

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
May 7, 2019**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 in the Town Hall, 284 Broadway, Ulster Park, NY with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Shannon Harris
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
Councilperson Jared Geuss
Councilperson Kathie Quick
Councilperson Chris Farrell**

Administrative Recorder: Erin McNierney, Deputy Town Clerk, RMC

Supervisor Shannon Harris called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Kristin Nolan – Lake Shore Villa tenant, has had no gas or hot water for 2 nights. They were staying at the hotel. Very upset that there has been no communication at all from management since the incident began.

Tricia Cole – Apt. 8D – Lake Shore Villa Tenant, waited for Central Hudson since 8:00 am this morning but they didn't show up until 3:00 pm. No communication at all from management. We were told everything should be finished and working by tomorrow night.

UPDATES

POST OFFICE UPATE

At this time there is a Memorandum of Understanding in process between April & Co. hair salon, located at 194 Broadway, Port Ewen and the Post Office. Originally the Post Office felt the layout of the building was too small. Due to no other location prospects, the Post Office is moving forward with Aprils' location and performing a concept layout. A lease is in the draft process.

Rural delivery petitions have been sent to the Post Office. A study on the possibility of rural delivery is still going on.

LAKESHORE VILLAS PROPERTY ISSUES

There have been two different emergency situations relating to gas leaks and no hot water at Lakeshore Villas. Both times residents were evacuated and booked in hotels. Supervisor Shannon Harris was instrumental in getting the E&M Management Co. to pay for hotel rooms for the displaced tenants. E&M Management Co. had no emergency plan in place and could not handle the crisis without the Town's involvement. The overall complaint from the tenants was the lack of communication from the management company throughout this entire situation.

Representing the Management company was Mr. Meyer – Consultant/Engineer and Mike Carpanini – Property Manager. Mr. Meyer explained the steps the management company is and plans on taking to repair the problems. He explained there is an issue with gas pipes and the flow of gas into certain buildings. Four buildings and approximately thirty eight apartments have been impacted. The consultant discussed the future of the building and infrastructure. The Central Hudson underground pipes will be replaced by plastic pipes and the gas pipes will be enclosed to protect them from the elements. At this time there is a lot of corrosion on the underground pipes. They are focusing on the outside pipes transporting gas into the building.

Councilperson Jared Geuss asked, What procedure do you have in place for an emergency situation such as this? Mr. Meyer responded, they really don't have a plan in place. He was at the property on Sunday and Tuesday to look at the issues however, there was no communication to the tenants regarding the issues and when they would be fixed. According to Mr. Meyers, the management company tried to contact the tenants but did not have an updated list of numbers for all tenants. Mr. Meyers said maybe he should have put a flyer in all apartments explaining the situation and included contact numbers for the management company so the tenants knew who to contact and when they would be able to get back into their apartments.

Councilperson Geuss requested that E&T Management provide an updated contact list with telephone numbers for E&T Management to the tenants, Supervisor and Town Board.

Councilperson Chris Farrell asked for a clear protocol to be put in place with contact numbers for the Management group, hotel accommodations for displaced tenants and a copy of this plan to be given to the Town Supervisor and Town Board members. He would like to see an emergency plan drawn up by next week and given to the Building Inspector and Town Board.

Supervisor Harris said Management's lease does not trump Town Law which states the landlord needs to be responsible when there is no heat or hot water. The Town does not want to be involved with these issues going forward.

DYNO NOBEL/DEC CLEAN UP MEETINGS

There will be an internal stakeholders meeting on May 13th. There are two more evening public availability sessions scheduled for June and July at Esopus Town Hall. The Town will advertise both dates. The Town is looking to give the public ample opportunity to examine the mapping and review the extent of the contamination. DEC representatives will be at both public availability meetings to provide feedback and answer any questions.

MASTER PLAN ADOPTION SCHEDULE

The County gave the Esopus Master Plan an A+.

May 10 - Revised draft based on public input, hamlet meetings and feedback from Ulster County Planning Board (UCPB)

May 20 -CPC to sign off

May 21 - Revised plan will go back to the UCPB

June 4 – Town Board formalizes a team for the zoning updates process

June 5 - Anticipated UCPB approval

June 18 –Town Board hearing/adoption of the plan

July 10 - Kickoff Zoning Update Taskforce (Councilman Jared Geuss)

There is interest from the public on zoning updates. The Town will consult with the public in each hamlet to discuss zoning issues.

UCAT – KATHY QUICK

As of July 1st, UCAT will be taking over city bus transit bus routes and adjusting their schedules. There has been a request for a bus stop at the Library. Councilperson Quick did invite Carol Hargrove who is in charge of UCAT to come to talk with the seniors.

EARLY VOTING ACT

Councilperson Kathy Quick discussed early voting that will be in place from Oct. 26-Nov 3, 10 days prior to election. Six early voting locations will be needed throughout the County that are secure and have WIFI capability. Councilperson Quick has spoken with Tax Collector, Bernice McNierney, to discuss the use of the Tax Office. Bernice felt it would be fine especially since taxes aren't being collected that time of year. This location will make it easier for Town

residents to get out and vote. If the Tax Department has enough space, Councilperson Quick felt the Tax Office would work. Councilperson Chris Farrell thought early election is a good thing and asked if there would be any additional costs to the Town. Councilperson Quick will confirm all the details with the County and update the Town Board.

CHARTER/SPECTRUM CONTRACT

The Town has been facing challenges with the Public Access Channel for more than a year. At Town Hall there is Public Access broadcasting equipment that is outdated and Spectrum is not helping us pay for it. Supervisor Harris has started to explore putting a Franchise Fee in place to pay for updated equipment because she said that by law the Town needs to broadcast public access and allow the public access for their broadcasts as well. Supervisor Harris said, at this time the Town is getting close to falling out of compliance with the law.

Supervisor Harris explained that Charter has their heels dug in due to another franchise agreement at the southern end of the Town which is now in the hands of the lawyers. Supervisor Harris is also going to invite the Public Access Committee Chair to the next Ulster County Supervisors' meeting. At this time there are approximately 8 other municipalities for whom the Town of Esopus is the broadcasting center. All these municipalities are collecting franchising fees and are not giving the Town any money for updating the equipment. There is a bit of negotiation going on. The Town would like the other municipalities to give the Town money toward updating the equipment but we don't know how that will go over. This is still a work in progress. The Town has called in the Public Service Commission to help with this issue.

Councilwoman Van Vliet mentioned that the franchise fee will get passed down to the consumer with a small fee of \$1.00 or \$2.00 on the cable bill and Supervisor Harris confirmed this.

Supervisor Harris discussed that the concept of a consortium will come into play and contributions from the other municipalities who benefit from our Public Access Channel will be asked for money. They need not get involved other than providing funds to update the equipment. The Town of Esopus should not have to bear all the costs especially when we don't even charge a franchise fee.

ESOPUS PASSPORT DAY

The Ulster County's Clerks Office will come to Town Hall on June 6th from 5:30-7:30 pm to help residents apply and renew their passports. They will be taking pictures and processing applications. Information will be on facebook so people know the exact paperwork they will need to bring with them.

KINGSTON SCHOOL BOARD VOTE

The Kingston School Board Vote will be Tuesday, May 21st from 3:00-9:00 pm. New voting times and places were reviewed. All Esopus residents previously voted at Robert Graves School. This year the voting will be held at Miller Middle School for Town of Esopus residents living in district 1. Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 will vote at Bailey Middle School.

Councilperson Chris Farrell explained the reason for the change in location from Robert Graves Elementary School to Bailey Middle School was due to the Board of Elections allotting only 6 machines to the District for voting. There will only be 2 machines in each of the three locations. Councilperson Farrell feels that this is a problem.

