

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held March 4, 2003, at the Town Building in Oak Hill, N.Y.

Present:	Robert Young - Supervisor William A. Carr, Jr. – Councilman Robert Elpel – Councilman Gary Hulbert – Councilman
Absent	Linda Sutton – Councilwoman
Others Present:	Charles Soderblom - Town Clerk Wesley Moore - Highway Superintendent Tal Rappleyea - Attorney Chrissy Kohrs-Deputy Town Clerk

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. with the Pledge to the Flag. Seventeen people were present.

Dr. Goldstein, Health Officer for the Town of Durham and John Farrell from the County distributed copies of the Emergency Management Plan. Dr. Goldstein said that we were going to incorporate the changes discussed to adapt the State template for the Town. Those changes have been incorporated and Charlie and Dr. Goldstein put together the document. The Committee needs to recommend this document to the Board and the Board needs to adopt it. Mr. Carr gave an overview of the document for those present. The document outlines the responsibilities of the various groups in the Town, which would be dealing with an emergency in the Town: storms, auto accidents, tanker spill, and terrorism. It is intended to be a ready reference in the event of any of the above. The document was reviewed and corrections agreed upon. By adopting this plan the Emergency Preparedness Committee has at least two additional jobs on the short term. One is to prepare a “Risk Reduction Plan” for the Town, which is based on the all hazards ranking. The other is to assess our emergency response capabilities. Mr. Carr thanked Dr. Goldstein for his time and effort in coordinating and driving this project. Mr. Young and the rest of the Board also extended their thanks and appreciation.

John Farrell, Greene County Emergency Coordinator stated that on March 13, 2003 there will be an Incident Command System at Catskill Hose 1. It is open to everyone. His office is also working with the American Red Cross to address the sheltering plan for the County. He will be in touch with the Town to set up locations within the Town to be designated as shelter sites. Once people from these sites have attended a seminar explaining how to facilitate as a Red Cross shelter, these locations would receive assistance from the Red Cross in offsetting the expense incurred while in the emergency. In response to a question from Mr. Carr, Mr. Farrell explained the County has a mobile unit stationed in Cairo that is equipped with bedding and general supplies for setting up a shelter in a facility that is not equipped with such. If it were necessary, the Red Cross could request assistance and supplies from surrounding counties.

Bob McAll updated the Board on the progress of the lighting hazard with Troy Savings and Durham Elementary School. Mr. Elpel stated the school has addressed the situation and the bank has yet to respond. There is a specific measurement for light and it has to extend 50 feet in diameter from the ATM. Mr. McAll explained that the State law does not have a provision for what they call "light trespassing or light pollution". The State regulations regarding this issue would trump Town law if there were one established to address this matter. He hopes to speak with the individual who handles this for the banks within the next few days and encourage him to assist us in the resolution with this matter.

Mr. McAll explained that the committee for the cable contract review has been reduced to himself and Mr. Holt. Mr. Young and Mr. Elpel are unable to continue due to other commitments. Mr. McAll and Mr. Holt will continue with the process and welcome the addition of any other Board member to join the committee. In the mean time, they will proceed and keep the Board informed of all happenings as they occur. Mr. McAll has been in contact with the State agency who aids the municipalities and they are forwarding all necessary documents. He has also spoken with the chief operating officer of Milestone who is sending him the proposals that they are currently using for newer systems. Mr. McAll requested that at the convenience of the Board an executive session be called to discuss contract issues.

The Board reviewed new plans for the Durham Woods proposed subdivision. Mr. Carr made the motion to designate the Town of Durham as the lead agency for this project, seconded by Mr. Elpel with all in favor. **Mr. Carr made the motion seconded by Mr. Hulbert that an escrow account is set up for \$5,000.00 with the provision that it be adjusted as needed.** Mr. Rappleyea will provide a list of independent Engineers to the Board to review for contracting to represent the Town in this subdivision. **Mr. Carr made the motion seconded by Mr. Elpel that a public hearing be scheduled for April 1, 2003.**

Mr. Carr made the motion seconded by Mr. Elpel that the Board resign the subdivision previously approved for Keith Phillips with all in favor. Mr. Phillips failed to file the information with the County within the sixty day deadline.

The Board reviewed the application for a subdivision on Kennedy Lane by Bruce and Trisha Lamb. They want to subdivide 4.2 acres into 3 parcels. As soon as the required surveys are presented the Board will discuss it further.

Mr. Hulbert inquired as to what the status is of the structure, which was destroyed by fire last evening. It was explained that the residents were told to remove their salvageable items and the building has been condemned. The permits have been filed to have the building demolished as soon as possible. Mr. Hulbert requested that the area be taped off until the work is complete.

Mr. Young stated that he has not been getting the quarterly reports from the Ambulance squad as he had previously requested. Mr. Hulbert asked if the Ambulance reimburses the Town when they are paid for the paramedic services. It was explained that they did

not; the program is still new and currently the Town is not reimbursed. Mr. Hulbert asked that this situation be monitored and reviewed again at a latter date.

Mr. Carr made the motion that the Board go into executive session to discuss a contract issue seconded by Mr. Hulbert at 8:40 p.m.

Mr. Young made the motion to call the work session back to order at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Elpel made the motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Deputy Clerk