

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held February 3, 2005 at the Town Building in Oak Hill, N.Y.

Present: Robert Elpel - Councilman  
Linda Sutton – Councilwoman  
Gary Hulbert – Supervisor

Absent: William Carr – Councilman  
Jodi Wood- Councilwoman

Recording Secretary: Chris Kohrs - Deputy Town Clerk

Others Present: Charles Soderblom – Town Clerk

The Supervisor called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:05 PM. Two people were present.

The board met with Mike Brown and Paulette Barlette of J Kenneth Fraser and Associates. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ideas and gather information for the 2005 Quality Communities grant funding offered through the office of Lt. Mary Donohue's office.

Bob Winans of NYS DOT stated that there is no paving scheduled for approximately ten years for the stretch of Rt. 145 that has been proposed for sidewalks.

Specific planning issues will be addressed once the funding is granted. This grant will be for the hiring of a firm for the planning and design of the project only. The grant needs to be submitted by February 25 and we should expect to hear the results in four to six months.

The narrative of the grant will focus on tourism, main street development, and economic development. Matching funds are not a requirement of this grant, however, indicating that we have reserve funds and in-kind services planned for the program will increase our chances of receiving funds. It will benefit us to tie into the Irish Cultural Center and brown site of Becker Electronics.

Mr. Brown will send templates for support letters to be sent to residents, community organizations, our county legislative representative, the office of Planning & Development as well as state representatives. Jim Karkheck will request letters of support from Dan Hooker, Jim Seward, and John Sweeney.

Mr. Brown will send a copy of the resolution for adoption by the board. This resolution needs to be signed and embossed with the town seal, for inclusion in the grant application.

The upcoming Small Cities grant was discussed and as we have not completed our comprehensive plan we would be unlikely to obtain funding in this area at this time.

The board also discussed an opportunity to apply for funding through the Main Street New York Housing & Community Renewal, round two. A local Development Corporation established within the town can only obtain this money. There is approximately \$200,000 available.

**Mrs. Sutton made the motion seconded by Mr. Elpel to adopt the following resolution in memory of past Supervisor Fred Mack. All were in favor and motion carried.**

WHEREAS, Fred J. Mack has served as Supervisor of the Town of Durham for many years, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we the Town Board of the Town of Durham respectfully submit to the Divine Will of Almighty God by his calling to himself of Fred J. Mack who served this Town conscientiously and well, always putting the affairs of his fellow man before all thought of self. He conducted himself in all Board matters with kindness and humility but with firmness of purpose. In the passing of Fred J. Mack, the Town of Durham loses a good citizen. We extend to the members of his immediate family our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Minutes approved:

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Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk