

TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
July 19, 2016

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Tuesday July 19, 2016 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Ulster Park, New York at 7:30 PM with the following people in attendance:

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

Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk

Supervisor Diane McCord opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PROPOSED ANCHORAGE LOCATIONS

Marc Phalen, resident of Riverview Condominiums, said the proposed Anchorage sites for the barges do not offer any benefit to the Town of Esopus residents or their neighboring communities. The barges have been gone for a year and a half. The river is looking good now that the water chestnuts are harvested. The City of Kingston has been promoting boating and recreation on the Hudson. The anchorage is to benefit the company. He asked the Town Board to consider opposing it.

Supervisor Diane McCord read her draft letter regarding the anchorage proposal. Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet is the liaison for the Water Sewer Board and said they have asked the Town Board to write a letter expressing their concern with the proximity of the Port Ewen Water Sewer plant.

Councilperson Wayne Freer said he also has concerns. If there is an emergency they can park. He believes the intent of the proposal is to make the river traffic safer. The question is whether it would be better to have a mandated area which the Coast Guard could control and monitor how many are parking and for how long.

Councilperson Van Vliet said there are two new developments that are before the Planning Board and they are not happy with this proposal.

Councilperson Les Kalmus said he was also concerned with trash being dumped and disposal of waste water especially since the Hudson provides the drinking water to many residents. What do the barges do after sitting there for a week; are they releasing their waste water?

Lisa Olivet Riverview Condominium resident is concerned with an oil leak and contamination of the water supply. She said she understands that people along the river pay higher taxes. Are they going to be compensated for their view? Can the barges be charged for parking there? She asked what kind of emergency plan is in place for this. Councilperson Freer said there is an emergency plan listed on the Coast Guards website. He also said navigable waters cannot charge a tariff or tax on it. She also asked, "Are we sure they are only going to be carrying fuel and oil?"

Waterfront Advisory Board Chairperson **Kathy Quick** wrote an email on June 30, 2016 to Craig Lapienko Waterways Management Specialist for the First Coast Guard District and requested an informational meeting regarding the establishment of the new anchorage ground with a discussion of the pros and cons of this action. Mr. Lapienko responded on July 8, 2016, however did not address her request for an informational session.

Chet Allen Riverview resident said he has an issue with the proposal since his taxes are higher because of his river view. "For them to be able to take the view away is not right". The barges have a lot of lights and create noise. If they put four anchorage spots in front of Riverview he suspects there will be more accidents on the river, not less. The residents want to defend what they have now. If there is not a need for the barges to currently stop in the proximity of Riverview, why do they need to do so in the future. His concern is once permission is granted to them they will never be able to get rid of them.

Supervisor McCord said we need to encourage the Coast Guard to have a Public Hearing on this topic.

Margaret Fallan Riverview resident said the proposed sites will also have great impact on Sleightsburgh Park and the recreation by the Kingston Light House. She is concerned for the water quality and use of the water by the Recreational boaters. There have been a lot of improvements made in the Freer Park area and harvesting of the water chestnuts. She would hate to see the proposal have a negative impact on the progress that has been made.

TOWN OF ESOPUS
ENVIRONMENTAL 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 Environmental Board,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Esopus Town Board appoints David Weisner to fulfill a vacancy on the Environmental Board with a term expiring 12/31/16.

Resolution offered by: **Diane L McCord**
Seconded by: **Leslie Kalmus**

The Board was polled:

Councilperson Wayne Freer	AYE
Councilperson Gloria VanVliet	AYE
Councilperson Leslie Kalmus	AYE
Councilperson Kyle Barnett	Absent
Supervisor Diane L. McCord	AYE

ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSS APPOINTMENT TO WATER SEWER BOARD

Ron Phillips, member of the Port Ewen Water Sewer Board, verbally resigned at the last Port Ewen Water Sewer Board meeting. An official written letter of resignation is needed prior to someone getting appointed. A few months ago there was a vacancy and two applicants were interviewed, Marc Phalen and George Post. George Post is still interested in serving on the board. A resolution for his appointment will be presented for vote at the July Town Board meeting, providing Ron Phillips submits his resignation in writing.

TRANSFER STATION – CREDIT CARDS

Supervisor McCord said Lenny Liberta has stressed the need for the acceptance of credit cards at the Transfer Station. Many customers have been asking for the service. As discussed in the past there is a change that is associated with the processing of credit cards. Those charges will need to be passed onto the customer who wishes to use them. There is 3% convenience charge imposed by the company with a minimum convenience charge of \$2. Meaning all transactions under \$70 will be charged \$2. Transaction above \$70 will be calculated at 3%. Town Clerk, Holly Netter, reviewed 3 options with the Board, the Square, Green County and Satellite Biz. It was determined a webinar would be set up for the Board to see a presentation from Satellite Biz. The Board also felt that transactions under \$15 should be allowed to pay in cash.

The 2 clothing donation bins (County Volunteer fire Association) which are now outside the gate needs to be moved. People are dumping their trash after hours instead of utilizing the bins for their proper purpose. Moving them inside the transfer station will allow personnel to watch what is being dumped. Councilperson Freer will make the call to have them moved. Councilperson Freer said the grounds continue to be improved, adequate signage has been installed. Recycling needs to be promoted. The agreement was made to purchase 2 hand sanitizer dispensers which will be adhered to a pole. A maximum of 5 mattresses can be added to the dumpsters, anymore than that the RRA charges us additional funds. Before each pull Lenny adds the 5 mattresses and also has the personnel pull the mattresses and recycle the metal.

RECREATION BUILDING – REVIEW PROPOSAL

Supervisor McCord asked if anyone had the opportunity to meet Dan Vedder at the Hutt. Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet said she stopped down but did not go inside. At the last meeting Charley Wesley was asked if he would revise his proposal for drawing up a sketch plan for the proposed new Garage for the Recreation Department. The Board reviewed his proposal and found it reasonable.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO HIRE CHARLES WESLEY FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN LAYOUT FOR A PROPOSED RECREATION BUILDING AT THE TOWN HALL SITE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1450. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR.

SIGNING NEW CONTRACT FOR COPIER

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL BUSINESS EQUIPMENT FOR A NEW TASKALFA3010i with 6000 PAGES PER MONTH, EXCESS AT .0072 PER COPY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LES KALMUS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

BQ ENERGY

Check will be sent back to Sun Edison. The Town has contacted NYSERDA to let them know what they were doing and NYSERDA is on board. BQ will issue \$35,000 to Central Hudson when the time comes. Authorization for this was already given.

MORTGAGE TAX

A check for the amount of \$69,728.11 was received for Mortgage Tax which was more than what the Board had predicted.

MISCELANEOUS

Supervisor McCord received a letter from Park and Recreation stating they are going to make Barbara Patrick's house a historical designation, SHIPO is doing this. The question was asked will it be taken off of the tax roll and what will it do to the tax status.

Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet asked about the status of the refrigerator at Freer Park. Dan Vedder had picked a new one up that day. The park is rented out on a regular basis and the refrigerator is a necessity.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:25 PM AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON LES KALMUS. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectively submitted,

Holly A. Netter, RMC
Town Clerk