

Town Board Meeting
August 14, 2017

The regular meeting of the town of Cambridge duly called and held the 14th day of August 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: Lisa Proch Deputy Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Jim Morris reporter from the Eagle, Dan Schmidt, Bruce Bailey and Brian Harrington

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM and immediately led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#142 – 161	\$ 1,575.91
Highway	# 95 – 110	\$82,074.72

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #33

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to approve the July 10, 2017 Town Board Meeting minutes as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #34

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the Supervisor's report from July 2017.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Councilman Skiff asked if there is any way they could get the report e-mailed to them ahead of time. The Supervisor said she would mention this to the Clerk to the Supervisor, Margaret Shaw, but did not think it would be a problem to e-mail it to the Council members that wanted it to be sent.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk's Office will be closed the week of August 21 – 25, 2017

Assessor's Report

The time frame to file small claims has passed and we didn't have any. Assessor Holbrook is working on the budget for next year.

Planning Board Report

The Town of Cambridge Planning Board met on Thursday, August 3, 2017, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall. There were 4 members present, Secretary and 7 people from the public.

Unfinished Business

Guidon Subdivision – minor subdivision

Elaine Heckman and Jamie Lasco presented copy of the survey for the Guidon Subdivision located at 9 Cobble Rd./ tax map #254.-1-13. The remaining 30.64 acres will be split into two lots the first being 16.12 which contains the house, the second lot will contain 14.52 acres with the barn. These lots are already naturally split by Cobble Rd. and County Rt. 60. The Planning Board found these lots to be nice clean lines, especially because the boundaries are already designated by the road.

Bob Hamilton motioned, Seconded by Leon Barkley that the Town of Cambridge Planning Board gives approval to proceed with Public Hearing for the Guidon Subdivision of 30.64 acres located at 9 Cobble Road/Tax map#254.-1-13 into the 2 lots. The Public Hearing will be scheduled for the September 7, 2017 meeting.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

William Brown – minor subdivision

William Brown and his son presented copy of the survey for the Brown minor subdivision located at 193 Horton Rd. Tax Map #261.-2-8.2. The survey map showed a minor subdivision 1.77 acre lot from the original 7.80 parcel. The total finished road frontage would be 138.85 ft. As discussed at the June 1, 2017 meeting LaVerne Davis the Code Enforcement Officer has been contacted and the total acreage of the lot was increased to what he thought would be suitable for a building lot. The Planning Board was happy with the Preliminary survey.

Leon Barkley motioned, Seconded by Judy Leon that the Town of Cambridge Planning Board gives approval to precede with the Public Hearing for the Brown minor subdivision 1.77 acre lot from the original of 7.80 acres. The public hearing will be scheduled for the September 7, 2017 meeting.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

New Business

Wilmot Minor Subdivision

James Wilmot and his daughter Elizabeth Wilmot presented a Sketch Plan of a minor subdivision located at 457 King Rd. tax map #271.-3-15 consisting of 15.42 acres. This 15.42 acre parcel is a vacant lot next to James Wilmot's home parcel 457 King Rd (tax map #272.-10-10.2). The proposal is to subdivide a 4 acre lot out of the 15.42 acres on the west side of the lot towards Belle Road. Mr. Wilmot's daughter is planning on building a residence on the lot. The Planning Board granted approval to proceed with the survey of the property.

Environmental Surveys –Guidon Subdivision

The Ed Guidon/Elaine Guidon Heckman minor subdivision for tax map #254.-1-13, 30.64 acres located at 9 Cobble Road, the Environmental survey was reviewed. It was determined that there was no adverse effect/the property is considered farmland and has minimal impact. As stated above the Planning Board granted approval for the Public Hearing at the September 7, 2017 meeting.

Environmental Survey – Brown Subdivision

The William Brown minor subdivision for tax map #261.-2-8.2, 7.80 acres located at 193 Horton Road, the Environmental survey was reviewed. It was determined that the 1.77 acre lot being created will have no significant impact on the environment. As stated above the Planning Board granted approval for the Public Hearing at the September 7, 2017 meeting.

The next Planning Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Highway Superintendent Report

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. reported that they are continuing to mow roadsides. They have had the boom arm mower out on some banks and culvert ends also. They have been ditching in places on Tingue, English, Conley, Mead and Stephenson Roads. They have continued grading roads and added gravel to Whiteside Road and Doc Brown, Yankee and Rogers Lanes. They have patched potholes in various places around town. There is new pavement on Brownell Road and from Rte. 74 to Easton line on Vly Summit Road. They are still planning on some CHIP sealing. CHIPS, PAVE and EWR reimbursement paperwork has been submitted to DOT. They ordered and received about 110 tons of Salt and filled shed. They replaced seals on left drive unit of excavator and repaired suspension on 8 Truck.

Councilwoman Wilmot asked about covered bridge being thick with sumac on both sides. She is concerned because you can't see cars coming. Superintendent Buckley said he had reported this to the county and had been told it would be taken care of it. Councilman Skiff asked if he would also check to see if they had mowed the corner of Morse Rd. and Rte. 59, they were supposed to mow that one as well. He will check again to see if they have been done and let Supervisor Fedler know. If not taken care of she will take care of contacting the county again.

Councilwoman Herrington asked if we will need more salt for the winter. Superintendent Buckley said definitely we will need more, he explained why the order was placed the way it was. Salt contract runs August to August. He says he will order 700 tons.

Code Enforcement Report

Superintendent Fedler reported that Laverne Davis Code Enforcement Officer said there was nothing new.

Councilwoman Herrington asked about the house on Co. Rte. 74, and how can they build there when it had been condemned in the past. Supervisor Fedler explained that it was a new home being built there

not restoring the old one. This was addressed at last month's board meeting. It was condemned but they are fixing it and bringing it back to code.

County Report

Supervisor Buckley reminded us that, as of the 19th of August, we all have to start using the 10 digit phone numbers because there is an area code overlay.

She said we have gotten the preliminary health insurance figures and it is not looking good. We are looking at 7 to 10 % inflation or higher.

The Bridge on County Rte. 74 their goal to have the concrete poured was by August 31st, but it is not done yet. Everything is behind schedule at the County level. They are doing the beams tomorrow. They still have high hopes. They have to have one bridge finished before they can start on the second one. They are looking into clarification on them having to be out of the water by Oct. 1st. Does it mean they will have to stop working on the bridge at that point or not? Supervisor Fedler stated that all the bridges are behind. There was discussion at the county level to putting some of the crews on overtime. They would be looking to put only the pavement and bridge crews on. So this is weather dependent also...so it is not an easy call to make. Is it worth it or not to try to get enough crews together to get caught up, because everyone is in the same boat countywide? Everybody is waiting on pavement or concrete. All construction is falling behind. Councilman Skiff asked if the bridge was going to have a cement top. Supervisor Fedler said as she understands it, they will get to the beams then put the concrete on then put first layer of black top on it so they can open it up. They will then work on the second bridge and then pave them both at the same time. The original goal was to have it open by July 24st, obviously that isn't working. The goal now is Aug. 31st.

Supervisor Fedler got a report on the Solar rate pay schedule. She is going to run it by Laverne before she passes it on to the Board. Councilman Skiff asked if all towns were following the county's schedule. Supervisor Fedler said we will have our own pay schedule because we have our own code enforcement, not all towns do. Councilwoman Wilmot asked if people would pay the county or us. Supervisor Fedler said they would pay us.

Senior Picnic – Cambridge Senior Citizens had 2 teams this year and we took 1st and 2nd place. First place team won Telescope directors chairs.

The county had the Flag dedication for the Civil War ceremony

The PFOA's. –

Supervisor Fedler spoke with Richard Clarkson and asked him specific questions. He said he wanted to make it very clear that they have not done anything wrong, there is no illegal dumping up there, they are not being investigated for any illegal dumping and at this point there is no way, shape or form of anything illegal up there. They do have their samples back, they are combining them with their results. And are using them to establish some limits on what can come in and on what can go out. The report is in a draft stage, they've gotten it that far and it is under review before it can be released. That is the stage that it's in right now. The state says Agricycle...says they have been cleared legally and exercising within their

authorized permit. The PFCs are an emergent contaminant and were not part of the original permit, but as stated, all permits are being changed and updated because this is a new thing. They met with Bob about a month ago and will be meeting again with him this week.

Councilwoman Wilmot asked if they ever meet with the owners. Supervisor Fedler said she didn't know, she did not ask them that. Wilmot said it would be good if they met with more than just the representatives. Fedler said she would send him an e-mail and ask if they had met with the owners.

Supervisor Report

Town Supervisor reported that she and Margaret are starting to work on the budget. The Town Clerk, Heather, has turned hers in already. They are in the very preliminary stages. She has a report from the county level for board members to look at if they wanted to.

At this point Supervisor Fedler asked if any of the Board members had other questions. Councilwoman Wilmot said she had a conversation with the state about updates on her water. She asked if they could get actual numbers, updates, and informational data for people. She spoke with a woman in Albany. She wondered for her and others...could they get the info. For use if they were to sell, or something else...to keep for their records. She would like to see them be more forthcoming in their paperwork. She wondered if they are continuing to test and retest, and are they venturing out further. Supervisor Fedler said she will check with Charlotte Bethany.

Privilege of the Floor

Bruce Bailey asked if there was anyone over the limits on the map we had. Supervisor Fedler said no, not on the map we had. Councilwoman Wilmot asked if we had the right to know Agricycle's numbers or are they protected by confidentiality? Supervisor Fedler said they will be public when the report is final, because they are licensed by the State. But she will look into this.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 8:45 PM.