

September 15, 2014

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:00 p.m., Supervisor Barrett presiding.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Present: Councilman Whalen  
Councilwoman Standaert  
Councilman Romano  
Councilwoman Walowit  
Supervisor Barrett  
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy  
Mark Heggen, Comptroller  
Jeffrey Vedder, Supervisor of Convenient Transfer Station

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Supervisor Barrett announced the Not So Common Players production of "Have You Filled A Bucket Today", a play for children addressing bullying, will be presented at the Library the weekend of September 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Supervisor reminded residents of FarmFest the weekend of September 20-21 but also encouraged residents to support farms year round.

**PUBLIC HEARING, 7:00 (7:05) PM  
TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A CONSERVATION EASEMENT  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on September 5, 2014.

Supervisor Barrett reviewed the application for 692 Route 146A requesting inclusion in the Conservation Easement Historic Preservation program.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience at 7:05 p.m.

Everyone was given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed local law and no one wished to be heard. Supervisor Barrett declared the public hearing closed at 7:06 p.m.

**PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD**

Bill Goslin, Councilman Town of Ballston, spoke on extension of public sewers in the Town of Ballston, with the focus on the area of Ballston Lake. He noted there are no sewers from the Village of Ballston Spa to the Town of Glenville. Sewers planned for around the lake would be low pressure requiring grinder pumps. Residents will be asked to sign a petition in support of forming the district. He hopes the Clifton Park Town Board will work with the Town of Ballston as there is a percentage of homes located in Clifton Park. He reported their engineering firm is in the process of working up documents to create a special taxing district and eventually the Town of Ballston will be coming to the Town of Clifton Park with an Intermunicipal Agreement. He reviewed the process of forming the taxing district and estimated bonding of \$10 million with 800 dwelling units equaling \$530 per residence. It is estimated the county charge would be approximately \$230, with a connection fee of \$5000 or more depending on location of house on property. Mr. Goslin said studies show the lake is in trouble from a phosphorus level and fecal coliform. He continued DEC has declared the lake impaired and he feels eventually DEC will require something to be done. He noted the lake is still used for drinking water.

Supervisor Barrett explained this was brought to the attention of the residents of East Side Drive in 2001 but due to the expense, there was no support for either water or sewer. He noted the one drawback is the cost. The Supervisor reported residents have been notified of meetings. There appears to be some support from East Side Drive residents.

Mr. Goslin said about 10–15 percent of the homes are located in the East Side Drive area of the Town of Clifton Park and are a mix of seasonal and year-round homes. He said the Town of Ballston is looking to form a district by the end of the year and bond issued in the spring of 2015.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 236 of 2014, a resolution extending the Transfer Station hours for fall cleanup.

Introduced by Councilman Whalen, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, Jeff Vedder, Transfer Station Supervisor, has requested that the Transfer Station be open on Sundays, October 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm, for fall cleanup of leaves and brush only, and

WHEREAS, the Transfer Station Supervisor has proposed the attached schedule to support the extended hours of operation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Transfer Station will be open for extended hours on Sundays, October 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 (weather permitting), between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm, for fall cleanup of leaves and brush only.

Supervisor Barrett said since the electronic sign has been installed at the Common, the original sign is being moved to the Transfer Station. He reported the county is looking to allow single stream recycling at all the county recycling centers.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 237 of 2014, a resolution appointing Brendan Brustle as a provisional part-time Animal Control Officer pending Civil Service Certification.

Introduced by Councilwoman Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Whalen.

WHEREAS, a need exists for a part-time Animal Control Officer, and

WHEREAS, Brendan Brustle has been recommended to be appointed as a provisional part-time Animal Control Officer until the next Civil Service exam is given; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Brendan Brustle, 30 Acorn Avenue, Clifton Park, is hereby appointed as a part-time provisional Animal Control Officer for the Town of Clifton Park pending the Civil Service test, at Grade 3, Step 1 (\$16.82 per hour) as budgeted from A-3510-E-4000 (General Fund-Animal Control Part-time Employee).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 238 of 2014, a resolution appointing Kristin D. Murphy as a member of the Town of Clifton Park Open Space, Trails and Riverfront Committee.

Introduced by Councilman Romano, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Denise Bagramian an opening exists on the Open Space, Trails and Riverfront Committee, and

WHEREAS, Kristin D. Murphy, 15 Tamarack Lane, Clifton Park, has been recommended to be appointed as a member of the committee, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murphy currently works in a community preventative health program role and has extensive education, experience and a strong interest in community health and well-being and has diverse ideas to help implement the Town of Clifton Park's open space program goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Kristin D. Murphy, 15 Tamarack Lane, Clifton Park, is hereby appointed to the Open Space, Trails and Riverfront Committee to fill the unexpired term of Denise Bagramian, term to expire December 31, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 239 of 2014, a resolution endorsing the Mohawk Towpath Byway Scenic Conservation Action Plan.

Introduced by Councilman Romano, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, the Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway, a national and state designated scenic byway twenty-eight ± miles long, follows the route of the Old Erie Canal between Schenectady, Waterford and Cohoes, in Clifton Park the route is centered on Riverview Road and the Mohawk River, and

WHEREAS, the Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway Coalition, Inc. conducted a multi-year public planning process leading to the creation and acceptance of a "Scenic Conservation Action Plan for the Mohawk Towpath Byway" in 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park is a long-time participating municipal member of the Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway Coalition, Inc. and the town geographically encompasses the central segment of the byway corridor along the town's thirteen mile Mohawk riverfront corridor, and

WHEREAS, the Action Plan is intended as a guide to scenic conservation practices for municipalities along the byway corridor, and

WHEREAS, the Action Plan incorporates the Town of Clifton Park's Comprehensive Plan; Open Space Plan, Recreation Plan; the "Join Us...A Master Plan for the Historic Erie Canal Towpath Trail"; and the town's Vischer Ferry Nature & Historic Preserve Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Action Plan uses a number of Clifton Park projects as successes in scenic conservation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that: 1) the Town of Clifton Park endorses the Mohawk Towpath Byway Scenic Conservation Action Plan, 2) that it is the responsibility of the town's representatives to the Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway Coalition, Inc. to maintain the action plan as it is revised and updated; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the town's Action Plan be filed in the office of the Planning Department.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 240 of 2014, a resolution increasing the Citizen Corp/CERT revenue and expenditures due to receiving \$2,200 from 2014 National Night Out Sponsorships.

Introduced by Councilwoman Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Whalen.

WHEREAS, \$2,200 in revenue was received from sponsorships for the 2014 National Night Out; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that revenues (A-02189-Other Recreational Income) be increased by \$2,200 and expenditures (A-8762) be increased by \$2,200.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Supervisor Barrett asked for a motion to introduce a resolution not on the agenda this evening, approving the application for a Conservation Easement Historic Preservation for 962 Route 146A as follows:

Resolution No. 241 of 2014, a resolution accepting an application for inclusion in the Conservation Easement Historic Preservation program of a parcel of land located at 692 Route 146A, Clifton Park.

Introduced by Councilman Whalen, who moved it adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 15, 2014 to receive public comment regarding an application for inclusion of a parcel of land at 692 Route 146A into the Conservation Easement Historic Preservation program in accordance with Chapter 125 of the Town Code, as amended, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the application and the comments received, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the application for a parcel of land located at 962 Route 146A, Clifton Park, (SBL 264.3-46.1) owned by Martin and Patrice O'Connor is hereby accepted and is granted a conservation easement in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII of Chapter 208-78 of the Town Code, and be it further

RESOLVED, that said application who parcel has been granted a conservation easement shall execute an agreement provided by the Town of Clifton Park.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilman Standaert, Councilman Romano,  
Councilman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Jim Baisley, Barkwood Lane, asked how sales tax is tracking. Supervisor Barrett responded sales tax is up three percent over last year.

MOTION by Councilwoman Walowit, seconded Councilman Whalen, to adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting or any other meeting necessary for the conduct of Town business.

Motion carried at 8:24 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell  
Town Clerk