

Town Board Meeting
April 11, 2011

At the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge, duly called and held the 11th of April, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor William Watkins
Councilwoman Catherine Fedler
Councilman Alan Davis
Councilman Ted Berndt
Councilman Frank Ziehm

Other present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Scott Keller, Rani Bass, Bob Hamilton, David DeCarlo, Henry Peabody, Donald Herrington, Lillian Herrington, Astrid Davis, LaVerne Davis, Terry Hamilton, Scott Keller, Megan Ashleigh Farrell, Sue Herrington, Gerald Skiff, Dan Schmidt, Dick Sutherland, Alan Wrigley Town Lawyer, Robbie McIntosh, Gloria Collery

Bills audited prior to the meeting at 7:00 PM

General	#62 – 84	\$ 7,387.21
Highway	#30 – 43	\$12,452,31

Supervisor Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and immediately led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Resolution #27

Councilman Ziehm motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Fedler to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2011 meeting with one correction on page 3 at the bottom where it says that after the January meeting Councilwoman Fedler called the Lawyer. It should say that Supervisor Watkins called the Lawyer.

Ayes – 5 Noe – 0

Resolution #28

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Supervisor Watkins to approve the Supervisor's Report from March 2011.

Ayes – 5 Noe – 0

Assessor

Supervisor Watkins read the letter from New York State Civil Service Commission which was approving the waiver for Jeffry Jackson the Assessor of the Town of Cambridge. This retroactive request is for the period of 01/01/2010 – 12/31/2011 if an additional extension is required, a new application must be submitted at least 3 months before the expiration date of this approval.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that she returned 2011 Town and County Taxes to the County Treasurer on April 5th.

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Councilman Davis attended School Capital Building Project meeting after the project was voted down. They were surprised that the project was voted down. They were looking for input on the project from the public, the project is now estimated at 7.5 million. This will be put up to vote sometime before school is out.

Councilman Davis also mentioned that the other day when he was in the Town Hall he realized all the excess things in the back room: chairs, copiers, etc. He was talking to LaVerne Davis and they were both wondering what they were going to do with it.

Councilman Davis thought that maybe they could put some things on the same website that the truck was sold on. He questioned how the board would go about doing this. The Supervisor stated that first of all a resolution must be passed and have to put Public Notice in the paper and have a Public Hearing to let the people know what you are planning on doing. The Inventory must be done first to see what is excess.

Resolution #29

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ziehm for Councilman Davis to make a list of excess equipment and Inventory and to bring this up to the Board for possibly putting on Auction International.

Vote: Aye – 5 Noe - 0

Councilman Berndt stated that he had a discussion with Councilman Davis about trying to move forward with cost savings with benefits with new hires. Possibly new hires carrying 25% Councilman Davis asked if the health benefits came down from the state or if the Town Board set this. Supervisor Watkins stated that the Town Board set this. Councilwoman Fedler asked if there was any extra administrative cost to have two separate sets of benefits. Councilwoman Fedler did mention that maybe the Town could pay for the Employee and the Employee would pay for family members. They stated that this would be something to look at for the future possibly.

Councilman Berndt made everyone aware that this weekend April 16th and 17th would be Town Highway Cleanup from 9:00 to 11:00 am. There will be coffee and donuts and large contractors bags available. Anything that is cleaned up will be picked up on Monday by the Highway Department if notified.

Councilman Berndt also asked the Town Board if they wanted any of the policies like Procurement and Computer Usage available on the Town Website. Supervisor Watkins asked if there is any reason why they needed this, and the rest of the board thought that this was not needed.

Councilwoman Fedler reported that she talked with the Lawyer and things are still moving along. Motions were discussed in front of the Judge and it is expected that it will be another two to six weeks before he hears anything.

The Generator was previously tabled last meeting and Councilwoman Fedler spoke with Eric Shaw the Highway Superintendent and asked him if there was one that he thought was better than the other. He thought that the quote from Home Depot which was

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\$3384.00 was the best. Councilman Davis asked how much the State Contract Generator was.

She stated that it was \$4207.00 and it was the same generator that Home Depot has. Councilwoman Fedler stated that the money would come out of Town Hall Reserve Fund.

Resolution #30

Councilwoman Fedler motioned
Seconded by Councilman Ziehm

Be It Resolved, that the Town will purchase the generator from Home Depot for approximately \$3,384.85 for the Town Hall by using the money from the Town Hall Reserve.

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Watkins – Aye
 Councilwoman Fedler – Aye
 Councilman Davis – Aye
 Councilman Ziehm – Aye
 Councilman Berndt – Aye

Planning Board

In the absence of Clerk to the Planning Board Sally B. Eddy, Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk read the Planning Board Report. The Board met April 7, 2011, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall with a full board present and 2 people from the public.

Walter Korb, Jr. presented a survey for a minor subdivision of his and Jean Korb's property located at the corner of Dickens and Conley Roads, identified by tax map #280-1-13.4 and consisting of 22.1 acres. Mr. & Mrs. Korb are proposing to separate off a 9.1 acre lot to convey to their son, Barry Korb, for the purpose of constructing a residence. Barry Korb's parcel will front onto Conley Road. The survey was granted preliminary approval by unanimous vote of the board. A public hearing will be held at the May meeting.

Jerry Moppert informed the board that the Global Foundries upcoming quarterly Fab 8 Neighborhood Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 26, 2011 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the construction site in Malta. The meeting is open to anyone in the community. Representatives will provide updates on the Fab 8 project and answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

Each Board member was given the Information on the Fab 8 Neighborhood Meeting. Councilman Berndt stated that he was planning to attend the meeting and anyone wanted to go with him were welcome to. Supervisor Watkins said that Councilman Berndt could represent the Town Board, and bring back a report.

Superintendent of Highway

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In the absence of Highway Superintendent Eric Shaw, Councilwoman Fedler read the report. The past month they have been busy drawing for the stock pile, sweeping roads, cleaning and painting the plow equipment along with grading the roads.

Highway Superintendent Eric Shaw has gone over the contract draft agreement between the Town and County pertaining to the plowing of County Route 60. He had a number of questions regarding the contract. He has talked with the Town of Cambridge insurance company and with Dick Wilson from the County. Mr. Shaw feels that his questions have been answered and he is satisfied with them. If the Town Board wishes to plow, salt and sand County Route 60, he is in agreement.

Highway Superintendent Eric Shaw also recommended selling the 1981 John Deere tractor on Auctions International. The tractor has only been used 30 hours in the past two years. We also have two antique oil tanks in the old barn which he suggests be sold. They were put there in either 1975 or 1976.

Councilwoman Fedler spoke with Eric Shaw before the meeting. He said if the Board agrees to sell the Tractor and the oil tanks, maybe Councilman Davis would like to put them on Auctions International. Eric recommended that the sickle bar and bucket and tractor be sold as one and that the bidding start at \$5,000 for the very minimum. However, he thought that they could get more. The antique oil tanks with pumps he was not sure an asking price.

Resolution #31

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ziehm, to put a notice in the paper that the Town will be putting the 1981 John Deere Tractor and the sickle bar and bucket and also the antique oil tanks with pumps on Auction International for the next months meeting on May 9th.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noe – 0

Councilwoman Fedler and Councilman Davis will get the information together for next month on what will be put on Auctions International as far as the Tractor, Sickle Bar, Bucket, Antique Oil Drums and Pump and the things that will be up for sale from the Town Hall.

The Supervisor presented envelopes for the Town of Cambridge, Town of Whitecreek and the Village of Cambridge. They contained the Permit from FEMA to map the Flood Zone. This has an engineer stamp on it. DEC in Warrensburg has one, DEC in Albany, and FEMA in Maryland will have one; the Home owners that are buying the house have one. Councilman Davis asked if there was a change in the flood plain. The Supervisor stated yes that it dropped the flood plain level by almost 3 feet. The bridge that the Town put in exceeds the hydraulic analysis.

Taking over the County Route 60

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Councilman Davis had questions about how much it cost the town per mile to plow the roads, Councilman Davis stated that he thought it was approximately \$2200 per mile. The County is going to pay the Town of Cambridge \$5,000 per mile to maintain County Rt. 60, this road is 5.34 miles so the Town will be making approximately \$26,000.

Resolution #32

Councilman Berndt motioned,
Seconded Councilman Davis,

Be It Resolved that the Town of Cambridge will be taking over the plowing and maintaining of Washington County Route 60.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noe – 0

Code Enforcement

LaVerne Davis, the Code Enforcement Officer, attended the meeting and said that there was not much to report. He had ordered a remedy of violation for the LeBarron place in Coila; there is a lot of stuff laying around. Councilman Davis asked if there were a lot of building permits. LaVerne Davis commented that there was not much going on in the Town for building.

High Speed Internet Committee

The High Speed Internet Committee met prior to this Town Board Meeting at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall. Councilman Berndt reported that Supervisor Watkins is working with State Senator Little and has secured \$20,000 out of the \$100,000 total. The \$20,000 is to be earmarked for Cambridge and hopefully to do the unit on Gannon Road and to set up the DSL for the Town Hall. This still has to go through Senate Finance Committee and Tory Reily from the Washington County LDC is going to take the lead for the County and hopefully will get a commitment from Verizon to partner on this. The High Speed Internet Committee is extending an invitation to meet with Mrs. Reily and to talk about unserved and underserved areas for Cambridge. Councilman Davis asked if we have a figure of what it would cost, Supervisor Watkins stated that we do not know. Councilman Berndt stated that originally it was going to cost \$102,000 total, however now they are not sure. Councilman Berndt had said that he was not sure if maybe the \$20,000 could get them started and than go back for more.

A resident from the Town asked what about the 692 Greenwich portion of the Town. Councilman Berndt stated that was all copper wire and there is no fiber optic out to those folks and the High Speed Internet Committee will keep working to try to get them to bring fiber optic or some kind of spur. Mrs. Reily is also trying to get the spur that runs from the Town of Greenwich which would be Time Warner to run out this way. Supervisor Watkins stated that no one was being left out.

Communications

Supervisor Watkins attended the Cambridge Charter meeting which is planning the 250th Anniversary of the Cambridge Charter which will be celebrated July 23rd. The kick off of this Celebration will be at the Memorial Day Parade by the Boy Scouts. The Balloon

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Festival will be another opportunity for everyone to be made aware of the celebration. There will be a booth representing the Historical Society. The Historical Society will be making a book to update from the book that was made in 1988. Anyone that has any information from 1988 – Present from the Town of Cambridge, Beverly Comere and Connie Watkins will be doing these changes and updates and they can be contacted. The Boy Scouts will also be doing a reenactment on the 23rd of July on the United Presbyterian lawn. Also a Proclamation of the event will be written up and signed by the Supervisors of the Towns of Cambridge, Jackson and Whitecreek. The Washington County Board of Supervisors will be doing the same.

Councilman Berndt brought to everyone's attention that Best Buy in Wilton will be taking all Electronics for recyclables such as TV's, DVD players, computers, monitors, audios, videos for free for Earthday.

Councilwoman Fedler read some correspondence in regards to the Washington County Historical Society. They had their second World week History Fair at the Greenwich School on April 2nd from 10:00 to 4:00. It had to do with Open Hearth cooking, Easton Political Quality Club, Genealogy, Games for children from the Revolutionary War Period, and much more. Sandra Davis represented Cambridge and books and other memorabilia were available for sale. This was a time for the locals to learn more about the area.

A Proclamation will be posted for National Crime Victims Week, which will be April 10th to 16th.

Unfinished Business

The JCap Grant

Supervisor Watkins asked Town Board what was to be done with the JCap Grant whether they were going to keep it or send it back. Councilwoman Fedler suggested that they proceed with the grant. So Councilwoman Fedler made a motion to approve the grant. Councilman Davis asked if they were all set with everything as far as prevailing wage. Supervisor Watkins stated that was up to the contractor. Councilman Davis had said at the meeting the other day that the contractor suggested that if he had to pay prevailing wage that the job probably should be put out to bid. Supervisor Watkins said that he would contact the contractor and get back to the board next month. Councilman Berndt was looking for the diagrams and the contract. Councilman Berndt also asked what the time frame was on the grant. David DeCarlo said that the time frame was 145 days.

Councilwoman Fedler said that they should vote to move on pending the part that has to do with the contractor and the prevailing wage. Scott Keller a tax payer from the audience questioned what the prevailing wage had to do with the contract. Councilman Davis stated that if the contractor did not know it had to be prevailing wage, in his opinion the contractor was misled because he did not know he had to pay prevailing wage.

Supervisor Watkins said he would contact Mr. Oswald, the contractor, and go from there.

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David DeCarlo voiced his concern that Town Justice, Janet DeCarlo, had gone by the rules of the Grant and really she only had to have one contractors quote. However, Town Justice Janet DeCarlo contacted 3 contractors and only two put bids in and the one that put the bid in on time received the job.

Councilman Berndt stated that this was the first that he had seen this material and now he understands that there was a meeting also between the Supervisor and Councilman Davis and the Town Justice and contractor. Councilman Berndt felt that this should go out for bid. Councilwoman Fedler said that there is a plateau level that has to be reached before the project has to go out for public bid, and this job doesn't reach that point. Councilwoman Fedler stated that she believes the rules have been followed and this grant needs to be taken advantage of because if not the things that are mandated will eventually come out of the tax payers pocket if we lose this grant now. Mr. Berndt felt that he had been left out and the communication has been poor and he motioned to table till next month until he gets time to look the material over.

Resolution #33

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman Berndt to move on with the Jcap Grant and Supervisor Watkins will followup with the Contractor to discuss the prevailing wage and to give Town Councilman Berndt time to review the contract and diagrams.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noe – 0

Resolution #34

Supervisor Watkins motioned, Seconded by Councilman Berndt to give the Town Justice the ok to move forward with other purchases such as furniture and other things for the Jcap Grant.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noe - 0

County Report

180 parcels will be going up for Tax Sale on June 18th .

Alternative Sentencing

Looking for gardening for young men and woman, it was suggested that they work in the community gardens in Greenwich and Cambridge. This is a program for young people that have strayed and have community service to do with supervision of an adult.

Washington County Solid Waste Management Plan

The Solid Waste Management Plan has been finished and a copy has been left in the Town Clerk's office for the public to view.

Unfinished Business

Councilman Berndt mentioned that everyone from the board had received the Appointment policy draft copy. However, they would table till next meeting so that the public could view the copy.

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Resolution#35

The appointment policy that Councilman Berndt has distributed to the Town Board will be tabled until next month so that the tax payers will have a chance to view the copy that will be in the Town Clerk's office.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noe - 0

Scott Keller, a citizen from the town, questioned whether or not the town has the authority to request that the people who have collapsed barns clean them up. LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement said that he would look into this.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was moved and carried to adjournment at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully yours,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk