

July 9, 2007

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held July 9, 2007 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall. All Board members were present as well as Atty. Young, Dpty. Hwy. Supt. Schuman, Assessor Cammer and 15 residents.

The Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved on motion of David Thorington, second by Gene Cronk. Unanimous.

Earl Krom requested that a reduced speed sign be erected on Turk Hill Rd. due to heavy traffic going to Oorahs camp on S. Gilboa Rd. The Town of Gilboa has erected a 35 mph sign on their end of the road, Parlman Rd. Supv. Hynes stated that the matter will be looked into.

Dpty. Hwy. Supt. Schuman reported on status of road crew work and stated meeting with Dave Andrews of Rettew Eng. regarding storm water issues on Town roads including Lake St. Schuman also requested hiring John C. Burroughs as summer help as they are a man down.

On motion of Allen Hinkley, second by Gene Cronk, the Board approved the hiring of John C. Burroughs as summer help on the highway at regular HEO pay effective immediately. Unanimous.

Atty. Young stated that additional information is still needed from the attorney on the Colonial Drive road takeover.

Supv. Hynes has met with Howard Velzey, owner of Park Lane Trailer Park who has requested that the Town install a "T" on the waterline to the park and he would be responsible to install new lines into the park from the "T".

Atty. Young reported that he has conferred with NYC DEP regarding Veronica's restaurant in Hubbell Corners and DEP does not want them to hook into the force main but rather wants them to wait until Hubbell Corners is sewered under a project by DEP. Young will speak with DEP again requesting that they be able to improve and use the current septic system until the proposed DEP project begins.

The Board discussed the issues with Margaretville Hospital, owner of the Roxbury Health Center building, taking down the historic building to construct a new one instead of renovation the current one. The hospital has assured Supv. Hynes that the new building would be favorable looking to the area. Atty. Young will correspond with NYCDEP requesting sewer hookup if the hospital decides to build on the Hinkley Electric property.

Atty. Young will look into renewing a contract with LVDV Operations, Inc. for operating the Denver and Roxbury Sewer plants as the current contract expires 12/31/07.

Jean D'Antoni of the Planning Board reported that they approved one subdivision and one boundary line adjustment in June.

Supv. Hynes stated that an application for wind turbines was received from Invenergy on July 6, 2007. The application will be turned over to the Planning Board. Atty. Young discussed lead agency status and an escrow fund being set up with Invenergy money to cover consultant fees during the Planning Board review of the application.

Assessor Kim Cammer stated that 2,100 data collection questionnaires have been mailed to property owners with structures. 22% have responded to date. Inspections for data collection will begin this week and are only for the exterior; however, many calls have been received requesting interior inspections also. Cammer also thanked Rosemarie Busch for help with the mailings.

Supv. Hynes stated that no proposals have been received on Vega Hall work yet.

Peg Ellsworth, Community Resource Director was absent, but Trish Adams updated the Board on grant status, Kirkside Park work and other info that was mailed to Board members

Discussion took place on the proposed Historic Preservation Commission. Ellsworth requested the commission include Anthony Liberatore, Douglas Cutsogeorge, Matt Walker, Mike Mathis and Peg Ellsworth. Atty. Young discussed the commission further and the process for adoption as a local law.

A resolution was offered by Allen Hinkley, second by Edward Raeder, stating:

"WHEREAS, the Town Board is considering adopting a Local Law which will establish a Historical Review Commission to make decisions regarding the preservation of historic structures within the Town of Roxbury; and WHEREAS, the Town Board would like to establish the Commission prior to adopting the local law in order to provide the Commission an opportunity to comment on the local law;

WHEREAS, the following individuals have agreed to serve on the Commission: 1)Anthony Liberatore, Roxbury, Historian 2) Douglas Cutsogeorge, Denver, Preservation Architect 3) Matthew Walker, Roxbury, District Property Owner, Contractor 4) Mike Mathis, District Property Owner, Board Pres. Roxbury Arts Group 5) Peg Ellsworth, Town Historian.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby appoints the individuals listed above to serve on the Historical Review Commission. The purpose of this Commission is to work with the Town Board on the development of a Historic Preservation Law. The Commission does not have any power to spend funds or retain consultants.

WHEREUPON, the Resolution was put to a vote and recorded as follows: Allen Hinkley, Edward Raeder, Gene Cronk, Thomas Hynes voting in favor, David Thorington opposed." Motion carried. The commission will review the draft law.

Atty. Young discussed Catskill Watershed Corp's (CWC) \$500,000 fund for infrastructure improvement needs for the Schoharie watershed. Applications are due August 1. Supv. Hynes has contacted Henry Lamont of Lamont Eng. to discuss possible projects but has not heard back yet.

A resolution was offered by Gene Cronk, second by Edward Raeder, stating:  
 “The Town Board re-appoints Kimberly Cammer as Sole Assessor for a six year term for the period October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2013.” Unanimous.

Supv. Hynes stated that the Sidewalk Festival held July 7 was well attended and a great success.

Councilman Cronk thanked Dpty. Hwy. Supt. Schuman for providing the backhoe at the Transfer Station recently.

Discussion took place on changes to the draft local law on wood burning devices per public hearing comments. A new draft will be available at the August meeting.

Discussion took place on issues with Stock Building invoices not being received with the statement and with employees not turning slips into department heads for payment.

Discussion took place on issues with the junkyard license renewal for Haddens Used Auto Parts on Rt. 23 near the Prattsville town line. Atty. Young will draft a letter to the owner regarding the matter.

A resolution was offered by David Thorington, second by Gene Cronk, stating:  
 “WHEREAS the Highway Supt. is paid from General Fund A5010.1, and  
 WHEREAS Highway Supt. Ballard retired June 21, 2007 requiring no more payroll payments for that position, and  
 WHEREAS highway employees are paid from the Highway Fund A5110.1, and  
 WHEREAS the Town Board has hired an employee for the summer,  
 BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the transfer of funds, in the amount of \$15,000, and thereafter as needed, from the General Fund A5010.1 to Highway Fund DA5110.1 to cover payroll costs for the highway employee.” Unanimous.

A letter was received from Linda DeBenedetto opposing wind towers.

A letter was received from William Buccheri regarding fire code issues at the Masonic Hall building on Bridge St. The matter will be turned over to the Building Inspector.

A note was received from retired Hwy. Supt. Daniel Ballard thanking the Town Board for the clock presented to him and also for their support while serving the community.

A note was received from the Senior Club of Grand Gorge thanking the Board for the \$500 approved in the 2007 Town Budget.

The annual Local Government Day will be held October 17<sup>th</sup> at Belleayre Mountain.

The Board discussed an injury at the Transfer Station and issues requiring departments to complete incident reports when non-employees incur injuries or personal property damage at Town sites or in highway work areas.

Supv. Hynes stated that the Grand Gorge Fire Dept. will hold equipment “Wet Down” at the Fire House on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. It was also stated that the new Argo rescue vehicle was a valuable aide in rescues during the recent flooding in the Town of Colchester.

The August 13<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting will be held at the Grand Gorge Civic Center at 7:30 pm.

Atty. Young discussed litigation status of the Coalition of Watershed Towns (CWT) regarding Filtration Avoidance Determinations (FAD) with NYCDEP. Negotiations continue.

On motion of David Thorington, second by Gene Cronk, the bills were audited and ordered paid in the following amounts:

General #257-300	\$21,235.75	Special Light Districts #7	\$2,234.27
Highway #168-191	\$219,535.92	Capital Projects:	
Roxbury Water #46-52	\$3,257.12	Roxbury Sidewalks #296	\$810.00
Grand Gorge Water #50-58	\$3,381.93	Main St. Project #297-298	\$6,487.60
Denver Water #45-52	\$3,209.67	Kirk Pk – Construct #299-311	\$9,721.75
Denver Sewer #77-88	\$20,794.61	Kirk Park-Nonconstruction	
Roxbury Sewer #46-54	\$15,024.02	#312-330	\$8,073.04

Unanimous.

On motion of Gene Cronk, second by David Thorington, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Diane Pickett, Town Clerk  
 Thomas S. Hynes, Supervisor  
 Gene Cronk, Councilman  
 Edward Raeder, Councilman  
 Allen Hinkley, Councilman  
 David Thorington, Councilman