

**Special meeting** of the Town Board was opened at 6:30 pm. Purpose of the special meeting was to review preliminary recommendations by Behan Planning for Chestertown and Pottersville Main Street Enhancement project.

Wayne LaMothe - Warren Cty Planning; and Cynthia Behan - Behan Planning and Design.

Mr.LaMothe gave some back ground information as to funding that was received for "Main Street Enhancement" for both hamlets.

Mrs.Behan did a presentation as to what areas the committees have looked at for enhancement. Both hamlets focus on the intersections and Chestertown also had ideas for the lawn in front of the town municipal center.

In both hamlets a kiosk is included.

Comments from the floor included safety and traffic issues, private business owners and their willingness to "green space" on their property, too much on front lawn of town hall (new Veteran's memorial placement), town signs/double sided; bus stopping in traffic lane; and rebuilding of curbing (Pottersville). Mrs.Behan will work on various suggestions and present them to the committees at their next meetings.

**Regular meeting** of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **May 10, 2011** at 7:30 pm in the Town of Chester Municipal Center Chestertown, NY.

Roll Call: Fred Monroe, Mike Packer, Edna Wells, Karen DuRose and Steve Durkish. Mark Schachner - Attorney for Town.

**RESOLUTION #53: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING.**

Introduced by Mrs.DuRose, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr.Durkish to accept minutes of the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. AYE 5 NO 0

Supervisor Monroe asked for input from the Town Board in respect to the Veteran's memorial placement. All board members were in favor of the plans and incorporating the memorial in with a plan for use of the town hall lawn area. Mrs.Behan will do a re-design on what the Veterans have requested and what the board suggest.

**Privilege of the floor:**

**Linda Muench** request resolution for ordering the planters for Chestertown. This was discuss at last month meeting.

Discussion on using an Adirondack theme. The planters are more of a "federal" theme and the new design for a town hall sign is of that design also, along with some of the older buildings in the hamlet of Chestertown.

Pottersville may not be interested in white planters and perhaps may choose to keep the barrels. Pottersville committee will meet to discuss planters and if they want to go with the white planters that Chestertown is going to order.

**RESOLUTION #54: APPROVE REQUEST TO ORDER PLANTERS FOR CHESTERTOWN.**

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr.Packer to approve the request to order the 28 planters at a cost of \$2800. AYE 5 NO 0

**RESOLUTION #55: APPROVE REQUEST OF HAWAJIN HARIJAN FOR USE OF AUDITORIUM FOR MUSIC INSTRUCTION.**

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.DuRose to approve request of Hawazin Harijan, music instructor, for use of auditorium from June 27 to August 22, on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 10 AM to 1 PM. Lessons would be for guitar and piano. Also request use of piano and he would pay for tuning of the piano. 10% of fees collected would be paid to the Town for use of space. AYE 5 NO 0

**James McDermott - Judge** - a question has come up about having a "court officer" on court days and also for night court. Discussion on "court officer" caring a gun or not. Supervisor Monroe asked Judge McDermott if he had a problem maintaining order in the court. The Judge said no, but an officer were keep things quiet. Tabled until next meeting. Mr.Schachner will research.

**Joe Koch - Schroon Lake Park Association, East Shore Association and Schroon Lake Park District** - addressed the town board again on having the town adopt a noise ordinance for the part of Schroon Lake that is in the Town of Chester. Mr.Koch stated that both Town of Schroon and Town of Horicon have passed noise ordinance. Supervisor Monroe again asked the town board if there was any support or interest in adopting a noise ordinance. None of the boards were in support of adopting a noise ordinance for the portion of Schroon Lake that is in the Town of Chester.

**RESOLUTION #56: APPROVE REQUEST OF LOU BRUNO AND COLE PFLEGL FOR USE OF FIELD FOR FLY FISHING SCHOOL.**

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr.Packer to approve request of Lou Bruno and Cole Pflagl to use the area parallel to Route 8, below the Chamber building for fly fishing casting school practice area. Certificate of liability insurance will be given to town.

AYE 5 NO 0

**Old business:**

**Zoning Amendments - floating objects local law** - this was not included when the other amendments were sent to the Park Agency last month. Mr.Schachner will provide the corrected draft to town clerk to send to the Park Agency.

**RESOLUTION #57: SEND FLOATING OBJECTS LOCAL LAW TO APA FOR THEIR DETERMINATION.**

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.DuRose to send the Local Law amending the Chester Zoning Law relating to moorings and swim floats to Adirondack Park Agency for their determination. AYE 5 NO 0

**RERSOLUTION #58: SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING AMENDMENTS.**

Introduced by Mr.Packer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.Wells to set date of July 12, 2011 at 7:30 pm for a public hearing on all of the zoning amendments that were approved by the Adirondack Park Commission.

AYE 5 NO 0

**Water main extension** - reported that a meeting will be set with engineers to talk about putting the main further down on main street and possibly down to Peckham property. Supervisor Monroe has also recently met with Warren County Economic Development and he felt that there was a lot of support there and may be able to receive grants. Temporary solution is the town will supply water to the existing system and maintain it.

**Board of Assessment Review member and alternate vacancies.**

**RESOLUTION #59: APPOINT ARNOLD JENSEN TO BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW TO FILL VACANCY ON BOARD.**

Introduced by Mr.Packer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.Wells to appoint Arnold Jensen to Board of Assessment Review to fill the term of office of Robert Thurling. Term of office is until September 30<sup>th</sup> , 2011.

AYE 5 NO 0

**RESOLUTION #60: RE-APPOINT RICHARD BUMP AND HAROLD ELLSWORTH TO PLANNING BOARD.**

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr.Packer to re-appoint Richard Bump to planning board for 7 year term and Harold Ellsworth to fill vacancy of Robert Thurling, whose term expires in 2013.

Roll Call: Fred Monroe - AYE Mike Packer - AYE Edna Wells -AYE  
Steve Durkish - AYE Karen DuRose - abstain.

**Restrooms at Dynamite Hill - no bids were received.** Concerns over the town water source and the proposed location of bathrooms. Discussion again on pumping sewage up to the chamber building and if there is any issue with health department.

Jason gave the one estimate to board last month.

Permit would be required.

Jason has spoken with the health department and was told that if the setbacks are met for the existing septic tank than it should be ok. He did not get any more estimates or quotes.

**RESOLUTION #61: RETAIN ENGINEER TO DO A COST ESTIMATE AND A PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr.Durkish to retain an engineer to do a preliminary design estimate and cost for bathrooms at the bottom of Dynamite Hill, near the ball field, and to contact State Health Department for feed back and preliminary approval.

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**John West - Parks department** - inquired about having the area at Dynamite, in front of the building, black topped. Supervisor Monroe suggest that John talk to Gary (highway superintendent) to see if this could be done with existing paving budget. If not this year, consideration will be given to put in budget for 2012.

**Ark on Valley Farm Road** - Mr.Schachner stated that he had given information to Gary Clark - highway superintendent, and if Gary has any questions he can call Mr.Schachner. Tabled.

**New Business:**

**CT Male discussion regarding Brownfields Grant - Kirk Moline -managing geologist** - Supervisor Monroe explained there is a safety issue with the building at 10 Pine St (104.10-4-5). Dangerous building inspection was done March 22 and building was declared unsafe, so building either needs to be made safe or demolished (and removed). Should the building be torn down by the town, cost is then added to the town and county tax bill. Another concern is that there still may be in ground gasoline tanks and possibly contamination to the ground (this property had been a repair garage).

Supervisor Monroe again reviewed the problems with the ownership of the building and that the subsidiary and prior Lincoln Log owners are in bankruptcy.

Mr.Moline explained various alternatives/programs through the Brownfields Grant program. New York State spills may be an option. Before DEC would come and look at the property, contamination would need to be identified. Mr.Moline stated there is "something referred to as temporary incidence of Ownership, whereby the county (order from a judge) could investigate the site for tanks and contamination and if consulting engineers found contamination, they are required by law to inform the state. This would then put the site within the spills program and the current owner is then responsible for clean up.

Supervisor Monroe stated that now that the inspection has been done a hearing would be held and owner notified to attend for input/comments. Supervisor Monroe explained that there is two separate issues: 1. Does the town tear the building down. 2. Follow procedure recommended by Mr.Moline.

Mr.Schachner inquired if any one has contacted DEC in regards to conducting a spill identification.

**RESOLUTION #62: SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE UNSAFE BUILDING REPORT ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10 PINE STREET.**

Introduced by Mrs.DuRose, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.Wells to set date for public hearing on May 31, 2011 at 7:30 pm to discuss whether the property located at 10 Pine Street (104.10-4-5) should be deemed an unsafe building and if so, subject to possible demolition.

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Further discussion on about DEC's involvement.

**Outdoor sign design and location** - town board was in favor of the design that was proposed. Discussion on signs being two sided and two separate signs, with Town offices listed on one side and businesses listed on the other side. And also have "changeable" space for meetings, etc. Mrs.Behan will do a design. Cost has been included in the budget.

**Railroads on Parade - request for water main** - Mr.Dunham explained what has been happening at the site of Railroads on Parade and that for the past 10 weeks work has stopped, waiting for Warren County Buidling Code decisions (sprinkler system, etc.). The water main is located on the opposite of Route 9 and it could take as long as 8 weeks to have all paper work and permits in place to cut across Rt. 9, so that a sprinkler system could be installed. Mr.Dunham stated that if that was the case, he would no doubt lose his backer and the project would stop. Jason Monroe, water superintendent, has done measurements and also discussed with adjoining property owner, Roger Peet, about tapping into his line. Mr.Peet did not have a problem with that. This would eliminate cutting Route 9, but Jason did not know if that would be adequate.

Mrs.Dunham stated that their insurance company was not in favor of a sprinkler system in a museum, especially because the train museum is all electronic. Mr.Dunham has obtained an estimate from Mahoney's Systems for a fire system.

Mr.Dunham stated that a meeting is set for tomorrow to discuss a fire alarm system, and other issues (structural load / occupancy number). Town Board is supportive of Railroads of Parade. Supervisor Monroe will try to attend meeting.

**RESOLUTION #63: TOWN BOARD EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR RAILROADS ON PARADE IN THE HAMLET OF POTTERSVILLE.**

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.Wells:

Resolution expressing support for "Railroads on Parade" and urging Warren County Code Enforcement Office to make any discretionary decisions possible and necessary to facilitate project development as soon as possible. AYE 5 NO 0

**Request to accept debris at transfer station from recent flooding** - no action at this time.

**VFW Memorial in Pottersville. Move to Pottersville Firehouse** - it is being considered to move the VFW Memorial to the park in Pottersville, where the fountain is located.

**John Ketchmar - request for 20 mph speed limit on Carl Turner Road** - Supervisor Monroe will contact Mr.Ketchmar and inform him of prior request (2003).

**Request to consider Loon Lake boat launch steward program. 20 hrs/week**

**7am to 1pm (5 pm Fri).** Review of hand-out. Purpose of program is to provide information to boaters regarding milfoil.

**RESOLUTION #64: TOWN BOARD IS IN SUPPORT OF THE LOON LAKE STEWARD PROGRAM .**

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr.Durkish:  
Town Board of the Town of Chester is in support of the Loon Lake Steward program and that the anticipated budget will be between \$1600-\$2000 and be funded through the Loon Lake Park District.

AYE 5 NO 0

**RESOLUTION #65: AUTHORIZE HIRING JILL CLARK FOR LIFEGUARD.**

Introduced by Mr.Monroe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.Wells authorize hiring Jill Clark for the third lifeguard at Loon Lake Beach for the 2011 season.

AYE 5 NO 0

**Lifeguards** will be taking safety course at Tupper Lake.

**Flower watering schedule** - suggest 3 times a week, depending on the weather. Mrs. Muench felt that with the new pots that may be adequate.

**RESOLUTION 66: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT AND APPROVE CLAIMS PAID PRIOR TO AUDIT.**

Introduced by Mrs.Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.DuRose authorizing payment of abstract:

General Fund	\$37,295.38	( 147-190)
Highway Fund	\$27,665.91	( 77- 91)
Chestertown water	\$ 2,494.94	( 17- 25)
Pottersville Water	\$ 1,932.36	( 16- 22)
Library	\$ 1,476.18	( 13- 19)
Schroon Lk pk dist	\$10,844.58	( 1 )

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**Food pantry worker applications - 19 applications were received.**

**Motion** by Mr.Monroe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs.Wells Town Board went into Executive Session at 10:20 pm to review food pantry applications and park department employment. Motion by Mr.Monroe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr.Packer Town Board resumed regular session at 11:00 pm. No action taken.

Town board will conduct interviews with some of the food pantry applicants on May 31, 2011 starting at 7:45 pm so.

Motion by Mr.Monroe meeting was adjourned at 11:10 pm.

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Town Clerk

