

**TOWN OF CHATHAM TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 15, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Town of Chatham Town Board was held on March 15, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the town hall. Present were: Supervisor DeGroot, Councilman Rohde, Councilman Balcom, and Town Clerk Carol Gregg. Absent were: Councilman Hegeman and Councilman Rippel. Also present were Mary Gail Biebel, Rick Juliano, Tammy Shaw, and several others.

RES. #70-07 to request home rule.

Councilman Balcom offered Res. #70 and moved its adoption that,
Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Chatham finds it desirable to take steps necessary to protect agricultural land within the Town, and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Chatham wishes to avail itself of the additional Real Estate Transfer Tax provisions of the New York State Tax Law in order to receive funds to help achieve such protection,

Now Therefore It Is Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham requests that the NYS Senate and Assembly enact legislation authorizing the Town to enact a local law imposing an additional 2% of the price all real estate sales in excess of the median sales price for arms-length sales in Columbia County, and it is further

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham requests that such legislation authorize the use of such additional Real Estate Transfer Tax for the purpose set forth in the Community Preservation Act.

Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #79-07 to authorize Barton & Loguidice Scope of Services and Bid Phase Services in conjunction with the Crellin Park land donation.

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #79 and moved its adoption that,
Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Chatham has agreed to certain conditions under the donation of Crellin Park lands to the Town by Sonoco Crellin,

Now Therefore It Is Resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham authorizes the following Scope of Services:

- 1) B&L shall prepare contract drawing for the installation of the proposed water service to Sonoco-Crellin, and for parking lot improvements in general conformance to the concept plans previously prepared by Morris Associates. To complete this task, the existing base mapping previously prepared by Morris Associates will be traced and put onto B&L title blocks in AutoCAD format.
- 2) The drawings shall be revised per recent comment letter so they conform to the NYSDOT "*Requirements for the Design and Construction of Underground Utilities With the State Highway Right-of-Way.*"
- 3) Prepare a NYSDOT Highway Work Permit Application (Perm 32m) for the proposed utility installation and parking lot improvements.
- 4) Obtain the services of a subcontractor who specializes in subsurface geotechnical investigations to complete two (2) soil borings to the minimum depth of not less than ten (10) feet.
- 5) B&L will be preparing a project manual to accompany the plans. The project manual will include technical specifications and contractual/administrative requirements. B&L's standard boiler plate bidding documents, construction contract, general conditions and requirements will be utilized.

Bid Phase Services

- 1) B&L will prepare up to ten (10) sets of bid documents and assist the Town of Chatham in bidding the project. Bid assistance will include preparation of Advertisements for publication by the Town in its official newspaper, notifying potential bidders of advertisement publication, assisting with Contract Document distribution, addressing contractor questions during the bid phase and preparing responses as appropriate, preparing addenda as required and issuing the same to contractors.

- 2) Upon receipt of the bids by the Town, B&L will review the bids, review the qualifications of the low bidder and prepare a recommendation of award to the Town. Upon acceptance and award by the Town, B&L will prepare and distribute contracts for final execution by the Town and the Contractor.

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Chatham authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the authorization for the above services. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, all present nays, none and resolution was adopted