

July 20, 2015

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  
Councilman Romano  
Councilwoman Walowit  
Supervisor Barrett  
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy  
Mark Heggen, Comptroller  
Richard Kukuk, Superintendent of Highways  
Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs  
Barbara McHugh, Director of Community Development  
Steven Myers, Director of Building and Development  
Scott Reese, Planning, Stormwater Management Technician

MOTION BY Councilman Romano, seconded by Councilwoman Walowit, to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Barrett announced National Night Out on the Common will be held August 4<sup>th</sup>, centered on public safety. Free throw contest will be held for ages 6-12.

The Supervisor reiterated the zip code issues, explaining it appears this is due to a change in software at the post office and is being looked at. He recommended paying special attention to the mail.

Supervisor Barrett reported the voltage at the Barney Road pool fell lower than it should have been due to a problem at a National Grid transformer and the motors burned out, necessitating the pool being closed for the rest of the week while new motors and ancillary equipment are replaced. National Grid has done their repairs at the street. Programs scheduled for Barney Road pool will be held at Locust Lane and Country Knolls pools.

**PUBLIC HEARING, 7:05 (7:10) PM  
TO CONSIDER A LOCAL LAW AMENDING  
ARTICLE I SECTIONS 152-6, NATURE PRESERVES AND  
153-4, PARKS REGARDING FIREWORKS**

The Town Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in The Daily Gazette on July 9, 2015.

Supervisor Barrett summarized the proposed local law explaining New York State has adopted legislation approving the sale of certain fireworks referred to as “sparkling devices” at

certain times of the year, as has the County of Saratoga, noting he voted in favor of the County legislation. In light of this change, the Supervisor said it is necessary to ban these fireworks on public property, e.g. parks and facilities, as well as town roads and streets.

The public hearing was opened for comments from the audience at 7:15 p.m.

Everyone was given an opportunity to speak in favor of or against the proposed local law and no one wished to be heard. Supervisor Barrett declared the public hearing closed at 7:16 pm.

#### PRESENTATION

Supervisor Barrett presented the following resolution to Nolan Vild commending him on completion of his Eagle Scout project.

Resolution No. 163 of 2015, a resolution recognizing Nolan Vild as he works toward completion of his Eagle Scout Project.

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park has supported the efforts to launch a local honey bee education and awareness program brought to the community's attention through the work of Frank Berlin of the Open Space, Trails & Riverfront Committee and the Southern Adirondack Beekeepers Association, and

WHEREAS, approximately 30 honey bee swarm boxes are currently posted on trees and structures in summer 2015 throughout Clifton Park on public and private lands to support honey bees, following a successful 2014 program which resulted in the collection of one honey bee swarm in the Jonesville area, and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park that Nolan Vild, with Boy Scout Troop 246, is working towards and is nearing the requirements of an Eagle Scout Award, which is the highest award a Boy Scout can receive, and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Board that when someone of extraordinary dedication to the values and principles of scouting is brought to their attention, the same should be memorialized to show our gratitude for their exemplary service to our community, and

WHEREAS, a Town is only as great as those persons who give exemplary service to their community, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement or by demonstrating a willingness to give of themselves for their community, and

WHEREAS, Nolan has demonstrated such dedication by completing his Eagle Project which involved planning for and building 12 honey bee boxes and a model honey bee box which will help further the efforts to support the native honey bee populations in the Town of Clifton Park and region, and

WHEREAS, such service, which is truly the lifeblood of the Community and the Town, so often goes unrecognized and unrewarded; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Clifton Park Town Board honors and recognizes the accomplishments of and commends, Nolan Vild, as an outstanding citizen for his achievements and advances, one who is worthy of the esteem of both the community and the Town of Clifton Park; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Nolan Vild.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Scout Nolan Vild explained the process of completing his project. He said he realized the importance of honey bees explaining without bees the ego system will not thrive as well as with them. He thanked his parents for their help in building the bee boxes.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 164 of 2015, a resolution appointing Dahn Bull to permanent status as Communications and Technology Director per Civil Service certification.

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

WHEREAS, Dahn Bull, 42E Meyer Road, Clifton Park, was provisionally appointed to the position of Communications and Technology Director, and

WHEREAS, Dahn Bull successfully passed the Civil Service Exam for the position of Communications and Technology Director and was certified as a permanent employee on July 6, 2015; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Dahn Bull, 42E Meyer Road, Clifton Park, is hereby appointed to permanent status as Communications and Technology Director for the Town of Clifton Park, per Civil Service Certification as of July 6, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 165 of 2015, resolution awarding a service contract for the Household Hazardous Waste Day to be held on September 12, 2015.

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

WHEREAS, proposals have been submitted for professional services related to packaging, labeling, transport and disposal of household hazardous waste to be collected at the 21st Household Hazardous Waste Day to be held on September 12, 2015, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Request for Proposals for the above mentioned professional services, the request asked for two year pricing for the biennial event, and

WHEREAS, the Stormwater Management Technician Scott Reese has reviewed the proposals submitted for such professional services and recommends that the proposal of Environmental Products & Services of Vermont, Inc. be accepted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the contract to perform professional services related to the packaging, labeling, transport and disposal of household hazardous waste to be collected at the Town of Clifton Park's 21st Household Hazardous Waste Day on September 12, 2015 is hereby awarded to Environmental Products & Services, Inc. at a cost for services not to exceed \$45,000 after reimbursement, with such funds to come from A-8989-150 (Special Collection Day), and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposal be accepted to include two year pricing for the biennial event (every two years) for the 2015 and 2017 events, with a markup of 8% for the 2017 event to offset the increase in transportation (fuel prices) disposal, labor and consumables that are utilized during the event; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contractor agrees to provide necessary employees to assist with the program.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 166 of 2015, a resolution appointing Fred Barthmeier as a member of the Environmental Conservation Commission.

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

WHEREAS, Fred Pineau, current member of the Environmental Conservation Commission, has relocated, leaving a vacancy on the Environmental Conservation Commission, and

WHEREAS, Fred Barthmeier, 26 Burning Bush Boulevard, Ballston Lake, has been recommended to fill the position, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barthmeier's presence on the Environmental Conservation Commission will confer a benefit to the Town of Clifton Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Fred Barthmeier is hereby appointed to the Environmental Conservation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Fred Pineau, term to expire December 31, 2016.

Supervisor Barrett thanked Mr. Pineau for his service to the town.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 167 of 2015, a resolution authorizing the promotion and transfer of Margaret Springli in the Town Attorney's office as Principal Typist per Civil Service certification.

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

WHEREAS, Rosemarie Dimarco retired from a position in the Town Attorney's office, Town of Clifton Park effective June 30, 2015, and

WHEREAS, an opening exists for the position of Principal Typist in the Town Attorney's office, and

WHEREAS, Margaret Springli has been employed as a Senior Typist in the Town's Planning Department since August, 2008, and

WHEREAS, Margaret Springli successfully passed the Civil Service exam for the position of Principal Typist, and

WHEREAS, after interviewing Margaret Springli, 11 Eastwood Drive, Ballston Lake, and reviewing her qualifications, Thomas McCarthy, Town Attorney, has recommended that Margaret Springli fill the position of Principal Typist in the Town Attorney's office; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clifton Park Town Board hereby authorizes the promotion and transfer of Margaret Springli, 11 Eastwood Drive, Ballston Lake, to fill the position of Principal Typist at Grade 6, Step 4, year 2, \$20,505.41 (\$27.74/hr) through 2015, to be paid with a transfer of \$4,739 from A-1420-E431 (Legal Secretary) to A-1420-E0094 (Principal Typist) and a \$15,766.41 transfer from A-8021-E0094 (Senior Typist) to A-1420-E0094 (Principal Typist), retroactive to July 1, 2015.

Supervisor Barrett thanked Mrs. DiMarco for her service to the town and wished her well.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 168 of 2015, a resolution authorizing the hiring of staff for the Clifton Park Action Park.

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

WHEREAS, an opening exists for an attendant for the Clifton Park Action Park, and

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs has recommended that Colin Walsh, 8 Northwest Pass, Ballston Lake, be hired to fill the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to hire Colin Walsh as attendant for the Clifton Park Action Park, effective immediately through October 31, 2015, at Step 1, \$8.50 per hour from A-7200-E4000 (Action Park-Employee).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 169 of 2015, a resolution hiring Water Safety Instructors for the Clifton Park Learn-to-Swim Program.

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary that Water Safety Instructors to be trained by the Learn to Swim Director prior to the Learn-to-Swim Program, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to hire these Water Safety Instructors to teach students in the Learn-to-Swim Program held at Barney Road and Country Knolls pool; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor has recommended that the following recently trained individuals be hired as Water Safety Instructors for the Clifton Park Swim Program:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Jordan Call	11A South Hollow Drive, Ballston Lake	1	\$9.60
Mary Rizzo	30 Hazeltine Lane, Clifton Park	1	\$9.60
Stephanie Morgan	4 Evergreen Terrace, Ballston Lake	1	\$9.60
Elizabeth Digman	5 Chandler Drive, Ballston Lake	1	\$9.60
Christopher Lewis	6 Paddlewheel Court, Waterford	1	\$9.60
Elizabeth Eisnor	30 Addison Way, Clifton Park	2	\$9.86
Kaitlin Rizzo	8 Hazeltine Lane, Clifton Park	3	\$10.10
Tara Killane	7 Wilshire Drive, Clifton Park	1	\$9.60

Now, therefore be, it

RESOLVED, that the individuals above shall be hired as Water Safety Instructors for the Learn-to-Swim Program, effective retroactively from June 29, 2015 through August 8, 2015, to be paid at the rates as stated.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 170 of 2015, a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds for the purchase of automotive parts and to authorize the Comptroller to transfer \$30,000 from Vehicle/Equipment Fund Balance to Parts.

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

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent, Richard Kukuk, has identified a need for unforeseen parts replacement with aging highway equipment in excess of the amount originally budgeted for Highway Parts (DA-5130-231), and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Kukuk noted that funds were obtained in 2014 by auctioning surplus equipment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller is authorized to transfer \$30,000 from the DA-5130-219 (Highway Vehicle/Equipment) to DA-5130-231 (Highway Parts).

Highway Superintend explained the past two harsh winters have taken a toll on “snow fighting” equipment.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 171 of 2015, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to submit a 2014 Consolidated Funding Application requesting funds to prevent the structural collapse of the Blacksmith Shop on the Grooms Tavern site.

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

WHEREAS, the Grooms Tavern complex includes a Blacksmith Shop where travelers use to service their wagons and horses alike, and

WHEREAS, the Blacksmith Shop is in need of significant structural repair and renovation, and

WHEREAS, the town has dedicated substantial time and resources to make the Grooms Tavern a community showcase of historic preservation, and

WHEREAS, the town hopes to save the Blacksmith Shop and to restore the specialized building for future generations, and

WHEREAS, a grant opportunity exists through New York States Consolidated Funding Program for funding up to 50% of project costs with a local cash match of 50% for a structural restoration project at the Grooms Tavern Blacksmith Shop; now, therefore, be it

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

Councilman Whalen thanked Director of Community Development McHugh for her work in preparing the grant, as well as Town Historian Scherer and the Friends of Grooms Tavern. A working group of interested stakeholders has been created to focus on what the Blacksmith Shop should be as well as the Grooms Tavern complex.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 172 of 2015, a resolution authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise sealed proposals for electrical inspection services necessary for the issuance of Certificates of Occupancy.

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Building and Development is charged with conducting all inspections necessary for the issuance of all certificates of occupancy pursuant to Section 208-108 of the Town Code, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 208-108 (D) of the Town Code, the electrical inspections are conducted by certain qualified electrical inspection services, as named within the section, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to solicit proposals from qualified electrical inspectors wishing to be considered for the electrical inspections necessary for the review and determinations upon applications for building permits within the town, and

WHEREAS, responsive proposals will be considered by the Department of Building and Development in establishing an updated and expanded list of qualified inspectors for the electrical component of inspections necessary for consideration of applications for Certificates of Occupancy pursuant to Section 208-108 of the Town Code, and

WHEREAS, McDonald Engineering has prepared bid documents along with statements of qualification and fee schedules; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise the attached request for sealed proposals in the newspaper of record, as well as in the publications listed in the attached list, and to make copies available for pickup to interested parties.

Director of Building and Zoning Myers explained the current list of inspectors needs to be updated and he can use as many inspectors as he can get with a variety of experience and expertise.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Frank Berlin, Main Street, Jonesville, reviewed the locations of the bee boxes, noting one box is at the Saratoga County Fair for demonstration purposes. Mr. Berlin reported more seeds will be sown at the Transfer Station in order to help save the Monarch butterflies population which has decreased by 80 percent over the years. Mr. Berlin has asked Buildings and Grounds Department to only mow Garnsey and Veterans Parks late in the year to try to keep as meadows.

MOTION by Councilwoman Walowit, seconded 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 7:55 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell  
Town Clerk