

**TOWN OF CHATHAM TOWN BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Town of Chatham, Town Board was held on Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the town hall. Present were: Supervisor – Jesse DeGroot, Councilman – BethAnn Rippel, Councilman – Bob Balcom, Councilman – Jean Rohde, Councilman – Don Hegeman, was absent, Town Clerk – Carol Gregg, Town Attorney – Tal Rappleyea, Highway Superintendent – Joe Rickert and others.

Supervisor DeGroot opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was said.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Kinderhook Lake Corp.** regarding Niver's Dam.

**Doris Appel** requesting permission to attend NYSMAC and to be reimbursed mileage and lodging for one night.

**REPORTS**

**HIGHWAY** requested that a speed limit be changed on New Concord Rd., between Cty. Rte. 9 and Canaan Town line. (report is on file)

**CEO/ZEO** report is on file.

**JUSTICE** report is on file.

**SUPERVISOR COUNTY** Supervisor DeGroot reported that the Sheriffs office would like to use our town hall for an outpost for processing DWI.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** Councilman Balcom reported that the first draft of the Comp Plan is done.

**RES. #112-06** to allow Village to use our speed trailer.

Supervisor DeGroot offered Res. #112 and moved its adoption to allow the Village of Chatham Police Dept. to use our speed trailer for a period of up to one year. Councilman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

**CONCERNED CITIZEN LITIGATION** will be handled by our town attorney Tal Rappleyea.

A **SPECIAL MEETING** will be held on Oct. 2, 2006 for the Town Clerk to present the Preliminary Budget to the Town Board. A budget meeting will be held after this meeting.

**MIRROR LAKE** Councilman Balcom reported that a grant may be available to fix the Mirror Lake problem.

**RES. #113-06** to reduce speed limit on New Concord Rd.

Supervisor DeGroot offered Res. #113 and moved its adoption to request a speed limit reduction from 55mph on New Concord Road, between Cty. Rte. 9 and Canaan town line, in the Town of Chatham. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

**RES. #114-06** to allow Justice to attend conference.

Councilman Rippel offered Res. #114 and moved its adoption to allow Justice Appel to attend annual NYSM annual conference on Oct. 8 through the 11<sup>th</sup> and to pay any expenses incurred. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

**RES. #115-06** to accept minutes.

Councilman Balcom offered Res. #115 and moved its adoption to accept the minutes of August 17 as written and Sept 12 with a change of date (9-21 to 9-12) on the heading. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

**RES. #116-06** to accept comptrollers report.

Supervisor DeGroot offered Res. #116 and moved its adoption to accept comptrollers report as written. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

**RES. #117-06** to make amendments to budget.

Supervisor Ripple offered Res. #117 and moved its adoption to make the following amendments to budget appropriations:

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
A1990.4	A1420.4	\$10,000.00
A1420.1	A1420.4	8,800.00

Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

Supervisor DeGrootd opened the **Public Hearing “request for grant funding from the NYS Empire State Development Corp. to implement the restore NY communities initiative municipal grant program”** at 7:30 pm. One woman from the audience asked what this project was about. It was explained to her and she had no further questions. The hearing was closed at 7:40 pm.

**RES. #118-06** to request grants funding from the New York State Empire State Development Corporation to Implement the Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program.

Councilman Ripple offered Res. #118 and moved its adoption that WHEREAS, the New York State Empire State Development Corporation is soliciting projects to implement Governor George E. Pataki’s efforts to provide assistance for the revitalization of local communities, first proposed by the governor and State Legislature in June 2006, and

WHEREAS, funding for a grant program to implement the vision of the Governor and the State Legislature was approved in the 2006-2007 New York State Budget, and Empire State Development Corporation received a \$300 million appropriation to implement the Restore NY Communities Initiative for the sole purpose of revitalizing urban areas and stabilizing neighborhoods as a means to attract residents and businesses, thereby improving municipal finances and the wherewithal to grow their tax and resource base, and

WHEREAS, the municipal project sponsor shall find that the proposed project(s) is consistent with existing local and/or regional plans; the proposed financing is appropriate for the specific facility or project; the project facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources; and where applicable, the project develops and enhances infrastructure and/or other facilities in a manner that will attract, create, and sustain employment opportunities, and

WHEREAS, it is further anticipated that in building vibrant communities and diverse economies, municipalities can lessen their dependence on state aid, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS;

The Town of Chatham supports the principals, intent, and establishment of the Restore NY Communities Initiative, as proposed by the Governor and the State Legislature, and deems it to be in the public interest and benefit, and

The Town of Chatham firmly supports the submission of an application for funding from the New York State Empire State Development Corporation through the Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program for the properties listed within the Restore NY Grant Application submitted herein, and be it further

RESOLVED: by the Town Board of the Town of Chatham that Supervisor DeGrootd is the representative authorized to act in behalf of the applicant in all matters related to this application to participate in the Restore NY Communities Initiative and is authorized to sign and submit the enclosed application; and be it further

RESOLVED: that should the applicant, as a result of this application receive state assistance, the representative is also authorized to act on behalf of the applicant in all matters related to the project and to State assistance.

Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGrootd, Rippel, Rohde, Balcom nays, none and resolution was adopted.

**RES. #119-06** to support East Chatham Fire Co. Purchase of new fire apparatus.

Supervisor DeGroot offered Res. #119 and moved its adoption to support the East Chatham Fire Co. action to purchase a new fire apparatus at the lowest possible interest rate. Councilman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot, seconded by Councilman Balcom and carried to go into executive session at 7:45pm to discuss personnel and negotiations.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGroot, seconded by Councilman Rohde and carried to come out of executive session at 8:09pm.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol Gregg, RMC  
Town Clerk