

Town Board Meeting
April 8, 2024

The Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Cambridge was duly called, Monday April 8, 2024 at the Cambridge Town Hall, at 7:30 PM the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler
Councilman Larry Carrino
Councilman Robert McIntosh
Councilman Bruce Bailey
Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Highway Superintendent, Jimmy Morris from The Eagle, Ken Gottry Historian in Cambridge Area

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

Anniversary Skit with Ken Gottry

Ken Gottry attended the meeting to discuss the 250th Anniversary of the Country and that the Town of Cambridge will be turning 250 before that. Mr. Gottry asked the board if he could perform a small skit in the first few minutes of the June meeting. He stated that there are records from May of 1773 of the Town Hall meeting that he would like to use in the skit. He explained to the board that in 1774 there was a big debate over the district lines during one of the meetings. The Town Board approved the use of the first few minutes in the June meeting for Mr. Gottrey's Skit. Mr. Gottrey will send over the narrative for the May meeting, the Town Board thanked Mr. Gottrey for his participation and just keeping history alive.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#46 – 65	\$ 3,802.48
Highway	#32 – 53	\$74,735.79

There were no Supervisor's reports this month due to receiving some of the figures late and the amount of work for Town Clerk of getting taxes back to the County Treasurer. The Town Clerk said that she would email the reports over to Board Members as soon as they are finished.

Approving of the minutes

Resolution #22

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2024 meeting as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Supervisor Fedler reported that she would be out of Town for a week, she would be in Nebraska. She also mentioned that there was an invitation for someone to attend the 50-year recognition celebration for Gerald Aiken and Gary Danio. The Supervisor could not attend the function so she was looking for a Board member that could. Councilman Carrino mentioned that he would like to attend this function.

Amending of Resolution #12

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Resolution #23

Councilman McIntosh motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to amend the Resolution #12 from the February 12, 2024 Town Board meeting, the unanticipated revenue amount \$30,438 for County Route 60 was moved to the snow removal contractual DA5142.4.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Planning Board Report

- Planning Board meeting canceled for Wednesday, April 10th, due to nothing on the agenda. All Planning Board members said that they would send all questions in regards to the Solar Law that needed to be forwarded on to NYSERDA over to the Town Clerk to send on to the Supervisor. The next Planning Board meeting will be on Wednesday, May 1st.

Town Clerk Report

Last Day to pay taxes in the Town Clerk's office was Monday, April 1st. Taxes were taken back to the County Treasurer on Thursday, April 4th.

- The total amount of taxes collected was \$1,950,366.47
- Unpaid taxes returned to the County Treasurer \$241,812.32

Thank you note was received from Heather Burke, Drama Club thanked the Town of Cambridge for allowing them to use the Town Hall for their cast party.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley reported that hopefully done plowing snow.

- Cut shoulders where paving and begun grading
- Adjuster tomorrow for box 2018 pick-up
- Pricing on flat beds
- Insurance money, sell the box after
- Pounding out dent (Probably only last 2 years maybe after work on it)
- Transfer rack & back-up lights to new pickup
- New pickup is here, wiring, fender protection and a radio need to be installed (working on the wiring only came half wired.
- Think the Hotbox is sold and new one is coming in anyway – cost difference covered by reserve they pay each year.
- Possibly seasonal help, he doesn't want full time because he doesn't want to plow snow. He comes very highly recommended. Only found out about this morning. Councilman McIntosh was wondering when someone does not work winter do they go on unemployment?

Trius snow Plow

Highway Superintendent requested a resolution so a letter of intent can be submitted to hold the snow plow.

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Resolution #24

Councilman Carrino motioned, seconded by Councilman Bailey to give permission to Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley to submit a letter of intent to hold 9" Western Plow per the quote received from Trius, inc. for the amount of \$7,788.00: Board gave up to \$8,000.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

FEMA Flood Zone

Jim Buckley reported that FEMA had released today April 8th the dates of the open houses in the County at three different locations.

The dates are as follows:

- April 16th Salem, Bancroft Library 5-8 pm
- April 17th Whitehall, Town Hall 3-6 pm
- April 18th Ft. Edward, Municipal Building 3-6 pm

Because the Town has no specifics mailing lists, our Town is going above and beyond to notify the public. Jimmy at the Eagle was given a notice to put in the paper in regards to the FEMA maps and the changes and the meetings.

The new Truck has arrived, Jim Buckley mentioned that must get reflective tapes on Doors and the tailgate for safety precautions due to it being white.

Solar

Supervisor Fedler mentioned that after the Planning Board meeting it was decided that any questions in regards to solar that needs to be sent on to NYSERDA will be submitted to the Supervisor to be sent on. Councilman McIntosh and Bailey mentioned that the questions in the minutes looked good. Councilman Carrino already had submitted a list to the Supervisor the March Town Board meeting.

Councilman Carrino presented pictures of two different properties in regards to Solar locations being close to neighboring properties. One of the properties was 1192 County Route 40, the Solar farm was right in a backyard. The other property is the same idea, solar right in the backyard.

Supervisor Fedler said that she spoke with the Fire Coordinator and he has concerns. He is going to pass his concerns on to the Towns. He has list and is doing more research.

Councilman McIntosh was wondering if there is a limit on the length of time the Town can have a Solar Moratorium in place? Councilman McIntosh said that he has spoken with Jim Nolan Supervisor of the Town of Greenwich. What did they have for a Solar Law? Supervisor Fedler requested that whatever Councilman McIntosh does, Councilman Carrino should be involved in it. She said that it is beneficial for the Town that both be involved, they must coordinate these things together.

Bill Tompkins chair of Planning Board in Greenwich said that he would meet and talk with them anytime.

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge