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**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
JULY 5, 2016**

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday July 5, 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 – NONE

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD INTERVIEW – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON LES KALMUS AT 7:31 PM TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING DAVID WEISNER FOR A VACANCY ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:47 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

A resolution to appoint David Weisner to the Environmental Board will be presented at the Workshop Meeting on July 19th. The term will expire 12/31/2016.

SORBELLO – CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

Bud Sorbello was issued a stop work order. He apologized for any miscommunication and said he wanted to be a harmonious partner with the town as the business has tried to be for many years. He gave a review of the evolution of his family's business at Wood n Wheel and explained the need to make changes in order for the business to survive. After a lengthy discussion between the Building Inspector, Town Board, Myles Putman and Mr. Sorbello it was determined that the Slide was able to remain in use because it was a temporary structure. People will walk up the hill with the tubes. The slide has been inspected by NYS Amusement Authority and is safe for use. The lift however is a permanent structure and needs to go

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through the Planning Board process prior to the lift being installed. Bud is on the agenda for next month's Planning Board meeting. The process can take 3 – 4 months. Questions of the rock wall and inflatable amusement area were also discussed. It was determined that permits were not needed for these structures because they are temporary in nature. It was agreed that the stop work order was for the installation of the new lift and any new construction.

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 but there was a difference of opinion on how detailed the RFP needed to be. A suggestion of forming a committee from all areas of the Town was made. Myles Putman will be asked to be the advisor and a 5 person committee comprised of 1 member from each of the following boards: Planning, Environment, Waterfront, Zoning and a councilperson representing the Town Board. 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 has been receiving a lot of positive feedback regarding the improvements that have been made to the Transfer Station. He has a few volunteers who are dedicating some time to try to educate the people on recycling. Lenny would like to have more volunteers on Saturdays perhaps members of the Environmental Committee to come help with the education process. Lenny suggested getting 4' x 4' signage for Transfer Station so people know where to find them. Councilperson Freer explained the State has control over the signage on 9W. Lenny would also like to accept garbage from neighboring towns and charge them a higher rate than the residents pay. Lenny believes the chain link kennels are still in good shape and can be utilized by someone. Jill Shufeldt, Dog Control officer, will be asked to see if we can sell or make a deal with the ASPCA. They are worth more than just scrap pricing. The Board agreed the building can be taken down in the fall by the Highway Department after the paving season is done. Lenny would like to install hand sanitizer pumps in four locations so people can clean up. The Town Clerks office will do research on the pricing of the dispensers. Lenny would also like to have an open house and serve coffee for residents on Saturday.

RECREATION BUILDING- REVIEW PROPOSAL

Once again the Recreation Building was discussed. Questions of why 4 – 5 garage doors were needed. What kind of concrete will be needed so salt does not damage the floor; what type of footing will be needed. Will the building be finished on the inside, will there be a bathroom? Where is the electric being installed? Councilperson VanVliet asked why there weren't other bids included for a metal building, it may be less expensive. Charlie Wesley had submitted a proposal for providing architectural drawings and specifications for the new 2400 square foot Recreation Department Building. Councilperson Freer asked Charlie if he would be willing to

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draw a conceptual set of plans, they did not need be certified or as detailed as his original proposal. Charlie agreed he could do what was asked.

ESOPUS AD-HOC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Some members of the recently formed Ad-hoc Committee for Economic development attended the meeting. The Board seemed satisfied with the Mission Statement they read at the last meeting. Councilperson Les Kalmus feels this Board is a good opportunity and should be in place for a year with members checking in every 2-3 months on the progress it is making. Councilperson Freer said he thought it would be helpful to be copied on minutes of the Ad – Hoc Committee meeting but the Board was not looking to micro managing the committee. Everyone knows it will take time for things to get accomplished so the Committee will keep the Town Board abreast of what is going on. Howard Slotnik, member of the Committee, asked if it would be possible to have a link added to the website for people who are interested in bringing business to the Town. There are many pieces of property in the Town such as, Anna Devine, Dyno Nobel, and Kosco, that could be attractive for businesses. Councilperson Les Kalmus said there are areas that were once commercial and it would be nice to rejuvenate those areas. The idea of sending out a questionnaire to see what the residents would like to see in the town was discussed and could be helpful. The opportunity is there, the economy is coming back. The Committee and the Board look forward to working together and getting things going. Councilperson Freer said he would like to see controlled growth. Steady smaller businesses with 4 - 5 workers verses one big company who is here today and gone tomorrow. Myles Putman said we need to play off of Kingston. People looking to buy are interest in schools and taxes. Scenic Hudson, although a good partner, has taken a substantial amount of property off of the tax roll and it kills the other Town residents. New business may be able to utilize the tourism points of interest to their advantage such as a café near the hiking trails, rental business for kayaks or other equipment for the Hudson. Smart growth is the way to go.

The question of whether the process for bringing in new business is streamlined enough was brought up. Although improvements have been made, it is still a 3 – 4 month process to get through the Planning Board. The service of Pre-submission helps out a great deal. Councilperson Freer said he still feels a quicker way to deal with the planning stage is having a 5 person Board with alternates.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Myles Putman is willing to work on Phase one of the Comprehensive Plan and develop the RFP. Supervisor McCord said she would like to see the budget have money set aside for a grant writer. There are a lot of free or matching grants and no one has the time or the expertise currently to write the grants.

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SUNEDISON – CHAPTER 11 NOTICE

We received the Notice of the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case regarding SunEdison, Inc.

MICHAEL BERNHOLZ APPRAISAL

The invoice from Michael Bernholz was reviewed for the Spinneweber certiorari.

MISCELANEOUS

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet said there were a lot of street lights out on Broadway and bulbs needed to be replaced.

Cocunilperson Freer said Mike Cafaldo has two openings 1 for the retiree and 1 man that is about to retire Mike wants to know when he can replace them. Supervisor McCord said we did not receive the memorandum of understanding back from the Union employees yet, so nothing can be done.

Councilperson Freer was appalled that no notification of the Bridge being closed was made to the Town other than the flashing signs that were installed on 9W. Thank god we did not have a catastrophic situation. A letter should be sent asking why the Town was not properly notified of the closure.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON LES KALMUS AT 9:55 PM AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MCCORD. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively submitted,

Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk, RMC