ESOPUS MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Memorial Day Parade will be kicked off at 10:00 am Monday, May 27th. There is a potential new commander to take charge. The Memorial Day Parade committee is looking for participation. All participants, including Town Board Members, will need to fill out a form to hand in no later than May 11th. Christine Weiner is doing a lot of recruitment to bring in bands and fire departments.

HELP WANTED – BUILDING / PARKS

This is the last week of noticing the part – time employee position for the Parks and Recreation seasonal position. If anyone knows someone who may be interested in this position, have them come to the Town Hall to apply.

YMCA SUMMER CAMP – YOUTH DIRECTOR – LAURA NORDSTROM

Jim Banks mentioned that the Town of Esopus could possibly be a future location for a county wide YMCA Camp. Laura Nordstrom, YMCA Youth Camp Director, was present to explain a little about how this would work. The Town of New Paltz is now a YMCA camp location. There is a contract in place between the YMCA and the Town of New Paltz and financial responsibility of the camp now falls on the YMCA. However Laura mentioned that The Town of Esopus camp would look very different than the New Paltz camp. The Town will still do what they normally do throughout the year such as promote the camp, work at the camp, program planning and design of camp structure. Laura sees the biggest benefit to the Town as having the ability to expand the camp and increase the programming at that location.

Laura was asked by Town resident, Mike Pagnotta, What is the benefit to the Town and How does the YMCA benefit? Laura replied benefits to the Town will be; the financial burden will go to the YMCA, capability to expand the existing program, hire and keep local staff. The benefit to the YMCA will be to serve the community.

Town resident, Bernice McNierney, asked how much will camp cost? Camp fees are based on the size of the camp that is run, where it is run and all the costs associated. Generally the camp will run 8 weeks, July 1-Aug 23. The YMCA does abide by Department of Health regulations.

The price depends on how the Town decides to structure the camp and what programs will be offered. Laura also mentioned that the YMCA applies to the state for scholarship funding for 75% of the campers at the YMCA summer program at the Kingston location so a large majority of the campers do not pay for camp. More information will need to be gathered regarding a subsidized camp vs. non-subsidized camp.

Town resident, Mike Pagnotta asked, if we become a subsidized or scholarship camp and the Y has more subsidized campers than they have room for, do they have those campers come to our camp? No, only the campers who register for our camp.

The registration process was not discussed and will need to be explained at a further date.

Town resident, Sheila Pratt, asked if there will be transportation available.

Laura said, if you want transportation as part of your camp, you can tailor to your program but it is very expensive.

Laura asked to set up a meeting with the Recreation Director, Kathy DiSciullo, the Recreation Board and Jared Geuss, liaison to Recreation Board, to discuss this issue further. We will have a second meeting at the Town Board level. Supervisor Harris would like to have a cost benefit analysis of the cost to the Town and how much it would cost to bring the YMCA in.

LIBERTY SECURITIES - JARED KEPLINGER – TOWNWIDE VIDEO CAMERAS

Jared is putting forward a recommendation on how the videos will be accessed and monitored. No one is going to have full video playback access.

Parks and Recreation Dept., Supervisor and Sheriff Dept. have access to playback at Sleightsburgh Park.

Building and Grounds and the Supervisor will have their channels on all the parks, Transfer Station and Town Hall.

Town Clerk will have the channel for the pathway from the parking lot into Town Clerk's office along with the Community Room and the Parks.

Court Clerk will have the channel of the pathway from the parking lot to their office.

Tax Collector will have the channel of the pathway from the parking lot to her office.

Sheriff Dispatching Agent – Access to live feed 24 hrs. a day.

Supervisor Harris asked Sheriff Fulford if he agreed with providing certain officers with the live feed on their phones. He said no since the officers on any given day can be assigned to different areas not in the Town of Esopus but the Dispatching Agent should have 24 hr. live feed access. Councilwoman Van Vliet asked, How long does the video last? Jared said 30 days.

Councilperson Chris Farrell asked, in the case of an active investigation and the video is only available for 30 days, what is the procedure to get the video for a longer amount of time? It is possible. The Town will need to contact Liberty Securities and request a digital copy that will be sent to the detective or police dept. The video is saved forever and Councilperson Chris Farrell just wanted to ensure that the videos are date and time stamped.

Sheriff Fulford asked Jared who is the point of contact if the police need to acquire a copy of a video? Supervisor Harris can give permission to acquire a video copy but does not have access. Liberty Securities (Jared Keplinger and his staff will be the point of contact.)

Town resident, Sheila Pratt, confirmed when residents call into the substation they are actually calling into the dispatching agent at Police Headquarters at 280 Blvd., Kingston, NY. Sheriff Fulford confirmed that this was the case.

Councilperson Chris Farrell asked, is a month long enough to have the video available for playback during an investigation or will the detective need more time? Jared said there is the capability to lengthen the time the video is available if the Town requests this.

Town resident, Mike Pagnotta, asked what the cost of the video cameras were to the Town? Supervisor Harris responded, the total cost for video cameras at all locations (Town Hall, Court area, Transfer Station, Freer Park, Ross Park, Sleightsburgh Park) was \$20,000.

SHERIFF DEPT. – LT. FULFORD – SECURITY ISSUES AT SLEIGHTSBURGH PARK

Definitive closing times were requested by a number of residents who submitted a petition requesting that the park be opened from 6am -9pm. Supervisor Harris asked Sheriff Fulford how the Town and Sleightsburgh residents can coordinate better with the Sheriff Department. When residents have called to report activity, they were told to call the Town Hall, it was a Town issue. Supervisor Harris would like to make sure that the Town is being served by the Sheriff Department and better the situation at Sleightsburgh Park.

Sheriff Fulford said definitively that his agency is down there all the time; maybe not every day but very often. As long as he has been on the road, the Sheriff Dept. has been in and out of all the parks in all of the Towns they need to patrol. He asked the residents at the meeting to

explain the main concerns and if he can address them he will. He said he has had patrols go down to Sleightsburgh Park every night, two or three times a night.

Jay Van Vliet, Sleightsburgh resident, every night sits in his dining room which looks out toward the road and has never seen a Sheriff car go down there. Sheriff Fulford said he will look into that.

The main concern of the neighbors is speeding down the main street. As well as after hour activity; drug deals, partying, barn fires. A suggestion to have the Town change the speed limit to 30 mph was made.

Councilperson Jared Geuss and Supervisor Harris said the first step the Town is taking to stop after hour activity (drug deals, partying, barn fires) is implementing surveillance equipment, locking the gates at night and putting new signage in park. He asked Sheriff Fulford what else can the Town do?

Sheriff Fulford said, if you see someone go down to the Park don't call us. We can't possibly sit there for 24 hrs. If you see something suspicious like drag racing, excessive speeding or a bonfire, call us. We will be going down there on routine patrol. If there is something suspicious going on we will go down to investigate. He will do everything he can do to get man power down there more frequently.

Supervisor Harris mentioned that she had a request from a resident to extend an LED light to the bus turnaround on North Broadway. Does the Board approve Supervisor Harris to authorize the Towns' lighting district to put a light in that location?

MOTION MADE BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO EXTEND THE LIGHTING DISTRICT TO INCLUDE THE BUS TURNAROUND IN SLEIGHTSBURGH. MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilperson Chris Farrell asked Sheriff Fulford, if the gates are closed at 9:00 pm and a resident reported that there were people congregating in the park, would that be something the Sheriff Dept. would respond to? The Sheriff asked if there would be Town residents walking their dogs in the park after 9:00 pm. Councilperson Farrell said that was a good point. It sounds like if we decide to close the gate at a certain time, we also have to decide if we will allow residents in to walk their dogs after hours as well. There is no way the police will be able to determine if there is a drug deal or person with a dog. There may be fishermen in the park after 9:00 pm since they fish the tides. The Sheriff Dept. will have 24 hr. access to the video camera footage to review for any suspicious activity.

Supervisor Harris said this is a challenge and the Town Board will need to discuss this matter further.

Town resident Mike Pagnotta, fishes and hunts frequently at Sleightsburgh Park, believes installing video cameras will be a waste of time and money because they will be broken very quickly and the installation of lights will only attract more people. He believes what is needed is more of a police presence, giving out tickets for open containers, smoking pot and speeding. He feels if this is done a couple of times, this illegal activity would stop.

Sleightsburgh resident, Sharon Jones, said the neighbors all feel as a group that there needs to be a maximum size of 23 feet for boats that launch at the spit. This should alleviate a lot of damage that is being done due to many boats being too large. Another big concern is all the out of town people who have been given gate keys. Ms. Jones believes that if gate keys are given to only Town residents a lot of the problems will be alleviated. The Town residents take care of the Park; possibly charge fee to outsiders.

Sheriff Fulford said you would have to look at Park Rules to see who you can limit park access to. Jay Van Vliet said he has the deed to the Park from when Scenic Hudson turned over the park to the Town and Jay said that it states in the deed the Town can decide the times the park is open and if a fee can be charged. The original signs at Sleightsburgh Spit say that the park is open from sun up to sun down except for fishing.

A Sleightsburgh resident asked if there could be more trash cans placed in the park. There are not enough at this time to hold all the trash. It was suggested to make the park a carry in, carry out park.

RESOLUTION FOR NYSDOT 9W STUDY IN HAMLET OF ESOPUS – DOLLAR GENERAL STORE

ESOPUS TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION
Requesting recommended NYSDOT Intersection Safety Studies

WHEREAS, the Town Board wants to promote and ensure pedestrian and vehicle safety, and

The Town Board has received numerous requests from residents in the hamlet of Esopus who have reported excessive speeding and vehicle incidents between the intersections of Old Post Road and Black Creek Road on Route 9W, and

WHEREAS, there is a new approved development project to construct a Dollar General store on commercial property at 1182 Broadway (9W) in the hamlet of Esopus. The retail establishment is projected to attract new customers and result in increased traffic to the area. On January 25, 2019 the Dollar General Project (B180212) was issued for stage 2 approval by NYSDOT without instructions for a traffic study.

WHEREAS, the Town Board and local residents are deeply concerned that a new parking lot curb cut along a highly trafficked corridor of 9W at the Dollar General site, which is already impacted by speeding traffic and vehicular accidents, is a public safety risk if not properly analyzed and studied.

NOW THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Esopus requests a traffic safety study between the intersections of Old Post Road and Black Creek Road including the Dollar General site at 1182 Broadway.

Be it further resolved that the Town Board requests NYSDOT to initiate the traffic study effective immediately, prior to the completion of the construction of the project.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Councilperson Jared Geuss said he is all for a traffic study of 9W but are we going to do this every time a business comes in and the public doesn't like it. He feels this resolution is a result of the feedback that was given from a few people at the Esopus Hamlet meeting. Jared said he will be a no on this resolution because he feels the Board is targeting a commercial development that was completely approved by DOT and our Planning Board with no restraints.

Councilperson Kathy Quick said the area is a dangerous part of 9W and could be dangerous when pulling out of Old Post Rd. and Dollar General onto 9W. She does feel there are other areas along the 9W corridor that are dangerous as well. She is a yes for the traffic study.

Councilperson Chris Farrell agrees with Councilperson Geuss. The Planning Board looked at this and brought it to stage II approval and found no concerns. We have full faith in our Planning Board and trust their decision. He would support a traffic study of the 9W corridor where there might be safety concerns regarding all empty properties with potential for a business. There were many months when people could have addressed this proposal. It was in front of the Planning Board for many months. This is clearly just a response to the feedback of a few people from the Esopus Hamlet mtg. They are building already and this traffic study doesn't really make much sense at this time. Councilperson Farrell is a no for this resolution.

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet said we are targeting a small area along 9W when there are many areas on 9W that are dangerous. Gloria is not opposed to expanding the traffic study to include more areas along the 9W corridor. Councilperson Van Vliet is a no for this resolution.

Supervisor Harris said it would be prudent to have a traffic study for each area along 9W that has not been used previously. Supervisor Harris is for the resolution and proposes to amend the existing resolution by removing the two paragraphs in the middle of the resolution so that any reference to Dollar General is removed and the traffic study would be for the two intersections between the northern end of Esopus Ave. to the south end of Black Creek.

****This discussion lead to the following amended resolution.**

**ESOPUS TOWN BOARD AMENDED RESOLUTION
Requesting recommended NYSDOT Traffic Study between**

the Northern end of Esopus Ave. to the southern end of Black Creek Rd.

WHEREAS, The Town Board wants to promote and ensure pedestrian and vehicle safety along the 9W corridor, and

The Town Board has received requests from residents in the hamlet of Esopus who have reported excessive speeding and vehicle incidents between the intersections of the north end of Esopus Ave. to the south end of Black Creek Road on Route 9W, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board approves and requested recommended NYSDOT Route 9W Study of the section between Northern end of Esopus Ave. to the south end of Black Creek Road on Route 9W, and

Be it further resolved this resolution is effective immediately.

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY: SUPERVISOR SHANNON HARRIS
SECONDED BY: COUNCILPERSON KATHY QUICK

COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET	NO
COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS	NO
COUNCILPERSON KATHIE QUICK	YES
COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL	NO
SUPERVISOR SHANNON HARRIS	YES

VOTE: 2-Aye 3-No. Resolution not passed.

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

The Town Board discussed the possibility of holding Town Board meetings in different locations throughout Esopus such as Esopus Fire House and St. Remy Fire House. Supervisor Harris can look into other venues so we could get outside the Town Hall and go to where the residents are. This would impact the TB Workshops only since the Town Board Meetings are televised from Town Hall.

Supervisor Harris asked the Board members if they would authorize her to make recommendations on where to hold TB Workshop meetings for the remainder of the year?

Councilperson Chris Farrell said, I think it is a great idea. He would like to hear from Town Clerk Holly Netter whether it would create any clerk nightmares. As long as there is an audience that will attend the meeting, I feel it would be great to rotate the meeting to each hamlet between the months of April and November.

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet said the Town Board has tried this in past years. She would only be in favor of it on a trial basis to see if anyone attends.

Councilperson Kathy Quick said the best times to travel to different locations would be the spring, summer and fall when the weather is better and have the meetings at Town Hall with better parking during inclement weather. Councilperson Quick is also concerned about getting the word out regarding the change in location. People don't like change and we don't want a million calls into the Town Clerk's office asking where the meeting will be held. She said we could try it and see if it brings the people out.

Councilperson Jared Geuss loved the idea. Maybe we will get more people out when it is closer to home.

EFC GRANT FOR WATER TANK PROJECT

Water/Sewer Supervisor Don Keirnan gave an overview of the status of the Water Tank Project.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO SIGN THE PETITION TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS APPROXIMATELY .562 ACRES OF IMPROVED LAND SITUATED AT 625 BROADWAY IN THE TOWN OF ESOPUS, COUNTY OF ULSTER, STATE OF NEW YORK FOR THE WATER STORAGE & DISTRIBUTION TANK PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

VAN DEWATER AND VAN DEWATER RETAINER – KYLE BARNET – CODE ENFORCEMENT LITIGATION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR SHANNON HARRIS TO SIGN A RETAINER FOR VAN DEWATER AND VAN DEWATER FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE PEOPLE VS BALLARD AT 75 ESOPUS AVENUE AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$195.00 HOUR FOR PARTNERS AND \$100.00 HOUR FOR PARALEGALS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

LABERGE GROUP – HAMLET MEETINGS (RIFTON AND ESOPUS)

Consultants from the LaBerge Group attended both the Rifton and Esopus hamlet meetings to incorporate the feedback from those meetings into the Comprehensive Plan. There will need to be an addendum signed to authorize the amount of \$3,400.00 to be paid to LaBerge Group.

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet asked if this is an extra expenditure for the Town or part of the original contract with LaBerge group? Supervisor Harris said it was costing an extra \$2,400 for LaBerge to attend the Rifton hamlet meeting and the Esopus meeting cost \$1,000.

Councilperson Geuss and Supervisor Harris felt it was important to incorporate the feedback

from these meetings into the Comprehensive Plan sooner rather than later and worth the expenditure upfront.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO SIGN ADDENDUM 2019-3 AND ADDENDUM 2019-4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3400.00 WITH LABERGE GROUP FOR ATTENDING THE RIFTON AND ESOPUS HAMLET MEETINGS AND INCORPORATING THE FEEDBACK INTO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHY QUICK. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD VACANCY – CHET ALLEN

Chet was not available to attend the Town Board Workshop meeting but is interested in becoming a Waterfront Advisory Board member.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR SHANNON HARRIS TO APPOINT CHET ALLEN TO THE WATERFRONT ADVISORY BOARD WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/21. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR TRAINING

Supervisor Harris would like to see all department heads and foremen attend the Supervisor Training Seminar to develop successful supervision strategies. The seminar will be held on July 18th from 9am-4pm at the Best Western in Kingston. Her suggestion to the Town Board is that every department head and foreman attend this seminar.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR SHANNON HARRIS TO SEND 8 DEPT. HEADS (JOANNA MIGNONE, DAN VEDDER, ERIC BALASH, MARC WEINBERGER, JEFF BROWN, DERRICK BROWN, MIKE DAUNER, SHANNON HARRIS) TO SUPERVISOR TRAINING AT A COST OF \$149.00 PER PERSON. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHY QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:00 PM INVITING ALEX DEAN FOR AN INTERVIEW FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR POSITION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:20PM. THE MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON VAN VLIET. MOTION CARRIED.

****A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL TO TENDER ALEX DEAN AN APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR POSITION FOR 34 HRS. MAX. PER WEEK AT A RATE OF \$16.00 PER HR. WITH A 90 DAY PROBATION PERIOD ENDING 8/7/2019. START DATE AS SOON A POSSIBLE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR SHANNON HARRIS TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:20 PM TO DISCUSS LITIGATION REGARDING THE KOSCO SITE. ATTORNEY KYLE BARNETT WAS INVITED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHY QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR SHANNON HARRIS TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:04 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY KATHY QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

****No Action Taken**

PEOPLE V BALLARD, TERRANCE & EUGENIA – CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:05 PM TO DISCUSS CODE ENFORCEMENT LITIGATION PROCEEDINGS REGARDING PEOPLE V. BALLARD, TERRENCE & EUGENIA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:10 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

****No Action Taken**

DON KEIRNAN – CONTRACT RENEWAL

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:10 PM TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF A CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL IN THE WATER/SEWER DEPT. WATER SUPERVISOR, DON KIERNAN, WAS INVITED INTO THE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:19 PM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR HARRIS TO RENEW DON KIERNANS' CONTRACT REGARDING HIS CONTINUATION AS PORT EWEN WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDANT FOR A TWO YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE 9/14/2021 AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$33,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON CHRIS FARRELL. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON JARED GEUSS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:30 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON KATHY QUICK. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively Submitted,

Erin McNierney
Deputy Town Clerk