

TOWN OF CHATHAM
488 Route 295, Chatham, NY 12037
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
Joint Recreation and Court Committee
December 5, 2013 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Supervisor DeGroot, Councilman Maria Lull, Councilman Bob Balcom, Councilman Jean Rohde, Rec. Director Shari Franks, Village Mayor Tom Curran, Justice James Borgia-Forster, Court Clerk Sandy LeClair, Town Clerk, Beth Anne Rippel
Also present: David Levow and Karen Malina

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM and the Councilmen led the pledge to the flag.

DISCUSSION

- Mayor Curran met with the Tracy and the Village attorney. It is clear that the Tracy Memorial is owned by the Village and not by the Foundation. Both attorneys will investigate these findings and come to some sort of an agreement on where to go from here.
- The Tracy Foundation manages the \$80,000.00 endowment.
- Research has shown that there was no deed filed with the County. The original deed has not yet been found.
- Justice Borgia-Forster asked for a repair/project schedule.
- Supervisor DeGroot will have Walt Simonsmeier, Town building inspector, draw up a priority list. The fire escape is at the top of the list of projects which will need immediate attention followed by the security door/glass for the court office.
- Councilman Rohde would like some sort of lease agreement between the Village and the Town for the rental of the second floor court space in light of these latest findings.

The next special meeting of the joint recreation/court committee will be held on December 19th, 2013 at 6 PM.

- Recreation Director Shari Franks is waiting for the Board to give her some direction on what they would like to see built at the park. There has been a little over \$100,000.00 budgeted for some sort of a structure. What can be done for that amount of money?
- Councilman Lull wants to hold off on any building at the park.
- Perhaps the Town can just go with a simple structure.
- Supervisor DeGroot stated that it appears the Town will either wind up staying at the Tracy or expand in place to accommodate the court here at the town hall.
- Councilman Lull wants to make sure there is proper input from the public.
- Supervisor DeGroot will put the park building on the agenda for the Dec. 19th meeting.
- Rec. Dir. Franks stated that with Kinderhook joining our program it will have even more of an impact on the park. The pavilion itself is not totally safe.

RES. #136-13 to schedule a public hearing for the purpose of enacting a local law to waive the residency requirements of deputy town clerk. Supervisor DeGroot offered RES. #136-13 and moved its adoption to schedule a public hearing for December 19, 2013 at 7 PM, for the purpose of enacting a local law to waive the residency requirements of deputy town clerk. Councilman Lull seconded the motion.

VOTE AYE: DeGroot, Lull, Balcom, Rohde NAY: None Resolution adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot to enter into executive session at 6:53 PM under Public Officers law section 105 (1)(f) for the purpose of discussing "the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, 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 6:57 PM, Councilman Rohde seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot and seconded by Councilman Balcom to adjourn at 6:58 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Anne Rippel, Town Clerk