

Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester was held **November 14, 2006** at 7:00 pm in the Town of Chester Municipal Center Chestertown, NY.

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

Steve LaMere - reported on milfoil in Loon Lake. Mr.LaMere said that an in depth inspection was done and approximately 25 sights were located. Hand harvesting was done from June through September 2006. He feels that the milfoil can be controlled with management. Complete report has been given to Supervisor Monroe.

Public Hearings:

Clerk read notice for Public Hearing on "uses for auditorium". Supervisor Monroe declared hearing opened at 7:00 pm.

1. Auditorium uses in Town Municipal Center - 7:00 pm.

Public comments and many letters in support of keeping the auditorium as is and not to revert back to a "gym" type facility. Al Hyslop read his letter in regards to various activities/plays and how change would hamper the progress that has been done since the town has moved into the old school building.

Greg Beckler presented the Town Board with the petition requesting that the auditorium be "a community center to meet the needs of all town residents". Approximately 122 signatures.

Mr.Beckler gave an in-depth time line (1998-2006) on the auditorium/gym and what town board feelings were in regards to the space and uses.

Mr.Clark Dunham stated that the current stage that exist now can be dismantled - but it is not the flexible stage that was included in his original proposal (flexible stage could have been rearranged and or dismantled within a few hours).

Over all feeling was to keep the "theater setting", but improve what is there and utilize space. North Warren School is open for public use on a first come base (for various activities - gym, weight room, walking, etc.)

Explanation was given as to why a Capital Reserve Fund was established for a proposed youth center - some people in the community were willing to donate and the only way to keep such funds separate and "earmarked" for such a facility was for the Town Board to create a Capital Reserve Fund. Which was done and no funds have been appropriated at this time.

Supervisor Monroe closed the public hearing at 8:07 pm.

RESOLUTION #170: ESTABLISH CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR RECEIVING DONATIONS FOR AUDITORIUM.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the auditorium. Purpose of fund is for receiving

donations to go forward with a flexible stage plan, which may be part of Phase 2 of original plan that was presented in 2001.

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2. Zoning amendments - 7:30 pm.

Clerk read notice for Public Hearing on three zoning amendments.

Mr.Schachner gave brief review of the three zoning amendments.

1. To include what constitutes a boundary line adjustment.
2. Create a Friends Lake Overlay District - this would prohibit certain types of mining operations in the mapped area.
3. To re-include the "junk" provisions from the "old" zoning law. (which were overlooked in the new zoning ordinance)

Supervisor Monroe opened public hearing at 8:15 pm.

Supervisor Monroe read email that was received (11-13-06 @5:08pm) from APA in regards to the zoning amendments. APA has not completed their review, but did provide some suggestions to be reviewed.

Junk - Mr.Schachner explained that the purpose of amendment is to make clear that accumulation or storage of material which doesn't fall within certain exceptions, than a permit is required for operating a "junk yard".

Discussion on "junk" and "junk yard" definitions, areas that allow junk yards - subject to sight plan review, and "grandfather" / pre-existing use.

APA has suggested that the Town can pass a Local Law on junk.

Further discussion on the Town passing a local law on "junk" and who and how would it be enforced.

Boundary Line adjustments are usually initiated by property owners, usually as the result of an encroachment. Discussion on adjustments being made that would make lots that are non-sub dividable into ones that could be.

Friends Lake Overlay District - Wilson Mathias, Attorney for Peckham Materials, stated that Peckham Materials have co-operated with the Friends Lake Association on this overlay district and Peckham's do not for-see their activities impacting FLPA.

Supervisor Monroe closed public hearing on zoning amendments at 9:00pm.

RESOLUTION #171: AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN TO DRAFT LOCAL LAW IN REGARDS TO JUNK.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells authorizing, Mark Schachner, Attorney for the Town, to draft a Local Law in regards to junk in the Town of Chester. AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #172: AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNK LOCAL LAW.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells authorizing clerk to advertise for public hearing on December 12th, 2006 at 7:00 pm on Junk Local Law. AYE 5 NO 0

In respect to the boundary line adjustment and overlay district Mr.Monroe and Mr.Schachner will meet with APA to review the proposed amendments.

RESOLUTION #173: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.DuRose to accept minutes of the October 3, 10th and 30th Town Board meetings. AYE 5 NO 0

Privilege of the Floor: - none

OLD BUSINESS:

Status of solid waste study - Supervisor Monroe stated that RS Lynch has completed the survey and would like to schedule a time to review the report. Councilperson Shaw would like to see this done at a regular meeting. Tentative date for report review is set for the regular meeting on January 9, 2007.

Status of Pottersville Street light project - project is in the last stages of completion and lights should be operating around Thanksgiving week.

Robbins proposal to sell property - Town Board is declining the invitation to purchase property at this time. Funds are not available.

Restore New York & Trails Grant status - Supervisor Monroe reported that Town of Chester did not receive funds for either grants that were submitted.

New Business:

RESOLUTION #174: SET DATES FOR END OF YEAR MEETING IN DECEMBER AND RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING IN JANUARY.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells to set the following dates: End of year meeting to be held December 28 (Thursday) at 7:00pm and Re-Organizational meeting to be held January 3, 2007 (Wednesday) at 7:00 pm. Both meetings will be held at the Town of Chester Municipal Center. AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #175: AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR #2 FUEL OIL, DIESEL FUEL AND KEROSENE FOR TOWN BUILDINGS AND BIDS FOR WEEKLY SENIOR CITIZEN MINI-BUS TRANSPORTATION.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mrs.Wells authorizing clerk to advertise for the following bids:

1. #2 fuel oil, diesel fuel and kerosene and provide emergency service for all town locations, listed in ad, other than the new Town Municipal Center, and prepare a separate bid for fuel oil for the Town of Chester Municipal Center, with a minimum deliver of 5000 gallons.

2. bids for weekly mini-bus transportation to Glens Falls for Senior Citizens during the fiscal year 2007. 15 passenger seating. Bid openings to be held December 12, 2006 at 7:30pm.

AYE 5 NO 0

RESOLUTION #176: AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON 2007 CONTRACTS.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells authorizing clerk to advertise for public hearings on December 12th, 2006 at 7:35 pm at the Town Hall, Chestertown, NY on proposed contracts with: North Warren Chamber of Commerce, Inc. to act as advertising agent for the Town of Chester in the amount of \$10,000. (code A6410.4) Contract with North Warren Emergency Squad to furnish emergency ambulance service in the Town of Chester in the amount of \$50,000 (code A4540.4) Contract with North Creek Fire District to provide fire protection in the amount of \$20,000; contract with Riverside Volunteer Fire Co. to provide fire protection in the amount of \$7,000 and **Chestertown Fire Company to also provide protection in the Riverside Fire Protection District in the amount of \$5,000.**

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SEQR review of proposed zoning amendments. Formal referral to APA.

Include reason for proposals - no action taken at this time. Supervisor Monroe and Mr. Schachner will meet with APA to review comments received (November 13 email from James Connolly).

Dr. Delman request for consideration of a ban on burn barrels -

discussion on enforcement of burn barrels, as to who should be called - state, county, town, or DEC rangers. Mr. Tennyson will provide information to Town Board on burn barrels. **Tabled.**

Nicole Howe proposal to Dynamite Hill use as a youth center -

Supervisor Monroe, John West and Nicole Howe toured the Dynamite Hill building. Minor renovations could be done on the lower level (wall removal, drop ceiling and change heat ducts and install carpet that was leftover from town hall) to accommodate a "youth center space". Discussion on supervision and items that could be purchased.

RESOLUTION #177: APPROVE RENOVATIONS TO DYNAMITE HILL BUILDING.

Introduced by Mr. Shaw, 2nd by Mrs. Wells to approve renovations to the Dynamite Hill (hut) building on the first level to accommodate space for youth center. Renovations to be done: wall removal, drop ceiling, move heat ducts and install carpet. Volunteers will help with renovations and request Jason Monroe to oversee project.

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Blythefield Fence Inc submitted a proposal for the fence enclosure at the Spring Street water tank area. Supervisor Monroe reported that the survey of the land has been completed and copies of the map are

available. Fence project tabled at this time until property boundaries have been determined. **Tabled.**

CSEA negotiation status - at this time health insurance is being reviewed by CSEA and the Town. Both are researching various policies, in regards to coverage and cost. Supervisor Monroe stated that options are changing daily on coverage and caps and some plans do not cover retirees.

Discussion on the Town's data collector (works out of assessor 's office) entering private property without an invitation or announcing his presence. Supervisor Monroe will speak with Mr.Maniacek, and Mr.Schachner will see how this is handled in other towns.

Tree planting grant application - required match can be done through in kind services.

Parking lot lights - Board decided to just replace bulbs and check light by library entrance.

RESOLUTION #178: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACT.

Introduced by Mr.Packer, 2nd by Mrs.Wells authorizing payment of abstract:

General Fund	\$ 51,649.40	(489-539)
Highway Fund	\$ 25,954.35	(202-227)
Chestertown water	\$ 2,676.45	(53- 57)
Pottersville Water	\$ 292.91	(40- 43)
Library	\$ 512.69	(50- 52)
Loon Lake Park Dist	\$ 1,545.61	(10- 00)
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RESOLUTION #179: AUTHORIZE THE REMOVAL OF BACKBOARDS IN AUDITORIUM.

Introduced by Mr.Shaw, 2nd by Mr.Packer authorizing the removal of the basketball backboards and hardware that are in the auditorium in the Town of Chester Municipal center.

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Motion made by Mr.Monroe meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Town Clerk

TOWN OF CHESTER

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Chester, Warren County, on the 12th day of December 2006 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall, Chestertown, New York regarding the adoption of a Local Law on junk.

At said hearing all interested persons may appear and will be given an opportunity to be heard either in support of or in opposition to said proposed local law.

Bernice Roberts, Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE - PLEASE PUBLISH ONE TIME

Town of Chester Budget Adoption.

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Chester, Warren County, NY after a public hearing on November 9 2006 adopted the budget for the fiscal year beginning on January 1, 2007 and ending on December 31, 2007.

Said adopted budget is available for inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, 6309 St Rt 9 Chestertown, NY. during regular business hours.

Bernice Roberts, Town Clerk

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Town Board of the Town of Chester, Warren County, NY does hereby invite sealed bids for the sale and delivery of

#2 Fuel Oil
Low sulfur diesel fuel
kerosene

and a separate price for minimum delivery of 5000 gallons fuel oil for the new Town Hall.

All bidders must have and so state, that a qualified serviceman is available for any required emergency service upon no more than two hours notice.

All bids will be based on the tank wagon low price for all products.

All bids must be in an envelope marked "Bids for fuel, diesel fuel and kerosene."

Bids will be accepted by the Town Clerk, Chestertown, NY on or before December 12, 2006 at 7:30pm at which time they will be opened and read publicly at the Town Hall, Chestertown, NY.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Town Board of the Town of Chester, Warren County, NY does hereby invite sealed bids for mini-bus service to provide weekly transportation for Senior Citizens during the year of 2007. Bids should state the amount per week and total number of weeks for the year. The successful bidder must provide proof that he is a properly licensed public carrier with authority to conduct the specified program from the NY State Transportation Dept., Division of Regulatory Affairs, and must provide proof of public liability insurance. All bids must be in an envelope marked "Senior Citizens/Mini-bus service".

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All interested persons will be heard concerning same at this time.
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