

Regular Town Board Meeting  
September 8, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Cambridge, duly called and held the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, the following were present:

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

Councilman Rob McMurray was absent.

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent Alan Davis, Astrid Davis, Bruce Bailey, Ashleigh Morris from the Eagle, Connie Watkins, Terry Hamilton

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

Supervisor Fedler opened the Public Hearing for the Local Law #1 Best Value for Bidders at 7:33 PM.

The Supervisor asked the public if they had any questions or opinions on the law. There was no comment on the Law.

Supervisor Fedler closed the Public Hearing for the Local Law #1 Best Value for the Bidders at 7:34 PM.

Supervisor Fedler called for a roll call vote:

Councilman Skiff – Aye  
Councilwoman Herrington – Aye  
Councilman Ford – Aye  
Supervisor Fedler – Aye

Because there was no motion made and seconded for this resolution it was rescinded.

Resolution #48

Councilman Skiff motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to rescind the roll call vote and pass a new resolution.

Vote:                      Ayes – 4                      Noes - 0

Adopting Local Law #1 for 2014

Resolution #49

Councilwoman Herrington motioned,  
Seconded by Councilman Skiff,  
Be It Resolved, that the Town of Cambridge adopt the Local Law #1 2014 providing the Best Value for Bidders.

Roll call vote:

Councilman Skiff – Aye  
Councilwoman Herrington – Aye

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Councilman Ford – Aye  
Supervisor Fedler – Aye  
Councilman McMurray – Absent

Auditing of the Bills

General	#159 – 175	\$ 1,301.85
Highway	#119 – 132	\$30,618.02

Approving the Minutes

Resolution #50

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to approve the minutes for the August 11, 2014 Town Board Meeting with one correction. On page 3 paragraph 1 the last sentence it should read: The boundaries of the proposed subdivision are already determined because of the lines **from** adjacent properties not **form**.

Vote:           Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt mentioned that the Standard Workday Resolution that says that it was attached to the minutes was in the Town Board packet for tonight's meeting.

Approving the Supervisor's Report

Resolution #51

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the Supervisor's Report for August 2014.

Vote:           Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

Councilman Skiff asked if there was any way that they could get the Supervisor's Report sooner than the day before the board meeting. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt said that would have to be discussed with the Clerk to the Supervisor. Supervisor Fedler suggested that Councilman Skiff speak with Margaret Shaw the Clerk to the Supervisor and maybe she could email it to him as soon as it is finished.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that the hunting licenses are going better but some of the other Agents have opted out of selling licenses. The license paper is still not working correctly in the printer so the old paper is still being used. Because Easton, Kmart and some other agents are not selling licenses the Town of Cambridge has been selling a few more licenses.

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt was contacted by CivicPlus which is a website Development company. The information that was emailed to the Town Clerk was submitted to the board in the meeting packet. CivicPlus is a company that creates websites that help local government work well with its citizens and help make their community better than it already is. The information gave different sites that could be

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viewed. The concern of this would be the cost to the Town. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt said that this information was just something for the Town Board to review and make them aware what is available. The representative for New York State would be calling the Town Clerk to discuss this more and give her a possible estimate. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt mentioned that it was possible that the website could be updated by the employees.

Communications

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported the communications that she had received this month. Information was received from the Tour of the Battenkill about the upcoming race on the dates of April 18 – 19, 2015 and that they will be seeking a resolution of support. The roads that will be traveled in the Town of Cambridge will be the same as this past year. It was discussed whether Dieter Drake had called about attending a meeting for further discussion.

The New York Department of Public Service sent information raising awareness of the Lifeline Discount Telephone Service Program and encouraging eligible consumers to enroll. This is a program designed to make basic telephone service more affordable for income-eligible consumers.

The Washington County Cares/Office for Aging and Disabilities Resources sent information that they would be hosting the Fifth Annual Health Insurance/Wellness Expo Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 12 pm to 5 pm. Medicare will have an open enrollment from October 15 through December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Planning Board Report

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported in Sally Eddy's absence that the Town of Cambridge Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting, Thursday, September 4, 2014, 7:30 PM, at the Town Hall. A full board was present along with 3 members from the public. Member Judy Leon gave a brief report about a planning and zoning seminar she attended July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Century House in Latham, NY. She commented it was very interesting and informative.

Granted Preliminary Approval to George Murray for a 11.9 acre subdivision at 1249 County Rt. 59. This parcel of land is the residual that remained and was not included in a subdivision approved in January 2014 of Mr. Murray's property. The subdivision lays north of County Rt. 59 and contains a vacant house and a garage in disrepair. The boundaries of the subdivision are already pre determined due to the parcels that surround it, along with English Rd. to the west and County Rt. 59 to the south. With the approval of this subdivision, all of Mr. Murray's land north of County Route 59 has undergone subdivision. A public hearing is scheduled for the October 2, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Murray still owns approximately 43 acres south of County Route 59 which is not involved in this proposal.

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that a letter will be sent out to Planning Board members if they are not going to attend a meeting at least they could call. It was very embarrassing to have property owners present for business and not enough members for a quorum.

Highway Report

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Highway Superintendent Alan Davis reported that they had spent several days repairing washouts and cleaning culverts out. They have also installed a driveway culvert and ditched a section on Conley Road. The highwaymen have also spent several days ditching a large section on Morris Road and Meeting House. They cleaned up a couple trees that fallen down, Chuck ran the roller for the village when they paved. The cemeteries have been moved for the final time this year. The Town of Cambridge helped White Creek haul their sand for 3 days. The 2 culverts have been replaced on South Cambridge Road and 2 on Maxwell Lane. A load of old culverts were taken to Brownells and the Town received \$172 for them. The Town of Cambridge Highway Dept. hopes to haul sand from Korb's sand pit the end of the week if all goes well. They are still mowing roadsides. Most of the blacktops are done now and they are working on the dirt roads. The Highway Superintendent received information from Capital Tractor, from Drew Roemer about the warranty on the Doosan DL200 Loader. The anniversary of the loader is approaching and a decision must be made whether to extend the warranty or not. Doosan offers both full machine and powertrain/Hydraulics plans, with the primary difference being that the Full Machine covers all electrical and climate control components in addition to the engine, powertrain and hydraulic areas of the unit. The prices are as follows:

Term (from original date of purchase)	24 mo./2,000 hrs.	36 mo./3,000 hrs.	48 mo./4,000 hrs.	60 mos./5,000 hrs.
Full Coverage	\$3288.94	\$3789.25	\$6278.31	\$6653.55
Powertrain/Hydraulics	\$2751.10	\$3163.86	\$5040.04	\$5365.24

Doosan offers coverage of new equipment for up to one year of retail delivery, policies purchased beyond the ten (10) months of the original purchase may not have claims submitted against them for sixty (60) days. A decision must be made soon in order to get submitted in time for the deadline.

Councilman Ford mentioned that under the Powertrain/Hydraulics none of the electrical is covered. The difference between the Full Coverage and Powertrain/Hydraulics being \$1300, Councilman Ford feels that it is obvious that we need the full coverage.

Councilwoman Herrington asked where the money would come from for this warranty. Supervisor Fedler said that the money would come out of the Equipment Reserve Fund because it was part of the original capital purchase. It was discussed and decided to table the decision on the Loader till next month so that the board members could hear Councilman McMurray's view on which warranty to purchase for the loader.

Supervisor Fedler asked Highway Superintendent Davis if it was time for fuel oil bids. He said that would be in the month of October. It was also mentioned that Highway Employee Steve Burke was back after six weeks of being out for medical reasons.

Councilwoman Herrington asked Highway Superintendent Davis if he would be interested in doing a field trip with the Library for the story hour children. The children would come to the highway garage and see the trucks and the equipment and how they work. Highway Superintendent said yes. Councilman Ford mentioned that someone should check with the insurance company for liability reasons.

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Change in the Speed Limit

Resolution #52

Town Board

Councilwoman Herrington motioned,  
Seconded by Councilman Skiff,

Be It Resolved that, the Town of Cambridge Road Lees Crossing from County Rt. 74 all the way to the end of the Town Line on Lees Crossing should be a speed limit of 30 mph.

Vote:                   Ayes – 4                   Noes – 0

Supervisor Report

Supervisor Fedler reported that she had talked business with some people. She also had residents call about concerns and complaints about the Dog Control Officers. She mentioned also that this was the extreme and critical time in the budget (crunching numbers).

The Association of Towns was contacted about moving the Town Board meeting in October from the 13<sup>th</sup> of October to the 6<sup>th</sup>. They said this is no problem because the date that the budget is supposed to be to the Town Board is Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>; this can be moved to the 6<sup>th</sup> of October. The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge will therefore be Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Supervisor Fedler also said that for the November meeting they would be moving the date of the Board Meeting from Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> to Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Town Board

Councilwoman Herrington reported that there would be community NOW training on October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup> 9 AM – 4 PM at the Cambridge Library. The individuals that train will learn how to be advocates and help the community and reach out to people. Councilwoman Herrington thought that they would publish this in the paper and send flyers to K – 6. Jane Wolski and Barbara Kingsley are possible advocates for the Cambridge area.

Councilwoman Herrington handed out information on the Cambridge Town Picnic 2015. In the paperwork it was suggested that this town picnic would give back to the town members and encourage Town Pride. Councilwoman Herrington has spoke with the Town of Jackson Clerk and created our picnic after what they did. The picnic would be at the County Park at Lake Lauderdale (Charges- \$2 for each car entering the park (paid by member), \$2 a person that uses pavilion – (donations) 30 people - \$60.00. The date that has been selected was Friday – July 24, 2015 6 – 8 pm. It was thought that this could be advertised by posters which could be Xerox copies on colored paper. The picnic would be advertised in news releases at 2 and 1 month – 2 weeks before (no cost). Members would be asked to bring a dish. For the Town of Jackson picnic the Town Board members donated \$20 each and this covered hotdogs, rolls, condiments, plates and plastic. Drinks are lemonade and water which were provided and other drinks can be brought.

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Councilwoman Herrington also proposed to have a Veterans Day Breakfast to honor the Veterans in the Town of Cambridge. She thought that this would be a good idea to identify all the Veterans in the Town and provide a day to meet each other.

Councilwoman Herrington suggested that they advertise with news releases: 1 month – 1 and 2 weeks. Could also make calls and or hang some posters up in Town and or website. The date of this Breakfast would be on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 with a time of either 9-11 am or 10-12 am. There would be no cost for this breakfast if donations were made of baked goods – muffins, coffee cakes, etc. and coffee, tea.

Councilwoman Herrington mentioned that she was interested in moving forward with a Plan for the Town of Cambridge. Supervisor Fedler asked if she had read the entire Comprehensive Plan and the appendixes. The Supervisor said this would be the first place to start so that she could get up to speed with the other Councilman and the Supervisor.

Councilman Ford said that he was opposed to a Plan but if the residents of the Town came to him and said that was what they wanted he would be willing. He felt that the residents voted him into office and if that was what the residents wanted he would honor it. Supervisor Fedler emphasized that a Plan for the Town of Cambridge was not something they are working on right now.

#### Budget Workshop

Supervisor Fedler asked about dates for the budget workshop. The Board decided to have the budget workshop on Thursday October 9, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

Highway Superintendent Alan Davis mentioned that the 2005 single axle truck did sell for \$4500 to someone from Maine.

#### County Report

Supervisor Fedler reported that the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the County they would be joining with finance to work on the budget for the county.

#### Privilege of the Floor

A resident of the Town thanked Councilwoman Herrington for addressing the issue of the Comprehensive Plan. He suggested that maybe the Town Board needed to have this conversation when they were done with the budget. Mr. Bailey mentioned that people are worried about how vulnerable the Town is. Councilman Skiff asked if the Town has a Comprehensive Plan does this encourage growth. There was short discussion on the possibility of the Plan and how it would affect the town. Connie Watkins mentioned that without zoning the comprehensive plan will not hold up in court.

One of the main concerns is how to have a Plan, satisfy everyone and not restrict rights on land but yet still protect the Town of Cambridge.

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There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt  
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge

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