

April 2, 2019 -Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held today beginning at 3 PM at the Gardiner Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilwoman Walls, and Councilmen Dukler & Wiegand. There were approximately 22± audience members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Earlier this afternoon the Town Board met in executive session on motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried. They began at 3 pm for the purposes of discussing the employment history of particular person leading to an appointment.

LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Wiegand and carried, the Board left executive session and returned to regular session at 7 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 1 – Commercial C & D will no longer be accepted at the transfer station.

April 23 – The Planning Board will hold it's meeting on this date, the 4th Tuesday of the month.

April 27 – Annual Gardiner Clean Sweep. Orange bags are available at the Town Hall. There will also be a shredder vehicle at the Town Hall from 9 AM to 1 PM. Please limit you shredding material to 3 boxes or bags.

April 30 – Special Election in Ulster County for County Executive. Voting is from 6 AM to 9 PM

April 1st – April 30 – The US Fish & Wildlife Service will be conducting a controlled burn at the Shawangunk Grasslands within this time frame.

SUMMER RECREATION

Applications for summer employment and campers are available on the website. On Friday April 5 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 pm and Saturday April 6 from 10 AM to Noon registration will take place here at the Town Hall.

TOWN VACANCIES

Several Town boards have vacancies at this time. They are with the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Environmental Conservation Commission and the Open Space Commission.

FEDERAL LABOR STANDARDS ACT - UNION EMPLOYEES

Supervisor Majestic has received an e-mail from the Labor Dept which she sent to each Board member to review. Ms Majestic has asked them to review the e-mail and be ready to vote on this next week. If there are questions, please contact her as soon as possible.

OPEN SPACE APPOINTMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, Laura Rose was re-appointed to the Open Space Commission for a 5-yr. term to expire April 1, 2024 Supervisor Majestic took this time as well to commend the commission on the work they have been doing thus far, particularly organizing easements and creating a baseline policy and procedure for the easements.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE – POLE BARN PROPOSAL.

Roger Ennis and Michael Albright were present to explain how the Parks & Rec Committee can help with the completion of the pole barn located at the park. The committee believes that the completion of the bathrooms and kitchen is the first priority. Once these are completed the building can be used by many organizations. There was a lengthy discussion of how this can be done. Ultimately it was agreed that the Town Board would take over the finishing of the pole barn. The Board will take on the responsibility of an RFP and getting bids. Councilman Wiegand made a motion authorizing the Town Board to take over the completion of the pole barn. Second by Councilman Dukler and carried.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Although this was not on the agenda, Councilwoman Walls spoke up about the Facebook page that Parks & Rec has. It is done on their own with no approval from the Town Board. This is simply because there is no policy for the Town directing the boards, committees and commissions to follow. Ms Walls is concerned about this and believes a policy should be drafted. Board members discussed at length Facebook, with lively interaction from audience members. In the end no decisions were made, but resident Ralph Erenzo offered his assistance in creating a policy.

Councilman Wiegand asked if the trail plan site walk was still scheduled for the Town Board. Supervisor Majestic will follow up on this to get a couple of dates to work with.

NOISE LAW UPDATE

Councilman Wiegand handed out an outline for what the next steps are in noise control, especially with amplified music. It also highlighted recent developments since last discussed, the current situation and what the options are to remedy the issue. He believes that public outreach last year was very effective and should continue. There was discussion about decibel reading, noise limiters and enforcement. A decibel reading was conducted last October to help create the baseline of the noise level in quiet situations on a specific piece of property. Further readings can establish whether or not noise levels are being exceeded.

284 AGREEMENT

Superintendent of Highways Brian Stiscia presented his 284 Agreement for 2019. Mr. Stiscia discussed his budget, fund balances, purchases and revenue. The permanent improvements expenditure is \$250,000 and will be put towards the reconstruction of Burnt Meadow Rd. Board members discussed with him the repair needs of other roads. Mr. Stiscia agreed that other roads are in need of repair. He offered to do a shorter length of Burnt Meadow Rd. and add a couple of roads to the 284 Agreement. He will come back with a revised 284 Agreement for next week.

HIGHWAY GARAGE FURNACE

Superintendent Stiscia presented the Town Board with 4 quotes to replace the furnace at the highway garage. Upon reviewing them, Mr. Stiscia is recommending acceptance of the RYCOR HVAC bid in the amount of \$3,450. A motion was made by Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, accepting the RYCOR bid.

TOURISM LAW UPDATE

A copy of the definitions has been sent to Mark Millspaugh of Sterling Environmental for his review. The Town needs help with dimensional requirements for camps. He hopes to have it

back to us by April 23. The attorney for the Town Allyson Phillips will provide the Town Board with a timeline regarding the moratorium.

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR'S ASSISTANT – MEGAN GOODNOW

Resolution No. 61A – Appoint of Supervisor Assistant -Megan Goodnow

Resolved, pursuant to Section 30 of Town Law, the Town Board hereby concurs with the Town Supervisor's appointment of Megan Goodnow as Supervisor Assistant for 15 hours per week to be compensated at the rate of \$18.00 per hour to be paid bi-weekly, and

Further Resolved, that the Supervisor Assistant shall serve at the pleasure of the Supervisor during normal business hours.

Further Resolved, that Megan Goodnow shall not be eligible for certain insurance benefits as a part time employee of the Town.

Seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

CLOVE ROAD BRIDGE

A sample resolution for the funding of the bridge and the agreement received from NYS DOT has been sent to attorney Paul Kellar for his review. The hope is to adopted the resolution and sign the agreement next week.

MASS GATHERING PERMIT- CRAFT MARKET WALK

An application for a Mass Gathering Permit was received recently for the 3rd Annual Craft Market Walk in Gardiner. Andy Lewis is reviewing the application for completeness. A review by the Supervisor resulted in a few changes to be made to the application.

PRIVILEGE OF TH FLOOR

Suzanne Levirne – She has looked at various noise laws from other communities that the Board may be interested in looking at. Also stated that decibel reading should be taken at the source of the noise. And thirdly perhaps a list of decibel limits and remedies could be composed.

Jocelyn Broughton – questioned how to make a noise complaint.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 PM the meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk