

August 5, 2013

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 Whalen  
Councilwoman Standaert  
Councilwoman Walowit  
Supervisor Barrett  
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Absent: Councilman Romano

Also Present: Deputy Town Attorney Peller  
Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways  
Mark Heggen, Comptroller  
Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs  
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development  
Michael Montague, Environmental Specialist  
Michael O'Brien, Collection System Manager  
Louis Pasquarell, Director of Safety and Security  
John Scavo, Director of Planning  
Walter Smead, Assessor

MOTION BY Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2013 meeting as presented.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert,  
Councilman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Romano

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Supervisor Barrett announced the town sponsored blood drive will be held August 14<sup>th</sup> from noon to 6:00 pm.

Supervisor Barrett reviewed events planned and thanked all involved for the National Night Out –Shoot Out on the Common to be held August 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. He thanked Frank Massa, Tony Dzikas and Brian Minor for their input in the plans for the new basketball court.

**PRESENTATION**

Supervisor Barrett presented the following Resolution to the Electric City Clowns:

Resolution No. 173 of 2013, a resolution proclaiming the first week of August 2013 as International Clown Week.

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

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Clifton Park recognize the importance of laughter in their lives, and

WHEREAS, Clowns have long been known as ambassadors of joy and good will and bring happiness to both children and adults, and

WHEREAS, it is universally known that laughter is the best medicine, and

WHEREAS, Clowns can make people forget their pain, sadness, illness and distress, and

WHEREAS, Clowns have helped us preserve our sense of humor and ability to laugh at ourselves, and

WHEREAS, Clowns encourage laughter in people from young to old, and rich and poor alike, and

WHEREAS, Clowns can dissolve thoughts of prejudice and intolerance of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park does hereby proclaim that the week of August 1-7, 2013, shall be recognized as International Clown Week within the Town of Clifton Park and shall encourage all citizens to give fitting recognition to the clowns of the world.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Romano

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 174 of 2013, a resolution authorizing the Clifton Park Town Court to increase its petty cash by \$100 for each Judge.

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

WHEREAS, New York State has increased surcharges by \$8, and

WHEREAS, Clifton Park Town Court will need to have sufficient cash on hand to make change, and

WHEREAS, there is currently \$50 for each Judge in the court's petty cash account, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Court Clerk and Town Justices wish to increase the amount available to make change and incidental payments to employees by \$100 for each Judge, and

WHEREAS, the increase in petty cash will raise the total amount in petty cash in the Justice Court to \$300, (\$150 for each Judge) and

WHEREAS, the Chief Court Clerk shall reconcile the petty cash accounts on an annual basis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chief Court Clerk is authorized to submit a voucher to increase the petty cash account by \$200 (\$100 for each Judge).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Romano

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 175 of 2013, a resolution reappointing Walter D. Smead as Sole Assessor for the Town of Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor has recommended Walter Smead be reappointed as Sole Assessor, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered his credentials and experience and concurs in the recommendation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Walter D. Smead is hereby reappointed as Sole Assessor, Town of Clifton Park, for a term of six years effective October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2019.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Romano

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 176 of 2013, resolution accepting the quote of Joe Johnson Equipment for the purchase of an Envirosight 200' Verisight Pro Push camera for use by the Clifton Park Sewer Department.

Introduced by Councilwoman Walowit, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Amy Standaert.

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park Sewer Department has identified a need for the purchase of a sewer push camera compatible with Win Cam Software currently used in the CCTV Van, and

WHEREAS, quotes were received and the lowest quote was received from Joe Johnson Equipment in an amount of \$9,500, and

WHEREAS, Collection Systems Manager Michael O'Brien recommends that the quote of Joe Johnson Equipment, New York, be accepted for an amount not to exceed \$9,500; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the quote from Joe Johnson Equipment is hereby accepted in an amount not to exceed \$9,500 for the purchase of an Envirosight 200' Verisight Pro Push Camera and associated items, to be paid from G7-8111-200 (C.P. Sewer-Equipment).

Collection Systems Manager O'Brien explained this would give the opportunity to have a tool to inspect pipes smaller than six inches which has become a necessity for the Sewer Department as well as other town departments. This can be used for stormwater and sewers.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Romano

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 177 of 2013, a resolution to accept a proposal for the rental of four tents and sixteen tables to be used on Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Introduced by Councilwoman Amy Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Whalen.

WHEREAS, proposals have been received for the rental of tents and tables to be used on Household Hazardous Waste Day, September 7, 2013, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposals received, Environmental Specialist Michael Montague has recommended that the low proposal of Whalen and Sons, 5 North Street, Troy, New York, for a total amount of \$1,531 for the rental of four tents and sixteen tables be accepted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the proposal of Whalen and Sons is hereby accepted for a total amount of \$1,531 for the rental of four tents and sixteen tables to be used on Household Hazardous Waste Day, September 7, 2013, to be paid from A-8989-150. (Special Collections Day).

Environmental Specialist Montague reported 100 registrations to date and an ad will be in the Community News. Sanford Roth explained forms are available in the town hall or registrations can be made on line. He noted most registrations come in during the last week. Mr. Roth further noted electronics can be brought to the Transfer Station without a permit and at no charge and not just on Hazardous Waste Day.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Romano

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 178 of 2013, a resolution determining that the Crescent Road Joint Multi-Use Path Project PIN # 1757.36 is an unlisted action and that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park and the Town of Halfmoon propose the construction of a new multi-use pathway along Crescent Road (CR 92) and Vischer Ferry Road (NYS Rt. 911P), to be located starting from the intersection of Crescent Road with Okte

Elementary School Drive and extending easterly through Clifton Park, at Exit 8 and into Halfmoon, and ending at the intersection of Vischer Ferry Road and Dunsbach Road, and

WHEREAS, the project, identified as the NYS DOT PIN 1757.36, a Joint Multi-Use Path Project, is being developed through grant funding from state and federal sources, in addition to local match funding, for this public pedestrian and bicyclist transportation project that is designed to help mitigate congestion in this southern area of the towns, by providing alternative travel options for residents, and

WHEREAS, the project is a multi-use pathway trail to be constructed along the south side of Crescent Road to the Southbury Road intersection and then crossing to the north side of Crescent Road and continuing onto Vischer Ferry Road, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has coordinated the engineering analysis and design of the pathway and the proposed construction activities, and

WHEREAS, the project is further being coordinated for permitting and approvals through activities with the NYS Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration and Saratoga County, and

WHEREAS, the proposed plans indicate that land disturbance will involve approximately four acres of land along a linear strip, and

WHEREAS, the town's consultant has prepared the Short Environmental Assessment Form for Town Board review and use in making a SEQR determination; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park, serving as lead agency, determines that the project is an unlisted action, and hereby determines that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment, and therefore, authorizes the preparation of a negative declaration notice of determination of non-significance for the above mentioned action.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Romano

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 179 of 2013, a resolution authorizing the Southern Saratoga YMCA to use town roadways for a 5K Run/3K Walk/ Kids Fun Run.

Introduced by Councilwoman Amy Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Whalen.

WHEREAS, the Southern Saratoga YMCA is holding their 17<sup>th</sup> annual 5K Run/3K Walk/ Kids Fun Run on Sunday, August 18, 2013 and are requesting use of the Clifton Park roadways starting at 9:00 am and ending when the last participant arrives back at the YMCA, and

WHEREAS, the event will begin at the YMCA proceed through Hollandale Apartments complex into the Clifton Gardens subdivision and back to the YMCA; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is given for the Southern Saratoga YMCA to use town roadways for a 5K Run/3K Walk/Kids Fun Run on Sunday August 18, 2013 starting at 9:00 am and ending when the last participant arrives back at the YMCA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department, local fire departments and YMCA volunteers will be on the course to provide traffic control and direct the race participants in the right direction.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Romano

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 180 of 2013, a resolution authorizing the installation of No Parking-Fire Lane signs on a portion of English Road near The Mill Restaurant.

Introduced by Councilwoman Walowit, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Amy Standaert.

WHEREAS, a letter was received by Highway Superintendent Richard Kukuk expressing concerns that due to parking on English Road near The Mill Restaurant, fire and emergency response teams would have difficulty getting through in an emergency situation, and

WHEREAS, both Louis Pasquarell, Fire Chief of Jonesville and Sheryl Reed, Clifton Park Fire Marshall, were contacted and both concur that “No Parking Fire Lane” signs should be posted on the north side only of English Road (off Route 9); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is given to install “No Parking Fire Lane” signs on the north side only of English Road (off Route 9) for at least one half mile or more, to get past the “S” curves and into straight roadway.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Romano

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 181 of 2013, a resolution authorizing the hiring of end of season staff for the Full Day Camp, Barney Road Golf Course and town pools.

Introduced by Councilwoman Amy Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Whalen.

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs has identified a need to hire additional staff to fill the vacancies of those employees leaving for college, and

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has recommended that the persons listed in Schedule “A”, be hired as end of season recreation staff; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs is authorized to hire the persons listed in Schedule “A”, effective retroactive to July 31, 2013, to be paid per Schedule “A”.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Romano

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 182 of 2013, a resolution increasing Youth Recreation Programs Budget by \$400 and to increase Youth Recreation Programs revenue by \$400.

Introduced by Councilwoman Walowit, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Amy Standaert.

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department has added a Nature Education Program to their Youth Education Program, and

WHEREAS, it's necessary to increase the Youth Recreation Programs budget to include the Nature Education Program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Youth Recreation Programs budget be increased by \$400, (A-7330-006-Supplies) by \$100 and (A-7330-E4000-Expenses-Salary) by \$300, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Revenues (A-2065) be increased by \$400.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Romano

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 183 of 2013, a resolution approving the job description for the part-time position of Nature Program Coordinator and to hire Robin Tubolino for the position.

Introduced by Councilwoman Amy Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Whalen.

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department has added a Nature Education Program to their Youth Education Program, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to approve a part-time job description for a Nature Program Coordinator, as attached, and to hire a Nature Program Coordinator, and

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has recommended that Robin Tubolino, 39 Michelle Drive, Clifton Park, be hired to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the job description for the part-time position of Nature Program Coordinator and authorizes the hiring of Robin Tubolino for the position effective September 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, to be paid at Grade 5, Step 1, (\$20.05/hr) from Youth Recreation Programs-Staff Salary (A-7330-E4000).

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Romano

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 184 of 2013, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign an application and associated legal documents for an upcoming Transportation Enhancement Program, administered by the New York State Department of Transportation. (NYSDOT)

Introduced by Councilman Whalen, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Amy Standaert.

WHEREAS, the town continues to seek state and federal funding for necessary projects whenever such funding may be available, and

WHEREAS, the project to construct the remaining portion of a pedestrian/bike pathway along the southern portion of Moe Road for a distance of 1.2 miles, would potentially qualify for funding under the Federal "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act", Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) of 2008, and

WHEREAS, application deadlines for the current round of funding under this program must be received by August 16, 2013, and

WHEREAS, receipt of grant funds for SAFETEA-LU would provide the town with an excellent source of funding for a project which would enhance the town's trail system and provide the town with more options regarding trail enhancements in this area, and

WHEREAS, the Crescent Road Multi Use Path will be completed in 2014, leaving 1.2 miles of Moe Road without accommodations for pedestrians and neighborhood connections containing 4,963 residential parcels, and

WHEREAS, Hayes Park is located within the area having no trail access to surrounding community destinations, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park is not obligated to complete the project based upon the filing of the application alone; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is granted for the Town Supervisor to sign legal documents on behalf of the town, following review and approval of the Town Attorney, for an upcoming Transportation Enhancement Program of federal monies, through the NYS Department of Transportation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the program requires a minimum matching share of at least twenty-percent of the total project cost; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to encumber \$200,000 from Unassigned Fund balance with a transfer to A-7629-200 (Parks, Trails, Equipment) towards the town's share of the local match necessary to implement the project.

Supervisor Barrett explained the state is now accepting grants under one designation, Cleaner Greener Communities Program (CGC) with a dead line of August 12<sup>th</sup>. He reviewed the grant resolutions on this evening's agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Romano

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 185 of 2013, a resolution authorizing the sale of out dated radios declared surplus by Louis Pasquarell, Director of Safety and Security.

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

WHEREAS, changes in requirements from the Federal Communications Commission required upgrades to municipal emergency communication systems, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 244 of 2012 authorized the purchase of a VHF 2-Way Town Wide Radio System to meet the new requirements, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Safety and Security has declared the outdated equipment on the enclosed attachment as surplus property, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Safety and Security has recommended that such be advertised and sold by means of sealed bid, "as is", subject to New York State sales tax, with the Town of Clifton Park reserving the right to reject any bid and all bids; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Clifton Park is hereby authorized to advertise said equipment listed on the attached list determined to be surplus by the Town Board by sealed bid, with such sealed bids to be opened on August 19th, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., at the Clifton Park Town Hall, One Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York.

Safety Director Pasquarell reviewed the benefits of the new radio system. Superintendent of Highways Kukuk stated the new radio system offers a vast improvement in coverage which is necessary for safety and efficiency.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Romano

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 186 of 2013, a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to apply for a NYSERDA Grant to complete the Moe Road trail to the town center.

Introduced by Councilwoman Amy Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Whalen.

WHEREAS, New York State sponsors a Cleaner, Greener Communities Program (CGC) as a competitive grant program to encourage communities to develop and implement regional sustainable growth strategies, with applications for its Phase II Implementation Program (PON 2721), due August 12, 2013 and its Category 3 component is for funding up to \$25 million for large-scale sustainability projects contributing to community resiliency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions and CGC is funded with proceeds from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), the purpose of which is to lower greenhouse gas emissions in the Northeast, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park is in the process of creating a more resilient, sustainable local economy, and a more walkable and bikeable community with regional interconnections, most recently demonstrated through the Town Center Plan adopted in 2012, and in the process of being implemented, and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has previously established 2.5± miles of the Moe Road Multi-Use Trail, a major north-south corridor route, from Englemore Road up to NYS Route 146, to connect residents to the many important public destinations within the Town Center, however, there remains a significant gap on the most southern segment of Moe Road, from Englemore Road south to Crescent Road, and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park supports the provision of offering viable transportation options for residents and is working jointly with the Town of Halfmoon to connect residents and businesses in the southern part of town to the Exit 8 shopping and commercial and educational destinations along Crescent Road through the development of the Crescent Road Trail project, and,

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library, the Shenendehowa Central School District's middle schools and high schools, the Capital District YMCA Southern Saratoga Branch, CAPTAIN, and major shopping, retail and entertainment destinations, William K. Collins Park, Hayes Nature Park, Clifton Park Action Park, Clifton Common are all located directly accessible to, or within close proximity to the Moe Road Multi-Use Trail, and

WHEREAS, the public support for completing the Moe Road Trail has continued: from the Town's Trail Master Plan, the Open Space Plan in 2003, through public meetings held in 2007, and as part of the development of the 2009 Town of Clifton Park Recreation Plan, with the development of the 2011 Town Center Plan, and with support from the Stony Creek Park District #1, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has conducted preliminary planning and engineering design for siting a multi-use trail directly along this final segment of Moe Road, and

WHEREAS, the town adopted the Climate Smart Communities Pledge (Resolution 274 of 2009) and is thus an eligible applicant for this NYSERDA program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Clifton Park Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to direct town staff to prepare and submit all necessary documents including a letter of support required by the NYSERDA program for the Cleaner, Greener Communities Program Phase II Implementation to support the continued creation of a walkable and bikeable, interconnected community, and the reduction of vehicle miles traveled in town, through the completion of the final gap in the Moe Road Multi-Use Trail to connect more residents to local destinations through improved transportation options.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Romano

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 187 of 2013, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to submit a grant application to the New York State Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant Program regarding a Cooperative Services Agreement and Study to share facilities with the Shenendehowa Central School District

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State has announced it is accepting applications for its 2013-2014 Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, supporting local government efforts to share facilities and evaluating opportunities for costs savings through the use of shared facilities that meet both the communities current and future needs, and

WHEREAS, implementation projects require a 10% local share to match the 90% New York State share, and

WHEREAS, \$85,000 in total project costs will provide the ability for implementation of a shared services agreement to allow for expansion of recreation resources, and

WHEREAS, the town's 2010 Town-Wide Recreation Plan identified the need for additional fields to accommodate the community's growth, noting that through potential shared resources of existing facilities and lands with the Shenendehowa Central School District cost saving may be realized to meet the community's recreational needs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board is desirous to implement a recreational shared facilities model that will meet the needs of the community and through implementation of a shared services agreement that will reduce the cost burden to the community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Clifton Park is authorized to submit a Local Government Efficiency Grant through the Consolidated Funding Application process and commits to providing the required local cash match should a grant award be funded by New York State.

Supervisor Barrett said the town and school district believe there is commonality that will allow a partnership to provide services to residents of Clifton Park and the greater community specifically in the area of playing fields and facilities. Councilman Whalen, noting he was in attendance at the town and school district meeting, said the same population is served.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Romano

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 188 of 2013, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign a New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation grant application to expand the Beechwood Drive playground.

Introduced by Councilwoman Amy Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit.

WHEREAS, members of the Clifton Park community have expressed a growing need for expanding recreational opportunities for residents with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the Clifton Knolls/Mill Creek Park District #1, in cooperation with the Town of Clifton Park, wishes to meet this need by integrating handicap-accessible playground equipment at an existing popular playground along Beechwood Drive, located in the heart of one of Clifton Park's largest residential neighborhoods and in the center of town, and

WHEREAS, if constructed, this playground equipment would be the first of its type in the Town of Clifton Park, allowing children with disabilities and those confined to a wheelchair to recreate alongside their friends and neighbors, and

WHEREAS, the project would expand the existing playground equipment at the site by installing a 60-foot long raised platform fully accessible to those in wheelchairs and children without wheelchairs, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wholeheartedly supports the expansion and enhancement of recreational opportunities for Clifton Park residents of all ages and abilities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to sign a New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation grant application for funds to expand the Beechwood Drive playground.

Supervisor Barrett said the Clifton Knolls Park District has been looking to upgrade some of the playground equipment to make the playground on Beechwood Drive handicap accessible. He stated town residents pay a vast amount of state and federal taxes and every avenue should be explored to get money back to help defray the cost for Clifton Park taxpayers.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano,  
Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Romano

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Sue Thompson, English Road, speaking with regard to parking at The Mill Restaurant expressed appreciation for the this evening's resolution, stating her husband was injured one evening and if a band had been playing at The Mill the fire engines and ambulance would not have been able to get through to her home.

Joe Coccozzo, Leonardo Drive, stating he has been a resident of Clifton Park for 38 years, expressed concern with stream water that he feels is "undermining the bridge" on his property, as well as uprooting trees, noting he's never had water like that before. Superintendent of Highways Kukuk said J.M. McDonald Engineering is doing a comprehensive study of the watershed area. Mr. Coccozzo distributed photos of the stream and drainage areas. Supervisor Barrett asked if the Highway Department can clear the drains. Superintendent Kukuk explained this is on private property and the Highway Department can only go on private property with Town Board approval. Superintendent Kukuk said he will work with McDonald Engineering to lay out the situation chronologically. Mr. Coccozzo said he thinks the new pipe is contributing to more water running down the stream. He asked should the property owner be cleaning out the drain. Superintendent Kukuk responded yes and reiterated the only way the Highway Department can clean it is with Town Board approval since it is on private property. Mr. Coccozzo doesn't feel he should have to pay to repair the bridge. Councilman Whalen said the situation, according to the town engineer, is only a two percent increase in water going into the stream. He asked Mr. Coccozzo what he is looking for from the town. Mr. Coccozzo responded he is looking for the town to repair the situation.

Sandy Roth, Sweet Brier Lane, congratulated Walter Smead on his re-appointment as Town Assessor and thanked him for his help over the years.

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

Motion carried at 8:32 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell  
Town Clerk