

Clifton Park Town Board Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2004

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:00 p.m., Supervisor Barrett presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Present: Councilman Paolucci
Councilman Speckhard
Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit
Supervisor Barrett
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Also Present: Town Attorney Trainor
Patricia Haffner, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs
Mark Heggen, Comptroller
Jason Kemper, Director of Planning
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development
Michael O'Brien, Environmental Specialist
Michael Shahan, Town Administrator
Walter Smead, Assessor

MOTION by Councilman Paolucci, seconded by Councilman Roth, to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2004 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

MOTION CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett thanked all who attended the Western Part of Town GEIS Workshop for their input, noting over 150 people were in attendance.

The Supervisor reported the school has soccer fields available on Saturdays which should eliminate the problems at Parkside Trail.

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Director of Community Affairs, Barbara McHugh, presented the Town of Clifton Park 2003 E-Government Status Report and the Rationale for the Creation of the E-Government Planning and Oversight Committee, both attached.

Town Administrator Shahan reviewed his monthly report including improvements to the Public Safety Building and the expansion of the State Police into the former Water Authority offices. He said he has asked Ms. Haffner for a schedule of practices at Parkside Trail. Mr. Shahan said a schedule is in place for the new Safety Officer.

Town Comptroller Heggen reported the Annual Financial Report has been filed with the state.

Resolution No. 139 of 2004, a resolution appointing Rosemary Maguire as part-time clerk for the Board of Assessment Review.

Introduced by Councilman Paolucci, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Roth.

WHEREAS, Walter Smead, the Sole Assessor for the Town of Clifton Park, has requested that Rosemary Maguire, Woodside Drive, Clifton Park, be appointed as a part-time clerk for the Board of Assessment Review to process grievances during the Board of Review process time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Rosemary Maguire, 7 Woodside Drive, Clifton Park, be appointed as a part-time clerk to the Board of Assessment Review to process grievances on May 25, 2004, at Grade 3, Step 1, to be paid as budgeted from A1355-014 (Board of Assessment Review).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 140 of 2004, a resolution designating May 17 - 24, 2004 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Introduced by Supervisor Barrett, who moved its adoption, seconded by the entire Town Board.

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service, and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury, and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services providers have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health system, and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others, and

WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical services providers are volunteers, and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills, and

WHEREAS, Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week, and

WHEREAS, injury prevention and the appropriate use of the EMS system will help reduce national health care costs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park in recognition of this event does hereby proclaim May 17 - 24, 2004 as Emergency Medical Services Week and encourages the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 141 of 2004, a resolution accepting the Environmental Assessment for the

proposed corner park at Clifton Park Center and Moe Roads.

Introduced by Councilman Roth, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Paolucci.

WHEREAS, the town's Environmental Specialist has completed a short Environmental Assessment Form regarding the proposed corner park at the corner of Clifton Park Center and Moe Roads, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park is the lead agency for SEQRA purposes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, as lead agency, hereby accepts the Environmental Assessment completed by the town's Environmental Specialist for the proposed park at the corner of Clifton Park Center and Moe Roads and finds the proposed action to be unlisted pursuant to SEQRA, and hereby issues a negative declaration regarding the same.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 142 of 2004, a resolution authorizing a member of the Open Space Committee to attend the Smart Growth Quality Communities Conference.

Introduced by Councilman Paolucci, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Roth.

WHEREAS, William Mackesey, a member of the Open Space Committee, has requested permission to attend the Smart Growth Quality Communities Conference to be held in Albany, New York on May 25 - 26, 2004 at a cost of \$185, and

WHEREAS, the amount has been budgeted for 2004 in budget line item A-8560-135 (Open Space) and his attendance at the Seminar would provide a benefit to the Town citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that William Mackesey is authorized to attend the Smart Growth Quality Communities Conference in Albany, New York on May 25 - 26, 2004 at a cost not to exceed \$185 to be paid as budgeted from A-8560-135 (Open Space).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No.143 of 2004, a resolution authorizing a member of the Planning Board to attend the Land Use Law Conference.

Introduced by, Councilman Paolucci who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Roth.

WHEREAS, Raymond d'Amico, Member and Vice Chairman of the Planning Board, has requested permission to attend the Land Use Law Conference in to be held in Albany, New York on May 20-21, 2004 at a cost of \$375, and

WHEREAS, the amount has been budgeted for 2004 in budget line item A-8020-015 (Planning Board-Operations) and his attendance at the Seminar would confer a benefit to the Town residents and to the Planning Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Raymond d'Amico is hereby authorized to attend the Land Use Law Conference in Albany, New York on May 20-21, 2004 at a cost not to exceed \$375 to be paid as budgeted from A-8020-015 (Planning Board-Operations).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 144 of 2004, a resolution appointing Steffen Buck as a part-time Security Officer.

Introduced by Councilman Roth, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Paolucci.

WHEREAS, an opening exists for a part-time Security Officer, and

WHEREAS, Steffen Buck, 39 Vosburgh Road, Mechanicville, successfully passed the Civil Service Exam for the position of Security Officer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Steffen Buck, 39 Vosburgh Road, Mechanicville, is hereby appointed as a part-time Security Officer for the Town of Clifton Park at Grade 3, Step 1 (\$12.31 per hour), to be paid as budgeted from A3120-E4000 (Security-Part-time Employees), effective May 18, 2004.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 145 of 2004, a resolution establishing the summer schedule for Town Board meetings in 2004.

Introduced by Councilman Paolucci, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to set the summer meeting schedule at two meetings per month consistent with past practice; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby establishes the following summer schedule for July and August 2004:

Tuesday July 6, 2004

Monday July 19, 2004

Monday August 2, 2004

Monday August 16, 2004

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 146 of 2004, a resolution hiring a Site Director and a Physical Education Specialist for the "Full Day" Day Camp program.

Introduced by Councilman Roth, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Paolucci.

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs has identified a need for a Site Director and a Physical Education Specialist for the “Full Day” Day Camp program, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs has recommended that Patricia Howland-Price, 34 Mohawk Trail, Clifton Park, be hired as the Site Director and that Mark Mongiardo, 45 Via DaVinci, Clifton Park, be hired as the Physical Education Specialist for the “Full Day” Day Camp program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Patricia Howland-Price, 34 Mohawk Trail, Clifton Park, is hereby hired as the Site Director for the “Full Day” Day Camp program and that Mark Mongiardo, 45 Via DaVinci, Clifton Park, is hired as the Physical Education Specialist for the “Full Day” Day Camp program, at a salary of \$6,600 for the Site Director for the season, and \$2,970 for the Physical Education Specialist for the season, effective immediately, to be paid as budgeted from A7320-E9000 (Site Director-Specialist).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 147 of 2004, a resolution creating an E-Government Permanent Internal Oversight and Planning Committee and appointing members to the Committee.

Introduced by Councilman Paolucci, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Speckhard.

WHEREAS, Clifton Park has been an innovative leader in E-Government, initiating a Town-wide web presence in partnership with a local business in 1999, establishing a one stop source for information about government, the community and its numerous organizations and groups, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the need to remain vigilant and current on evolving technology, information systems and computerized applications, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to establish an E-Government Permanent Internal Oversight and Planning Committee, comprised of representatives of all Town Departments, and

WHEREAS, the Mission of the E-Government Committee is to recommend improved and enhanced means and methods through which citizens can access information and conduct E-Government business on-line via the internet; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby creates an E-Government Permanent Internal Oversight and Planning Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints members to the Committee per Schedule A.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 148 of 2004, a resolution authorizing the hiring of two summer workers for the Buildings and Grounds Department.

Introduced by Councilman Roth, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, a need exists for summer workers in the Buildings and Grounds Department, and

WHEREAS, Michael Handerhan, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, has recommended that Daniel Lynch, 13 Torrey Pines, Clifton Park and Christopher J. Butler, 5 Berkshire Drive West, Clifton Park, be hired to fill these positions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Daniel Lynch, 13 Torrey Pines, Clifton Park and Christopher J. Butler, 5 Berkshire Drive West, Clifton Park, are hereby hired as summer workers for the Buildings and Grounds Department, at \$7.50 per hour, to be paid as budgeted from A7110 E4000, (Buildings and Grounds Summer Hire), effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 149 of 2004, a resolution accepting a conveyance of the following drainage easements.

Introduced by Councilman Paolucci, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman

Speckhard.

