pool at night.

Announcements Calendar Events

1 Tulip photo contest 2 5x7's Town Hall or mailed to Town Hall CIT by 5/22.
2 HHS 5/30 – old New Paltz day display; 3 Clean Sweep 4/25 8 am at St. Joseph's
4 Rabies Clinic 4/22; 5 Mohonk –hunger 4/19 4 pm

Old Business: Off Street Parking refer to Joe Moriello for Public Hearing and refer to County Planning Board, Supervisor Hokanson moved and it was seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Police Grant/Chief Joe Snyder: Grant funding for Police as per President's Obama in Feb 2009. Funds' officer salary and benefits for 3 years. The Town would have to add a position. Officer has to be kept for 1 year after the 3 years. \$60,000 year for new officer including benefits/ \$70,000-80,000 with equipment. Both Councilwoman Brown and Councilman Logan stated that they are not ready to act. Councilwoman Brown needs to know what the Town is spending on over time. Councilman Logan needs to know man hours. He is not in favor of increasing force at this time. Nothing is for free. 3/26 at 6:45 pm special meeting – projection of turn overs of officers requested; size of force and talk over past 10 years and number of people out.

Dare Van : One response was received at \$50, Joe Snyder went to \$250. bid was given to the Chief.

Ira Margolis – Chief Zappone versus Chief Snyder – every time Police Commission said something and board acted - it costs more money – does not save money. More enforcers – do it thru front door not the back door.

Planning Board: Supervisor Hokanson stated having alternatives for member absences creates a new level of problems. Having alternatives for recusals is okay. Councilwoman Brown suggested have meeting with Planning Board to determine

problems to be solved. Compelling reason: to have Planning Board Members in training. Supervisor Hokanson thought it was a waste of time for absences – set attendance requirements a policy. Councilman Logan stated the town of Tuxedo uses alternates – do joint meeting with Planning Board; refer back to Planning Board, have a joint meeting and refer back to Attorney Moriello.

Stoneleigh Woods: a request from resident, President of Sunset Ridge Coalition. 5 small wetlands included in developed area of proposal. Consultant hired – June 15 is deadline for wetlands info. Sunset Ridge Coalition asked Town to consider having Spider Barbour do a double inspection – offering a donation to help cover cost. Councilwoman Brown made a motion for the Town to ask the Village to allow Spider to accompany them with their inspector. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

***Map:** – we are an involved agency – let us use George Rodenhausen and bill back to applicant.

Councilwoman Brown questioned if the Town has to accept the road proposed by the developer. Supervisor Hokanson responded: “no.”

River Monitor and gauges : news about DEP no longer funding as in Gardiner. Art Snyder of County Emergency Management said to relax – meetings are ongoing-- he is fighting for it. Very important for flood warning.

Community Center Fees: group C should be less, but disagreement to \$15 per hour not open to public. Vicki has comparisons to Towns. Councilman Logan questioned about insurance. Supervisor Hokanson responded no. Rosendale charges \$120 an evening for residence, \$60 for kitchen. deposit. Non residents \$240 evening. (check tape) Jewish Center charges \$200 for non-members – cleaning if needed \$25-100. Unison \$300 night; Deyo Hall \$250. The Town is a little high but option of using kitchen it is an add on. Group C take down to \$40 hour w k - \$220.. (check tape) Councilwoman Brown made a motion to amend the fee schedule for Group C to \$40 hourly and \$40 for the Kitchen. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Conservation Easement for Cluster development: model easement long, baseline report and couple of forms. Councilwoman Brown feels conservation easement should happen quickly. Councilwoman Brown added that town needs to get Building Dept up to speed.

***Cluster Law** – endowment mentioned? Joe update endowment?

Waste Oil: The Town garage bought burner last year for \$6000; 1000 gallons of oil to burn – 4500 gallons to burn annually. Would like waste oil from recycling – sold last year at \$.65 gallon – now lower. Councilman Logan made a motion to buy waste oil. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Local Law for Grievance Day: *Councilwoman Brown suggested scheduling for that day. SEQR: Supervisor Hokanson moved to declare a Type 2 action. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to adopt the Local Law to change the date as per the resolution. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. (Thursday following 4th Tuesday)

Voting Districts: parking concerns at the Middle School. District # 8 to High School, covers Cherry Hill and extensions North of HW DuBois. Councilwoman Brown made a motion to move Election District # 8 to the High School. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast to recommend to Board of Election.

Highway: Superintendent Phil Johnson volunteered to lay shale for a road to the Field of Dreams. Councilwoman Williams made a motion to grant permission for the Highway Department to lay shale. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried. .

Leaf and Brush pick up pending word from the accountant.

***Jeff Cragwood:** parking – Joe Snyder look pix. Traffic there: egress to Rail Trail. One owner does not want signs on his property. Supervisor Hokanson: put signs on town property, not private property.

Warrants

Councilwoman Williams moved to authorize the Supervisor to pay \$550,984.06 for March warrants. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Prepays:

Supervisor Hokanson moved the Town Board to approve the prepayment of voucher #88502 in amount of \$604 to Audio-Video Corp. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved the Town Board to approve the prepayment of voucher #88499 in amount of \$1190.62 to Arcady Solutions. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried. This is the Town's portion of invoices for grant application for shared services.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion for the Town Board to approve the prepayment of voucher #87815 in amount of \$295,000 to Elting Memorial Library. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to request the Town Board to transfer \$75,000 from contingency to comprehensive contractual expense. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, a nay vote was cast by Councilwoman Brown, all other aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilman Lewis made a motion for the Town Board approve the prepayment of voucher #88410 in amount of \$10,160.00 to Peter J. Smith and Co. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, a nay vote was cast by Councilwoman Brown, all other aye votes, motion carried.

284 Agreement – repair – Watch Hill January?

11:03 pm Councilman Lewis moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk