

TOWN OF CHATHAM
488 STATE ROUTE 295
CHATHAM, NY 12037

TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 18, 2017 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Councilman Bob Balcom, Councilwoman Landra Haber, Councilman John Wapner

ABSENT: Supervisor Maria Lull, Councilman Henry Swartz

Others: Colin Andersen and community members

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Councilman Bob Balcom followed by the pledge to the flag

CORRESPONDENCE

- Tracy Brook, Trout Unlimited regarding approval of \$29,953 grant funding for the Green Brook Road Stream Crossing Survey Evaluation and Prioritization Project from NEIWPC on behalf of the Hudson River Estuary Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT

The Chatham Town Board appreciates information received from the public during the Public however, not intended to be a debate with the public or a question and answer period. Issues raised Comment portion of each meeting, which often is very helpful in the governance of the Town. It is, during the public comment may be addressed by the Board during its regular meeting or by the Supervisor between meetings as necessary. As a courtesy to the other members of the public, there is a 5 minute per person limitation on oral comments for each public comment period. The public is also encouraged to provide the Board with written comments or materials when the subject matter cannot be presented in this time frame. Of course, while the Board discourages any remarks which may be considered defamatory or stigmatizing, it will not restrict the content of the public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

Councilman Balcom exclaimed stated that the drone video is “publicity item” to be used on the Town’s website.

- Collin Nicholas Anderson a student at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University regarding drone video of our town.
*Collin told the Board that he was pressed for time since his summer internship was starting soon. He would be able to complete the project if he could start almost immediately. He gave a brief overview of his business and his qualifications and proposed that for \$500.00 he would produce a 4 to 6 minute drone video of the town which could be used on the website to show points of interest. Supervisor Lull had hired him to take drone video of properties listed by her real estate business. Lull thought it was something the Town might be interested in.

*Jan Storm asked what would happen if a resident didn't want their property on video. Anderson replied that he would first ask permission and if it was not granted he would move on. He will be respectful.

*Storm believes that residents may not like it and since the Town is going to be sponsoring the drone video the residents should be notified that it would be happening.

*Haber stated that we could use the website to get the word out to residents. Balcom would like to talk to the attorney first.

*Anderson stated that some other companies might be trying to "low-ball" but the Board will find his price is on par with other companies and the Board should consider a local business. Anderson does not want the Board to make a hasty decision. If they have more research to do that's fine.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Report by Councilwoman Haber and Councilman Wapner regarding the Recreation & Parks Commission. Wapner said that Mike West's Recreation report sums it up. Crellin Park Day will be held on August 12th. The next meeting of the Rec. Commission is Monday 22 at 6PM.
- Report by Councilman Balcom on the meetings of the Citizens Finance and Planning Committee. The Committee is reviewing the AUD and they're working on the personal policy manual.
- Report by Councilman Balcom on the Advisory Committee to work with Nan Stolzenburg, Principal Planner. Balcom will be meeting with Nan on Tuesday. The final report will go to the ZB and PB, John Lyons then to the Town Board for review
- Report by Councilwoman Haber & Councilman Swartz on Climate Smart Community Committee. Haber reported that they did receive a grant for the EVCS and are applying for a second grant, deadline is July 28. Haber thanked the Committee, Mayor Curran and CABA for their assistance.
- Report by Councilwoman Haber on the Communications Committee. Haber reported that the website was down and Tech4All was working on getting it up and running.

REPORTS

- Highway Department – report on file
- Code Enforcement/Building Inspector – report on file
- Dog Control – report on file
- Environmental Management Council
 - *Jan Storm reported that there are other towns going through becoming Climate Smart communities as well. We will be moving in to part 2 of the process. CCNRI was funded through EPF. Storm suggested people go to the CC Environmental Council website, they are looking for photographs from residents which are reflective of native species.
- Justice Court –report on file
- Assessor – report on file
- Office of the Aging Advisory Board

RES. #98-17 to accept the town accountant's financial report.

