

**TOWN OF CHATHAM  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
April 21, 2011**

A Regular Meeting of the Town of Chatham Town Board was held on April 21, 2011 at the town hall at 7:00 PM. Present were: Supervisor – Jesse DeGrootd, Councilman – Jean Rohde, Councilman – Maria Lull, Councilman – Tom Meyn, , Councilman – Henry Swartz, Recreation Director – Shari Franks, Highway Superintendent – Joe Rickert, Deputy Town Clerk – Gail Wessot, Town Attorney – Tal Rappleyea and others

Supervisor DeGrootd called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The pledge to the flag was led by Councilman Swartz.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Columbia Land Conservancy, re: May 29 barbecue

Supervisor DeGrootd announced that the barbecue will be held at the Shepherding Company in Old Chatham from 4:30PM – 8:00PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. Marilyn Fountain asked what recourse she has regarding the ongoing dumping on Pratt Hill Road. Old tires with rims, deer and coyote carcasses, and other garbage continues to be dumped onto her property.

Councilman Swartz suggested contacting Laraway’s scrap metal service. The town will ask the Sheriff to put more patrols in that area.

B. Construction on White Bridge Road. Jennifer Lawrence submitted photos taken of signs placed by Kipper contractors. Vance Pitkin read a letter written by Ms. Bornhorst with regard to the signs, “offensive” fencing, and the concern over the white paint on the bridge . Ms. Lawrence also expressed concern over the culvert at the bridge, and the chipping of paint falling into stream. The Town Board will write a letter to DEC. The Town Board will also ask the Land Conservancy to enforce the easement.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGrootd at 7:55 PM to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Councilman Lull seconded the motion. Carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGrootd to leave executive session at 8:10 PM. Councilman Meyn seconded. Carried.

**REPORTS**

A. Highway – report on file. Highway Superintendent Joe Rickert informed the Board of Charles Witherell’s retirement effective on May 31, 2011.

B. Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement – report on file

C. Dog Control

D. EMC

E. Justice Court

F. Zoning Implementation Committee (ZIC) – Jim Temple: the internal draft of the zoning code should be finished by the end of May, and the committee discussed the need to reschedule meeting nights.

G. Supervisor (county business)

H. Recreation Department –on file

I. Supervisor (county business)

J. Town Comptroller – on file

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Town employment application process. The Town Board will be working on the application process.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**A.** Disc Golf – Recreation Director Shari Franks discussed the issue regarding the need for people who are OSHA certified in operating chain saws in order to clear the property for this project. Recreation Director Shari Franks will contact Nancy Hammell to discuss her concerns related to Disc Golf.

**RES #58-11** to allow the Disc Golf project to move forward, contingent upon Disc Cap paying for all expenses. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES #58-11 and moved its adoption to allow the Disc Golf project to move forward, contingent upon Disc Cap paying for all expenses. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

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

**C.** Planning Board vacancy. Town to re advertise for Planning Board vacancy.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**RES #59-11** to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2011 regular town board meeting. Councilman Lull offered RES #52-11 and moved its adoption to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2011 regular town board meeting. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

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

**RES #60-11** to establish standard work day for the purposes of NYS Retirement reporting. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES # 61-11 and moved its adoption to establish a standard work day for the purposes of NYS Retirement reporting. Councilman Lull seconded the motion.

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

## **RES #61-11**

Whereas, the Highway – Outside Village “DB” BAN (Grader #1) for \$49,000 plus interest of \$1,372 was due April 6, 2011 and

Whereas, the Highway-Outside Village “DB” Fund budget calls for a principal payment of \$24,000 plus interest and

Whereas, interest rates on BAN’S are increasing and interest of CD’s are remaining very low and  
Whereas, there would still be a remaining balance of \$25,000 plus interest due on this BAN next year

Therefore, be it resolved that instead of renewing the Highway – Outside Village BAN (Grader #1) for one year, the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to pay the full balance of \$49,000. Supervisor DeGrootd offered RES # 61-11 and moved its adoption to not renew the Highway – Outside Village BAN (Grader #1) for one year and to have the Town Board authorize

the Town Supervisor to pay the full balance of \$49,000. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes; Jesse DeGroot, Maria Lull, Tom Meyn, Jean Rohde, Henry Swartz  
Nays; None, Resolution adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dan Horst expressed concern over the rising stream level at the turn around on River Street.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot, seconded by Councilman Swartz and carried to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Wessot

Deputy Town Clerk