

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

The regular meeting of the Town of Chatham Town Board was held on July 19, 2012 at 7:00PM at the town hall, 488 Route 295, Chatham, NY.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jesse DeGroot, Councilman Jean Rohde, Councilman Bob Balcom, Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel, Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea

Also present: Chatham High School track stand-out, Ross Wightman and his family, Lenny Collins with the Harlem Valley Rail Trail and press

ABSENT: Councilman Maria Lull and Councilman Henry Swartz

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

Supervisor DeGroot and the town board applauded Ross Wightman for his outstanding achievements in track and field and presented him with a resolution.

RES. #79-12 to recognized Ross Wightman for his outstanding achievements in track and field. Supervisor DeGroot offered RES. #79-12 and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham values the excellence exhibited in those who live, work, and play in its environs, and *WHEREAS*, Ross Wightman was a participant on the 2012 Chatham High boys track team that finished its season with a 9-0 Patroon Conference record, won the Maple Hill Invite against fourteen other teams, won the Patroon Conference championship vs. nine other teams, and brought home the Class CC Sectional crown when they prevailed over thirteen other Class CC teams, and *WHEREAS*, new school records were set in 2012 in the 3000m steeplechase by Ross Wightman at 9:36.02; and in the sprint medley relay, with a time of 3:45.2 by Billy Whitbeck, Jason Summers, Jon Mackerer, and Wightman, and *WHEREAS*, Wightman finished 3rd in the 2000m Steeplechase at the New Balance Outdoor Nationals in Greensboro, NC on June 16, 2012, ***NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved*** that the Town of Chatham recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of Ross Wightman. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGroot, Rohde, Balcom
Nays; None Resolution adopted

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation re: The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has agreed with the Review Board to place the North Chatham Historic District on the State Register of Historic Places. This nomination will be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington, D.C. for their consideration.
- B. Byron Raych, P.E. Barton & Loguidice re: developments between DOT, CSX and the Town on the White Mills Rd. bridge project. CSX will revise the payment clause in the construction agreement. Bridge ownership is still in question. Not every bridge is covered under NYS Railroad law section 93. Further review will determine ownership in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

REPORTS

- A. Highway – report on file
- B. Recreation Department – report on file.
- C. Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement – report on file
- D. Dog Control – report on file

- E. EMC –no report
- F. Justice Court – report on file
- G. Assessor –no report
- H. ZIC – Committee reviewed the new proposed CAC law. The draft was presented to the town board for their review.
- I. Supervisor –none
- J. Comptroller –report on file

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Harlem Valley Rail Trail- Lenny Collins wanted to bring the board up to speed on where the project stands. The Copake Falls section through to Chatham is comprised of private and State owned land. This stretch is currently undeveloped but sections of the trail are in the early planning stage.
- B. Town Comptroller position- Comptroller Earl Kelsey will be retiring at the end of the year. The board has agreed to advertise for the position.

RES. #80-12 to advertise for the position of comptroller. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #80-12 and moved its adoption to advertise in the newspaper for the position of comptroller which will come vacant at the end of 2012. Resumes will be due by 4 PM, Friday August 31, 2012. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

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

- C. Town board liaison to the Chatham Agricultural Partnership (CAP). Councilman Rohde resigned from the CAP and Councilman Lull has offered to step in to the role.

RES. #81-12 to appoint Councilman Lull as town board liaison to the CAP committee. Councilman Balcom offered RES. #81-12 and moved its adoption to appoint Councilman Lull as town board liaison to the CAP committee. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

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

- D. East Chatham Fire Co. building permit fee.

RES. #82-12 to waive building permit fees for the EC Fire Co.. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #82-12 and moved its adoption to waive building permit fees for the building project at the East Chatham Fire Co. in East. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Conservation Advisory Council, CAC. The new proposed law is a blend of all recommendations and modifications. Councilman Balcom would like time to thoroughly look it over and bring it back in August.
- B. Fracking moratorium. The board will hold on this while it does further research.
- C. NYSEG town lighting proposal. The board has asked to see some type of demonstration, Supervisor DeGrootd will contact NYSEG to ask if they'd come to the August meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

RES. #83-12 to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2012 regular town board meeting and the July 2, 2012 and July 16 2012 special town board meetings. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES. #83-12 and moved its adoption to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2012 regular town board meeting and the July 2, 2012 and July 16 2012 special town board meetings. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

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

RES, #84-12 to renew the BAN note for 2008 International Trucks. Supervisor DeGroot offered RES. #84-12 and moved its adoption: **WHEREAS**, the Highway-Outside Village “DB BAN (2008 International Trucks) for \$143,000.00 plus interest of \$2,731.30 is due July 21, 2012 and **WHEREAS**, the Highway –Outside Village “DB” Fund Budget calls for a principal payment of \$71,500.00 plus interest and **WHEREAS**, there is remaining balance of \$71,500.00 due on this BAN, **THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to renew the Highway-Outside Village BAN for \$71,500.00 @1.87% interest for one year. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes; DeGroot, Rohde, Balcom
Nays; None Resolution adopted

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Motion was made by Councilman Rohde and seconded by Councilman Balcom to adjourn at 7:40PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beth Anne Rippel