

**TOWN OF CHATHAM
TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 17, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Town of Chatham Town Board was held on May 17, 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, Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel, Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea and community members and press

ABSENT:

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

The Public Hearing on the proposed Ethics Law was opened at 7:00 PM. There was no comment and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:02 PM

The Regular Town Board meeting was opened at 7:02 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Charter Communications, re: customer service office on Rte. 295, limiting hours of operation.

B. NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, re: North Chatham historic district (Rte. 203, CR 32, and Bunker Hill Rd.) for nomination to the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

C. NYS DOT, re: Town's request to lower the speed limit on County Rte. 13 to 40mph. (Request denied)

D. Justice James Borgia-Forester, re: training courses completed.

E. NYS Office of Real Property Services, re: 2012 tentative equalization rate of 76%.

F. Columbia County Solid Waste, re: the June 2, 2012 Hazardous Household Waste collection day in Greenport.

G. NYS DEC, re: Inactive hazardous waste disposal site delist notice for property located on Rte. 66. 600.01-100 and 600.01-220.

H. Jeff Lick, re: his support of the CAC.

The Public Hearing on the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC), proposed Local Law #1-12 was opened at 7:05 PM.

- ◆ Deidre Henderson strongly supports the current law (Chapter 134 of the Town Code) as written. It's well-drafted and doesn't need change. The proposed law narrows the scope of CAC's charge, powers and duties and is inconsistent with the state law. Full written comment submitted and on file.
- ◆ Georgene Gardner strongly supports a CAC and watered-down version of the proposed law would decrease its effectiveness.
- ◆ Councilman Balcom feels that a CAC is critical where there are tough decisions to be made. He likes the format of the proposed CAC law but he would like the Board to consider reviewing the version which he has drafted. The Board members each have a copy of Bob's latest version.

Comment period ended at 7:55 PM. Discussion on the proposed CAC law has been tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

REPORTS

A. Highway – report on file

B. Recreation Department – report on file. The aeration system of choice for the Crellin Park pond is the system proposed by Ponds and Beyond for \$7,765.00.

Town Hall dedication, honoring the memory of Tom Meyn, has been scheduled for Saturday, June 2 at 10:00 AM at the Town Hall. Also on June 2 is the “Party in the Park” and chicken bbq at Crellin Park from 1-6PM.

C. Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement – report on file

D. Dog Control – report on file

E. EMC – Contact Fran Martino if there is interest in the Stockport Water Shed Tour. There is a moratorium on hydrofracking in the town of Germantown.

F. Justice Court – report on file

G. Assessor – Dan Horst stated that residents who would be impacted the most by a reval would be older land owners. School districts would stand to benefit from a reval. There is no penalty imposed by the State if the Town is not at 100% equalization rate. Dan is slowly and steadily working at bringing the equalization rate up. Total revals are costly ventures to a town. Discussion will be on-going.

H. ZIC – The committee is making steady progress and is still meeting twice a month.

I. Supervisor – The purchase of the DSS building on Railroad Ave. in Hudson is not yet complete.

J. Comptroller –report on file

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed North Chatham Historic District.

George Vollmuth has asked that a letter be written, to NYS Parks and Recreation, on their behalf in support of the proposed historic district in the hamlet of North Chatham. Supervisor DeGroot and the Town Board unanimously support this endeavor.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Town Ethics Law.

B. Conservation Advisory Council, CAC. Further discussion;

- Councilmen Swartz, Lull and Rohde would like to see youth added to the board.
- Supervisor DeGroot is concerned about the potential costs associated with another committee. He sees it as a resource but it could be a quasi-governing body. If the committee acts in an advisory capacity only, he is in favor. Councilman Swartz will bring the CAC topic to the next ZIC meeting and report back to the Town Board with their comments at the June meeting. The public hearing will reopen at the June 21 meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #66-12 to accept the proposal from *Ponds and Beyond* for the aeration system for Crellin Pond. Supervisor DeGroot offered RES. #66-12 and moved its adoption to accept the proposal from *Ponds and Beyond* for the aeration system for

Crellin Pond at a cost of \$7,765.00. Proposal attached. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

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

RES. #67-12 to support the nomination of the proposed North Chatham Historic District to the National and State Registers of Historic Places. Councilman Lull offered RES. #67-12 and moved its adoption to write a letter to NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to support the nomination of the proposed North Chatham Historic District (Rte. 203, CR 32, and Bunker Hill Road) to the National and State Registers of Historic Places. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

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

RES. #68-12 to adopt the Code of Ethics, Local Law #1-12. Councilman Swartz offered RES. #68-12 to adopt the Code of Ethics Local Law #1-12. Copy on file. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

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

RES. #69-12 to accept the April 19, 2012 Town Board meeting minutes. Councilman Rohde offered RES. #69-12 and moved its adoption to accept the April 19, 2012 Town Board minutes. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ◆ Councilman Swartz and Supervisor DeGrootd stated that the White Mills Rd. bridge project is on track for fall bids.
- ◆ Councilman Balcom would like to revisit the Old Chatham, Mirror Pond flooding issue.
- ◆ Deidre Henderson is happy that there has been discussion on the Town's infrastructure. She would like the Board to establish a committee to inventory, evaluate, prioritize and price out projects which are in need for attention/repair.
- ◆ The Town maintains an inventory of its infrastructure and its repair projects.

Motion was made by Councilman Rohde, seconded by Councilman Swartz to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Anne Rippel
Town Clerk

Ponds and Beyond
PO Box 235
N.Chatham, NY 12132

Estimate

Date 4/21/2012
Estimate # 336

Name / Address

Town of Chatham
Shari Franks
488 Route 295
Chatham, N.Y 12037

P.O. #
Terms

Due Date 4/21/2012
Other

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
Powered by the sun. Designed to operate 20 hours per day having a battery back-up. The aeration system can operate in winter months. It will provide two diffuser pads with self-weighted tubing diffusers are self cleaning , non clogging duraplate.		6,000.00	6,000.00T
Assembly charges for the aerator. Pole setting-attaching the panel to the pole.Adjusting the system.		865.00	865.00T
400'of self-weighted air tubing is required to connect air pump on shore to the pad on the pond bottom.		400.00	400.00T
Handling charges:		500.00	500.00T
A 2-year warranty against defects in materials when used under normal operating conditions.		0.00	0.00T
We are a local and regional company. Monitoring the aeration system for the first 3 months, making necessary adjustments.		0.00	0.00T
Thank you for your business.			
		Subtotal	\$7,765.00
		Sales Tax (0.0%)	\$0.00
		Total	\$7,765.00

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