

TOWN OF CHATHAM
488 STATE ROUTE 295
CHATHAM, NEW YORK 12037

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 5, 2018

6:00 PM

PRESENT

Supervisor Maria Lull, Councilman Bob Balcom, Councilwoman Landra Haber, Councilman John Wapner, Councilman Kevin Weldon, Town Clerk Beth Anne Rippel

OTHERS PRESENT

Nan Stolzenburg Town Planner, Melissa Pollack, Randi Walker, Gabriella Sperry Planning Board Chair

Supervisor Lull called the meeting to order at 6PM and led the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Columbia County Health Department notification regarding harmful Algae Bloom (HABs) in Kinderhook Lake & Sutherland Pond.

TOWN BOARD TO DISCUSS

o Proposed New Zoning Law

The Board addressed an email from Wendy Carroll asking why riding academies were allowed on town roads but camps were relegated to county or state roads. Both serve to generate the same amount of impact on the roads and surrounding area. Bottom line is that riding academies have the protection of NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. Inquiries and answers will be reviewed at the public hearing on August 2, 2018.

*There were multiple questions from board members:

-Lull wants to see trash bins regulated. People are leaving bins out at the street after the trash is collected. This is causing a danger to road crews, drivers and pedestrians. Placing restrictions on the length of time they can be left at the road side and they will have to be shielded from view. Changes can be found in §180.40

-Signage was discussed; mainly temporary signs, placement, the length of time a sign can be out before the date that the event occurs and removal of temporary signs after the event occurs. Changes can be found in §180.46

-Definitions for the following have been edited; bed and breakfast, food processing, health club, hotel, second homeowner and temporary sign lives on the premises during all overnight stays.

-Changes were made to the *Use Table* under *Specific Requirements* for the following; community center, health club, and membership club stating that they are allowed if access is from a state or county road.

-Edits were made to *short term rental* explanation.

o Designs for new signs and plantings

Lull showed the Board new sign designs for the Town Hall and Crellin Park. The signs should go out to

bid. Wemple's Landscaping Service has submitted a proposal to landscape the signs and maintain them, changing out the plantings with the change of seasons. Lull suggests moving the flag pole and sign to the center of the lawn at the Town Hall and will contact Highway Superintendent about running the electric.

- o Resignation of Zoning Board of Appeals member
- o Appointment to Recreation Committee

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 114-2018 to adopt the Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham with the assistance from Columbia County, has gathered Information and prepared the Columbia County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and WHEREAS, the Columbia County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and WHEREAS, the Town of Chatham has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board that the Town of Chatham adopts the Columbia County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan. Offered by Councilman Balcom and seconded by Councilman Weldon.

VOTE

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

Resolution 115-2018 to accept resignation, make appointment & advertise for new Zoning Board of Appeals member WHEREAS, the Town Board accepts the resignation of Kandace Eaton from the Zoning Board of Appeals, for personal reasons, and WHEREAS, the Town Board appoints as chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Deputy Chair, Daniel Persing, and WHEREAS, the Town Board is seeking to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals for the unexpired term of 2016 to 2022, and WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to advertise to fill said vacancy by a resident of the Town of Chatham, and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham accepts the resignation of Kandace Eaton, appoints Daniel Persing as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and hereby authorizes the Town Clerk, Beth Anne Rippel, to advertise to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Offered by Councilman Weldon and seconded by Councilman Wapner.

VOTE

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

Supervisor Lull reported that there was a vacancy on the Recreation Commission and she'd like Henry Swartz to fill that vacancy.

Resolution 116-2018 appointing Henry Swartz to the Recreation Committee

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the Recreation Committee, and NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town appoints Henry Swartz to the Recreation Committee of the Town of Chatham.

Offered by Councilman Weldon and seconded by Councilman Balcom.

VOTE

AYE: Lull, Balcom, Haber, Weldon, Wapner NAY: None Resolution adopted.

Conduct any other business that comes before the Town.

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT

The Chatham Town Board appreciates information received from the public during the Public Comment portion of each meeting, which often is very helpful in the governance of the Town. It is, however, not intended to be a debate with the public or a question and answer period. Issues raised 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

Jean Rohde asked for up to date zoning maps.

On a motion by Councilman Weldon, second by Councilman Wapner and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted by,
Beth Anne Rippel, RMC
Town Clerk/Tax Collector