

Public Hearing & Regular Town Board Meeting

12/8/16

Supervisor Nayer opened the Public Hearing with six people in attendance at 6:45pm. The purpose of the Public Hearing was for public comment on Proposed Local Law # 2 of 2016 entitled "Solar Energy Facilities". With no comments from the public Supervisor Nayer closed the Public Hearing at 6:48pm. The regular town board meeting followed at 7:00pm.

Members Present: Supervisor Nayer, Councilperson Miller-Simmons, Councilperson Mettler, Councilperson Sullivan and Councilperson Gansowski.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to waive the reading of the 11/10/16 Town Board Meeting and approve the minutes as written. Motion was carried.

Announcements: The K.I.S.S. Program runs from 12/5/16 – 12/16/16, the Town Holiday Light Parade is Saturday, 12/10/16 line up is at 5:00pm with step off at 5:30pm, the Town was awarded a grant from the Regional Economic Development Council funding for \$40,000.00 applied for by Roberta Roll, Chairperson of the Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force for planning.

Correspondence:

From Jeff Wood – an email with some comments on proposed Local Law # 2 of 2016 entitled "Solar Energy Facilities".

From Judge Glenn Schermerhorn – a letter from Judge Spencer and himself requesting the Town Board to appoint Nicole M. Miller as Court Clerk due to the resignation of Katie M. Bell effective December 29, 2016.

From Frank Peteroy – an email requesting the Town Board look into upgrading the main entrance of the Town Hall to comply with Accessibility Guidelines for municipal Buildings. This matter will be put on next month's agenda under new business.

From Sean M. Carroll, Council, Commonwealth of Massachusetts – a copy of a letter to Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, F.C.C. withdrawing its Application for Review in the matter of Charter Communications, Inc. petitions for determination of effective competition in 46 Communities in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York.

From the Town of Egremont Office Administrator - a notice of a Public Hearing on December 18, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Egremont Town Hall to act on the application of Boston Culinary Group, Inc. DBA Fall Line Lounge (at Catamount Ski Area) to alter the premises they are allowed to serve alcoholic beverages on to include the entire main lodge and attached outside deck.

From Roberta Roll, Chairperson Hamlet Revitalization Task Force – a copy of an email from Chris Quinby dated 11/15/2016 resigning from the Task Force.

From Warren Bloomfield – two letters, one asking the Town to consider stopping and carefully reviewing the current drainage work adjacent to his property in Copake and the second letter requesting

“No Parking Signs” be erected from the intersect of Anthony Street and Anthony Street Extension approximately 300-400 feet past the curve in Anthony Street Extension.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to accept Chris Quinby’s resignation dated 11/15/16 from the Hamlet Revitalization Task Force with regrets and that he played an important role on the Task Force. Motion was carried.

Department Head/ Committee Reports: None

Public Forum: None

New Business:

The Town Board set special meetings for the purpose of conducting interviews for Broad Band Committee Members and Cleaner/ Booking Agent for Monday, 12/19/16 at 7:00pm and Tuesday, 12/20/16 at 6:00pm, 2016 Yearend Meeting for Thursday, 12/29/16 at 10:00am and the 2017 Organizational Meeting for Wednesday, 1/4/17 at 7:00pm.

Supervisor Nayer requested to table the request for the No Parking Signs on Anthony Street Extension until the January meeting to give the Board Members and our Highway Superintendent a chance to visit the propose site so they understood the concerns that Mr. Bloomfield is referring to in his letter.

Old Business:

The Town Board set a public Workshop to work on the Zoning Revisions for Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Supervisor Nayer reported on the progress of the construction of the records storage room at the old West Copake Fire House. We have spent approximately \$1,000.00 so far in framing, insulating and the sheet rock is scheduled for delivery next week. Supervisor Nayer and members of the Highway Department are working on the construction in between snow storms and other scheduled winter work.

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and seconded Councilperson Gansowski upon recommendation of Judge Spencer and Judge Schermerhorn to appoint Nicole M. Miller as Court Clerk effective immediately due to the pending resignation of Katie Bell as Court Clerk effective December 29, 2016. Motion was carried.

Attorney Dow reported that the proposed “Solar Energy Facilities” Local Law is in good shape, there are few comments that need to be addressed and it will be ready to go to the County next month. Attorney Dow will be emailing any changes to the proposed law to the Board Members.

Budget:

Supervisor Nayer advised that he received the Town second mortgage check for the amount of \$56,860.59 which brings the total for the year to \$100,370.48 which \$10,000.00 more that we budget in revenue.

Councilperson Report:

Councilperson Miller-Simmons reported that the Park Commission is still in need of cookies for the party after the Light Parade.

Public Forum:

Lindsay LeBrecht asked the Board if they got invited to Monday night's Park Commission Meeting for the interviews. Supervisor Nayer state yes an email was sent out.

Deb Cohen stated that there are a lot of seconded homeowners applying to be on the Broad Band Committee so it may be necessary to have their meetings on Saturdays.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miler-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler that the bills from Highway Abstract # 12 and the bills from General Abstract # 12 be paid. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer wished everyone a Happy Holiday and requested everyone to please stand for a moment of silence for David Goldman who recently passed. David was a very active member of the LURC.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,