

**TOWN OF CHATHAM TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Town of Chatham, Town Board was held on Feb. 19, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the town hall. Present: Councilman – Jean Rohde, Councilman – BethAnn Rippel, Councilman – Bob Balcom, Councilman – Don Hegeman, Town Clerk – Carol Gregg, Comptroller – Earl Kelsey, Town Attorney – Tal Rappleyea. Absent: Supervisor – Jesse DeGroot.

Councilman Rohde opened the meeting and the pledge was led by Councilman Hegeman.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Columbia County Fire Coordinator, re: structure fire.
- B. Charter Communications, re; rate changes
- C. Town Comprehensive Plan, many letters expressing support of plan adoption.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Temple spoke in opposition to the proposed Comprehensive Plan. He feels that the cost implication's have still not been addressed. He would like the Town Board to do the GEIS environmental review.

REPORTS

- A. Highway: report is on file.
- B. Recreation: Shari Franks reported that Crellin Park Foundation is working on its first fundraiser which will be held at Omi International Arts Center on March 21, 2009 from 2 – 5 pm. Full report is on file.
- C. Justice: report is on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Servicing Town Computers Three Computer Specialist's have been contacted. This discussion will be postponed until next month.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea feels that the Board should start the Environmental Review with the long form EAF.

RES. #46-09 to utilize the long form EAF for Comprehensive Plan.

Councilman Balcom offered Res. #46 and moved its adoption to utilize the long form EAF for review of the Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Ripple seconded the motion.

Vote: ayes, Rohde, Balcom, Hegeman, Rippel

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #47-09 to approve the minutes.

Councilman Hegeman offered Res. #47 and moved its adoption to approve the minutes of Jan. 15, 2009 town board meeting. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, Rohde, Balcom, Hegeman, Rippel

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #48-09 to approve town Comptroller's report.

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #48 and moved its adoption to approve town Comptroller's report as written. Councilman Ripple seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, Rohde, Balcom, Hegeman, Rippel

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Temple he feels that the Town Board is taking a short cut on the Environmental review process for the Comp. Plan.

Motion was made by Councilman Balcom, seconded by Councilman Rippel and carried to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol Gregg RMC
Town Clerk