

Town Board Meeting
December 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held the 11th day of December at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Douglas Ford

Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Councilman Gerald Skiff

Councilwoman Susan Herrington

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr., LaVerne Davis, Bruce Bailey (newly elected Town Councilman), Brian Harrington (Newly elected Town Councilman), Linda Record, Anne Walsh, Stuart Ziehm, Bob Hamilton, Scott Clark, Rich Molea (newly elected Justice), Robbie McIntosh

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

Planning Board Interviews

Interviews were held for the two vacant seats on the Planning Board. The Supervisor mentioned that each individual will be asked a series of questions singly. Other applicants will be asked to remain in the Code Enforcement office while interviewing.

Bob Hamilton was the first applicant to be interviewed. Mr. Hamilton was asked to tell a little about himself. He explained that he lived in the Town of Cambridge all of his life and has enjoyed serving on the Planning Board for the last 5 years. His attendance is very good and he has no problem attending the meetings and the training. The Supervisor asked him about his views on the Economic Development within the Town. He mentioned need development in the Town, new business. How much power should the Planning Board have in regards to telling the landowner what to do with their land? The land owner should be able to do what they want with their land. An example would be a farmer giving land to offspring, however the board still needs to have some control. The Supervisor asked if there should be any changes made to the Planning Board. Bob said that no Eric Pearson the chair does good job and works well with his board members.

Resident Scott Clark was interviewed he said that he would have no problem attending meetings or going to training. The Supervisor asked him why he would like to serve on the Planning Board. He said that he is a professional engineer and thought might be useful to the Planning Board. As far as the Economic Development for the Town Scott felt that need to keep a balance in the town for an Agrarian Community. As far as his feeling of the Planning Board having power he feels that land owner should be able to do what they want with their land as long it does not disturb their neighbor. Scott considers himself a lifelong resident of the town except a brief period of his life when he lived in Washington DC.

Ann Walsh was interviewed for the position she is able to attend the meetings and the training that is required. She feels that she needs to learn more about the Planning Board before she can decide if need to make any improvements to the Planning Board. As far as the Economic Development for the Town Ann feels that important to look at the point of view of the people that pay the taxes, need to maintain the culture of the town. Ann felt that landowners need to be able to do what they want with

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their land and the Planning Board needs to be fair and make the best decision they can. Ann Walsh grew up on the Cobble Road is a daughter of Bill and Joan Walsh and is a graduate of Albany School.

Stuart Ziehm was interviewed for the Planning Board position. He mentioned that he has enjoyed serving on the Planning Board and working under Eric Pearson's leadership. He mentioned that he knows that his training and his attendance has been an issue. Stuart mentioned that it would be helpful if reminders could be sent out in regards to the meetings. As far as the Economic Development he feels that the Town could use some new business. He did mention that this depends on the situation in regards to the growth and whether it presents itself as bad or good. Stuart feels that the Power of the Planning Board in regards to the land owner can be challenging when it comes to saying what you can and can't do with one's land. He mentioned that this is hard having any kind of Plan in place for the Town the community must be unified on this choice. Stuart did take the time in the end to introduce himself and tell that lifetime resident on the Family farm and how they are stewards of the land that his family owns.

The Town Board had a short discussion about who would be the best individuals for the two vacant seats on the Planning Board. The supervisor asked the Board members to vote on two people for the positions.

Councilman Skiff – Stuart Ziehm – Scott Clark
Councilwoman Herrington – Stuart Ziehm – Bob Hamilton
Councilwoman Wilmot – Scott Clark – Bob Hamilton
Councilman Ford – Bob Hamilton – Scott Clark
Supervisor Fedler – Bob Hamilton – Scott Clark

4 Scott Clark – 4 Bob Hamilton – 2 Stuart Ziehm

The Supervisor mentioned that the Planning Board can continue to do business even though they don't have a full board. The Town Board can't appoint till the meeting on January 8, 2018 which is after the Planning Board meeting.

It was a hard decision for the Town Board to make in regards to the Planning Board appointments, they thanked everyone for the interest in the Planning Board. The Town Board final decision was Scott Clark and Bob Hamilton. The Town Board thanked Stuart Ziehm for his time spent on the board.

New Town Justice and Court Clerk

Richard Molea the new Town Justice was present at the meeting and has made the Town Board aware that he would like to appoint Linda Record as his Court Clerk. The Town Board will pass a resolution at the January 8, 2018 meeting for Linda Record as court clerk. However, they are recognizing his request now and that they are in favor of it.

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Future Meetings

The Supervisor mentioned that the year-end meeting would be on December 29, 2017 at 10:00 am and the swearing in of the newly elected officials will be at 10:30am. The Town Supervisor said that she will check with Town Justice DeCarlo to make sure that she is available.

Enid Kotching Property

The Supervisor showed the Town Board paperwork and a map in regards Enid Kotching property off of King Road that has been left to the Town of Cambridge. The Supervisor mentioned that there is a process that the Town must go through of accepting the property, declare surplus property, finding the right away that exists and then the Town can possibly sell. The taxes have not been paid so there are back taxes on the property, approx. \$800. The Town Attorney Alan Wrigley is aware of this property and has the paperwork. Councilman Skiff has some concerns with this, he feels that this could become a liability to the town. He says that the Town Board should proceed with caution and question the attorney that is representing.

Speed limit reduction

Letter that was submitted at the last board meeting for possible speed limit reduction on County Rt. 59 was sent back from the county. The county said the process must go through the Town Board meeting first. It was determined by the Town Board that they would not take action that they can't address every speed limit change that comes before them. They feel that they have to determine if this reduction is feasible. In this case the location is on a main road, straight away and they feel it is not feasible.

The Supervisor took the time to mention that there would be a third bridge on County Rt. 74 that would be fixed.

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Councilwoman Herrington took the time to express how much she enjoyed being on the Town Board. She listed some of the issues that she feels the Town Board should move forward with.

1. She hopes that someone will take on the idea of a Town Plan.
2. Encourage Town activities – Hope that participate in the Memorial Day parade.
3. Start meeting at 7:30 pm and pay the bills after instead of before.
4. Would have liked the Financial Statement a week ahead.
5. Building and things need to be kept up in the town and hope that take this into consideration.
6. Look at what the County is doing and how it will impact our board.
7. She also mentioned that the Town Wide Cleanup and the Picnic are things that she worked on and hope that they continue these.

Planning Board

No report /No meeting the month of December

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt is gearing up for the Tax Season.

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Highway Report

Jim Buckley the Highway Superintendent reported that they have done some grading and filled some potholes around the town. They have gotten the dump trucks inspected and oiled the frames with fluid film. Replaced a cross culvert on Durfee Road and a cross culvert and driveway culvert on Vly Summit Rd. Replaced some stop and yield signs. Trimmed back tires on DeMarco, Irish Lanes and Petteys Road. They have repaired the body on truck #3. They have plowed and sanded for first snow of winter.

Assessor – none

Town Justice

Town Supervisor mentioned again about the appointment of the Court Clerk and how she had received notification from the new Town Justice Richard Molea and they would appoint at the first meeting of the year. Everyone is in support of Linda Record as the Court Clerk. The Supervisor did mention that they would be in touch with Town Justice DeCarlo in regards to the Audit. Supervisor Fedler asked Councilwoman Wilmot if she would take control of the Court Audit and be in touch with Town Justice DeCarlo. She said she would.

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley has been pursuing bids for a new truck as discussed last meeting. He has a bid from Joe Basil for \$31,804.68 and a bid for truck from Carbone of \$29,879.50. He also has two quotes for plows the first being \$3,629.89 and the second being a plow from Triius of \$5,059. There was a short discussion on what to do with the blue pickup truck and the gray pickup truck. Councilman Ford said that he is not sure that it is good idea to get rid of the gray truck and sell the blue outright. He mentioned that he would like to look at the gray truck and evaluate the condition. They also discussed the worth of the blue truck by the Kelly Blue Book standards, so that they could decide what to put on the truck when listing with Auctions International.

Resolution #52

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to list the 2012 F350 trucks worth at \$14,000.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes - 0

Councilwoman Herrington abstained from the vote

Resolution #53

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to accept the lower bid on the 2018 Chevy 1 ton truck in the amount of \$29,879.50.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes -0

Resolution #54

Supervisor Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to amend the above resolution #53 to take the money to purchase the 2018 Chevy 1 ton truck in the amount of \$29,879.50 out of the Equipment Reserve.

Vote: Ayes -5 Noes – 0

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Auditing of the Bills

General	#210 -244	\$ 1,741.42
Highway	#148 -163	\$24,537.42

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #55

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to approve the Supervisor's Report for November 2017.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Transfer of funds

Resolution #56

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to transfer money from A1110.2 Justice, Equipment in the amount of \$150 to A1110.4 Justice Contractual to cover submitted bills plus December phone bill.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #57

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman Skiff to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2017 Town Board Meeting.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that it was brought to our attention that the Town of Cambridge was covered by both CNA Surety and Northern Insurance for liability (blanket undertaking to cover the employees) for the Town Employees. Therefore Northern Insuring agent Dick Look was contacted and this was turned over to Northern Insuring only. The Policies with CNA Surety have been canceled. The Supervisor mentioned that in the month of February she would be going over the entire policy thru Northern Insuring with Dick Look.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 10:02.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge