

TOWN OF CHATHAM  
488 Route 295  
CHATHAM, NY 12037  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
August 15, 2013, 7:00PM

**PRESENT:**

Supervisor Jesse DeGroot	Rec. Director, Shari Franks
Councilman Henry Swartz	Highway Super., Joe Rickert
Councilman Maria Lull	Town Attorney, Tal Rappleyea
Councilman Bob Balcom	Comptroller, Deborah Cesternino
Councilman Jean Rohde	

**ALSO PRESENT:** Matt VanDerbeck , Earle Kelsey, Doris Appel, Katie Kocijanski, Leona Scarpinato, David Levow, Candace Eaton

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Jessica and Cody Anderson, re: Bashford Rd. speed limit concerns
- B. Joan Wechsler, re: asking that speed limit on Cty. 13 be lowered from the current 55mph
- C. Earle Kelsey, re: health insurance
- D. Brian Moon, NYS Tax & Finance, re: establishing a final State equalization rate of 82.00 for the Town of Chatham

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- David Levow stated that he didn't want the Columbia County Airport expansion.
- Supervisor DeGroot stated that the expansion would create a safety zone which has been under order for the past 10 years by the FAA.

**REPORTS**

- A. Highway – report on file
  - The speed limit review on Bashford will be turned over to the County.
  - The construction company on the White Mills Rd. Bridge project is ready to go. The bids were opened on 7-31-13. Waiting for NYS DOT approval before bid can be accepted by the Board.
  - The East Chatham Bridge project detour route has been established now they're awaiting the NYS DOT detour permit. The Town has been informed that construction will begin 9-2-13 and will be completed by Thanksgiving.
- B. Recreation – report on file
- C. Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement – report on file
- D. Dog Control – report on file
- E. Environmental Management Council – no report
- F. Justice Court – report on file
- G. Assessors – the final equalization rate is 82.00
- H. ZIC – the committee has finished reviewing the logging portion and the last of

the ag. plan. Their next meeting will be on September 4, 2013.

I. Supervisor – The County’s efforts to collect back taxes has been very successful thus improving cash flow.

J. Town Comptroller – report on file

K. Town Clerk – The Town has the opportunity to sell pre-paid E-Z Pass tags. The tags are purchased from the NYS Thruway Authority for \$21 per tag and can be sold for up to \$25 per tag. The dog census/building department mailer will be going out September 6 to about 3,700 boxes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Town Audit presentation by Matthew VanDerbeck, CPA with Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, CPAs, P.C. . The audit done on the Town’s finances as of Dec. 31, 2012 has been completed. The Board has been presented with the unmodified report and the draft is awaiting Town Board approval.

**RES. #100-13** to accept the draft copy of the Financial Statements and Supplementary Information (and Independent Auditor’s Report), dated December 31, 2012, as completed by Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, CPAs, P.C. as final. Councilman Lull offered RES. #100-13 and moved its adoption to accept the draft copy of the Financial Statements and Supplementary Information (and Independent Auditor’s Report), dated December 31, 2012, as completed by Pattison, Koskey, Howe & Bucci, CPAs, P.C. as final. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

### **VOTE**

AYES: DeGroot, Swartz, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

B. Cornell Cooperative Extension presentation:

-Program Educator Audrey Kropp presented the Board with information on their newest program, the Hudson Estuary Watershed Flood Resiliency Project. This program will focus on stream management and relating flooding issues.

C. Private waste collection: Town residents are frustrated with their trash collection company. Many times trash cans sit at the end of driveways and at the edge of the road for days until they are finally picked up. Is there anything the Town can do to help?

D. Set the Town budget presentation for Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 6:00PM.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Town Personnel Policy re: health insurance

-Nothing to report

B. Zaengelin Rd. name change.

**RES. #101-13** to change the name of Zaengelin Road to Whittemore Way.

Supervisor DeGroot offered RES. #101-13 and moved its adoption to change the name of Zaengelin Road to Whittemore Way with the cost of the new sign to be paid for by Clint Whittemore. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

AYES: DeGroot, Swartz, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RES. #102-13** to make amendments to budget appropriations. Councilman Rohde offered RES. #102-13 and moved its adoption to make the following amendments to budget appropriations:

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>		<b>Amount</b>
A7140.2	A7140.4	Fr. Playgrounds CE to cover increased operating expensed due to the demolition of pavilion	\$3,500.00

Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

AYES: DeGroot, Swartz, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

**RES. #103-13** to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2013 regular Town Board meeting and the July 25, 2013 and August 1, 2013, special Town Board meeting. Councilman Lull offered RES. #103-13 and moved its adoption to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2013 regular Town Board meeting and the July 25, 2013 and August 1, 2013, special Town Board meeting. Councilman Swartz seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

AYES: DeGroot, Swartz, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

**RES. #104-13** to accept highway bids. Supervisor DeGroot offered RES. #104-13 and moved its adoption. WHEREAS, the Chatham Town Board accepts the following bids through Auction Internationals for the sale of the following items:

Item #1: 2001 Ford F250 Regular Cab (Tk#2)	\$2,125.00
Item #2: 1999 International 2574 Dump (Tk#6)	\$3,750.00
Item #3: 2001 Ford F350 Ext. Cab (Tk#39)	\$1,825.00
Item #4: 2002 International 2574 Dump (Tk#44)	\$4,050.00
Item #5: 2004 Ford F350 Ext. Cab (Tk#56)	\$3,000.00
Item #6: 6-ft. Stainless Steel Smith Sander	\$1,425.00

Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

AYES: DeGroot, Swartz, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

**RES. #105-13** to authorize the Town Clerk to sell E-Z PASS Tags at the Town Hall. Supervisor DeGroot offered RES. #105-13 and moved its adoption to authorize the Town Clerk to sell E-Z PASS Tags at the Town Hall. Councilman Swartz

seconded the motion.

**VOTE**

AYES: DeGroot, Swartz, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAYES: None Resolution adopted

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

-Leona Scarpinato is concerned about the trucks passing over the East Chatham Bridge which are clearly over the 3 ton weight limit. There needs to be more attention paid to the drivers who violate the weight limit.

-Deputy Hyson has written numerous tickets on the bridge but unfortunately can't be there all the time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot to enter into executive session at 8:45 pm under Public Officers law, S105 (f) , "the medical, financial, credit 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 Rohde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot to leave executive session at 9:30 pm. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot and seconded by Councilman Swartz to adjourn at 9:30 PM. Motion carried.