

**TOWN OF CHATHAM
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 17, 2008 ~ 7:00 PM**

Board Present:

Supervisor Jesse DeGroot
Councilwoman Beth Ann Rippel
Councilman Don Hegeman
Councilwoman Jean Rohde
Councilman Bob Balcom

Others Present:

Dan Horst, Assessor
Joseph Rickert, Highway Supt.
Tal Rappleyea, Attorney
Earle Kelsey, Comptroller

Call To Order: Supervisor DeGroot called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge To Flag: Councilman Hegeman led the pledge to the flag.

New Business:

1. ICLEI (Green Towns USA) membership proposal: The Town Board listened to an audio-internet conference given by Missy Stults from ICLEI.
2. Local Transportation: David Katzenstein spoke to the Town Board regarding transportation options for Chatham and Columbia County.
3. Columbia Land Conservancy: Tom Crowell presented information to the Board regarding choices for landowners and towns on conserving land.

Reports:

1. Highway: Joe Rickert gave his report to the Board. A copy of the report is on file.
2. Code Enforcement/Zoning Enforcement (On file).
3. Justice Court (On file).
4. Supervisor (County Business).
5. Recreation Department. (On file).

Other New Business:

Town Hall Telephone Answering Machine. Supervisor DeGroot explained the situation with the Town Hall phones and that something needs to be done soon. The Board decided to think of ideas for the next meeting.

Old Business:

1. Street Light Districts: This was postponed to await information from Attorney Rappleyea.
2. Right-to-Farm: The Town Board set a Public Hearing for the regular August 21, 2008, meeting at 7:00 PM and asked Attorney Rappleyea to draft a local law in the meantime.
3. Old Chatham Pond. This was covered between the Board and Highway Supt. Joe Rickert during the discussion of the Highway Report.

Resolutions:**RESOLUTION #81-08** to renew the license for Gleason Mobile Home Park.

Offered by Supervisor DeGroot, moved adoption to renew the license for Gleason Mobile Home Park on 97 Little Lake Road per Building Inspector Walt Simonsmeier's request. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

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

The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #82-08 to approve the Crellin Park's temporary skate park.

Offered by Councilwoman Rippel, moved adoption to approve a temporary skate park at Crellin Park between the pavilion and the basketball court, which will be integrated into the final plan in the future.

Councilman Hegeman seconded the motion.

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

The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #83-08 to approve budget appropriations.

Offered by Councilwoman Rippel, moved adoption as follows:

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> |
|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
| A1990.4 | A1620.4 | \$6000.00 |
| A1990.4 | A3510.4 | \$500.00 |
| Total Funds | | \$6500.00 |

Councilwoman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote: Supervisor DeGrootd, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; Councilman Hegeman, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #84-08 to approve the Highway Department Union contract.

Offered by Councilwoman Rohde, moved adoption to approve the Highway Department Union contract for January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2010.

Councilwoman Rippel seconded the motion.

Vote: Supervisor DeGrootd, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; Councilman Hegeman, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #85-08 to approve Town Clerk minutes.

Offered by Councilwoman Rohde, moved adoption to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2008, regular Town Board meeting.

Councilman Hegeman seconded the motion.

Vote: Supervisor DeGrootd, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; Councilman Hegeman, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION #86-08 to approve the Town Comptroller's report.

Offered by Supervisor DeGrootd, moved adoption to approve the Town Comptroller's report.

Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote: Supervisor DeGrootd, aye; Councilwoman Rippel, aye; Councilman Balcom, aye; Councilman Hegeman, aye; and Councilwoman Rohde, aye.

The resolution was adopted.

Public Comment:

Dan Horst thanked the Board for their thoughtfulness in trying not to spend a lot of money and encouraged them to continue that work.

Jim Temple, in reference to the Draft Comprehensive Plan, stated that his two major issues with it are 1) a blatant lack of dealing with actual costs and 2) a taking away of basic freedoms in regards to private property. Temple stated that he would be more supportive of the plan if 1) the Town was more upfront about costs and 2) the Town compensated owners for loss of profits due to land regulations caused by new zoning changes.

Motion To Close Meeting: Supervisor DeGrootd moved to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting of July 17, 2008, in honor of the late Bob Crosby, the first director of Crellin Park. Councilwoman Rippel seconded and all members voted aye, carrying the motion to close the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Horst
Deputy Town Clerk