

**CHATHAM TOWN BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 15th, 2007 ~ 07:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall on Route 295 in the Town of Chatham.

**Present:** Jesse DeGroot, Supervisor  
Councilman Bob Balcom  
Councilwoman Beth Ann Rippel  
Councilwoman Jean Rohde

**Absent:** Councilman Don Hegeman

**Others:** Attorney Tal Rappleyea  
Assessor Dan Horst

**Call to Order:** Supervisor DeGroot opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and led the pledge to the flag.

**Correspondence:**

1. George Vollmuth, re: September 20 Public Hearing Comments.
2. Jim and Patti McKay and Chloe Barker-Benfield, re: Flock of Chicken Donation.
3. Columbia County Department of Public Works, re: Change of Land Posting on Pulver Bridge

**Public Comment:** Daniel Horst thanked the Board regarding the hamlet issue.

**Reports:**

1. Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement (on file)
2. Justice Court (on file)
3. Supervisor (County Business): Supervisor DeGroot stated that meetings have been very quiet.
4. Recreation Department (on file)

**New Business:**

1. Disposition of Town Meeting Minutes: The Board discussed posting the clerk's minutes on the town website and whether that should be done as a draft or only after approval; in addition, there was discussion if minutes should be available upon demand or require a FOIL request.

**RESOLUTION #149-07 to specify when minutes are posted on the town website.**

Offered by Supervisor DeGroot, moved adoption to approve the posting of the Town Clerk's minutes on the town website after approval from the Town Board and to have the draft minutes available upon request in the Town Clerk's office.

Councilwoman Rohde seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Supervisor DeGroot, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

2. Supervisor Jesse DeGroot appointed Claire Wheeler as Town Historian, retroactive to October 1, 2007.

**Old Business:**

1. The Board discussed the consulting agreement submitted by Nan Stolzenburg on the Comprehensive Plan. A copy is on file.

**RESOLUTION #150-07 to accept the Consulting Agreement from Nan Stolzenburg.**

Offered by Councilwoman Rohde, moved adoption to accept the Consulting Agreement from Nan Stolzenburg regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Supervisor DeGroot, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

2. Councilman Balcom suggested that the Board review the Town's temporary sign ordinance at some point due to existing problems with realtors' signs.
3. The Board scheduled the Organizational Meeting for January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at 6:00 PM.

**RESOLUTION #151-07 to approve the Town Clerk's minutes.**

Offered by Councilwoman Rohde, moved adoption to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2007, special and October 18, 2007, regular Town Board meetings.

Councilwoman Rippel seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Supervisor DeGroot, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #152-07 to pay annual payroll.**

Offered by Councilwoman Rippel, moved adoption to pay the annual payroll on or after December 7, 2007.

Councilwoman Rohde seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Supervisor DeGroot, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #153-07 to pay health insurance buy-back.**

Offered by Councilwoman Rohde, moved adoption to pay health insurance buy-back on or after December 7, 2007.

Councilwoman Rippel seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Supervisor DeGroot, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #154-07 to pay the 2008 NYS Retirement invoice.**

Offered by Councilman Balcom, moved adoption to pay the 2008 NYS Retirement invoice by December 15, 2008 in order to save \$603.

Councilwoman Rippel seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Supervisor DeGroot, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #155-07 to approve Budget Appropriations.**

Offered by Supervisor DeGroot, moved adoption to approve the following:

*Whereas, The Chatham Town Board authorizes the Town Comptroller to make the following Amendments to Budget Appropriations:*

<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>A1990.4</i>	<i>A1670.4</i>	<i>\$1500.00</i>
<i>A1990.4</i>	<i>A5132.2</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>A1990.4</i>	<i>A5132.4</i>	<i>900.00</i>
<i>DB5142.1</i>	<i>DB5130.4</i>	<i>10,000.00</i>
<i>DB9010.8</i>	<i>DB9050.8</i>	<i>3,000.00</i>
	<b><i>Total Funds</i></b>	<b><i>15,500.00</i></b>

Councilwoman Rippel seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Supervisor DeGroot, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION #156-07 to approve Town Comptroller's report.**

Offered by Councilwoman Rohde, moved adoption to approve the Town Comptroller's report.

Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Supervisor DeGroot, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

**Motion to Close Meeting:** Councilwoman Rohde made a motion, Councilman Balcom seconded, and it carried to adjourn the November 15<sup>th</sup> regular Town Board meeting at 07:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Elizabeth Horst  
Deputy Town Clerk