

**TOWN OF CHATHAM**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

February 2, 2017, 6:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Maria Lull, Councilwoman Landra Haber, Councilman Henry Swartz, Councilman John Wapner, Building Inspectors Jim Quinn and Kent Pratt. Councilman Bob Balcom phoned into the meeting.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Linda Ziskind, Gary Wemple, Marilyn Cohen, Gail Chamberlain, Bernadette Brusco, Ted Miner, Elizabeth Grace

**CALL TO ORDER:** Lull called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and led the pledge to the flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Lull read guidelines for public comment.

\*Brusco asked about the status of the East Chatham Bridge. Lull responded that DOT was still reviewing it and the Town Engineers were handling it.

**BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION WITH THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT:** Quinn gave a presentation about the Building Department, emphasizing that the Town employees are limited by their computers and outdated software. The Board asked specific questions about his work hours, since he is budgeted for 15 hours and Quinn reported that he was not in the office that much in 2016 but would make it a priority this year. The Board emphasized that they employed Quinn to work that much and be available for people during office hours or by appointment.

**DISCUSSION ON CRELLIN PARK:**

\***Recreation and Park Commission:** The Board discussed the Recreation and Park Commission bylaws and mission statement as read by Wapner. Lull agreed to have the Town Attorney review the policy for the February meeting. There was also discussion about funding, finishing renovations, and community goals with Recreation Director Mike West.

\***Alcohol Policy:** The Board discussed the alcohol policy at the Park, noting that the Lion's Club is off the table. Swartz noted that Van Allen from NYMIR will come to discuss the insurance issues and there was also mention of law enforcement being present at a workshop meeting. The Board agreed to have both representatives present at the workshop meeting on March 2 at 6:00 PM.

**DISCUSSION ON SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY:** Haber explained that Ziskind provided draft Facebook guidelines and the same was read. The Board and Ziskind talked for some time about the purpose of Facebook and the mode of answering questions that the public may have about the Town. The Board decided to take time to evaluate the guidelines and to discuss them at the next meeting.

**JUSTICE COURT:** Justice Jason Shaw will resign at the end of April. Lull reported that both justices recommend that an attorney fill the position and that the Chatham court has about 100 cases per night. An advertisement will be put in the paper to announce the opening.

**RES. #49-2017** to Appoint Jonathan Catlett to the Planning Board for the Duration of 2017

Offered by Councilwoman Landra Haber, moved adoption as follows:

To appoint Jonathan Catlett to the Planning Board to serve a term from January 19, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

Resolution seconded by Councilman John Wapner.

**VOTE:** Ayes, All (Haber, Lull, Swartz, Wapner)      Nays, None      The Resolution was Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Wemple stated that he was opposed to allowing alcohol at Crellin Park.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Haber moved, Wapner seconded, it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Beth Anne Rippel, RMC  
Town Clerk