

Draft Minutes

Joint Meeting: New Paltz Village Board and New Paltz Town Board
7:30pm, 12/01/15, Village Hall

Present: Village: Mayor Tim Rogers
Deputy Mayor Rebecca Rotzler
Trustee Thomas Rocco
Trustee Dennis Young
Trustee Don Kerr

Town: Councilman Dan Torres
Councilman Kevin Barry
Councilman Marty Irwin

Absent from the Town Board: Supervisor Susan Zimet
Deputy Supervisor Jess Logan

Also Present: Kathryn Doyle-Bunker, Village Clerk

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Administrative Business **Approval of the Agenda**

Mayor Rogers moved to adopt the agenda. Trustee Rocco seconded. 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

Councilman Barry moved to adopt the agenda on behalf of the Town. Councilman Torres seconded. 3 Ayes. 2 Absent, Supervisor Zimet and Deputy Supervisor Logan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

Mayor Rogers stated that all of the hydrants in the Village of New Paltz are now fully operational.

Public Comment **00:07:45**

Ira Margolis addressed the Joint Boards and stated that he did not feel that the Town taxpayers should pay 75% of the cost of the building. Mr. Margolis also stated that he did not understand why the Town Council would agree to a 50/50 control of the building. Mr. Margolis suggested that the Town should hold the building and rent space to the Village.

David Lent addressed the Joint Boards and stated that he is concerned that two people who have less a year's experience total a driving the design and are intent in smashing the two government into a common office complex. Mr. Lent stated that it might be difficult for a resident who has business that can only be assisted by the Town Clerk to have the Village Clerk be unable to help them. Mr. Lent stated that he had been sending email with issues that need to be resolved to Town and Village officials for the past four months. Mr. Lent stated that if the Village wanted to own part of the property at 1 Veterans drive he believe that it would requires a permissive referendum by voters in the Town and Village.

Kevin Boardum addressed the Joint Boards and expressed opposition to the proposed CVS project in the Town of New Paltz. Mr. Boardum stated that many of the residents were looking for a full EIS assessment for the project.

Corey Wirthman, 2nd Assistant Chief to the Fire Department requested an item be added to the Public Comment section of the meeting with regards to the Fire Department using offices in the Town owned Justice Court.

Public Comment was closed at 7:30pm.

Joint Business Agenda

Joint Town/ Village letter commending Dr. Douglas McBride for his volunteer service on behalf of our community, particularly, as he helped with the formation of the Mill Brook Preserve

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The consensus of the Board was that they were in agreement about send the letter to Dr. McBride.

Municipal Center

- a. **Executive Committee recommendations to Town & Village Boards**
- b. **Review of proposed floor plan and site plan from Architect Joe Hurwitz**
- c. **Review of draft – Local Development Corp: by-laws and certificate of incorporation and resolutions**
- d. **Review of draft – Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA)**

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02:09:05-02:12:01

Joseph Hurwitz, architect, present to the Joint Boards a preliminary plan for the Municipal Center.

Councilman Torres updated the members of the Joint Boards on the recommendations Executive Committee.

Mayor Rogers moved to hold a special meeting immediately following the informational meeting scheduled on December 16, 2015 with the informational meeting to begin at 7:00pm for the purposes of approving bills and claims and for the discussion of forming an LDC. Trustee Rocco seconded. 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

Councilman Torres moved to hold a Public Information Session on December 16, 2015 at 7:00pm at Village Hall. Councilman Irwin seconded. 3 Ayes. 2 Absent, Supervisor Zimet and Deputy Supervisor Logan. Motion carried.

Presentation- by the Town Historian, Susan Stessin-Cohn: “Poverty in Early New Paltz” – a history of poverty and social welfare in New Paltz during the early 1800’s.

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Susan Stessin-Cohn along with three interns made a presentation to the Joint Boards regarding “poverty in Early New Paltz”-a history of poverty and social welfare in New Paltz during the early 1800’s.

Resolution – Joint Master Plan

02:12:02-02:13:31

A Resolution by the Boards of the Village of New Paltz and the Town of New Paltz, meeting jointly, to commence at the earliest opportunity Joint Comprehensive Planning:

Whereas the current comprehensive plan of the Village of New Paltz is now almost 20 years old and it is strongly recommended that a New York State municipality’s comprehensive plan be revised and updated every five to ten years; and

Whereas the current comprehensive plan of the Village of New Paltz was found to be in need of significant revision by the Master Plan Review Task Force in 2011 (commissioned by the Village Board); and

Whereas the Master Plan Review Task Force also strongly recommended coordinated comprehensive planning by the Village and Town of New Paltz; and

Whereas the current comprehensive plan of the Town of New Paltz has already been found by the Town Board to be in serious need of revision and the process of revision had already commenced in 2012 but has since been delayed; and

Whereas both New York State Village Law and New York State Town Law expressly provide for and even encourage joint comprehensive planning (see note below); and

Whereas the Village Board and the Town Board of New Paltz, meeting jointly on August 15, 2013, determined that joint comprehensive planning is in the best interests of both of these governmental entities;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Village and the Town of New Paltz execute this joint resolution to effect coordinated comprehensive planning beginning in December 2015, and

Be it further resolved that costs incurred to do joint comprehensive planning be equally shared by the Town and the Village of New Paltz, up to a maximum of \$25,000 for each governmental entity to be expended at a rate of \$1000 per week in total during a period of 52 weeks starting when a consulting planner is appointed.

Note: 1998, Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York: General Municipal Law Article 5-G authorizes municipalities to agree to perform any of their existing functions or duties jointly or one for another. General Municipal Law §§119-n(c) and 119-o(1). The Village Law and the Town Law expressly apply the municipal cooperation provisions of Article 5-G to land use planning and authorize municipalities to undertake comprehensive planning and land use regulation jointly or one for the other. Village Law #7-741 (1); Town Law #284 (1).

Councilman Barry moved the Resolution by the Boards of the Village of New Paltz and the Town of New Paltz, meeting jointly, to commence at the earliest opportunity Joint Comprehensive Planning on behalf of the Town of New Paltz. Councilman Irwin seconded. 3 Ayes. 2 Absent, Supervisor Zimet and Deputy Supervisor Logan. Motion carried.

Mayor Rogers moved the Resolution by the Boards of the Village of New Paltz and the Town of New Paltz, meeting jointly, to commence at the earliest opportunity Joint Comprehensive Planning on behalf of the Village of New Paltz. Trustee Young seconded. 5 Ayes. Motion carried.

Green Infrastructure Grant 02:13:49-

Mayor Rogers stated that Village Planner, David Gilmour, AICP, is seeking a \$45,000 grant for funding to create a feasibility plan for the Town and Village of New Paltz.

Councilman Barry moved to support the application as put forth by Village Planner, David Gilmour AICP. Councilman Torres seconded. 3 Ayes. 2 Absent, Supervisor Zimet, Deputy Supervisor Logan. Motion carried.

Adjournment for the Town of New Paltz

Councilman Barry moved to adjourn. Councilman Torres seconded. 3 Ayes. 2 Absent, Supervisor Zimet, Deputy Supervisor Logan. Motion carried.

The Joint Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathryn Doyle-Bunker, Clerk for the Village of New Paltz