

PUBLIC HEARING AND
TOWN BOARD BUSINESS
AMENIA TOWN HALL
April 12, 2007 - 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Reagon at 6:00 p.m.
Salute to the Flag was conducted.

Emergency Exits were pointed out by the Supervisor.

Roll Call:

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| Councilwoman Perotti | Present |
| Councilman Euvrard | Present |
| Councilwoman Doyle | Present |
| Councilman Russell | Present |
| Supervisor Reagon | Present |

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON OUTDOOR WOOD-BURNING BOILERS

Supervisor Reagon opened the Public Hearing and read proposed Local Law #1 of 2007 to regulate the operation of Outdoor Wood-burning Boilers.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS

- Pat Nelligan was opposed to any law on this subject.
- Sharon Kroeger, committee member, was in favor of the law.
- Betty Rooney was in favor of the law.
- Robert Meade, committee member, was in favor of the law.
- Mike Segelken clarified the procedures used by the building inspector when granting permits.
- Marty Grossman, committee member, spoke in favor of the law.
- Marcia Due was in favor of legislation which would set guidelines to make the building inspector's job easier.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

There being no further public comment, it was moved to close the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m.:

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| MOTION: | C/Euvrard | | |
| SECOND: | C/Russell | | |
| ROLL CALL: | C/Perotti | - AYE | C/Doyle - AYE |
| | C/Euvrard | - AYE | C/Russell - AYE |
| | S/Reagon | - AYE | |

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

OPEN THE TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Reagon opened the regular business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- Darlene Reimer spoke about CPIC and asked that the committee "stay in the loop".
- Jack Rooney gave details of the transfer station procedures on Clean-up Day.
- Jack Rooney read a statement relating to an incident at the transfer station involving a member of the Town Board (Councilman Euvrard) and a new Amenia resident.
- Linda Gregory gave specifics about parts of the Comprehensive Plan that she would like to see deleted because they single out auto-oriented businesses.
- Neila Cardus spoke about the Comprehensive Plan references to Taconic DDSO, and asked for clarification of same.
- Joe Smith (person involved in the transfer station incident about which Jack Rooney spoke) said that the accusations of a Town Board member that he (Joe Smith) had not paid the required dumping fee put him in a difficult situation as a new member of the community.
- Pat Nelligan asked that the Comprehensive Plan references to his pond (Brick Yard Pond or Amenia Pond) and possible acquisition by the Town, be removed.
- Sally Leafe supported Pat Nelligan in his views on Brick Yard Pond.
- Tom Werner asked that all references in the Comprehensive Plan to the Taconic DDSO be removed. Related to the revaluation project, Tom noted that he was unable to compare his assessment to other properties because the data was not available on the website where only the old assessment numbers appear.
- Evelyn O'Connell commented on the Comprehensive Plan and the reference to future utilization of Allan Shope's property.
- Jerry Thompson addressed the Comprehensive Plan reference (new language) to development on the west side of Route 22 north of Town. If a Town Planner is hired, who will oversee this person? Who will give direction to the planner?
- Donna Durbridge read an emotional letter about the recent cases of vandalism (tires flattened) and threats (2 death threats) that have occurred after Town Board meetings. The Town Board should guarantee the safety of people attending the Town Board meetings. Perhaps the Sheriff or a private firm could provide security in the Town Hall parking lot. Or, a security camera could be installed.
- Charlotte Murphy asked that the Comprehensive Plan recently-deleted reference to "safety and security in the Town", be reinstated.
- Cheryl Morse voiced her opinion that the Comprehensive Plan should go out to the public at the same time it goes to the County, and that the project should not be rushed.

- Sharon Kroeger disagreed with the removal of the following sentence from the Comprehensive Plan: "insure that the site [DDSO] is not used as a prison or a place for civil confinement."
- Dan Katz, FreshTown owner, reviewed the efforts FreshTown has made to fill that plaza (after Ames closing) and to be a contributing member of this community. He thinks the proposed use of the 32 acres (adjacent to FreshTown) is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and could be used for affordable housing, mixed-use projects, etc.

OUTDOOR WOOD BOILERS

Supervisor Reagon briefly reviewed proposed Local Law #1 of 2007 to regulate the operation of Outdoor Wood-burning Boilers. Specifically, the law provides for a no-burn period from May 1 to October 1, among other regulations.

RESOLUTION #12 OF 2007: ADOPT LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2007 TO REGULATE OUTDOOR WOOD BOILERS

MOTION: S/Reagon
 SECOND: C/Russell
 ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE
 C/Euvrard - NO C/Russell - AYE
 S/Reagon - AYE
 MOTION CARRIED 4 TO 1.

WASSAIC COMMUNITY GRANT PROJECT

Supervisor Reagon read resolution #13 of 2007 authorizing her to sign a contract with New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for a Community Grant Project for Wassaic. This is a \$10,000 non-matching grant from State Senator Leibell. The grant will be used to enhance Borden Park in front of Pawling Rubber with historic signage and plantings.

RESOLUTION #13 OF 2007: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH NYS FOR COMMUNITY GRANT PROJECT IN WASSAIC

MOTION: S/Reagon
 SECOND: C/Doyle
 ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE
 C/Euvrard - AYE C/Russell - AYE
 S/Reagon - AYE
 MOTION CARRIED 5 TO 0.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING EAF, ACCEPT AND SEND TO COUNTY

Ashley Ley of AKRF Consultants explained the rationale of sending the Comprehensive Plan and the EAF to the County Planning at this time. She also pointed out that an "expanded EAF (Environmental Assessment Form)" is being done, upon which the 'determination of significance' will be based. She then gave a detailed reading of the changes that had been made to the EAF at the request of the Town Board at the last meeting. A new table 3-5 "Existing vs. Proposed Acres Permitting Commercial Use" was explained in some detail.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING EAF, ACCEPT AND SEND TO COUNTY

MOTION: S/Reagon
 SECOND: C/Russell
 ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE
 C/Euvrard - NO C/Russell - AYE

S/Reagon - AYE
MOTION CARRIED 4 TO 1.

Councilman Euvrard requested and the Board agreed to include the following verbatim quote in the minutes: "I [Councilman Euvrard] would rather wait one month until we have the full documentation, until May 24 [before we send this to the county]."

HAMLET PLANNER, REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Mike Hagerty, grant writer for the Town, explained the RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for the Town Planner. The specification asks for someone with experience with new urbanism (Traditional Neighborhood Design) and the deadline is April 30.

ACCEPT REVISED REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR TOWN PLANNER

MOTION: S/Reagon
SECOND: C/Perotti
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE
C/Euvrard - AYE C/Russell - AYE
S/Reagon - AYE

MOTION CARRIED 5 TO 0.

DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER GRANT RENEWAL

Supervisor Reagon read Resolution #14 of 2007 authorizing the Supervisor to request renewal of the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority Grant. This grant of \$5,000 was awarded to the Town in 2003 to fund the Map, Plan, and Report for a central public wastewater system. Councilwoman Doyle cautioned that a Map, Plan and Report cannot be done until a location has been secured.

RESOLUTION #14 OF 2007: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO REQUEST RENEWAL OF D.C. WATER AND WASTEWATER AUTHORITY GRANT

MOTION: S/Reagon
SECOND: C/Doyle
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE
C/Euvrard - AYE C/Russell - AYE
S/Reagon - AYE

MOTION CARRIED 5 TO 0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The following items were discussed as shown on the agenda under "Discussion Items":

- Clean-up Day Saturday April 14.
- Emergency Services meeting
- Grants update
- Assessor's Office workload

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECREATION COMMISSION

Peter Clair reported.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Stan Whitehead reported.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Michael Segelken reported.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

- Councilwoman Perotti, Supervisor Reagon and Councilwoman Doyle had remarks.
- The Town Board authorized Supervisor Reagon to participate in a survey sponsored by the Association of Towns.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Elizabeth Whaley encouraged the Town Board to keep the statement in the Comprehensive Plan about "safety and security".
- Arlene Iuliano hoped the Town Board would consider the comments made by DDSO employees related to the Comprehensive Plan Update. She also questioned where the summer camp children would go in case of rain. Amenia Elementary School is the rain site.

ADJOURN

The motion to adjourn was unanimous at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hermosilla,
Amenia Town Clerk

Approved by Town Board: 5/17/07
Draft to Town Board: 4-16-07 (paper copy to Wayne)

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