

**TOWN OF CHATHAM TOWN BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Town of Chatham, Town Board was held on April 20, 2006 at the town hall. Present were: Supervisor – Jesse DeGroot, Councilman – Don Hegeman, Councilman – Robert Balcom, Councilman – Jean Rohde, Town Clerk – Carol Gregg, Town Attorney – Tal Rappleyea, Highway Supt. – Joe Rickert, Planning Board Chairman – Jack Schult, Comptroller – Earl Kelsey, Mike Hart and several others. Councilman – Beth Ann Rippel was absent.

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

Public Hearing for Local Law #2 (Amending the Town Subdivision Law regarding parcel History and Visual Impacts) was opened at 7:00 pm. **MIKE HART** complimented the town board and wants the board to adopt it. **JIM TEMPLE** still looking for cost of implementing this law. He feels the Visual Impact could cost the town around \$10,000,000.00 – title will cost hundreds of dollars. He is opposed to both changes without seeing the overall cost of comp plan implementation to taxpayers. He asked if a cost analysis has been done. Mike Hart says yes, it has. Hearing closed at 7:15 pm.

**COMMUNICATION**

**CHATHAM FILM CLUB** regarding town contribution.

**NYS DOT** regarding speed limit requests.

**ASSEMBLYMAN PATRICK MANNING** regarding state aid to municipalities.

**TRI-VILLAGE FIRE CO.** regarding station consolidation project.

**ABATE** regarding April 23 annual Poker Run.

**SCOTT LONGSTREET** regarding comments to propose interim zoning law

**REPORTS**

**HIGHWAY** Joe Rickert reported that gravel bank road is going well. A copy of his report is on file.

Rickert stated that Beaver Dam is 5-feet high at Old Chatham Pond and Mr. Klintam replied that the town could do whatever they need to do on this property to remedy the problem. Bob Balcom said that DEC has been very responsive to the town concerning the problem of White Mills Road bus project. Jesse DeGroot was named Responsible Local Official and Joe Rickert was named Project Manager.

**JUSTICE** report is on file.

**COUNTY BUSINESS** Supervisor DeGroot reported that the city is in the process of discussing a new 911 facility.

**COMP PLAN** Mike Hart reported 2 months to go through the last strategies. They will be discerning all the strategies and then will go to the consultant. The Visual Impact Public Forum will be held in North Chatham in May.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RES. #67-06** Local Law #3-06

Supervisor DeGroot offered Res. #67 and moved to set a Public Hearing for Local Law #3 on May 18 “to indemnify town officials.” Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present.

Nays, none, and resolution was adopted.

**RES. #68-06** to appoint Anthony Buomo Town Prosecutor

Supervisor DeGroot moved to appoint Anthony Buomo as Town Prosecutor on a contractual basis at a rate of \$175 / cont. session. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

**RES. #69-06** to waive Plan / ZBA fees

Councilman Rohde moved that the town waive any fees incurred before the Plan or ZBA in relation to the proposed two-lot subdivision of land by the Tri-Village Fire Company and the variance before ZBA for road frontage. Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea’s opinion is that this application would be exempt from the Plan and ZBA procedures. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion

Vote; ayes, all present.

Nays, none, and resolution was adopted.

**RES. #70-06** to adopt Local Law #2

Councilman Balcom moved to adopt Local Law #2. See copy attached. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MIRROR LAKE** Councilman Balcom asked if the persons that are in the position to be flooded have flood insurance. He reported that an engineer study of this site should be done and that the area is in a DEC wetland district.

**GRANT WRITER** Councilman Hegeman reported that he is thinking of setting up a Citizens’ Advisory Group to filter grant writing process.

**RES. #71-06** to approve minutes

Councilman Balcom offered Res. #71 to approve the minutes of the last meeting with the following changes: March 16 – after report by Rohde that a grant writer had been found. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present.

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

**RES. #72-06** to accept Comptroller Report

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #72 and moved to accept the Town Comptroller report. Councilman Hegeman seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present.

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

**RES. #73-06** to transfer funds.

Councilman Balcom offered Res. #73 to transfer the following funds:

<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
A1990.4	A1620.4	\$15,000.00
A1990.4	A1920.4	\$99.00
DB9010.8	DB9050.8	\$30.00
	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$15,129.00</b>

Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present.

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

**RES. #74-06** to accept bid proposal.

Councilman Balcom offered Res. #74 and moved to accept the bid proposal under OGS Hot Mix Contract for the purpose of resurfacing approximately 2-miles of Rock City Road with 1½-inches DOT Item 403.6, Type 6 Top from Towne Construction & Paving Co. for the sum of \$44.19 per ton. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

**RES. #75-06** to accept agreement for expenditure of Highway moneys.

Supervisor DeGrootd offered Res. #73 to accept an agreement for the expenditure of Highway monies.

Agreement between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Chatham, Columbia County, New York, and the undersigned members of the Town Board.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended. See copy of attached for list of roads and expenditures. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present.

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**NEIL COLIN** asked what is the town basing the need of a fire house on? The town needs to find out how much this will be. The time for the Town Board to speak is now concerning any problems that might exist with this.

**JAMES TEMPLE** was disappointed that the moratorium was extended to \$1,000,000 per cost property owner with a month to delay. He believed that we should not be afraid to build a new fire house.

**MIKE HART** said East Chatham Fire Company still has not come to a conclusion on the new 911 office. He said that Supervisor DeGrootd should get opinions from other fire companies. Also, he said that Mirror Lake problem is all up stream, so what is causing the silt? Councilman Balcom stated that it was from the spillway. Hart further asked what is in the water?

**BILL POWERS** congratulated Highway Superintendent Joe Rickert for the great job done in the Town of Chatham.

Motion was made by Councilman Rohde, seconded by Councilman Hegeman, and carried to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol Gregg, RMC, Town Clerk