

May 1, 2020 – Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this afternoon at 4 PM. This meeting was conducted on Microsoft Teams as a virtual meeting. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilmen Carucci, Dukler & Wiegand and Councilwoman Walls along with Code Enforcement Officer Andy Lewis and Town Clerk Michelle Mosher. There were approximately 48± audience members.

The purpose of this meeting this afternoon is to discuss the opening of the Yogi Bear/Lazy River Campground today.

Supervisor Majestic commented that Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan had submitted a County executive order prohibiting the opening of campgrounds in Ulster County to the State of NY. This order was rejected by the State.

Board members discussed that the campground has not obtained their license/permit from the Town. A new law was adopted on February 11, 2020 requiring the campground to obtain a license/permit within 90 days. There was a difference of opinion among the board as to whether the law was an existing law or not.

Supervisor Majestic stated that the campground has received guidelines from the UC Health Dept. to strictly follow while open. She stated they are complying with both the Governor and the UC Health Dept.

Board members discussed license/permitting, social distancing, emergency responders, spread/outbreak of the virus in the Town and the legal aspects of preventing them from opening.

Code Enforcement Officer Andy Lewis reminded the Town Board that if he were to give Lazy River a violation, they have up to five days to remedy.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Carucci, that the Town Board through the Code Enforcement Officer is to make clear to the campground that they are expected to have a license before they bring people into their facility. They are to cease and desist and send the people home and not to accept any other guests until they have a license from the Town of Gardiner. Councilmen Carucci, Dukler and Councilwoman Walls voted aye. Councilman Wiegand and Supervisor Majestic voted nay. Motion carries.

Supervisor Majestic asked what the next steps were. Board members responded with getting the campground licensed. Supervisor Majestic will issue a new state of emergency and executive order.

A motion was made to issue a new state of emergency with an executive order that will prevent any campground from opening in the Town of Gardiner if not consistent with the opening of the campgrounds in the State of New York. Motion made by Councilman Wiegand, seconded by Councilman Dukler. Councilmen, Wiegand, Dukler, & Carucci and Supervisor Majestic voted aye. Councilwoman Walls abstained.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilwoman Walls, seconded by Councilman Dukler and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher, Town Clerk