

May 1, 2018 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this date at the Gardiner Town Hall at 7 PM. Present were Supervisor Majestic along with Councilwoman Walls and Councilmen Dukler, Wiegand & Reynolds. There were approximately 50± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 4 – Gardiner Day Committee sponsored Women Helping Women Dance 7 PM.

May 5 – Wallkill River Clean Sweep at Farmers Turnpike access from 9 AM to 2 PM.

May 15 – Burn Ban will expire this date. Any one wishing to burn on their property must obtain a permit at the Town Clerk office.

May 20 – Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast at St. Charles Church Hall from 9 AM to 12 PM.

May 28 – Town Hall will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Earth Day – 60 bags of trashed were picked up alongside the roads of Gardiner. Highway Dept. personnel picked up the bags which were brought to the transfer station. Thank you to all who participated.

Transfer Station Permits are now available at the Town Hall for the 2018-2019 year.

Supervisor Majestic announced that she attended the NYS Planning Federation conference and a 3-day conference entitled LULA with Pace University.

CLOVE ROAD BRIDGE GRANT

The application has been submitted to the NYS DOT. Award of the bid will be late summer-early fall. Is a 95% to 5% match. If the Town does not receive the grant, we are still eligible for funding from the TIPS grant through UCTC which is an 80% to 20% matching grant.

PROPOSED AQUIFER OVERLAY DISTRICT LAW

Roberta Clements, Chairperson to the Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC) made a presentation to the Town regarding a proposed Aquifer Overlay District Law. She explained the purpose of this law is for protection of the health and safety of our residents by creating limits on water use. Concerns are quality and quantity of water in our town. Supervisor Majestic suggested a public input session with the ECC in a separate meeting. Ms Majestic will also put the draft law on the website.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION

Holly Shader presented a power point explaining the dynamics of a electric charging station. The Climate Smart Committee has proposed the Town apply to the NYS DEC for an available grant to install a station here in the Town. This grant will allow for the installation and fee coverage for a 2-year period. During this time data will be collected for use to set up a user fee after the grant period. This grant is a 20% match for the Town, which can be paid by in-kind services. The Town of Gardiner is the owner of the service and it should be self-sustaining. The application must be submitted by May 31, 2018.

TILLSON LAKE DAM

The Town is in receipt of correspondence from the Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP) stating that they intend to be Lead Agency on the SEQR process for the removal of the dam on Tillson Lake. The Town has been informed as an interested agency. Town Board members discussed what a valuable asset this lake is to the Town. The de-watering of the lake will create a financial hardship to resident in and around the lake area affecting their property values. More data is needed before any closure can even be considered. The lake is used by the Shawangunk Valley Fire Dept. as a water resource for fires in that area. Friends of Tillson Lake are attempting to find out actual cost of repair of the dam and the actual cost to remove the dam.

On May 5 a Save Tillson Lake Day will be held at the lake from 2-5 PM. For more information on the removal of the dam go to SaveTillsonLake.org.

MAJESTIC PARK PAVILION DRAFT BID

A draft bid has been received from Morris Associates for the replacement of the park pavilion at Majestic Park. Board members were asked to review the document.

PLANNING BOARD LAW – DRAFT

The Town Board has received a draft local law for the Planning Board created by Councilwoman Walls. Board members have been asked to review the law and come back to the next meeting with any questions, comments or suggestion.

ETHICS LAW UPDATE

The next step on the Ethics Law is to have the attorney for the Town Paul Kellar review the law and then set a public hearing. Board members did discuss briefly deleting the subpoena powers from the law.

NOISE ISSUES

Councilman Wiegand handed out a proposal for noise management within the Town. The proposal is specific to amplified music. Mr. Wiegand outlined short term fixes for the summer such as a PR campaign directed to outdoor parties and neighbors and keeping track of the complaints. Long term goals would be to revise the law increase penalties, permitting and prior notification.

TOWN BOARD LIAISONS

Supervisor Majestic asked the Town Board members to let her know what department they see themselves serving for as a liaison to the Town Board.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

John Sansalone – commented on enforcement of noise at the campground.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Supervisor Majestic an carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle L. Mosher, Town Clerk