

A REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DURHAM, NOVEMBER 11, 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 11th day of November 2010.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Alan Beechert-Highway Superintendent, Larry Cooke-Code Enforcement Officer, David Cunningham-Building Inspector, Tal Rappleyea-Attorney, Nick Nahas-Historian and eleven community members.

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Carr moved to approve the minutes of October 5 and 19, 2010, seconded by Mr. Cunningham all in favor motion carried. (Hulbert-yea, Sutton-Yea, Cunningham-Yea, Carr-yea, Wood-yea)

Highway Superintendent Moore reported grater paved spots on Morrison, Decker, Paddock, Hervey, Lee and Decker Lane. Replaced two box culverts in South Durham washed out with the heavy rain on October 1, filled around the 3 inch culvert which was washed out on Durso Loop with riprap. Repaired ditches on Brand Hollow, continue to work on firewood for the season and finished preparing the equipment for winter weather.

Joe, Matt and Justin completed the certification class for the AED. Two small snow storms so far this season.

Building Inspector Cunningham reported issuing two building permit renewals, two septic, three manufactured homes, two additions, one demo, one agriculture and one wood stove.

Code Enforcement Officer Cooke reported completing fourteen inspections finding one violation, three existing cases closed and one case still in town court. Issued two new permits for GSK project expect concrete for the waste water plant this week weather permitting. Cell tower project moving forward the tower is up waiting for AT&T antenna and electrical work. Blackthorne Resort has completed the demolition of the fire site and removed the debris. Expects that foundation will be poured shortly, the footings were poured today. The new building will be stick built with an anticipated completion date of April 2011.

Albany County Emergency Service will be locating on the Mid Hudson tower in East Windham once Mid Hudson removes their dish. Mr. Cooke has completed the mandatory code training; there were many changes which takes effect January 1, 2011. A major code update deals with

homes built more than 500' off the road. There is a mandatory width for access and if longer than 500' there will need to be a wider area to allow vehicles to pass. New outlets installed will require a safety door to prevent anything other than two prongs access to the outlet.

Judges' reports were filed.

Sgt. Sutton reported his department handled forty-one complaints of various natures.

Attorney Rappleyea has been working on the draft for the Dog Law otherwise quiet.

Historian Nahas reported the Tory-Chittenden House on County Route 20 (Susquehanna Tpk.) has been listed on the National Historic Registry. The Greene County Historical Registry has the 2011 calendar for sale "Places to Worship"

Mrs. Sutton offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution 2010-16

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE DURHAM VALLEY SCENIC BYWAY CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Association for the Preservation of the Durham Valley assessed the scenic quality, documented and inventoried the cultural, historic, and geomorphic qualities of the New York State designated scenic byways in the Town of Durham, and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Town of Durham passed the Scenic Roads Resolution on August 29th, 1989 nominating these same roadways to the State of New York for consideration as Scenic Roads by the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation designated these roads as New York State Scenic Roads, and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Town of Durham passed a resolution on January 17, 2006, enthusiastically supporting the creation of a Corridor Management Plan to better manage the resources of the Byway and specifically to increase access to the byway through promotion and marketing, enhance the byway experience through interpretation, provide a safe byway experience, and preserve the intrinsic qualities that make the byway experience possible, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature established the New York State Scenic Byways Program in 1992 administered by the New York State Department of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, both Federal and New York State governments require that the State may not allow the erection of any sign, display, or device which is not in conformance with the federal legislation along any highway on the Interstate System or Federal-aid primary system which is designated as a scenic byway, and

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WHEREAS, the legislation includes an accommodation for some signs such as directional signs, official signs, for sale or lease signs, on-premise signs, and “free coffee,” and

WHEREAS, the roads of the Durham Valley Scenic Byway are within the jurisdiction of the Town of Durham;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Durham Town Board enthusiastically supports the Durham Valley Scenic Byway

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Durham will continue to participate in the Durham Valley Scenic Byway

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Durham supports the Durham Valley Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that the Durham Valley Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan be fully incorporated as an addendum to the Town of Durham Comprehensive Management Plan.

AND BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Durham will not grant permits nor in any other way give permission for the construction of new outdoor advertizing signs along the Durham Valley Scenic Byway

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Durham recommends and supports the approval of the Durham Valley Corridor Management Plan by the State of New York,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Durham recommends and supports the designation of the Durham Valley Scenic Byway as both a New York State and Federally designated Scenic Byway.

Seconded by Mr. Carr, all in favor motion carried.

Gary Hulbert	VOTING	Yea
William A. Carr, Jr.	VOTING	Yea
Jerry Cunningham	VOTING	Yea
Linda Sutton	VOTING	Yea
Jodi Wood	VOTING	Yea

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The board set the public hearing for proposed Local Law #2 Dog License for Tuesday, December 7, 2010.

The board discussed the disturbing trends for excessive increases in health insurance and retirement contributions as well as decreased funding in other areas forcing all to watch all spending.

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The Durham Chamber of Commerce will meet November 23, 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Christmas in Durham will take place November 27 at the Durham Ambulance Building starting at 3 p.m. Santa, hay rides, climbing wall, fireworks and the Oak Hill Durham Vol. Fire Co. will host a Chicken BBQ.

Mrs. Rascoe and Mr. Norbury comment on the development of the Durham Chamber website and requested input from all on content and additional information.

FROM:		General Surplus	\$ 600.00
TO:	A-1420.400	Attorney-Contractual	\$ 600.00
FROM:	A-3120.150	Police-Persl Service	\$ 1,000.00
TO:	A-3120.400	Police-Contractual	\$ 1,000.00
FROM:	A-1990.400	Contingent	\$ 1,789.00
TO:	A-3650.400	Demolition-Contractual	\$ 1,789.00
FROM:	A-1990.400	Contingent	\$ 1,029.00
TO:	A-9010.8	State Retirement-ERS	\$ 1,029.00
FROM:	A-1990.400	Contingent	\$ 1,142.00
TO:	A-9015.8	State Retirement-p & F	\$ 1,142.00
FROM:		General Surplus	\$ 5,000.00
TO:	A-8020.400	Planning-Contractual	\$ 5,000.00
FROM:		Highway Surplus	\$ 16,450.00
TO:	DA-5110.400	Roads Maintenance	\$ 11,000.00
TO:	DA-5130.400	Machinery-Contractual	\$ 200.00
TO:	DA-5142.400	Snow-Contractual	\$ 4,500.00
TO:	DA-9089.803	Benefits-Uniforms	\$ 750.00

Abstract #1020, consisting of 2010 Vouchers #848 through #869 for \$35,220.00 broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$ 1,311.95
Trust & Agency	\$ 33,908.05

Abstract #1021, consisting of 2010 Vouchers #870 through #921 for \$134,609.49 broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$ 60,695.54
Highway Funds	\$ 73,106.94
Street Lighting	\$ 807.01

Ms. Wood motioned to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. seconded by Mr. Carr.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Town Clerk