

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held July 3, 2007, at the Town Building in Oak Hill, NY.

Present: Gary Hulbert - Supervisor
Linda Sutton – Councilwoman
Jodi Wood – Councilwoman
William Carr – Councilman

Absent: Robert Elpel – Councilman

Secretary: Chris Kohrs – Deputy Town Clerk

Others Present: Tal Rappleyea – Town Attorney
Wes Moore – Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order at 7:38. There were 20 people present.

The workshop closed at 7:40 p.m.

Proof of notice having been furnished the public hearing for the Cook Subdivision, 1332 Rt. 20, East Durham was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Supervisor Hulbert.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Hearing closed at 7:44 p.m.

Ms. Wood motioned to approve the Cook subdivision, seconded by Mrs. Sutton. All were in favor motion carried. (Absent: Elpel)

The board received an application from Bill Sager for a minor subdivision at 795 Allen Teator Road. He has proposed to subdivide a four-acre lot into a 1.5 acre and a 2.5-acre lot. The purpose is to construct a single family home on each parcel. The board reviewed the plans and application; a public hearing is scheduled for August 7, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

The board agreed to waive the 30-day notification required liquor license renewal for Darby's Pub.

Ms. Wood moved to approve the temporary restriction of State Route 145 East Durham during the Independence Day parade to be held Saturday July 7, 2007. Line up is at 10:30 a.m. and the parade will kick off at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Carr seconded the motion. All were in favor motion carried. (Absent: Elpel)

Attorney Rappleyea provided the board with a draft for the town Sign Law.

Mrs. Sutton made the motion to approve training July 22-24, 2007 at SUNY Potsdam for Court Clerk Hull. Seconded by Mr. Carr all were in favor motion carried. (Absent: Elpel)

Attorney Rappleyea requested that the Route 23 Condo project be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to review the next step in the process.

Supervisor Hulbert has requested quotes for a sign at the Winston Cemetery.

The board reviewed the Site Plan Review application for Cirillo and found the only item missing is a letter from the county indicating that the numbers of apartments fall below the number at which the county regulates. The town clerk's office will inform the Cirillos.

The board received a Site Plan Review application from Erin's Melody, Rt. 145 East Durham. They have converted the Bar/Dining area into residential living quarters. The motel rooms have been enlarged and kitchen areas have been added to some. They intend to target nightly and weekly rentals on a year round basis. A public hearing is scheduled from August 7, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

The board received an incomplete Site Plan Review application from Wachter's, St Rte 145, East Durham. They would like to have a Flea Market, "East Durham Festival Flea Market", each Friday and Saturday during July and August. The board will review once the application is completed and returned.

Ken Dudley of the Michael J Quill Irish Cultural Center asked for the Town Boards assistance with leasing a bus from the Cairo-Durham Central School District for the purpose of shuttling students the week of July 15 – July 21, 2007 – Irish Arts Week. The school district will only lease to a municipality. Any charges incurred would be billed to the town and reimbursed by the Irish Cultural Center. Attorney Rappleyea recommended that the town's insurance agent review our policy for appropriate coverage and ask that the Irish Cultural Center name the town as additional insured with a "hold harmless clause" for this event. **Ms. Wood made the motion to permit Supervisor Hulbert permission to sign on behalf of the town, the forms which may be required to secure the shuttle busing and insurance needed for Irish Arts Week, seconded by Mrs. Sutton. All were in favor, motion carried. (Absent: Elpel)**

David Pohle of the Durham Community Planners thanked the Rasco's and their friends for installing the hanging planters along Main Street East Durham. He presented the board with six design proposals for the Welcome to East Durham signs. Additional discussion followed. The consensus agreed on design number three. The next step is for the town to adopt a sign ordinance to ease the regulations imposed by the state in the absence of a town sign ordinance.

Ken Dudley stated that the county might be able to assist with the removal of the stump for the proposed location of the bandstand at the Irish Cultural Center.

Dr. Goldstein reported that the Estuary Grant has been submitted with letters of support from the following: Senator Seward, Rene Van Shaak – Greene County Soil and Water District, Durham Valley Trust, Cornell Cooperative Extension-Greene County, Hudson Valley Green Way, Greene County Planning, Barry Garfinkle – Cornwallville Preservation Committee, Catskill Center, Congresswoman Gillibrand, and Legislator

Frey. Assemblyman Lopez has promised a letter is forthcoming. We are a watershed community for the Hudson River. The study funded by this grant will aid us in determining recommendations on best practices in Agriculture, Forestry, and future development. It will become a shared source document for additional projects.

The Susquehanna Turnpike Contract for the Federal Scenic Byways grant is complete and submitted to D.O.T. for review. Once approval is received, the negotiations for easement can begin and the project will move forward. In addition, letters are need documenting that there are no known endangered wildlife or habitat, which will be adversely affected by this project.

Dr. Goldstein is continuing work on the Open Space & Agricultural Development grant. He is gathering quotes for the required budget, once complete he will forward to Attorney Rappleyea for review before being forwarded to the state.

There will be a Comprehensive Planning meeting July 10 at 7:30 p.m. and SEQOR training for the town board July 31, at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Wood motioned to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. seconded by Mr. Carr.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk