

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held March 1, 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
Wes Moore – Highway Superintendent
Tal Rappleyea – Attorney
Gordon Bennett – Assessor

The Supervisor called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:30 PM. Eight people were present.

Gary expressed his gratitude to Al Schmidt and Jim Karkheck for their efforts in obtaining petition signatures as well as support letters for our County and State Legislative representatives for the sidewalk project.

The road signs are installed on Oak Hill Road – formally known as South Main. The name was changed when 911 came in.

Mr. Elpel made the motion seconded by Mrs. Sutton to authorize the signing of a notification letter to the DEC granting permission for the Highway Superintendent to have access to streams within the town of Durham.

After reviewing the proposed minor subdivision of Molter’s **Mr. Hulbert made the motion that the subdivision be approved waiving the need for complete survey of property. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sutton all were in favor the motion carried.** A public hearing was scheduled for April 5, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Notifications will be sent.

Gordon Bennett reviewed RAR (Residential Assessment Ratio). RAR is a comparison of residential assessments and sales. ER (Equalization Rate) is a comparison of all assessments and sales. Gordon advised the board to monitor sales trends over the next few months and revisit the topic of reassessment in January of 2006.

The planned discussion of the propose Site Plan Review was postponed until all board members could be present. Mr. Hulbert reminded us that the plan is a tool to which others need to abide by and makes the town lead agency for any projects larger than a two family residence.

Mr. Nahas explained that the Oak Hill Historic District is currently on hold as the State Historic Committee felt there was too much opposition. For now, they will seek individual designations for historic sites with in the town.

Dan Clifton the Town Historian will hold a presentation March 12, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. The topic will be the founding of the Town of Durham.

Tal updated the board on the progress with the Tremain House. Stiefel and Winans have been retained to file the application with the courts to have an Administrator appointed for the sale. As Mrs. Fabbri did not pass away in Greene County, they need to determine where she did pass away and file the petition in that county.

The case against the owner of the Four Pines Trailer Park was postponed once again due to the defendant's lawyer not showing up. A new trial date has been scheduled for March 28, 2005.

Mr. Elpel made the motion seconded by Mrs. Sutton to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk