

Minutes of the Regular Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held January 5, 2016 at the Town Hall commencing at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: William Carr, Supervisor
Sean Marriott, Deputy Supervisor
Jerry Cunningham, Council Member
Nick Nahas, Council Member
Joan Breslin, Council Member

Recording Secretary: Chris Kohrs, Town Clerk

Others Present: Joe van Holsteyn-Highway Superintendent,
David Cunningham-Building Inspector,
Cindy Moore- Bookkeeper,
John Van Tassel – Animal Control Officer,
Thomas Sutton-Police Sgt.,
Aidan O’Connor-Legislator,
Tal Rappleyea-Attorney (7:55 p.m.)
22 community members.

Supervisor Carr opened the meeting by introducing new Councilmembers Marriott and Breslin.

Lisa Heintz with the Tobacco-Free Action of Columbia and Greene Counties gave a presentation to the board asking the board to consider designating Brandow Memorial Park as a smoke free park. Mike Murphy with Cairo-Durham Little League spoke on behalf of the coalition explaining that the Cairo Town Park has adopted this designation and it is working very well. They have a designated smoking area away from the normal areas where the children are participating in activities.

Ms. Heintz explained the Tobacco-Free Coalition would provide the signs which can be customized. Discussion followed, action tabled until the next meeting.

Past Supervisor Gary Hulbert expressed his appreciation to the board and staff with keeping the budget within the tax cap.

Councilmember Cunningham motioned to accept the shared services agreement with NYS Cairo DOT seconded by Councilmember Nahas all in favor motion carried. (5-years Carr, Breslin, Cunningham, Nahas, Marriott)
(Agreement attached)

The board received a Site Plan Review Application for Zoom Flume Water park SPR2015-03. They are proposing to add a new ride on the west side of the wave pool. The ride is called a Canyon Bowl; will be 43 feet high with an enclosed slide, which deposits the rider into a bowl where they swirl around a few times and exit through a run off next to the wave pool. The ride will be the tallest ride in the park, however, due to elevation it will not be the highest. The tower will be made of wood and piers and steel columns will support the ride (bowl); the pumps will be in the current mechanical room as those, which operate the wave pool. The water for the ride is recirculated chlorinated water. The owners would

like to have the ride open for the 2016 season, which runs from Father's Day through Labor Day.

The board expressed their concerns for the neighbors to the park who have approached the board to assist in resolution of the nuisance noise with operations during the evening and music drifting into their backyards making it difficult to enjoy their properties. They encourage the neighbors and the park owners to meet and discussion compromises that could be made to alleviate the problem.

Discussion followed. The board set the public hearing for January 19 at 7:30 p.m. Code Enforcement Officer Asaro stated that he was okay with allowing construction to continue as the weather is cooperating with the project.

Attorney Rappleyea inquired what the future plans are for the park expansion. The park owners explained they do not have specific expansion plans as their expansion is largely dependent on year to year finances and what the customer's request.

Councilmember Cunningham contacted the solar company regarding their inquiry to place a solar farm on his property. The parent company is from California. They are looking to lease at least 20 acres, which would need to be located near established three-phase electric service. He stressed that the board needs to stay on top of this topic and research regulations of other municipalities, effect of view shed, and resale of property.

Mrs. Kerrigan asked if the town had town based email for the residents as she is looking for the best way to advertise the Durham Community Center. There is no email data base, however, it was suggested that the Town of Durham website and DurhamNY Chamber of Commerce website could be used to advertise the Center.

Councilmember Nahas motioned to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. seconded by Councilmember Marriott.

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Kohrs, RMC
Clerk/Collector