

March 8, 2012

Special Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Urban Hirschey, Councilman Mickey Orvis, Councilman Brooks Bragdon, Councilman John Byrne, Councilman Clif Schneider, Dave Croft, Attorney Mark Gebo and about 20 residents.

Meeting was called to order at 4pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Hirschey spoke about water districts 2 and 3. He spoke of the issues of fairness and practicality with the districts and said that he would like the Town to have an audit done of the districts. There was also a suggestion made to have an audit done with the Town's DANC account. A few of the residents asked the Board questions regarding DANC and the O & M fees. A question was also asked if the Supervisor had asked DANC for Capital costs and he said he did but was refused. Attorney Gebo said that DANC is subject to FOIL and the information could be obtained that way. Councilman Schneider addressed the audience to asked if they would be in favor of an audit. There was much discussion over the water districts. Dave Croft spoke regarding the DEC as they require that the use allocations be doubled. Councilman Orvis asked if the firm doing the audit will look into other townships that deal with DANC. The Supervisor will talk with other townships and companies that can do the audit.

Carleton Island-Supervisor Hirschey said that he has received a letter from NYS Parks and Recreation regarding a parcel on the Island that is to be subdivided and sold. Denis McCarthy spoke to the Board regarding burial grounds that are on the Island but not marked. He is concerned because the parcels that are for sale are sensitive pieces of property. Attorney Gebo recommended that the Zoning Officer be made aware of this subdivision. The subdivision was approved in 2005.

Recreation Park-Dave Croft presented the Board with a contract and a list of changes that he would like to make to the contract. He reviewed the changes and he asked the Board to look over his proposed contract and pass a resolution at the next meeting to accept it.

Councilman Byrne spoke about the proposed smoking policy and explained that it had to do with town property, specifically the Recreation Park grounds. The public hearing on this local law will be March 15 at 6pm.

Donation requests-The Board talked about funding requests that have been made to the Board from the Library and Food Bank. Councilman Schneider said that the library needs our support and help and we should look at our budget. Councilman Orvis said that he would like to see how the Library does with their fund raiser and review funding at budget time. He also asked if the Village was supporting the library. Councilman Bragdon agreed that we should see how they do with their fund raising and the Town should give what we can afford. Supervisor Hirschey tabled the discussion until of funding the Library and the Food Bank until July.

Councilman Schneider made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 5:20pm, seconded by Councilman Byrne.

Councilman Schneider made a motion to close executive session at 5:45pm, seconded by Councilman Byrne. Councilman Orvis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm, seconded by Councilman Byrne.