

TOWN OF CHATHAM
488 Route 295
CHATHAM, NY 12037
WORKSHOP MEETING
December 4, 2014 7:00PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Jesse DeGroot Councilman Maria Lull, Councilman Bob Balcom, Councilman Henry Swartz, Jr. Attorney Tal Rappleyea via phone

ABSENT: Councilman Jean Rohde,

Also present: Village Mayor Tom Curran, Barbara Henry and Village attorney Alex Betke, Village resident Ernie Reis

JD: Would the town be able to install a stair chair lift for the court employee experiencing difficulty getting up and down the stairs? Also, could the upstairs bathroom be restored?

Bettke: Would answer the immediate problem, but not alleviate ADA compliance issue.

Curran: Village making efforts to make the main floor bathroom unisex. But door is too narrow to accommodate a wheelchair. The village has begun a survey of the building. Hoping that the results of the survey will allow the village to apply for ADA funding. Apart from ADA issue, the survey is also looking at the roof and water in basement problems.

B. Henry: Survey results expected in January.

Curran: Will speak with architects regarding the stair chair lift and whatever else they might recommend.

Tal: The lease is still outstanding.

Bob: Understand the landlord can't lease away its ADA responsibility. Village has to accept responsibility. Town is responsible for the court floor.

Bettke: Absolute indemnification is not in the best interest of our client.

Tal: Let's get the lease done by 1/5/15. TB could vote at its organizational meeting.

Village folks left.

Henry: I would like to see the town pursue moving the court to the current town hall location.

JD: Will check into survey price. Former quote was \$7,800.

*At the request of Councilman Lull the following was added to the minutes:
Before the Town contracts to spend \$7800, we should first listen to what the Village has to report on their architect's study and timeline for renovations, in particular lift/fire escape, and how long it will take for the building to be ADA compliant.*

Motion was made by Councilman Swartz to adjourn at 7:43 P.M., Councilman Lull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Supervisor DeGroot