

**TOWN OF CHATHAM TOWN BOARD MEEETING
AUGUST 20, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Town of Chatham, Town Board was held on Thursday August 20, 2009 at the town hall. Present were: Supervisor – Jesse DeGroot, Councilman – Bob Balcom, Councilman – Don Hegeman, Councilman – Jean Rohde, Town Attorney – Tal Rappleyea, Comptroller – Earl Kelsey, Highway Supt. – Joe Rickert, Town Clerk – Carol Gregg and several others. Absent was Councilman – Beth Ann Rippel.

Supervisor DeGroot opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and Councilman Hegeman led the pledge to the flag.

The **Public Hearing for proposed Dog Law** was opened at 7:01 pm. The following persons spoke concerning the proposed Dog Law: Crystal Wheeler, Gary Viola, Steve Campbell, Jim Buckley (representing the Old Chatham Hunt Club), Jim McKay, Maria Lull, Tom Wheeler, Van Calhoun, and Deidra Henderson. The majority of persons were not in favor of the proposed law.

The **Public Hearing for the proposed Comprehensive Plan** was opened at 7:30 pm. The following persons spoke concerning the proposed Comp Plan: Doris Appel, George Volmuth, Earl Kelsey, and Jim McKay (were all very concerned about the growth in the existing hamlets). Deirdre Henderson, Julie Caplet, Diane Klinger, Carol Hegeman, Randy Walker were in favor of passing the plan now.

CORRESPONDENCE

PATRICIA MCKAY letter concerning her disapproval of the proposed law.

COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING concerning the proposed Comp Plan

PUBLIC COMMENT

AL WASSEHOVE spoke to the Town Board about saving Pine Haven Nursing Home from being moved to another location.

DIANNE KLINGER stated that the Col. Cty. Board of Supervisors has looked at Pine Haven and they feel that it should not be moved.

CAROL HEGEMEAN thinks that building an alternative to a nursing home makes more sense, than building a new nursing home.

DR. IRA MARKS feels that Pine Haven should be saved.

REPORTS

HIGHWAY Joe Rickert reported that \$297,274.11 will be reimbursed from FEMA for the Dec. storm. Joe would like the Town Board to pass a resolution to apply for a DEC permit to remove the dam at the Mirror Pond in hamlet of Old Chatham. Copy of report is on file.

JUSTICE report is on file.

RECREATION DEPT. report is on file.

RES. #74-09 to apply to DEC for a permit to remove dam.

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #74 and moved its adoption to apply to DEC for a permit to remove dam at Mirror Pond in the hamlet of Old Chatham. Councilman Hegeman seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGroot, Balcom, Hegeman, Rohde

Nays, none Resolution was adopted

RES. #75-09 to proceed with legal action on property in the town.

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #75 and moved its adoption to proceed with legal action on the Jeffrey Mickle and Gagne property. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGroot, Balcom, Hegeman, Rohde

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #76-09 to allow Justice Appel to attend conference.

Councilman Balcom offered Res. #76 and moved its adoption to allow Justice Appel to attend conference in Lake Placid Oct. 19-22. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGroot, Balcom, Hegeman, Rohde

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #77-09 to accept new Comprehensive Plan.

Councilman Hegeman offered Res. #77 and moved its adoption to accept the new Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGroot, Balcom, Hegeman, Rohde

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #78-09 to approve minutes.

Councilman Rohde offered Res. #78 and moved its adoption to approve minutes of the July 16, 2009 town board meeting. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGroot, Balcom, Hegeman, Rohde

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #79-09 to increase credit card amounts for Highway Supt. and Town Clerk.

Supervisor DeGrootd offered Res. #79 and moved its adoption to increase credit card limits for the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00. Councilman Rohde seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGrootd, Balcom, Hegeman, Rohde

Nays, none and resolution was adopted.

RES. #80-09 to purchase Excavator.

Supervisor DeGrootd offered Res. #80 and moved its adoption to accept the bid for (one) 2009 Case Hydraulic Compact Crawler Excavator CX50B from Monroe Tractor, located at 423 Old Loudon Road, Latham, NY for the total sum of \$58,900.00. Itemized as follows: Excavator: \$51,437.00, 16" Bucket: \$825.00 24" Bucket: \$975, 00, 36" Bucket: \$916.00, Quick Coupler: \$1,144.00, Hydraulic Thumb: \$2,436.00, Root Rake: \$1,167.00. Councilman Balcom seconded the motion.

Vote; ayes, DeGrootd, Balcom, Hegeman, Rohde

Nays, none and Resolution was adopted

PUBLIC COMMENT

RANDI WALKER than you very much for implementing the new Comprehensive Plan.

Motion was made by Supervisor DeGrootd, seconded by Councilman Balcom and carried to go into executive session at 8:45 to discuss personnel. Councilman Rohde made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hegeman and carried to come out of executive session at 8:56 pm.

Motion was made by Councilman Balcom, seconded by Councilman Rohde and carried to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol Gregg RMC
Town Clerk