

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

The regular meeting of the Town of Chatham, Town Board was held on Thursday, October 19, 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, Town Clerk – Carol Gregg, Town Attorney – Tal Rappleyea, and others.

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

***PUBLIC HEARING***

The Public Hearing for the 2007 Preliminary Budget was opened at 7:00 pm. to discuss. The increase's will be 5% for Village and 4% for Town. No public comment and the hearing closed at 7:02 pm.

***COMMUNICATIONS***

**Kinderhook Lake Corporation**, re: 2006 Alum-Application program

**East Chatham Fire Company**, re: 2007 contractual payment

**Jerrold and Merry Gilbert**, re: Cheryl Damon dog case

**Film Columbia**, re: thank you

**James and Patricia McKay**, re: zoning application

**Chatham Rescue Squad**, re: requesting 3% increase in funding from the Town

***REPORTS***

**Highway** Town is in receipt of NYS DOT. Permit for gravel mine entrance – the town will not have to pay to have a light pole on property moved. Estimate to put gravel mine entrance was received, but Town Board wants to go out for bid on this. It needs to be done by November 15. (Report is on file.)

**SET November 1, 2006, 9:00 AM Special Board Meeting:** adopt Budget, open bids for gravel mine entrance.

**Justice Court** report is on file.

**Supervisor (County Business)** County Treasurer Kenneth Wilder was named the County Budget Officer.

**Comprehensive Plan Committee** Mr. Hart reported that ZBA asked the Steering Committee to look into chickens, pigs, etc. in the Hamlets. They would like the Town Board to handle this. The Town Board and the Steering Committee should be sitting down before going public with the new Comprehensive Plan.

**SET Public Hearing to discuss Livestock in Hamlets at 6:00pm at Nov. 16, 2006 Town Board Meeting.**

***NEW BUSINESS***

**RES. #120-06** to sign 2007 Columbia-Green Humane Society Contract.

Councilman Rippel offered Res. #120 and moved its adoption to sign the 2007 Columbia-Green Humane Society Contract to charge \$305 per dog.

Councilman Hegeman seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes, all present

Nays, none

Resolution was adopted.

***OLD BUSINESS***

**Mirror Lake** Councilman Rohde reported that the grant has been sent in.

**RES. #121-06** to allow Councilman Rohde to attend seminar

Supervisor DeGroot offered Res. #121 to allow Councilman Rohde to attend a seminar on November 4 at a cost of \$25.

Councilman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes, all present

Nays, none

Resolution was adopted

**RES. #122-06** to approve minutes of September 21, 2006 & October 2, 2006

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #122 to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2006, regular Town Board Meeting and October 2, 2006, special Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes, all present

Nays, none

Resolution was adopted

**RES. #123-06** to accept the town comptroller's report

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #123 to accept the town comptroller's report.

Councilman Hegeman seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes, all present

Nays, none

Resolution was adopted

Motion was made by Councilman Rippel, seconded by Councilman Balcom, and carried to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol Gregg, RMC

Town Clerk