

Town Board Meeting
August 10, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held the 10th day of August 2015 at the Town Hall, the following present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler
Councilman Douglas Ford
Councilwoman Susan Herrington
Councilman Gerald Skiff
Councilman Robin McMurray

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Richard Farrell from the Eagle, Terry Hamilton, LaVerne Davis, Margaret Shaw Clerk to the supervisor, Eric Shaw Highway Superintendent, Bruce Bailey, Ron Ford

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

Auditing of the Bills

General	#123 – 143	\$1,173.33
Highway	#117 – 124	\$9,484.99

Approving of the Supervisor's Report

Resolution #38

Councilman Ford motioned, seconded by Councilman McMurray to approve the July 2015 Supervisor's Report.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 0

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution #39

Councilman Skiff motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2015 minutes with two corrections. The first correction being on page 4 third paragraph spelling error should be conversation not conservation. The second correction is the top of page 4 first paragraph the last sentence should read, "They were hopeful if one of these committees were created that this would help keep the Town running efficiently, smoothly and save money."

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 0

Councilman McMurray abstained from the vote because he was absent from the July 13, 2015 meeting.

Councilwoman Herrington entered meeting at 7:50 PM, was not present for the first two votes.

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Town Clerk

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that she had given each board member a copy of the Welcome to the Town of Cambridge sheet. Heather Greenawalt the Town Clerk created this sheet as discussed last meeting in hopes to help new residents in the town with answers to many questions. She mentioned that she was looking for input on things that might need to be deleted or added. It was suggested that the Town Website address be put on this paper. She also inquired if the Town Board members would like to be on the sheet. It was decided to include the Town Board Members on the sheet. The Town Clerk mentioned that she had discussed this sheet with the assessor. The Assessor said that when she sends new property owners the STAR Application she could include one of these sheets. The Town Clerk also reported that today was the first day of hunting license sales for the new season. There were many challenges today with the DEC Server. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt asked the Town Board if it was possible to close the Town Clerk Office for the week of August 24th – 28th, both deputies are unable to work. Town Clerk said that she would check messages and emails daily. The Town Board said that was fine as long as messages and emails were checked.

Supervisor Shay called to remind everyone about the meeting on August 11th at the Town of Whitecreek Office, Vince Canani will be present and speaking on the equalization rate.

Planning Board Report

Planning Board Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that the Town of Cambridge Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting, August 6, 2015 with 5 members present, Clerk, 4 people from the public. The Planning Board held the public hearing for the Dan Schmidt property at the intersection of Oak Hill Rd. and King Rd.. They granted Dan Schmidt final approval of the 19.052 acre minor subdivision.

Nicolas Hamilton presented the survey map to the Planning Board on the Hamilton Estate. This is a minor subdivision containing 135.30 acres on Whiteside Rd.. The Hamilton Family will be subdividing off 3.16 acre parcel on the south side of property on the eastside of Whiteside Rd.. There is already an existing Mobile Home on the east side; Nicholas Hamilton is hoping to put a new house on the property. The public hearing will be held for the minor subdivision of Hamilton Estate on Thursday, September 10, 2015. Next month's Planning Board Meeting has been changed from September 4th to Thursday September 10, 2015.

Code Enforcement

LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement Officer reported that everything is quiet and that he attended schooling last week.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Eric Shaw reported that several roads around the Town were patched. Brush was cut in numerous places and a number of areas were ditched. The Highway Superintendent said that if anyone knows of someone looking for fill let him know. Trees were

cleaned up after 2 storms. The CHIPS paper work was submitted for the September reimbursement. Gravel and sand has been drawn from Korb's pit on Gannon Road with a total of 3,200 yards. The total amount of diesel used for the month of July is 755 gallons. The Highway Superintendent reported that last Thursday one of the overhead doors broke and tonight another one is broken. He mentioned that it is possible that they have not been serviced for the last couple of years.

