

Town Board Meeting  
May 11, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held the 11<sup>th</sup> day May 2015 at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler  
Councilman Douglas Ford  
Councilwoman Susan Herrington  
Councilman Gerald Skiff  
Councilman Robin McMurray

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Alan Davis Highway Superintendent, LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement, Terry Hamilton, Jen from the Eagle

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

Auditing of the Bills

General	#67 – 85	\$1,935.37
Highway	#75 – 86	\$10,077.45

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that this year the Town of Cambridge would be riding in the Memorial Day Parade with the Town of White Creek. Town of Cambridge would be supplying the Hay Wagon, the Hay and the Town of White Creek would do the Banners.

Supervisor Fedler also mentioned the Governors idea to get broadband to all rural locations. She said this would apply to the fiber optic service, which is not available in all areas.

It was also mentioned that Senator McLaughlin and Marchione would have office hours at the Town Hall June 5<sup>th</sup>. The time has not yet been decided they just called this afternoon requesting the use of the Town Hall.

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #22

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to approve the Supervisor's Report from April 2015.

Vote:                      Ayes – 5                      Noes – 0

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #23

Councilman McMurray motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2015 Town Board Meeting as mailed.

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Vote:           Ayes – 3                   Noes – 0

Councilwoman Herrington and Councilman Skiff abstained from the vote because they were absent from the April 13, 2015 Town Board Meeting.

Town Clerk Report

None

Planning Board Report

Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk reported in Sally Eddy's absence. The Town of Cambridge Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting, Thursday, May 7, 2015, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall with 5 members present. Four people from the public attended. The following business was addressed:

1. Granted Preliminary Approval to Dave and Gretchen Wilmot for a 6.14 acre subdivision at 281 Belle Road. The subdivision contains an existing mobile that's been occupied by the same tenants for several years and, now, the tenants are interested in purchasing the dwelling with some acreage. The survey map was presented and approved. The Environmental Assessment Form was reviewed and completed. A public hearing will be held at the June 4, 2015 meeting.
2. Dan Schmidt owns a 62.8 acre parcel at the intersection of Oak Hill Rd. and King Rd. and is seeking a subdivision in order to convey acreage to Matt Trinkle. Mr. Trinkle owns a 1.38 acre lot approximately in the middle of Mr. Schmidt's property that fronts onto Oak Hill Rd. He wants to increase the size of his property. Mr. Schmidt desires to subdivide so that Mr. Trinkle will own the entire Oak Hill Rd. frontage. Mr. Schmidt has decided to draw the boundary line parallel to Oak Hill Rd, resulting in a subdivision of approximately 20 acres. If the boundary line follows the tilling pattern of the fields it causes a curve in the boundary rather than being straight. He asked the board if that mattered? The board responded it did not and would approve the subdivision with either a straight or curved boundary line. Mr. Schmidt's next step is to complete the survey.
3. Heard that only the Towns of Jackson and Cambridge responded to the Town of Easton's request for feedback concerning holding a training session for planning boards. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt will contact Easton to see if the training is still going to be held.

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that next month would be Sally Eddy's last meeting for the Planning Board and thought that the Town Board should do some kind of recognition of her time served on the Planning Board. Sally Eddy started on the Planning Board as Secretary when the Planning Board was established. Supervisor Fedler also asked if the Planning Board had time to review the Site Plan Review from the Town of White Creek which was given to them last month. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt mentioned that they all did not take a copy and that they did not

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mention it at the meeting. Supervisor Fedler said that she would contact Eric Pearson the Chair to the Planning Board.

#### Code Enforcement

LaVarne Davis the Code Enforcement Officer reported that the house on State Rt.372 is finally finished, he has not had a chance to inspect yet but received a call from the gentleman saying it was done. He also reported that the Brownell Rd. property had more than enough road frontage and she has a signed easement from her neighbors of 25 ft. in the back. Mr. Davis also commented on the Trailer that was put in for temporary usage on Vly Summit Rd. until the house is built. Mr. Davis said that he could only give him 120 days for the trailer to be there.

Councilman Skiff mentioned that this is a hardship situation because there was a fire in the previous trailer. Supervisor Fedler abstained from this decision because she is related to the Mr.Buckley. Mr. Davis asked if the Town Board would allot Mr. Buckley extra time if needed in addition to the 120 days to build his house. Councilman Ford agreed with this that the 120 days be given and if time needed to be extended it would.

It was suggested by Councilman Skiff that they revisit the mobile home law at a different time.

#### Resolution #24

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to give Mr. Buckley 120 days to live in the temporary trailer while he builds his house.

Vote:                   Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

Supervisor Fedler abstained from this vote due to Mr. Buckley being a relative.

#### Town Board

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that in order to conduct a meeting the majority of the Town Board must be present. Three Board Members are needed to have quorum for the meeting. However, when a vote is taken, it is the majority of the entire 5 person board (3 of the 5) that is needed to pass the vote. Supervisor Fedler mentioned that she has checked with the Town Lawyer and she said the same it is always the majority of the Board.

Councilman Skiff said that he would like to revisit the Compassionate Care Act. Councilman Skiff requested that Heather Greenawalt the Town Clerk read the resolution. Supervisor Fedler requested that there be one amendment in the very last line of the resolution it should read New York Department of Health Secretary. Councilman McMurray asked why the Board thought that this was a good idea? Councilman Skiff said that he thought this was a good idea because he has talked to 10 or 15 people that have lost loved ones due to cancer. If this facility is not in Washington County (Town of Jackson) then it will be somewhere else. Councilman Ford voiced his opinion that it was a good idea because of the revenue and jobs that it would bring into the county. Councilwoman Herrington thought that this would benefit families with loved ones that were fighting cancer and other health problems that could use the medical marijuana to comfort

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them and ease pain. Councilman McMurray cautioned the board against supporting this Cultivation center. He stated for him it was against his beliefs, it was unethical and he said that a drug like this should only be used under ethical cases. He thought that they were going down a path that the only reason they would have this center is because they need money. He feels that this is the first step to the legalization of marijuana and if you look at the history in other areas effects can be harsh. He used Colorado and Nebraska as an example and how Colorado is booming and Nebraska has court cases and other problems because marijuana is not legal.

Resolution #25 May 11, 2015  
By Cambridge Town Board

Resolution by Councilman Ford  
Seconded by Councilman Skiff

Title: To Support the Siting of a Medical Marijuana Cultivation Center in Washington County Pursuant to the Compassionate Care Act

WHEREAS, New York has passed the Compassionate Care Act (The Act) allowing for the use of medical marijuana in certain forms for certain medical conditions, and

WHEREAS, The Act provides for the siting of a total of five cultivation centers statewide, operating under registered organizations with regulatory oversight by the State Health Department, and

WHEREAS, Washington County's location and agricultural history makes it a logical choice for a cultivation center, and

WHEREAS, a cultivation center would also provide much needed jobs to Washington County residents, and

WHEREAS, In 2014 Washington County ranked 57<sup>th</sup> out of 57 New York Counties in the collection of Sales Tax Dollars per Capita, and

WHEREAS, much needed revenue would also be received in the form of excise tax on the operation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Cambridge Town Board hereby supports and requests the siting of a cultivation center in Washington County pursuant to the Compassionate Care Act, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Members of the Assembly Stec, Woerner and McLaughlin, Senators Little and Marchione, New York Department of Health Secretary, and New York Governor Cuomo.

Vote: Supervisor Fedler – Aye

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Councilman Ford – Aye  
Councilwoman Herrington – Aye  
Councilman Skiff – Aye  
Councilman McMurray – Noe

Councilwoman Herrington mentioned how well the Town wide roadside cleanup went. Many participated this year and Highway Superintendent Alan Davis reported that they had probably 20 bags. Councilwoman Herrington said that she put a notice in the paper of appreciation to all that participated in this clean up weekend.

Councilwoman Herrington also mentioned that if there was going to be a town picnic this year that this would have to be discussed soon. Supervisor Fedler said to bring dates and ideas to the next meeting.

The Memorial Day parade was mentioned about where the wagon would come from and when it would be decorated. Councilman Skiff said that he would have to meet with Barbara Kingsley from White Creek to decorate the float.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Alan Davis reported that rotted culvert in South Cambridge and Wright Road and also some Driveway culverts have been replaced. They have hauled some gravel from the pit on Gannon Rd. The dirt roads have been graded for the second time and some trees have been cut on Mead Rd. The Highway men attended the Defensive driving course which was at the Town Hall on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The springs have been replaced on 2005 Truck which was bought last summer. Highway Superintendent Davis did mention that he thought this was the best cleanup that the town had ever had. Highway Superintendent Davis met with DEC and tanks were inspected and some things were mentioned that needed to be taken care of. The Fuel oil tank in the Town Hall basement needed to be put in a containment system, the tanks needed to be painted. Mr. Davis also mentioned that he received a call from Bob Wright asking if the Town of Cambridge Highway Department could help do some work for the Woodland Cemetery if needed. Mr. Davis mentioned that not long ago there was an article in the Talk of the Towns magazine about cemeteries reaching out to the Board for help.

Supervisor Fedler thanked Highway Superintendent Alan Davis for his time spent and wished him good luck on his new endeavor.

Appointment Policy

Supervisor Fedler said that the board needed to set aside the appointment policy so that they could appoint a new Highway Superintendent with experience rather than run an article in the paper.

Resolution #26

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to set the appointment policy aside so that the Town can appoint someone to the Highway Superintendent position with experience and knows about road repairs.

Vote:                      Ayes – 5                      Noes – 0

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that this appointment policy was created by resolution so it could be set aside by resolution.

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Supervisor Fedler said that she spoke with the other Town Board members individually and they would like to appoint Eric Shaw to the temporary position of Highway Superintendent.

Resolution #27

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, seconded by Councilman Ford to appoint Eric Shaw to fill the remaining term as the Highway Superintendent for the Town of Cambridge effective immediately thru December 31, 2015.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

Mr. Shaw will start this week and meet with Highway Superintendent Alan Davis to go over anything that he needs to know.

Supervisor Fedler said that the Town of Cambridge would be receiving \$173,000 for CHIPS money. \$22,000 of this CHIPS money was for winter. It was mentioned that the first cut off for CHIPS money was May 15<sup>th</sup>. There was a short discussion of the payment of the CHIPS money. Supervisor Fedler said that she would be meeting with Peckhams if anyone had any ideas.

County Report/Supervisor Report combined

Supervisor Fedler said that the broadband had been mapped out and turned into the Economic Development Office so the county can get some funding. The maps that were supplied were wrong, so they are hoping to create some (these maps will determine were inter. The County applied for Community Development Block Grant to aid the Old Cambridge Hotel property into a Guest Home (Aged). One of the reasons they chose Cambridge to go to because it is a Low Medium income Supervisor Fedler mentioned that the Village of Cambridge is one of the poorest Communities (when you take the average income of people living in the Village of Cambridge).

There has been discussion on the County level of distributing larger portion of the Sales Tax money on to the Towns. Supervisor Fedler showed a new map that was of the County and the Roads and which towns maintained them. The new DPW is going over the Town and County Roads to see which ones may be able to go back to the Towns. This is a first copy and is still at the working stage. There is still discussion on replacing the County Administrator. The Supervisors have received the final fiscal report at the County and they have reviewed some of the numbers at the finance meeting.

Supervisor Fedler said that she did some research on the Fire Districts, if go on to Google and research there is a lot of information. She mentioned that all Fire Districts have to do is pass a resolution to override the tax cap. Supervisor Fedler suggested that the Board members do some research in case the board has to make a decision about a Fire district.

Mileage Policy/Procurement Policy (Credit Card Policy)

Resolution #28

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, seconded by Councilman Skiff to approve the mileage and Procurement (Credit Card) Policy for the Town of Cambridge.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

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Highway School  
Resolution #29

Councilman Skiff motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to allow the Town of Cambridge to pay for Eric Shaw's schooling for Highway superintendent.

Vote:           Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt  
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge

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