

March 7, 2013

Town Board Meeting

Present: Supervisor Urban Hirschey, Councilman Brooks Bragdon, Councilman John Byrne, Councilman Clif Schneider, Councilwoman Michelle Oswald and approximately 20 residents.

Supervisor Hirschey opened the meeting at 4pm with the pledge of allegiance. He explained that the Town Board will be holding two meetings a month for a while and they will be on the first Wednesday at 4pm and the third Thursday at 6pm. The Wednesday meetings will be held in Recreation Park when possible.

The Feb. 21, 2013 minutes were approved with correction. Councilwoman Oswald made the correction that it was the Association of Towns who said it was the Town's responsibility to provide security to the court and offices. Councilman Byrne made the motion to approve with correction, seconded by Councilman Bragdon.

Supervisor Hirschey opened the discussion regarding a cashless transfer site. He said that many ideas have been talked about such as permits, punch cards, bags and adding a fee to the taxes. He said he is not sure of the correct way to go. Councilwoman Oswald said the town should have a meeting with Nina and the public and go over ideas, and she spoke about a credit card machine. The Board discussed different ideas with Nina and Nina said she would like a notice to appear in the paper and run for three months so that people will be aware of the change. Councilman Schneider said he did not feel that permits would be cost effective and punch cards are already being used. He talked about the transition period and feels it should be a year. Many ideas were discussed and questions asked such as accepting checks for payment, credit card machine, how to handle a situation when there is more refuse than punches and how long the transition period should be. Supervisor Hirschey said he would like Nina to come in and talk with him and he said he would like public input.

Mike Chavoustie and Declan Callen spoke to the Board regarding a sailboat regatta event the Chamber is hosting. They need help with funding and asked the Board to consider giving money to the event. They discussed the event and what yacht clubs they would be drawing from. Councilwoman Oswald asked if they had looked elsewhere for funding.

Eric Derouin from Breakers also spoke to the Board about an antique show that they are having and they would also like help with funding. He said he would like help with advertising. The Board talked about both requests. It was explained that the Town could not give financial support to an individual business, that it must be a Chamber of Commerce sponsored event. Mr. Derouin said that the Chamber is sponsoring the event. It is the intent that both events will become self-supporting. Board members talked about the different organizations that have come to them in the past for financial support and it was asked how much support the Town gives to the French Festival. Supervisor Hirschey made the motion to financially support the regatta event with \$10000.00 and the antique festival with \$5000.00 earmarked for advertising. All monies will be given to the Chamber of Commerce and will be considered seed funding as these events will become self-supporting. Councilman Bragdon asked for the events to provide a budget. Supervisor Hirschey's motion was revised to include the support would be given

subject to their budget submission. Mike Chauvoustie said he had already given a copy of his budget. Councilman Byrne seconded the motion. All were in favor. Supervisor Hirschey announced that the Town will be holding a meeting on March 19 at 6pm in the Community House with Matt Cooper and water district 6 users regarding the district.

Councilwoman Oswald reported that Matt Cooper is reviewing the draft water law.

Councilman Schneider talked about the vacancy on the BAR. He has another name and there are two people interested. He feels the town should follow procedures as they have done in the past and interview the candidates. Councilman Schneider also asked if the Board had reviewed the recent letter to the PSC. Councilwoman Oswald asked if all who signed approve of their names being on the letter. He told her they did and Councilman Schneider made the motion to send the letter to the PSC, seconded by Councilman Bragdon. All were in favor.

Supervisor Hirschey asked for a Board member to volunteer to help with the dissolution of the LDC. Councilman Byrne said he would serve.

Councilman Schneider made a motion to adjourn at 5:27pm, seconded by Councilwoman Oswald.

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Michelle Bouchard, Town Clerk