

**TOWN OF CHATHAM  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
April 19, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Town of Chatham Town Board was held on April 19, 2012 at the town hall located at 488 Route 295, Chatham, NY.

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Jesse DeGroot, Councilman Jean Rohde, Councilman Maria Lull, Councilman Henry Swartz, Councilman Bob Balcom, Comptroller Earl Kelsey, Recreation Director Shari Franks, Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel, Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea and others

**ABSENT:**

Supervisor Jesse DeGroot called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilman Swartz led pledge to the flag.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A. NONE

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

◆ Georgene Gardner felt that the Conservation Advisory Council in Hillsdale was very helpful to the Town and feels that it would be an asset to the Town of Chatham as well.

**REPORTS**

A. Highway – report on file

B. Recreation Department – report on file. Also attached are the proposals for the aeration system for the Crellin Park pond. Registration for the Summer Rec. Program will be held on June 11 & 12 at the park, details to follow. The Town Hall dedication has been scheduled for Saturday, June 2 at 10:00 AM at the Town Hall and the “Party in the Park” and chicken bbq at Crellin Park has also been scheduled for June 2 from 1-6PM.

C. Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement – report on file

D. Dog Control – report on file

E. EMC – report on file

F. Justice Court – report on file

G. Assessor – Dan Horst stated that the re-val proposal will be brought to the Board for consideration at the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

H. ZIC – The committee is meeting twice a month and has made tremendous progress with the “Proposed Uses in the Hamlets” section of the Comprehensive Plan.

I. Supervisor – The County Board of Supervisors is considering purchasing the DSS building on Railroad Ave. in Hudson.

J. Comptroller –report on file

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. NONE

**OLD BUSINESS**

A Town Ethics Law; The Town should consider adopting the County Ethics policy. A public hearing will be scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the Town Hall.

B. Town Communications Committee; Councilman Balcom would like to have town board meetings videotaped. The Committee will research the costs.

C. Conservation Advisory Council: A public hearing to establish a CAC will be scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:05PM at the Town Hall.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**RES. #61-12** to hold a Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #1-12 to create a Conservation Advisory Council (CAC). Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #61-12 and moved its adoption to hold a Public Hearing on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:05PM at the Town Hall on proposed Local Law #1-12 to create a Conservation Advisory Council (CAC). Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Ayes; DeGrootd, Rohde, Lull, Swartz, Balcom  
Nays; None Resolution adopted

**RES. #62-12** to hold a public hearing on the proposed Town Ethics Law. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #62-12 and moved its adoption to hold a Public Hearing on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall on the proposed Town Ethics Law. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Ayes; DeGrootd, Rohde, Lull, Swartz, Balcom  
Nays; None Resolution adopted

**RES. #63-12** to adopt the Columbia County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #63-12 and moved its adoption to adopt the Columbia County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham with the assistance from the County of Columbia, has gathered information and prepared the Columbia County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and, WHEREAS, the Columbia County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 C.F.R. 201.6; and, WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and, WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Chatham Town Board adopts the Columbia County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Ayes; DeGrootd, Rohde, Lull, Swartz, Balcom  
Nays; None Resolution adopted

**RES. #64-12** to accept the minutes of the March 15, 2012 regular town board meeting. Councilman Swartz offered RES. #64-12 and moved its adoption to accept the March 15, 2012 Town Board minutes. Councilman Lull seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Ayes; DeGrootd, Rohde, Lull, Swartz, Balcom  
Abstain; Rohde Nays; none Resolution adopted

**RES #65-12** to authorize Justice James Borgia-Forster to attend a class offered by the NYS Bar Association. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #65-12 and moved its adoption to authorize Town Justice James Borgia-Forster to attend a class called "DWI on Trial" being offered by the NYS Bar Association in NYC on May 10, 2012. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Ayes; DeGrootd, Rohde, Lull, Swartz, Balcom  
Nays; None Resolution adopted

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGrootd to enter into executive session at 7:55 PM as per Public Officers Law §105, for the purpose of considering: employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation; Councilman Balcom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot to leave executive session at 8:10 PM. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**



Motion was made by Councilman Swartz, seconded by Councilman Rohde to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Anne Rippel  
Town Clerk