

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held March 6, 2007, at the Town Building in Oak Hill, NY.

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

Absent: William Carr – Councilman

Secretary: Chris Kohrs – Deputy Town Clerk

Others Present: Tal Rappleyea – Town Attorney
 Charles Soderblom – Town Clerk
 Sean Frey – Greene County Legislator

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order at 7:32. There were nine people present.

Supervisor Hulbert announced: Bob Beyfuss from the Cornell Cooperative Extension will be here on March 20 to give a power point presentation on tent caterpillars; and Superintendent Sally Sharkey of the Cairo Durham School District will address the town board about the school budget on May 1.

The Unified Court System does not have a policy in place where we could request a judge from another town can legally help our town in the absence of Judge Lucente.

The regular meeting closed at 7:35 and the public hearing for Shippee subdivision opened. The subdivision was advertised and the adjoining landowners notified. **Ms. Wood made a motion and Mrs. Sutton seconded to approve the Shippee subdivision. All were in favor. The Public Hearing closed at 7:37 and the regular meeting reopened.**

The O'Neill subdivision was brought to the board. The property is on Kennedy Lane and they would like to take two acres with the existing house and leave 6.591 acres. The paperwork was filed and a Public hearing was scheduled for April 3, 2007.

Sergeui Guedko had a proposed subdivision on Clay Hill Road, the old Bullivant Farm. The question was do they need to survey the entire 106 acres to subdivide out a two acre plot. Attorney Rappleyea said it could survey just the two acre lot, but eventually the entire piece would need to be surveyed. Discussion followed no action taken.

The court clerk's pay was again discussed. They decided to leave it hourly up to 25 hours and possibly switch to salary April 1. Gary will contact Judge Tirpak and Clerk Charlene Hull to discuss the salary and job.

Frasier Associates completed a strategic action plan for our East Durham Main Street
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project. It did cost the town \$30,000, half of which was paid by grants. Mr. Hulbert would like to make this an official document of the Town of Durham and have it available for review by the public for the next 30 days. We will advertise that it is here and then after 30 days the Town will adopt the publication as an official document of the town. Tal suggested that the town do a short form environmental statement for the file. He will take care of this and bring it to the next meeting.

Greene County Legislator, Sean Frey reported he had an Economic Development seminar at Darby's in February. It was attended by the business owners of East Durham, representatives from Senator Gillibrand's, Senator Seward's and Warren Hart of Greene County Economic Development as well as town board members Hulbert, Wood and Sutton. They discussed the East Durham sidewalks, Main Street revitalization, and the funding programs that are available. The current programs require job creation; the Town of Durham business owners are unable participate as most are mom and pop businesses. It was emphasized to the Congress and County representatives that programs needed to be developed to help these types of businesses. He also spoke on the Court House project, which he does not support. He heard a twenty-minute presentation from the architect, which shows the project to cost \$12 million. The architect would receive \$1.3 million as a fee. He feels it will end up costing about \$20 million, because the first figure does not include moving the courthouse for the time and any other expenses. In addition, the Sheriffs Department just got approval for a 25' twin-engine boat thru the NYS Parks & Rec. Gary asked if the Court House is registered as a historical structure. Sean believes it is.

Supervisor Hulbert said that Judge Lucente is doing very well and is in physical therapy.

Supervisor Hulbert has been talking to Tony of Gulf Harbor Associates. They are an engineering firm from Albany that has been hired by a cell tower company to look into cell service in the Town of Durham. They discussed the old tower company and the information that had previously been completed. Mrs. Allan has offered her property as a tower site.

Sean Frey, also asked Trailways to come thru the Town of Durham for June, July and August.

Jodi Wood made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 PM and seconded by Mr. Elpel. All were in favor.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk