

Regular Town Board Meeting
August 12, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Cambridge, duly called and held the 12th day of August, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor William Watkins
Councilwoman Catherine Fedler
Councilman Robin McMurray
Councilman Gerald Skiff
Councilman Douglas Ford

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Don Herrington Nancy Mabeus, Ashleigh Morris, Ted Berndt, Linda Burgoyne, LaVerne Davis, Terry Hamilton, Paul Nadeau, Sue Herrington, Robbie McIntosh, Rani Bass

Auditing of the Bills

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| General | #150 – 168 | \$1,630.97 |
| Highway | #85 – 99 | \$7,743.39 |

Supervisor Watkins called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM and immediately led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Resolution #33

Councilwoman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2013 minutes of the Town Board meeting.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Resolution #34

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray to approve the Supervisor's report for July 2013.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Public Hearing for the Local Law #1

The Public Hearing for the Local Law #1, the Town of Cambridge Dump Law was opened at 7:54 PM.

Nancy Mabeus a resident of the Town read a letter for the record voicing her opinion on the dump law. She referred to the last meeting how apparently the landfills and the fracking were no longer as important. She believes that this should be left in the law. Mrs. Mabeus also had concerns about the fines that were in the law and she agreed with resident Rani Bass that the complaint should not be responsible for the others people's legal fees. Mrs. Mabeus says that commercial fines should be greater than that of residents.

Rani Bass a resident of the town had a concern that the new dump law was not available to the public till today at 1:00 PM. She referred to the Town Law and stated that the dump law was not described in the public notice; the law was also not on the Town website. She stated that if this process was not done correctly that the law would not be valid and would not stand up in court.

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Resident Rani Bass also read a letter from Ralph Rossi a resident from the town on the dump law, he found many problems with the law terms that were not defined, does not fully protect the citizens and exempt them, this law should not be a criminal law it should be a civil law, he found many flaws with the fines and technical drafting problems. It was requested that this letter be submitted for the record.

The public hearing for the Local Law # 1, the Town of Cambridge Dump Law was closed at 8:10 PM.

Resolution #35

Councilman McMurray motioned,
Seconded by Councilman Skiff,
Be It Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge approves the Local Law #1 for 2013, prohibiting dumping in the Town of Cambridge.

Supervisor Watkins requested a roll call vote, however the Town Attorney Scott Keller stopped the Town Board vote. He requested that the resolution be amended to include State and Quality Review Act Compliance and Washington County Planning Board Compliance.

Resolution #36

Councilman McMurray motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Fedler,
Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge approves the Local Law #1 for 2013, prohibiting dumping in the Town of Cambridge with the amendment to include the State and Quality Review Act Compliance and Washington County Planning Board Compliance.

A roll call vote was done by Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt.

Vote: Councilman McMurray – Aye
Councilman Skiff – Aye
Councilman Ford – Aye
Councilwoman Fedler – Aye
Supervisor Watkins – Aye

Local Law #1 for 2013, prohibiting dumping in the Town of Cambridge was passed unanimously by the Cambridge Town Board.

Assessor Report

The Supervisor reported that interviews would take place for the Assessor position on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 10:00 am. There are 7 applicants that have applied as of today.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt read two thank you notes one from the Hamilton Family and the other from the Davis family thanking the Town of Cambridge Family for the Flowers at the time of sorrow.

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Hunting Licenses went on sale Monday, August 12th and approximately 10 licenses were sold.

The new hours for the Town Clerk are working well and it was discussed to leave the hours as they are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Thursday 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt said if extra time was needed during tax season then she would say later. The Town Clerk's Office would be closed on August 22nd because the Town Clerk will be on vacation and the Deputy Town Clerk will be unable to fill in.

Town Board

Councilman Ford mentioned that State Rt. 22 has been paved and State Rt. 372 has been started with the milling process. They believe the state will pave to Dr. Brown's corner.

Highway Superintendent Report

The Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that she had talked with Alan Davis the Highway Superintendent and Hill Lane in the Town of Cambridge would need to be renamed to Reynolds Lane. She explained that there was a situation with the Hill Lane in the Town of Cambridge and the Hill Lane in the Town of White Creek. When 911 were called the Rescue Squad was going to the Hill Lane in the Town of Cambridge instead of the Town of White Creek. The Hill Lane in the Town of Cambridge has no residence on it so the Highway Superintendent had talked with Emergency Service through the county and this name change is fine.

Resolution #37

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to change the name of Hill Lane to Reynolds Lane in the Town of Cambridge. The concern was with the Emergency Service going to the wrong Hill Lane, instead of going to the Hill Lane in White Creek they were going to the Hill Lane in the Town of Cambridge which has no residence on it.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

The Highway men ditched and replaced culverts on Kenyon dirt where they have had problems with washouts and graded with help from the Village. They also worked on areas of shoulders from washouts in various spots. They replaced the air conditioner compressor in the loader. Chuck has spent a lot of time working with the Village to get ready for paving Main St. and Rte. 22. They have also patched culverts that have settled as well as cold patching on Gannon and Kenyon Roads. The Highwaymen also helped Town of Jackson pave a section of Kenyon Hill Rd. Belle Road has been chip sealed with help hauling stone from Easton, White Creek, Jackson, and the Village. All black top roads have been mowed twice and they are working on getting dirt roads mowed.

Planning Board Report

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There was no official Planning Board meeting for July 2013 because there wasn't a quorum present to conduct business.

The Town of Cambridge Planning Board met August 1, 2013, 7:30 PM, at the Town Hall with 5 members present and two people from the public. There was one item of business before the board. Jacquelyne Hersey who owns 18.48 acres on County Route 60, identified by tax map #262.-1-10, presented a sketch plan for subdivision. Mrs. Hersey is proposing to subdivide approximately 9-10 acres to sell to adjacent neighbor Randy Hamilton. She will retain the remaining acreage since it contains her home. The sketch plan was approved by the board and she was directed to proceed with the survey.

Code Enforcement Report

LaVerne Davis reported that the extension that he had put on the mobile home was up yesterday and the home had not been moved yet.

Councilwoman Fedler reported that the mobile home had been moved; she asked Mr. Nadeau who was in the room. Mr. Nadeau asked Mr. Davis if he had received the letter in the mail. Supervisor Watkins reported that yes it had been received and our lawyer would be taking care of it. Scott Keller the Town lawyer suggested that they have an executive session to discuss the situation.

JCAP Grant
Resolution #38

Councilwoman Fedler motioned,
Seconded by Councilman Skiff,

WHEREAS, an invitation to apply for a JCAP grant has been extended to Hon. Janet S. DeCarlo, Cambridge Town Judge, by the Office of Court Administration, it is

HEREBY RESOLVED, that said invitation be approved by the Cambridge Town Board and that the Town Justice apply for \$5000.00 of this grant.

WHEREAS, the following improvements are proposed:

- A. UPDATE TO THE SEI COURT OPERATING PROGRAM
- B. SHELVING FOR THE ARCHIVE BUILDING FOR ADDITIONAL RECORDS
- C. PAINTING OF THE INSIDE OF THE ARCHIVES WITH WATERPROOF CEMENT PAINT
- D. DEHUMIDIFIERS FOR ARCHIVES (LARGE CAPACITY)

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Town Board members signed the copies of the resolution and one copy went to the Town Justice and the other was filed with the Town Clerk.

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Communications

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt read a email from Senator Kathy Marchione office asking residents of the state of New York to help cut Albany's costly, job killing rules, regulations, red tape and unfunded mandates that have driven New York's taxes and increased the cost of living. Kathy Marchione is asking for emails to be sent to give her ideas for state rules, regulations, red tape and unfunded mandates that should be revised.

Supervisor Watkins reported that he met with the people from the hospital along with Councilman Skiff, Village Trustee, Mayor, Code Enforcement person and they are considering making the old Mary McClellan Hospital a Veterans rehabilitation center. They are asking for support to get a grant to help them out with getting the facility started.

Unfinished Business

Supervisor Watkins mentioned that the Planning Board had asked the Town Board to consider the set backs and boundaries. The Town Board is saying that the set back will be 70 ft from the center line of the road and all other boundaries 50 ft. LaVerne Davis Code enforcement said that the driveway would be 20 ft where the by pass has to be twice that; this only pertains if you can't see from the road to the house.

Town Attorney Scott Keller questioned what if they had two parcels. Councilman McMurray said that he agreed with the attorney that this would need to be addressed. Councilwoman Fedler questioned who would talk to Eric Pearson the chair of the Planning Board. She said that she would talk to Eric Pearson and also mention site plan review.

County Report

Supervisor Watkins reported that the county is working on the budget and it is looking like the increase could be 3%.

Privilege of the Floor

Supervisor Watkins requested that the Town Board go into Executive Session to discuss a pending litigation against the Town.

The Town Board entered into Executive Session at 8:43 PM.

Resolution #39

Councilman McMurray motioned,
Seconded by Councilman Skiff,

The Town Board to enter into Executive Session pending Litigation against the Town of Cambridge.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

The Town Board exited out of Executive Session at 8:47 PM.

Resolution #40

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Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to exit Executive Session and resume the meeting.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Ted Berndt a resident of the town represented the Capital Campaign committee in their goal to raise the 1.5 million for the new fire house. Village Trustee Alan Dupuis would like to meet at the Cambridge Town Hall on the 12th of September to meet with board members and other people interested throughout the town. Ideas for the future fundraising were the fireman's ball for next year. The Town of Cambridge and Jackson and White Creek would have at Town wide tag sale in 2014. Mr. Berndt said that he would like the Town Board to consider designating the weekend of September 28th and 29th the Town wide tag sale for the Town of Cambridge this year.

Councilman McMurray asked if the proceeds were to be donated to the firehouse. Mr. Berndt said probably not this year but any money could be donated if you chose to. There were also questions if the facility had thought about reducing the cost of the new fire house.

Supervisor Watkins requested that September 28th and 29th be designated as the Town wide tag sale for the Town of Cambridge.

Councilwoman Fedler said that she would go to the firehouse meeting and keep everyone informed on the progress of the new fire house project. The meeting would be on September 12, 2013 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was moved and carried to adjournment at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully yours,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge

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