

Minutes of the workshop of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held March 2, 2010 at the Town Building in Oak Hill, NY.

**Present:** Gary Hulbert - Supervisor  
Linda Sutton – Councilperson  
Jerry Cunningham – Councilperson

**Absent:** William Carr – Councilperson  
Jodi Wood – Councilperson

**Secretary:** Chris Kohrs – Town Clerk

**Others Present:** David Cunningham – Building Inspector  
Wes Moore – Highway Superintendent  
Tal Rappleyea – Attorney

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with fourteen people present.

Supervisor Hulbert announced that Central Hudson Gas and Electric has requested a 10% rate increase in electric and a 12% rate increase in gas.

Attorney Rappleyea has spoken with the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society and they have agreed to the proposed amendment to the contract adding ...the dog owner will pay the impound fee to the town clerk prior to release of the dog. Attorney Rappleyea will prepare the document and have it available at the next meeting.

**Mrs. Sutton motioned to approve the Mass Gathering Permit MGP2010-01 for Michael J Quill Irish Cultural Center Irish Festival May 29 & 30 , 2010 be approved and that they provide a copy of their liquor license prior to the opening of the event. Motion seconded by Mr. Cunningham, all in favor motion carried.** (Hulbert-yea, Sutton-yea, Cunningham-yea, Carr-absent, Wood-absent)

Supervisor Hulbert announced the next Ag forum meeting will be March 3, 2010 7 p.m. at the Durham Town Hall.

**Mrs. Sutton moved to amend Resolution 2010-02 Senior and Disability Exemption-omit “65 and older” from the Disability Exemption, seconded by Mr. Cunningham all in favor motion carried.** (Hulbert-yea, Sutton-yea, Cunningham-yea, Carr-absent, Wood-absent)

Mr. Garvin requested clarification regarding the moratorium restriction pertaining to The Emerald Isle. Discussion followed and a meeting will be scheduled between the Code Enforcement officer, Town Attorney and Mr. Garvin.

The highway department was complimented on their outstanding job during the recent heavy snowstorm. Not only did they do a tremendous job fighting thru the snow to make our roads passable they assisted Windham and the County with opening their roads. There were a few minor incidents thankfully no major breakdowns.

Mrs. Krebs asked the board to consider an emergency contact list of elderly who maybe shut in with storms and unable to get out for groceries or medical assistance if needed.

It was noted that several building around the town fell under the weight of the snowfall.

The board reviewed the books of the court clerk and the town clerk for fiscal 2009. Having found everything in order they signed off on the yearend reports. Consideration was given to hiring an accountant to audit the books in the future as they are better trained for such review. No decision was made.

**Mr. Cunningham motioned to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Sutton.**

**Minutes approved:**

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Chris Kohrs, Town Clerk