

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 6, 2016**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Monday, June 6, 2016 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Ulster Park, New York at 7:30 PM with the following persons in attendance:

**Supervisor Diane McCord
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
Councilperson Wayne Freer
Councilperson Kyle Barnett - Absent
Councilperson Leslie Kalmus**

Administrative Recorder: Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

Supervisor Diane McCord called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Fred Zimmer, resident of Minturn St., reported the Hidden Harbor Yacht club graded off and seeded the dredging pile that was placed on Town property. He felt the job was incomplete and was not maintainable the way they left it. He suggested it be graded off so the Town was able to mow it. As it stands now only 85% is seeded and can be mowed. Councilperson Freer said he would take a ride down to look at it.

Charlie Wesley is a Town resident and member of the newly formed Economic Development Ad-hoc Committee. He asked why the Town Board restrained the Committee to 6 months and felt they could not get anything completed within 6 months. This Committee is made up of volunteers and there is no cost associated to the Town. Charlie said he wants to do a good job and the first meeting was just an introduction and chance to meet the members of the Committee. The Committee has got the attention of Brenna Robinson from City of Kingston Economic Development Committee and Tim Weidemann from the Ulster County Economic Development committee.

Councilperson Freer said the 6 months was a trial basis to see where we were going and see if it was workable, what ideas were being discussed and upon review the Board would make a decision whether to continue or not. Supervisor McCord said her understanding was the Committee was focusing on how to bring business to the Town. The guidelines for the Waterfront Revitalization Loan Fund stipulates the Town needs to have an Economic Development Committee.

Councilperson Les Kalmus suggested the Committee come to the Board after 4 or 5 months to review the ideas they have come up with. This Committee has business members from various areas of the Town: Connelly, West Park, Sleightsburgh, Ulster Park, Rifton.

DISCUSSION ON DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN

Supervisor McCord and Councilperson Les Kalmus have spent a lot of time working on an RFP for a new comprehensive plan based on examples from New Paltz and the Town of Batavia. The RFP for the comprehensive plan was discussed. There was a difference of opinion on how detailed the RFP needed to be. A suggestion of forming a group from all areas of the Town was made. Myles Putman will be asked to be the advisor and a 5 person Board comprised of 1 member from each of the following boards: Planning, Environment, Waterfront, Councilperson & Zoning. A resolution to start the group will need to be passed.

LENNY LIBERTA- TRANSFER STATION UPDATE

Lenny gave an update of the Transfer Station. He is trying to educate the people on recycling and that the life of the Transfer Station is in their hands. He said we need to generate income from what people are already throwing away and at the same time save a few dollars. He would like to have a grand opening in the future to invite people in to take a look around and see the improvements. Tarps are needed to cover the containers. The Town Board approved the purchase of two 12' x 24' tarps, s rings and bungee cords.

The company that removed the used motor oil free of charge is now charging \$240 to pick up the waste oil. Lenny was able to find a company to take it for \$65 out of Pennsylvania. Bags for recycling were no good and Dutchess Beverage has 100 bags for \$25; the Board said they would reimburse Lenny. Brian is being sent to school to be SDS certified, Safety Data Sheet. C.T. Male came to inspect the sight, went perfectly. Mike LaManna had dropped off the bill in the amount of \$160 for coupon books. Lenny paid by check. Board had agreed to reimburse him for this order that was placed by Dankelmann. The kennel is the last eye sore. The Board agreed he could take it down and scrap the metal. Mike Cafaldo is not using the metal building but we may have to put up a pole for the meter.

RECREATION BUILDING - MOLD

Supervisor McCord said there is mold in the recreation building. Councilperson Freer said it has been there for 20 years, it is used for storage and there should be no one in it; there are no offices. The exterior sketch plan for the new recreation building was submitted as well as updated price lists from Lowes. Originally at the Budget meeting 3 options were given. One for a Brads Barn, a Metal building and a price list from Lowes for the lumber to stick build the garage. Councilperson Freer and Van Vliet said they were looking for 3 quotes for each of the items electric, doors, masonry etc. A floor plan is needed and there are many questions. It is subject to a permissive referendum. An option to draw up a RFP sending the entire building out to bid with a completion of 60-90 days may be quicker and easier. The Town could also go out

to bid for just the shell of the building. Tim Keefe will be asked to help Dan put together a package. Executive summary showing how much electric masonry, shell is separately; underneath that should be 3 bids for each of those items. Councilperson Freer said they are not going to use mold to push this beyond this point without the necessary documentation for the building. If needed, they will ask the Highway Department if there is room to store the equipment there if the building is inhabitable.

TOWN OF ESOPUS
PORT EWEN WATER AND SEWER BOARD
APPOINTMENT RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster, State of New York, as Follows,

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Esopus Town Board appoints Marc Phelps to the Port Ewen Water & Sewer Board to fulfill the Term to expire 12/31/2017.

Resolution offered by: Supervisor Diane McCord

Seconded by: Councilperson Les Kalmus

Councilperson Wayne Freer	AYE
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	Abstain - she had suggested other candidate
Councilperson Kyle W. Barnett	ABSENT
Councilperson Leslie Kalmus	AYE
Supervisor Diane L. McCord	AYE

VOTE CARRIED 3 AYE 1 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT

UNSAFE STRUCTURE DEMOLITION – 124 CANAL ST. PORT EWEN

The dwelling located at 124 Canal Street Port Ewen has been declared unsafe and dangerous to the public. Property owners were notified pursuant to the Law to remove the structure. There will be a hearing on June 22, 2016 at 7:30 PM at the Town of Esopus Town Hall.

ROSS PARK INSURANCE WAIVER

As discussed in past workshop meetings, there occasionally is a need for the gate to be opened at Ross Park to allow caterers, DJs, Musicians, etc. to bring their gear up next to the pavilion. Paul Kellar had given Supervisor McCord 3 options of verbiage to use on the park rental applications for the protection of the Town. The Board discussed the options and decided to use options A & B; (A) Advise all caterers, musicians, DJs, other vendors and all guests that if they access the pavilion, they must do so by using the roadway that passes through the children's playground and shall instruct all of said persons to exercise the utmost caution as said roadway is adjacent to an area where many children (as well as adults) are present and playing.

(B) Defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Esopus, its officers, elevated and appointed officials and all employees of the Town of Esopus from any and all claims, lawsuits, damages, judgments, costs, disbursements and expenses of any kind whatsoever arising from or association with the use of Ross Park and its facilities by me, my guests, vendors and invitees except to the extent that said claims, damages etc are a result of the negligence of the Town of Esopus.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD TO ACCEPT THE VERBIAGE OF OPTION A AND B LISTED ABOVE TO BE USED WHEN RENTING ROSS PARK AND NEEDING ACCESS TO THE GATE FOR THEIR EVENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON FREER. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

HIGHWAY – BUCKET TRUCK

The Highway department has 91 trees that need to be trimmed / removed. An estimate to take down these trees would cost \$87,250.00. There are no Towns that are able to share their trucks for this purpose. The County only lends their trucks in case of emergency. Highway Superintendent Mike Cafaldo is able to purchase a refurbished certified used bucket truck for \$43,000 - \$46,000. Councilperson Freer said we have to provide the service because the trees are on our right away. Mike also received \$16,500 from the vehicles he auctioned off and he can use those funds as a down payment. It is a lease option to buy over three years. A Resolution will be presented at the Town Board meeting on June 22nd.

SALES TAX January - March

We received \$37,776.18 for sales tax which was \$1,000 more than what was expected.

SHARED SERVICES

Supervisor McCord and Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet met with Neil Bettez of New Paltz to talk about shared services. They have a poor court system and building is falling apart. Supervisor McCord said perhaps we can coordinate with our court and allow them to use our facilities. Councilperson Freer said he believed Rosendale did this with Marbletown but it took State legislation to allow Town meetings and courts outside their jurisdiction. We would need to discuss it with our Judges to see if it would be feasible.

Jason West from Wallkill Alliance wants to meet with Supervisor McCord Friday at 10am to talk about Sturgeon Pool. Supervisor McCord did not know what will be discussed, however invited interested Board members to attend. All members had prior commitments.

STREET LIGHTING

The subject of how to save money on our street lighting was discussed in prior meetings. Supervisor McCord asked Councilperson Van Vliet to contact Jen Metzger, Rosendale Councilperson to see what we need to do next. Councilperson Van Vliet agreed to do so after she returned from vacation.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD AT 9:40 PM AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LES KALMUS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively submitted,

Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC