

Regular Town Board Meeting
December 9, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Cambridge, duly called and held the 9th day of December, 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, John M. Cooney from Doug's Oil, LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement, Alan Davis Highway Superintendent, Terry Hamilton, Rani Bass, Ashleigh Morris from the Eagle, Astrid Davis, Hosanna Davis, Robbie McIntosh, Megan Phalen from the Greenwich Journal

Auditing of the Bills

General	#229 – 260	\$23,715.30
Highway	#155 – 170	\$120,217.08

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

Approving the minutes

Resolution #63

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting/Public Hearing, November 6, 2013 and the Regular Town Board Meeting, November 11, 2013 with a few corrections. Both corrections being in the November 11, 2013 meeting: first correction being on page 4 in section 3 it should read Mary Anne Richards not Mary Jane Richards. The second correction on page 5 the budget increase should be .03% not .0003%.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Supervisor Report

Resolution #64

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the Supervisor's Report of November 2013.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Transfers

Resolution #65

Councilwoman Fedler motioned,
Seconded by Councilman Ford,

There were seven transfers of money and they are as follows: A1110.2 Justice, Equipment in the amount of \$100.00 to A1110.4 Justice, Contractual, A1355.2 Assessor Equipment in the amount of \$175.00 to A1355.4 Assessor, Contractual, A1990.4 contingent in the amount of 240.02 to A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance, A1990.4 Contingent in the amount of \$4,777.60 to A9010.8 Employee Benefits, Retirement, DA5142.1 Snow Removal, Personal Services in the amount of \$1,344.37 to DA9010.8

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Employee Benefits, Retirement, DA5130.2 Machinery, Equipment in the amount of \$2,000.00 to DA5130.4 Machinery, Parts & Repairs, and DB5110.4 General Repairs, Contractual in the amount of \$2,494.46 to DB9010.8 Employee Benefits, Retirement.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes - 0

Resolution #66

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford that the money be transferred from the Highway Reserve Account to Highway checking account to pay for the loader (\$71,681.30). Will pay as DA5197.2.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Resolution #67

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to transfer money from General A account to Highway DA account to cover expenses for pick-up repair (\$4,239.00). Then the money will go to DA 5130.4 to cover the repairs.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 2

Supervisor Watkins and Councilman McMurray voted against the transfer of the funds.

Assessor

The Assessor emailed the Town Board because Christmas and New Years both fall on Wednesday; she was questioning the board if she was supposed to work some other time. The board said no that the office of the Assessor would just be closed. The Town Board requested that the Eagle put this in the paper to make the residents aware. Star exemptions were discussed and it was mentioned that it be made known that only the Basic Star is due by December 31, 2013. The Senior or Enhanced Star is not due until March 1, 2014 through the Town Assessor. The Town Clerk mentioned that there was information available on how to check and make sure that residents are signed up for the Basic Star.

Town Clerk

None

Town Board

Councilwoman Fedler mentioned that she had gone to the County the last couple weeks. She said that Public Works had approved the plowing of County Roads. She also mentioned that Dieter Drake would be coming to the January Meeting to answer any questions about the Tour of the Battenkill.

Highway Superintendent Report

The plow equipment is all on and has been used on several nuisance storms. They put a turn around on Coila Rd. They have also done regular maintenance on trucks after storms. They have the lift and are working on trimming trees and cutting brush on Wright Rd and will continue for the next couple weeks. The Highwaymen have also cut

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up some of the wood in the yard. The 1st truck blew a Hydraulic line which was repaired. The Loader is here and the bucket will be changed for a different size. Councilman Ford brought to the attention of the Highway Superintendent that on some of the roads where areas are shaded the trucks need to go back out and resand.

Planning Board Report

Heather Greenawalt reported in Sally Eddy's absence. The Town of Cambridge Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2012, 7:30 PM, at the Town Hall with 5 members present and 8 people from the public.

The following items came before the board:

1. Four members, along with the secretary, attended the SEQR workshop on Nov. 21 at the county building. The members briefly discussed the content of material covered.
2. Chairman Pearson reported that he spoke with Jerry Moppert. His condition is improving and he wants to stay on as a member of the planning board.
3. Last month Dan Smith presented a proposal to combine a .043 acre lot with an adjacent 17.00 acre lot to make them one parcel. Property is on Meeting House Rd. Since no new lots were being created, the action was exempt from the subdivision process and could be completed by engaging an attorney to draw up a new deed joining the two pieces of land into one. Upon the request of the Real Property Tax Office, a letter has been sent to that office from the planning board stating the action is exempt from subdivision proceedings. The matter is currently in the hands of Mr. Smith's attorney.
4. Granted Preliminary Approval to George Murray for a 3 lot subdivision on English Rd. One lot consists of 39.0 acres and encompasses all the land west of English Rd. There are two lots east of the road, one consists of 30.0 acres and the other consists of 4.7 acres. A public hearing on the final plat is scheduled for Jan. 2, 2014.

Communications

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that she had received a letter from NYS Ag & Markets regarding the Town of Cambridge Dog Control Officer. The letter was in regards to unsatisfactory rating for a failure to provide veterinary care for a seized dog. The Dept. of Ag & Markets will be monitoring the situation in the future.

Fuel Oil Bids

The Fuel Oil Bids were opened by the Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt.

John Ray & Sons submitted fuel oil bids:

- #2 heating oil- Delivered to the Town Hall and Town Garage at \$0.17 over Albany Rack Price
- On Diesel plus winter blend- Delivered at \$0.2500 over Albany Rack Price
- Kerosene – Delivered to the Highway Garage at \$0.3700 over Albany Rack Price

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Doug's Oil, INC. submitted fuel oil bids:

Bid for Fuel Oil, Kerosene, and Diesel Fuel for all the Town locations of Cambridge December 1, 2013 to December 1, 2014, is \$.19 over their cost for that day of delivery.

<u>Fuel Oil</u>	
Cost as of November 19, 2013	\$3.024
Cents Over Cost	\$.190
Total	\$3.214

<u>Kerosene</u>	
Cost as of November 19, 2013	\$3.349
Cents Over Cost	\$.190
Total	\$3.539

<u>Diesel</u>	
Cost as of November 19, 2013	\$3.020
Cents Over Cost	\$.190
Total	\$3.210

Main Care had submitted a bid for the November 11, 2013 meeting.

- #2 ultra low sulphur Fuel Oil: Albany rack plus \$.1700
- Ultra low sulphur Diesel: Albany rack plus \$.2000
- Ultra low sulphur Kerosene: Albany rack plus \$.2300

Resolution #68

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to choose Doug's Oil for the Fuel Oil Supplier for December 1, 2013 to December 1, 2014. Doug's Oil was the lowest bidder with Fuel Oil, Kerosene and Diesel Fuel all \$.19 over their cost for that day delivery.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

New Business

None

County Report

Privilege of Floor

Rani Bass asked what the final increase was on the budget to clarify for everyone. It was said that the increase on the budget was .03%.

There being no business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge

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