

A REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DURHAM, AUGUST 3, 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 3rd day of August 2010.

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

ABSENT:	Jodi Wood	----	Councilperson
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OTHERS PRESENT: Alan Beechert-Highway Superintendent; Larry Cooke-Code Enforcement Officer; Tal Rappleyea-Attorney; Police Sgt.Sutton; Sean Frey- Legislator; Nick Nahas-Historian; David Cunningham-Building Inspector – sixteen community members

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

Sandy Matthis, Greene County IDA, introduced Mary Beth Bianconi, Sr. Project Engineer with Delaware Engineering. Ms. Bianconi reviewed the site plan application received by the board last week for Stiefel Labs/GSK. The Site Plan application outlines the proposed changes required to convert the manufacturing facility from pharmaceutical production to health care-toothpaste. The proposed outside changes are routine, widening the delivery access road, installing lighting along road of increased safety, a manned security truck entrance, a tree line along Rt 145 for aesthetics.

Inside changes will be more complex and will require the town to contract with an independent engineering firm to make sure the best interests of the town are maintained. Stiefel Labs/GSK will set up an escrow account to cover the cost of the independent engineer. Inside changes will include expanding the building 1A (closest to Legacy Bank) on the west side approximately 6000 sqft, and approximately 14000 sqft. on the east side and no change in the height. Production lines will be modified for new product. (Hope to have a training line in place by January 2011) A new waste water treatment plant will be built as the current plant will not handle the wasted generated by toothpaste manufacturing. Incorporated into the design of the waste water plant will provide electricity to help run the plant. Once the transition is complete the old plant will be inactive. The manufacturing of toothpaste does not require a stringent climate control therefore there will be reduced need for boilers and air conditioners. There will be storage tanks outside for storage of liquids. Storm water drainage will be improved, existing wetlands will not change.

It is the desire of Stiefel Labs/GSK to make the Oak Hill site a center for excellence for GSK.

Mrs. Sutton moved to declare the Town of Durham as lead agency for the Stiefel Lab/GSK project SPR2010-01 seconded by Mr. Carr, all in favor motion carried. (4 yeas - Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Carr, Absent-Wood)

Mr. Cunningham moved that review of the EAF indicates that this project is an unlisted action under SEQR (for more than one agency will issue permits and approvals), seconded by Mrs. Sutton all in favor motion carried. (4 yeas - Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Carr, Absent-Wood)

Scheduled public hearing for September 7, 2010 7:30 p.m. Attorney Rappleyea will refer application to the Greene County Planning board on August 4, 2010 so as to have their comments back by September 7, 2010. The project will generate 50 construction jobs and will maintain 215 production positions, which reduces the current production staff by 37. Stiefels/GSK is working to retrain the current staff for toothpaste production, they plan to have a training mixer on site in January 2011.

Richard Clark of Oak Hill presented the board with a petition signed by many Oak Hill residents asking for assistance in addressing the ATV, dirt bikes and speeders racing through town. The ATV's and dirt bike(s) are screaming up State Route 81 late at night causing a disturbance in addition to violating the law. Speeding has been an ongoing issue and the residents ask for additional patrols to detour speeding. Sgt Sutton has increased the presence of the Durham Police Force in the hamlet and will ask the State Police and Greene County Sheriff's office to do so also. It was suggested to the residents to aid the police in apprehending the culprits to take a picture as by the time the police respond to the complaint the culprits have left.

Town Clerk/Collector Kohrs briefly explained that NYS Ag and Markets will cease monitoring the licensing of dogs throughout the state. The town will now be responsible for the licensing and renewal notifications. In addition the state and the county will no longer receive any of the revenue for a dog license. The transition will take place January 1, 2011; towns will need to adopt or modify their existing dog laws, contact a vendor to obtain dog tags as the new state regulations state the tags will be required to have a unique number for the dog, the town it is licensed in and the phone number for the town. In the past once a license was issued it stayed with the dog for its life. The same will be true however, this first renewal year every dog will need to surrender its Ag and Markets tag and receive a town tag. More information will follow as there are a number of informational meetings in August to discuss the transition.

Supervisor Hulbert read a notice from the Greene County Election board listing training sites and dates for the new electronic voting machines which will be used in the November election.

The board will request lighting bids to replace the lighting in the Town Clerk's office, the meeting hall, the highway garage and the outbuildings. Bids to be opened at the September 7 meeting.

Historian Nahas thanked everyone who helped with and or attended the Annual Oak Hill Days celebration. The event continues to grow its venue and its attendance. The year a car show was added and art gallery had a special showing, Greene County Council of the arts provided a

pottery workshop and Stewarts donated the ice cream for the ice cream social. Anything Woodworks completed construction of the Oak Hill Hamlet signed which had been destroyed by vandals in time for the celebration and it looks beautiful. A letter of appreciation will be sent.

Mr. Carr continues to work on the land use presentation and will have an update in two to four weeks

The East Durham culvert project is on hold as the state has not adopted a budget.

Code Enforcement officer Cooke reported that Erins' Melody was instructed by NYS Department of Health to construct a new septic system to handle their change of use from seasonal to year round. The construction has started and is anticipated to be completed by within a week.

Highway Superintendent Beechert has received his new pickup.

Mrs. Sutton moved to adjourn at 9:09 p.m. seconded by Mr. Cunningham.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Town Clerk