

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Workshop Meeting of the Durham Town Board held September 5, 2017 at the Town Hall commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Present: William Carr, Supervisor
Shawn Marriott, Deputy Supervisor
Nick Nahas, Councilmember
Jerry Cunningham, Councilmember
Joan Breslin, Councilmember

Recording Secretary: Janet Partridge, Town Clerk

Others Present: Patti Fetty, Deputy Clerk
Thomas Sutton, Police Sgt.
David Cunningham, Building Inspection
Lois Rockefeller, Building Department Clerk
23 community members

Supervisor Carr called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm followed by the pledge to the flag.

Supervisor Carr received a letter from NYMIR declining the claim from Fran Sweeney for repair of her steps. Highway Superintendent van Holsteyn has spoken with Ms. Sweeney and will meet up with her when she returns.

Supervisor Carr wrote a letter to the Cairo-Durham Board of Education asking for the use of buses for the Greene County Firemen's Parade on Saturday, September 9th.

The Town of Durham received a letter from NY Ag and Markets reporting that the Columbia-Greene Humane Society received a satisfactory rating on their inspection report.

Carr gave an update on Dollar General. He has a string of emails he wanted to share with the board but didn't know how to change from an iPad to a laptop so he couldn't share them but they were from Primax about not receiving their CO yet. He also had a couple of calls from them that were unflattering. Carr felt the town attorney, Rappleyea, should represent the town in any conversation with them therefore he handed the issue over to him. Rappleyea reminded their attorney that the NYS DOT approval and the NYS DOH approval are both out of our control and is what is holding everything up. When these issues are resolved they can expect the town of Durham to move forward.

Mike Ryan shared a petition with the board asking them to create legislation related to commercial shooting ranges and to declare a moratorium on shooting ranges while the

matter is reviewed. One of his neighbors has relayed to him that they are putting in a commercial shooting range and ATV course. He feels it would have a negative impact on several taxpayers' properties and would like the board to be proactive on creating legislation relating to the shooting range.

If a business is going onto this property, it would have to go through a site plan review. The Town Board has no information or application from a landowner on a new business starting, therefore they cannot make any decision on this matter.

A community member asked the town board to visit the topic of zoning in Durham.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Breslin to reappoint Richard Frasco to the BAR for a term starting October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2022, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Marriott, all in favor, motion carried. (5 yeas - Carr, Breslin, Cunningham, Nahas, Marriott)

Ken Dudley wanted to update the board on his work at Emerald Square. An updated sprinkler system is needed. This system will open up more space for use than what was originally planned. He has been working with the Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector through the whole process. There is 50,000 square feet of usable space. He hopes to continue moving forward and improving the space for use. He will keep the town Board updated.

The board reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form for the simple subdivision of the Cunningham property for 110 acres to go to one son from the original farm.

A motion was made by Councilmember Nahas to make a negative declaration, seconded by Councilmember Breslin, all in favor, motion carried. (5 Yeas – Carr, Breslin, Cunningham, Nahas, Marriott)

Once the survey is presented to the board, it can be signed and approved.

A community member had a question on the Dollar General store. Discussion continued on the appearance and lighting.

Councilmember Breslin asked the board to pass a resolution to ask the state for a reduction in speed limit along Route 145 from Susquehanna Turnpike in Durham to the

East Durham village, and to get rid of all passing areas along that route. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Breslin to send a request to the state for a reduction in speed limit along Route 145 from Susquehanna Turnpike in Durham to the East Durham village and to get rid of the passing zone between Brown Road and County Route 27, seconded by Councilmember Nahas, all in favor, motion carried. (5 Yeas – Carr, Breslin, Cunningham, Nahas, Marriott)

A motion was made by Councilmember Cunningham to adjourn, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Marriott, all in favor, motion carried. (5 Yeas, Carr, Breslin, Cunningham, Nahas, Marriott)

Respectfully Submitted,

**Janet Partridge,
Clerk/Collector**