

**TOWN OF CHATHAM TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Town of Chatham, Town Board was held on January 19, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the town hall. Present were: Supervisor – Jesse DeGroot, Councilman – Beth Ann Ripple, Councilman – Robert Balcom, Councilman – Don Hegeman, Councilman – Jean Rohde, Town Clerk – Carol Gregg, Highway Supt. – Joe Rickert, Comptroller – Earl Kelsey, Town Attorney – Tal Rappleyea, and several others.

Supervisor DeGroot opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was led by Councilman Hegeman.

The Public Hearing for Local Law #1-06 was opened at 7:01 pm. Town Attorney, Tal Rappleyea told those present what the Law contains. Comments were heard from the following:

JOHN HANNA, a member of the Town Planning Board stated that he is in favor of the law as is.

DAVID EVERETT, ZBA CHAIRMAN questioned whether or not the Law has been reviewed by the Columbia County Planning Board. The Town Attorney said that they have reviewed it.

MARIA LULL a member of the Town Planning Board feels that the Law as written should be instituted.

ERIC OOMS feels that going back 34 years for the history is not good. He is not sure that we need the zoning changes.

TAL RAPPLEYEA stated that the two year period in section 3. L could be changed to a longer period.

MELISSA POLLOCK feels that the lookup period should be longer.

JACK SCHULTZ questioned whether or not this Law would need the SEQR process. Town Attorney said we would use the short form for the review.

JAMES TEMPLE asked how much land in the town is above 900 ft. He feels that cost implications are a major concern with changes.

RANDI WALKER questioned whether the number of parcels that require a cluster could be changed. She feels that the parcels being subdivided should have a classification.

DAVID EVERETT asked if the Cluster Development would be mandatory. Tal said yes. He feels that the Planning Board should be able to allow them to do something else.

The Public Hearing was tabled at 7:30 pm. The hearing will be reopened next month.

CORRESPONDENCE

TENNESSE GAS PIPELINE regarding emergency personnel list.

PLANNING BOARD regarding 2005 approved subdivisions.

WALT SIMONSMEIER request to attend CEO conference.

RANDI WALKER regarding Local Law #1-06.

REPORTS

HIGHWAY Joe Rickert reported that he received notification from the County Planning Dept. that White Mill's bridge is fifth on their to do list. He is hoping that it will be done in 2006. His report is on file.

JUSTICE COURT report for Dec. 2005 was 204 cases. In Dec. of 2004 it was 210. Report is on file.

SUPERVISOR Jesse told the board what committees he will be on for 2006 (Cty. Government, Computer, health & humane services, tourism, tax & equalization, Col. – Green Community College and .4).

COMP PLAN Councilman Balcom reported that the group is now working on strategies.

NEW BUSINESS

SOLAQUA Jody Rael gave a presentation to the Town Board on the project that he is proposing for his property on State Rt. 295 (former Col. Corp.). Artspace will be doing the study work for this project. They will have to raise ½ million dollars for the study. It will probably take about 1 year to raise the money. The property will remain on the tax rolls.

RES. #40-06 to fill ZBA vacancy.

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #40 and moved its adoption to name Kary Jablonka to the unexpired term (2006 – 2008) on ZBA. Councilman Ripple seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #41-06 to name delegate to the Assoc. of Town's Meeting.

Councilman Rippel offered Res. #41 and moved its adoption to name David Everett delegate to the Assoc. of Town's Meeting in New York City in Feb. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #42-06 to accept bid for Sweeper.

Councilman Rippel offered Res. #42 and moved its adoption to accept the sole bid for New Sweepster Model CP-96 Town behind Sweeper from Davis Tractor & Turf for the bid price of \$20,498.96. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #43-06 to increase appropriation for the Tri-Village Fire Co.

Councilman Balcom offered Res. #43 and moved it's that

WHEREAS, the 2006 Town of Chatham Budget states the amount to be raised by tax for the Tri-Village Fire Company to be \$96,500 and

WHEREAS, the budget appropriation should have read \$98,500 as per the contract between the Town of Chatham and the Tri-Village Fire Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham hereby raises the appropriation for the Tri-Village Fire Company by \$2,000 using funds from the unappropriated fund balance.

Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #44-06 transfer 2005 funds.

Councilman Rippel offered Res. #44 and moved its adoption that WHEREAS, \$30,000 in unreserved, un-appropriated funds remain following the close of the 2005 fiscal year, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham hereby authorizes the transfer of \$30,000 to the Miscellaneous Reserve – Town Hall Account. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion. Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #45-06 to set salary for Town Comptroller.

Councilman Hegeman offered Res. #45 and moved its adoption that WHEREAS, Resolution #32-06 states the Town Comptroller salary at \$13,800, and WHEREAS, The Town comptroller salary as per the 2006 budget was set at \$14,250, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham sets the 2006 Town Comptroller salary at \$14,250.00. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion. Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #46-06 to allow CEO to attend training.

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #46 and moved its adoption to allow Walt Simonsmeier, CEO/ZEO to attend an education conference in Lake Placid, NY, from Feb. 26 through March 2, 2006 at a cost to the Town of Chatham of \$353.00. Councilman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #47-06 to purchase computers.

Councilman Balcom offered Res. #47 and moved its adoption that WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Chatham Town Board that the following equipment is required in various departments of the town:

Highway Department – 1 computer and software
Office of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector – 2 computers and software
Office of the Town Comptroller – 1 printer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE Town Board of the Town of Chatham authorizes the expenditure of \$6,500.00 for the equipment purchases with funds to be appropriated from the Office Automation capital account. This expenditure is subject to a permissive referendum. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion. Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #48-06 to make 2005 amendments to Budget Appropriations.

Councilman Rippel offered Res. #48 and moved its adoption to make the following Year End “2005” amendments to Budget Appropriations:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A1110.2	A1110.1	\$1,000.00
A1110.4	A1110.1	\$2,000.00
A1990.4	A1620.4	\$1,200.00
A1990.4	A1670.4	\$ 500.00
A1990.4	A9055.8	\$ 50.00
B1990.4	B3620.4	\$ 70.00
B1990.4	B1670.4	\$ 710.00
DB5142.1	DB5142.4	\$5,000.00
DB5130.2	DB5130.4	\$15,000.00

Councilman Hegeman seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

Motion was made by Councilman Rippel, seconded by Councilman Balcom and carried to accept the minutes of 12 -15-05 and 01-05-06 as written.

RES. #49-06 to accept the Comptrollers report.

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #49 and moved its adoption to accept the Comptrollers report as written. Councilman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

RANDI WALKER would like to have the zoning maps available.

MELISSA POLLOCK wondered if we had hired a grant writer yet.

MIKE HART requested that the Comp. Plan Committee get a copy of the Crellin Park Master Plan.

Motion was made by Councilman Rippel, seconded by Councilman Rohde and carried to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol Gregg RMC
Town Clerk