Councilman Skiff asked the Supervisor if someone could get ahold of the County and have them mow the intersections. He mentioned that one specific spot was at the intersection of County Rt. 59 and South Rd. Highway Superintendent Eric Shaw said that he would talk to Steve Haskins on Thursday during their meeting.

Town Board Report

Councilman Ford reported that he had followed up with the investigation on the speed limit on Stevenson Rd. per the request of Aimee Smith at 361 Stevenson Rd.. Councilman Ford reported the results that he compiled: Of the 17 households on Stevenson Rd. 10 against/opposed, 2 not able to reach, 4 in favor, 1 non-committal. Ron Ford a resident of the Town was present at the meeting and he spoke about his opinion on the matter. Ron Ford mentioned that he had run equipment on this road for the past 40 years and has never had a problem. He did mention that he felt that distraction was more of an issue then speed. He said that some of the people that are not driving on that road are distracted, for example joggers that wear headphones. It was suggested that Children at Play sign be put on the road. Highway Superintendent Eric Shaw said that gives children permission to play in the road and if they are hit the town would be liable. It was decided by the Town Board that they would not proceed any further with this matter. Councilman Ford was thanked for his effort and Ron Ford was thanked for coming to the meeting.

Councilman McMurray questioned Supervisor Fedler if she had received any info on the Fire District. Supervisor Fedler said she has heard anything, everything has been quiet.

Councilman Skiff said that they would discuss Site Plan Review later in the meeting.

Councilwoman Herrington summed up the Town Picnic as a success and thanked everyone that attended. She mentioned that they had approximately 30 people, paid \$2.00 per person. The total amount that was spent was \$110 in grocery, \$60.00 for cost of park and each person had to pay \$2 for parking. White Creek was very generous in donating money and Councilman Skiff cooked on the Barbecue pit.

Communications

A thank you letter was received from Elizabeth Ellard for the Supervisor's help and the Highway Department for helping to clean up the brush that she had put along the roadside.

The Supervisor received notice that the Equalization rate for the Town of Cambridge is at 100%.

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An email was received from Stephen Lewis Territory Manager from Cardiac life Products, a Certified Women Business Enterprise. This is one of the largest AED vendors in the country; they are an industry leader in promoting heart-safe environments.

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt received a letter from the Tour of the Battenkill in regards to the 12th Annual Tour of the Battenkill. They will be making some major changes to the 2016 event: they are moving the event to May to minimize the risk of bad weather. They will be condensing the event into a single day to reduce the impact on local roads and residents. The race will be held Saturday, May 21, 2016 and they will be using the same course as in 2015. Town Clerk also received a fax from Fort Ann Town Clerk of a Senior Trip to Barre, Vermont. The Town Clerk from Fort Ann requested that this notice be posted on the bulletin board and also that it be announced at the Town Board Meeting.

Site Plan Review Discussion

Councilman Skiff said that the possible development of the Hospital Property was an eye opener to him of the importance of the Site Plan Review. There were concerns on whether or not the Site Plan Review would stand up in the court of law. Resident Bruce Bailey said that the board needs to have the experts come in and guide them in the right direction. He mentioned to the Board Members that the meeting they attended at the Elks on Planning suggested help of expert Planners. Councilman Skiff wanted to know if he has the support of the entire board because if not then this should not go any further. Councilman Ford said that he would be very willing to discuss this and come up with a Site Plan Review that would not take away the right of the property owner. All of the Town Board had not closely reviewed the Site Plan Review of White Creek, so it was decided there would be more discussion next month. When reading the Town of White Creek Site Plan Review they would decide whether they wanted to mirror their site plan review after this one. Supervisor Fedler mentioned that there was many from the public that wanted something done.

County Report

Supervisor Fedler said it has been quiet in the county. She mentioned that they would be interviewing for Bill Cook's position Public Safety Director, the Preliminary interviews would be this week.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge

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