Offered by Councilwoman Haber Seconded by Councilman Wapner

VOTE

AYE: Balcom, Haber, Wapner

NAY: None

Resolution adopted

RES. # 99-17 to amend 2016 budget appropriations

WHEREAS, the Chatham Town Board authorizes the Budget Officer to make the following Amendments to the Budget Appropriations for the 2016 Budget:

TO	FROM	AMOUNT
A5132.4	A1220.4	\$105.00
A5132.4	A1310.1	\$52.00
A5132.4	A1310.4	\$1,142.00
A5132.4	A3310.4	\$1,072.00
A5132.4	A5010.1	\$6,535.00
A5132.4	A9055.8	\$16.00
A9060.8	A1010.4	\$272.00
A9060.8	A1110.1	\$11,902.00
A9060.8	A1440.4	\$19,902.00
A9060.8	A1620.1	\$600.00
A9060.8	A7110.4	\$649.00
A9060.8	A7510.1	\$201.00
A9060.8	A1315.4	\$31,840.00
A9060.8	A9050.8	\$3,357.00
A9060.8	A9055.8	\$277.00
B8010.1	B3620.4	\$649.00
B8010.1	B9055.8	\$43.70
DA5120.4	DA5140.4	\$1,434.00

DB5110.1	DB5112.4	\$2,703.00
DB5110.1	DB5130.2	5,893.00
DB5130.4	DB5130.2	67,000.00

Offered by Councilwoman Haber Seconded by Councilman Wapner

VOTE

AYE: Balcom, Haber, Wapner NAY: None Resolution adopted

RES. # 100-17 Hiring of (Part-time) Court Clerk for Town Court

WHEREAS, the (Part-time) Court Clerk position for the Town Court at (19) hours per week has become vacant and has resulted in the need to fill the position, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham has advertised for a (Part-time) Court Clerk in the local newspapers and town website, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chatham Town Board authorizes the hiring of Kati Bell as the (Part-time) Court Clerk, at a starting rate of \$15.00 per hour, after six month probationary period, salary will increase to \$16.00 per hour if the Town is satisfied with employee’s performance.

Offered by Councilwoman Haber and seconded by Councilman Wapner

VOTE

AYE: Balcom, Haber, Wapner NAY: None Resolution adopted

RES. #101-17 to adopt a permit for electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE)

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy has designed a permit for electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) to streamline municipal permitting which will support the growth of electric vehicles and related equipment within the Town and across the state, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham is desirous of adopting this permit, thereby increasing the Town’s eligibility for various incentives and grants through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Chatham adopts the United States Department of Energy EVSE Permit as attached hereto as Exhibit I, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Chair of the Climate Smart Committee to complete the grant application through the Streamlined Permitting Program to allow for the Town to receive a grant award up to \$2,500 from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for the adoption of the EVSE Permit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately and a copy of this resolution, with Exhibit 1,

shall be provided to the Building Department.

Offered by Councilwoman Haber and seconded by Councilman Wapner

VOTE

AYE: Balcom, Haber, Wapner

NAY: None

Resolution adopted

RES. # 102-17 to set the date for a public hearing regarding tentative local law # 3- 2017 for Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE).

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Chatham is considering a local law to permit electric vehicle charging stations as an accessory use in all zoning districts , and

WHEREAS, a public hearing is required before the enactment of said local law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham hereby directs that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Chatham on June 1, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Town of Chatham Town Hall to hear all interested parties regarding adoption of proposed Local Law entitled Local Law No.3 of the year 2017 to A local law to permit electric vehicle charging stations as an accessory use in all zoning districts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of public hearing in the official newspaper as designated by the Town Board and that copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Offered by Councilwoman Haber Seconded by Councilman Balcom

VOTE

AYE: Balcom, Haber, Wapner

NAY: None

Resolution adopted

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Werwaiss would like to have copies of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan in the libraries and fire companies for residents to review.

On a motion by Councilman Balcom and second by Councilman Wapner the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beth Anne Rippel, RMC
Town Clerk/Collector