

**TOWN OF CHATHAM
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 19, 2011**

A Special Meeting of the Town of Chatham, Town Board was held on May 19, 2011 6:15 PM for Planning Board personnel purposes.

PRESENT: Councilman Maria Lull, Councilman Tom Meyn, Councilman Jean Rohde, Councilman - Henry Swartz, Jr., Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel, Planning Board Chairman Marilyn Cohen and Deputy Chairman Donna Staron
ABSENT: Supervisor Jesse DeGroodt

Councilman Jean Rohde opened the meeting at 6:20 PM. The pledge to the flag was led by Councilman Swartz.

Motion was made by Councilman Swartz to enter into executive session at 6:20 PM for Planning Board personnel purposes. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Meyn to leave executive session at 6:55 PM. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilman Meyn and seconded by Councilman Swartz to adjourn at 6:55 PM. Motion carried.

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A Regular Meeting of the Town of Chatham Town Board was held on May 19, 2011 at the town hall at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Councilman Lull, Councilman Meyn, Councilman Rohde, Councilman Swartz, Town Clerk Rippel, Highway Superintendent – Joe Rickert, Town Attorney – Tal Rappleyea, Comptroller Earl Kelsey and others
ABSENT: Supervisor Jesse DeGroodt

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Town vs. Juanita Sayers (Who has this letter? I passed it around at the meeting and didn't get it back.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

A. Highway – report on file.

Highway Superintendent Joe Rickert presented crew member Chuck Witherall with a plaque in honor of his retirement. Joe thanked Chuck for his 18 years of dedicated service to the Town of Chatham and its residents.

The Board expressed their gratitude and thanked Chuck for keeping our town roads safe and well maintained.

The garbage on Pratt Hill Rd. has been removed and disposed of by the property owner.

There has been a problem again with road signs being stolen. This issue has become costly since replacement is now up to about \$125.00 per sign. Councilman Swartz has spoken with Sheriff Deputy Hyson about the possibility of installing surveillance cameras to help deter thieves. More research will be done on this matter. Councilman Lull suggested an “amnesty day” allowing stolen signs to be returned without penalty.

B. Recreation Department – report on file.

C. Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement – report on file

D. EMC – Deidre Henderson reported that Steve Wenkley’s position with NY Rural Water will be terminated at the end of August 2011 due to funding cuts. However, he will hopefully have the maps for the regular June meeting to present to the board. Would the board be interested in sending a letter to support future funding for NY Rural Water? Ms. Henderson asked if the Town Board would be interested in having Gretchen Stevens from Hudsonia’s Biodiversity Institute speak at a meeting. Board members supported the idea and suggested a workshop meeting in July. Ms. Henderson suggested that the public be invited to the meeting. She will be happy to do a press release when the date is decided on.

E. Justice Court – report on file

F. Comptroller – report on file

NEW BUSINESS

A. Councilman Swartz will investigate camera options which may be used to deter road sign thieves.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Planning Board vacancies: Planning Board interviews are now closed.

B. Planning and Zoning Board application process/procedure has been drafted. The town attorney will look it over and report back to the board next month.

RESOLUTIONS

RES #62-11 to authorize a fee increase for summer programs at Crellin Community Park. Councilman Lull offered RES. #62-11 and moved its adoption to authorize a fee increase.

New fees are as follows:

- ◆ Swimming lessons \$35.00/3 week session, \$25.00 for each additional sibling.
- ◆ Afternoon program \$60.00/6 week session for residents of the town and village of Chatham, \$40.00 for each additional siblings.
- ◆ Afternoon program \$90.00/6 week session for non-residents, \$60.00 for each additional sibling.

Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes; Lull, Meyn, Rohde, Swartz

Nays; None, Resolution adopted

RES #63-11 to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2011 regular town board meeting and the May 5, 2011 workshop meeting. Councilman Lull offered RES #62-11 and moved its adoption to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2011

regular town board meeting and the May 5, 2011 workshop meeting. Councilman Meyn seconded the motion.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Rohde to enter into executive session at 7:40 PM for Planning Board personnel purposes. Councilman Lull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Rohde seconded by Councilman Meyn to leave executive session at 7:50 PM. Motion carried.

The Planning Board vacancy will be addressed at the June 2 workshop meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Rohde , seconded by Councilman Lull and carried to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Anne Rippel
Town Clerk