

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DURHAM, June 1, 2010

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham, County of Greene and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 7309 State Route 81, East Durham, NY on the 1st day of June 2010.

PRESENT:	Gary Hulbert	----	Supervisor
	William Carr	----	Councilperson
	Jerry Cunningham	----	Councilperson
	Linda Sutton	----	Councilperson
	Jodi Wood	----	Councilperson
	Chris Kohrs	----	Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Highway Superintendent, Wes Moore; Larry Cooke, Code Enforcement Officer, Hillary Hawke, Daily Mail – ten community members.

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Proof of Notice having been furnished, the Public Hearing on the Community Development Grant with Stiefel's Lab/GSK, Inc. and the Town of Durham was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Supervisor Hulbert.

Sandy Mathis, Greene County IDA gave an overview of the grant objectives, to maintain Stiefel's Manufacturing and bring in additional employment opportunities. Stiefel's will us the funding to change their production from its current product to an Aqua Fresh production site. Some of the employees from the Clifton, NJ plant (which is closing) will be relocated to Oak Hill. It is estimated that 211 positions will be maintained, so will be filled with current employees and others (depending on job set skills) will come from NJ. (151 jobs retained and 50 new positions created)

The following person(s) spoke in support of the Community Development Grant project:

None

The following person(s) spoke against the Community Development Grant project:

None

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Hearing was terminated at 7:46 p.m.

Code Enforcement Officer Cooke informed the board he would be placing the following public notice in the Daily mail:

The Town of Durham will hold a public hearing on June 15, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. 7309 State Route 81, East Durham, NY 12423. The purpose of the hearing will be to take testimony whether the collapsed building(s) located at 983 Cochrane Road, tax map 32.00-1-24 (Dorazio) and 7719 Route 81, tax map 21.02-3-9 (Glen Royal) are unsafe and dangerous

and whether the demolition and removal of said building(s) should be ordered. He has sent notices to the property owners requesting that they demolish the building and no action on their part has been taken. If the property owners do not correct the condition of the sites, the town will need to request bids to have the work done and the cost would be levied onto the property taxes of the owner. The county has passed a law requiring the town to notify them prior to accepting a bid for demolition and removal, as they may be able to perform the work at a lower cost to the general taxpayer.

Mrs. Sutton asked what the situation was with the property in East Durham across from Saverio's Pizza. Mr. Cooke explained the property is quite delinquent in taxes had been in bankruptcy, which is now dismissed. The county will be putting the property up for tax auction soon.

The board received a letter for resignation from Highway Superintendent Moore who will retire June 23, 2010 having worked for the town for thirty-seven years.

**Mr. Cunningham motioned to approve the purchase of a 15' dump body military truck with tri axle from T & T Body King for \$9,831.00 seconded by Mr. Carr, all in favor motion carried.** (Yeas-5, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Wood, and Carr)

**Mrs. Sutton motioned to approve support to the Greene County Council of the Arts Sprouts program for \$275, seconded Ms. Wood, all in favor motion carried.** (Yeas-5, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Wood, and Carr)

The board discussed central air conditioning; we have received two quotes on for a single system \$15,000 and one for a zoned system \$24,000. Discussion followed and the board decided to go back to single units as the cost was too prohibitive.

Proof of Notice having been furnished, the Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law to Extend the Temporary Moratorium on Resort Conversion was called to order at 7:59 p.m. by Supervisor Hulbert.

Attorney Rappleyea explained this is would be Local Law #2 of 2010 extending Local Law #1 of 2010 Temporary Moratorium on Resort Conversion, of six months. The law could be repealed if the board finds it necessary prior the end of the six months. It was explained that with Local Law 1 of 2010 and Local Law #2 of 2010 resorts could not have a change of use from their current use other than a one or two family home.

The following person(s) offered comments regarding the proposed Local Law #2 extending the Temporary Moratorium on Resort Conversion for six months:

Mr. Carr explained he has formed a task force with himself, Ms. Wood, and Mrs. Allan and will be meeting with Dr. Goldstein who has compiled a great deal of information regarding other communities through out the state and their land use efforts to maintain a tourist destination. He will make presentations at up coming meetings on their progress and suggestions on how to meet our objectives.

Ms. Wood commented on the importance of working with the Agricultural Committee and their ideas on maintaining their existence while encouraging tourism and economic growth.

Mr. Norbury expressed his concern regarding the number of rooms the town has lost over the last five years, with resorts going out of business or being converted to other uses. Stated he would like to see the community embrace more weekend venues and big events to keep the resorts open and growing.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the Hearing was terminated at 8:10 p.m.

**Mr. Carr motioned to advertise a part time position to water plants along State Route 145 in the hamlet of East Durham, seconded by Ms. Wood, all in favor motion carried.** (Yeas-5, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Wood, and Carr)

Until the position is filled the highway will water Monday thru Thursday, board members volunteered to cover Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The board discussed the Reading Room and agreed to let it continue through 2010. They will discuss again during the 2011 budget process.

There was no report from grievance day and it was estimated they reviewed fifteen applications.

Ms. Wood announced the Oak Hill Durham Volunteer Fire Department would host the Annual Greene County Firemen's Drill Day, Saturday June 12 starting at 9 a.m. It is a good time for firefighters and spectators.

Mr. Hulbert reminded everyone of the BS Troop 42 Eagle Scout fundraising dinner June 19, at the Norton Hill United Methodist Church from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Scout Nevins is raising money to outfit the Durham Town Hall, Rensselaerville Town Hall and Greenville Town Hall with Automatic Defibrillators.

Town Historian Nahas announced a Cemetery Conservation Preservation Seminar Saturday, June 19 at the Town Hall starting at 10 a.m.

Alan Beechert informed the board that Oak Hill Fire Company voted to have a fire truck on the grounds of the Grey Fox Music Festival.

**Ms. Wood motioned to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. seconded by Mr. Carr.**

**Minutes approved:**

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Chris Kohrs, Town Clerk