WHEREAS, as a condition of approval of the David P. Triller Subdivision, located on Vischer Ferry Road in the Town of Clifton Park, the Town of Clifton Park Planning Board required that the developer convey certain drainage easements to the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the conveyance of the following easements briefly described as follows:

Type Name of Owner

2 Drainage Easements over a Portion David P. Triller
of Lots No. 2 and 3, Vischer Ferry Road

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this conveyance is expressly conditioned upon receipt of an approval by the Town Attorney, Highway Superintendent and Town Engineer of all necessary documents, provision of a title report which is acceptable to the Town Attorney, and upon payment of all taxes and assessments, and be it further

RESOLVED, that there be appended to the within resolution a copy of the recorded conveyance after it has been returned from the Saratoga County Clerk; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Superintendent of Highways be and he is authorized to post all necessary regulatory signs if any.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth,
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

MOTION BY Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Motion unanimously carried at 7:50 p.m.

In attendance: Supervisor Barrett, Councilman Paolucci, Councilman Speckhard, Councilman Roth, Councilwoman Walowit, Town Attorney Trainor, Town Administrator Shahan, Town Clerk O'Donnell.

No action was taken.

MOTION to return to the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

James Ruhl, Wooddale Drive, read a statement, attached, opposing the Exxon Mobil project on Ushers Road.

Mike Abele said the Clifton Park Town Board approved a resolution granting water for his Town of Halfmoon Boyack subdivision, however, when the Town of Halfmoon rejected his original proposal, the Town of Clifton Park rescinded the resolution. An Article 78 against the Town of Halfmoon was decided in his favor for an additional six lots. Mr. Abele asked that the Town of Clifton Park reintroduce the resolution authorizing water access for these six lots. He reported Water Authority Director Don Austin who said he has no problem as long as the applications fees are paid.

Bill Mackesey, South Hollow Drive, and Chairman of the Longkill I Park District thanked the town for allowing the park district to go forward with the new lining for the pool and various landscaping proposals. He said Mr. Ruhl's recommendation of a trail juncture/pocket park at the corner of Ushers and Van Patten Road could be a viable answer for parkland at the right cost. Mr. Mackesey said the Trails Committee has been concerned with the proposed gas station at that location and the impact to the Van Patten trail.

Gary Olsen, Saratoga Springs, spoke with regard to the PDD application his company filed regarding a senior housing project on Maxwell Road. He said he would be happy to answer any questions but if there are none, asked the Board to send the PDD to the Planning Board.

Councilman Roth said a committee has been formed to listen to senior housing presentations. He stated what is needed is a combination of low and middle income housing. He reported the committee is developing a list of essential items as to what is needed for the senior population in this community, one of which is two-story buildings, not three. Councilman Roth said this project is a three-story building and he opposes it because of the possibility of having to evacuate three stories and of residents' receiving medical assistance in a decent amount of time. He questioned the location of the elevator and expressed concern that there would be no pull cords in the apartments. He said he could not support this PDD because of the three-stories.

Councilman Paolucci said having transportation as part of the senior housing PDD is very important.

Norman Goldman, London Square Drive, said he sees a need for rents in the \$500-\$600 range which would probably need subsidizing.

Speaking with regard to the future of the western part of town, Mr. Goldman stated

though the conservation easement program is good, it is temporary and permanent easements are needed. He would like to see the town approve a bond resolution for \$20 million for permanent easements and purchase property at a price that is no more than the current assessment plus the cost of living. Mr. Goldman said since this is a town issue, the whole town should pay for it.

Mr. Mackesey, speaking with regard to senior housing, said it is very difficult to extricate patients without adequate elevators and one elevator in a three-story building is not adequate.

Gary Olsen responded that each building calls for two elevators and pull cords can be added to apartments. In terms of transportation, he said this project is geared toward “fit” adults who typically have their own cars, however, the company would be happy to contribute cash toward the Town of Clifton Park purchasing another bus or operating a transportation system. With regard to tax credit issues, he stated these are federal tax credits used in the financing of the project and have nothing to do with taxing on a local community. He stated, if built today, the rent of a one bedroom apartment would be \$595 after the reduction of the utility allotment. Mr. Olsen said the architects are reviewing if the footprint of the building can be increased for a two-story. He noted a certain number of units is necessary in order to justify the cost. He stated this is not assisted living.

MOTION by Councilman Paolucci, seconded by Councilman Roth, to adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting or any other meeting necessary for the conduct of Town business.

Motion carried at 8:50 p.m.

Patricia O’Donnell
Town Clerk