

Town Board Meeting
April 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held the 10th day of April at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler
Councilman Douglas Ford
Councilwoman Susan Herrington
Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot
Councilman Gerald Skiff

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Jim Morris from the Eagle, Dan Schimdt, Bruce Bailey, (Hannah Stevens, Christine Lulla, Heather Cheney Sweet from the Cambridge United Community Center, Charlotte Bethany (NYS Dept. of Health PFOA's)

Supervisor Fedler called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and immediately led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Local Law #1 2017 – Public Hearing

The Supervisor opened the Public Hearing for Local Law #1 at 7:32 PM.

She explained that this Local law shall establish an alternative date for meetings of the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of Cambridge.

The Supervisor called for public comment three times in regards to Local Law #1 2017 and there were none.

The Public Hearing for Local Law #1 2017 was closed at 7:34 PM.

Cambridge United Community Center Presentation

The Supervisor introduced Hannah Stevens who is from the Cambridge United Community Center and with her were Christine Lulla and Heather Sweet. This group a steering committee of community members is in the midst of creating "Cambridge United Community Center," an organization presently under the fiscal sponsorship of Cambridge United Presbyterian Church. The Committee will act as the coordinating group for the Community Center. They were present to explain a little about the programs purpose, which is a gather place that promotes intergenerational, personal, social, economic and community well-being in the greater Cambridge area. A folder was handed out with brochure, other information on classes, information on the groups goals and slide show handout on the Brieman Building with many pictures. Hannah Stevens mentioned that they are not looking to compete with anyone such as hubbard hall, they are trying to work with. For example fill in where other groups do not have any activities at certain times.

Charolette Bethany was present from NYS Department of Health, she is a chief regional environmental investigator. She was present at the meeting to address the situation of the PFOA's found in the Town of Cambridge, mainly the newly found PFOA's at Agri-Cycle. She brought map of Washington county Private Well Sampling, these results showed the tests from September 2016 till March 27, 2017. Two draws have been done since which are not recorded on this map, the results are not in yet. It was mentioned that currently nothing is coming in to Agri-Cycle in regards to waste or coming out as far as

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product. Dan Schmidt a resident of the Town asked how they would be proceeding from here. The Supervisor said will be doing more extensive testing of the wells, compost sites, offsite they will be testing the compost. The Supervisor mentioned that there was nothing malicious being done here, Agri-cycle has been nothing but cooperative and agreeable. They would like to help do anything that they can to remedy the situation and clean it up. The Supervisor was in contact with Mike Ryan around the 22nd of March with several questions. He stated that his department didn't handle all these questions and he set up the conference call on March 27, 2017. Supervisor Fedler read the explanation/email that she sent out in regards to the conference call that her and Councilman Ford had with several people from different departments of DEC and DOH on March 27, 2017.

This reads as it was wrote in email from the Town of Cambridge Supervisor, Catherine Fedler on Sunday, April 2, 2017.

Supervisor Fedler and Councilman Ford requested several reports and made clear they did not want specific names and addresses. They felt such information was privileged and should not be made public and DEC and DOH agreed.

1. Would like an updated map of waterways tested and the result?

Answer: would get to us by the end of the week

2. Would like a report of number of residences tested and the range of the results? For example 38 homes tested 23 were non-detect 5 <20 PPT etc....

Answer: Will get to us soon

3. Would like a report of blood testing and ranges.

Answer: During the previous blood sampling there were very few Cambridge residents(since to have blood tested their wells had to have been tested previously) so the pool of information will be small and no statistical data at this time but will look into it.

4. Would like an updated map of areas tested (like we received in the past) with roads?

Answer: will try to get to us soon

5. How long does testing take?

Answer: now that there are more labs and fewer samples therefore turnaround time on water or soil samples is about 10 days. Not sure on blood samples.

6. What is the current action plan?

Answer: The blizzard has slowed them done and the speed they are moving has been dependent on the weather. The planned timetable is as follows:

- a) Follow up testing to verify samples 3-29-17 at Agri-Cycle
 - Surface pond
 - Leachate
 - Compost
 - Paper sludge

*paper sludge sources (mills)- testing has begun and hope to have results week after next. There are two types of paper sludge. One is from paper made from wood pulp and the other is from recycled paper.

b) Follow up testing to verify samples to be done late week of 3-27 or early week of 4-3-17

Compost in fields

Monitoring well

And the first round of testing of the well that was frozen previously

Please note there are two types of compost. The initial 50 day process and then the finishing process on the fields.

c) DOH will continue their testing of wells along their study path as well as following up with homeowner requests.

d) Continue to search for other potential sources of PFC contamination

As a reminder it's only been just over a year since the DEC started testing for PFC's. Testing in Washington County started in May of 2016.

7. How cooperative has Agri-Cycle been?

Answer: very, very cooperative. Have been very helpful and done everything asked.

8. Do you believe any criminal negligence is involved?

Answer: No, the current hypothesis is it was brought into facility.

9. Do you believe its possible that these chemicals could be something like Radon? Has always been there but we just started testing for it?

Answer: Anything is possible

10. If the source is located and stopped, how long will it take, if ever for water to be clean?

Answer: Source removal is crucial. Remedy is unknown. Mitigate exposure. POET systems can be installed (point of entry treatment systems)

MOST IMPORTANT COMMENT OF CONVERSATION.....

They are not prepared to blame Agri-Cycle for any wrong doing.

The DEC and DOH will meet again with public if decided that is what we would like. After discussion it was decided to wait and see what follow up samples show. We would have a follow up conversation at that time and decide. The more information the better.

The Supervisor mentioned that Agri-Cycle said that anytime they could request to tour the facility. She also mentioned that it was very easy to contact and speak with anyone from the DEC and DOH. This would be Charlotte Bethany and others. The Supervisor and Town Board would keep the residents/public notified of all or any changes.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#62 – 81	\$ 3,736.26
Highway	#35 – 49	\$11,384.23

County Report

Supervisor Fedler said that it was reported earlier in the year that Sales Tax reports were down. The checks that were received recently have been found to be up. Sales tax meeting will be later in the week on Thursday and should have more information. For the DPW the Supervisor has a list of the roads and the bridges, Councilman Skiff had requested last meeting. The Supervisor mentioned that problem with Mobile Light Towers that are being put on the side of the road. They are saying that it is making the cell service better however they are also putting in the right away of the road. They are putting them between the white line and the dirt. They are saying they are utility so that they can get away with it. They have been having problems throughout the county, Easton has had problems with so keep eyes open for Mobile light trucks. The Governor's plan to raise the age of youth offenders from 15 to 18, they are planning on phasing this in. Supervisor said that she has no problem with this except it is going to affect the Public Safety, Health and Human Services Budget hugely. For Ag Planning and Tourism they still have not decided if they are going to move ahead with Tourism in this county. The Ag and Farmland Protection Plan that the county is going to be doing they started 20 years ago and have been working on it and bringing it up to speed. The Public Hearing for this is April 19th at the Annex, Ft. Edward at 7:00 PM. In Government Ops they have a RFP out looking for company to come in and review the IT Department.

Town Board Report

Councilwoman Herrington has put ad in the paper in regards to Town Wide Cleanup day, April 22 Earth Day. She has put in the paper that Trash bags are available at both the Town Hall and the Highway Garage. Councilwoman Herrington also mentioned that other towns are looking at having Plans/Site Plan Review for their towns. Councilwoman Herrington thought that this is something that Town of Cambridge should still pursue. Councilwoman Herrington directed this towards paper that when she referred to auditing of the books last month she meant that unless you have someone that really knows bookkeeping, none of Town Board could know if the books were really correct. Councilwoman Herrington also mentioned the Town Picnic and if we still wanted to have one.

Councilwoman Wilmot mentioned the ceiling in the Town Justice office and how she felt that the problem should be corrected on the roof before the ceiling was painted. She mentioned that her husband David Wilmot has looked at the roof and there is some problems, especially one spot where the roof's meet to a V the snow just sets there. She mentioned that these problems should be taken care of before the ceiling is fixed in the Town Justice Office.

Highway Report

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Jim Buckley Jr. the Highway Superintendent reported that they dealt with snow, ice, and drifting. Hopefully it is over until winter. On March 20th took the loader to the village for snow removal. The Boom mower has still been out and about town, but it's season is pretty much over. Finished cutting back Kenyon Rd. where we are going to pave. They have started sweeping and grading roads. They have also repaired one overhead door. Councilwoman Wilmot mentioned that the sides of the roads looked great. Councilman Ford asked if Highway Superintendent had priced tires for the tractor they are looking a little bald. Highway Superintendent mentioned that he thought they could get through the summer with it.

The Supervisor mentioned that bids have been accepted at the County and they will be out paving. The Highway Superintendent mentioned that he would like to be one of the first for paving of the roads this year.

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #18

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to approve the March 2017 Supervisor's Report.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #19

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to approve the minutes of March 13, 2017 meeting with 2 amendments. The first amendment being page 2 in the discussion of the Agri-cycle PFOA's it should read: When they went to Agri-cycle they tested the onsite pond, onsite monitoring well (water), compost and the Leaching sample (not lynching). The second correction is on Page 2 same paragraph three quarters of the way down the paragraph, the Spelling of Spedes (incorrect spelling is Speedy's).

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Local Law #1 for change of Grievance Day

Resolution #20

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the Local Law #1 establishing an alternative date for Meetings of the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of Cambridge.

Vote: Ayes -5 Noes – 0

Assessor's Report

The Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported for Assessor that her Office would be closed on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 due to training. The Assessor hours for Grievance Appointments are: May 3, 2017 between the hours of 2 pm and 8 pm, May 10, 2017 between the hours of 2 pm and 6 pm, May 13m 2017 between the hours of 9 am and 1 pm, May 17, 2017 between the hours of 2 pm and 6 pm. Grievance Day is May 24, 2017 at the Cambridge Town Hall, 846 County Route 59, Cambridge, NY 12816

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4 pm to 8 pm. Grievance Applications can be picked up at the Town Hall or online at <http://www.tax.gov/forms/orpts/assessmentgrievance.htm>. Also 2 Agricultural Exemptions and 3 Senior Exemptions were removed due to the failure to renew.

Planning Board Report

Planning Board Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that the Planning Board Meeting on April 6, 2017 was canceled due to having no business or quorum. Next meeting will be May 4, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

Town Clerk Report

Heather Greenawalt the Town Clerk reported that the taxes were returned to Washington County Treasurer on Thursday, April 6, 2017. The amount returned to the County Treasurer as unpaid was \$216,372.52.

The NYSTCA requested that Town Clerks throughout the state send letters to local Senator and Assemblymember opposing the Governor's Proposed Consolidation Plan. Town Clerk's are opposing his plan because he is targeting Town Clerk's.

The Supervisor mentioned that it was requested by a Town Employee to become a member of the TCT Federal Credit Union. A letter has been drafted to the TCT Federal Credit Union requesting to become Employee Group of TCT Federal Credit Union.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge