

Town Board Meeting  
August 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler  
Councilman Douglas Ford  
Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Absent: Councilwoman Susan Herrington, Councilman Robin McMurray

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Val Reagan, Terry Hamilton, James Morris (Eagle)

Auditing of the Bills

General	#123 – 137	\$1,237.79
Highway	#76 – 83	\$2,235.40

Supervisor Fedler mentioned the Civil war flag that was donated to the County by the Town of Salem. The County is now purchasing a frame to preserve this historical piece. The county is asking the towns to contribute \$200 each.

Supervisor's report

Resolution #40

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the Supervisor's report for July 2016.

Vote:                      Ayes – 3                      Noes – 0

Solarize 7 Presentation

Val Reagan did a presentation representing Solarize 7 their logo is "Neighbors Helping Neighbors Choose Solar in Southern Washington County. These individuals from Solarize 7 are volunteers who got a grant from NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research Development Authority, to help home owners go solar. These volunteers go out and do presentations/seminars explaining that Solarize7 and Energy Sage are partnering up to help residents and small businesses go solar. They are not aligned with any solar installers and do not benefit financially. Solarize 7 group helps to screen solar installer so that the resident can find the best deal. They will help get array of quotes, Energy Sage will lay out what the bidders are saying and do comparisons. Energy Sage will provide solar advisor who will stay with the resident through the installation process. In order to get started the individual would go to solarize7 website, register and complete property profile. What Solarize 7 is asking from the individuals who are listening to the presentation is to spread the word. Mrs. Reagan mentioned that this is a very time limited project and they will start slowing down around October. However, the website that you visit for assistance will still be up for a while. Val Reagan also mentioned that there are all kinds of grants available to the Town in regards to Clean Energy Community, Geo-thermal (to reduce your carbon footprint).

Approving minutes

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Resolution #41

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2016 meeting as mailed.

Vote:                   Ayes – 3                   Noes – 0

Civil War Flag

While the Supervisor was away the month of July someone from Salem came up to the county and made a presentation and donated a Civil War Flag to the County. The County would like to preserve the flag by purchasing a frame. They are asking all Town's in Washington County to donate \$200 each.

Resolution #42

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to contribute \$200 to the County for the purpose of purchasing a frame for a Civil War Flag in their possession and to transfer the money from A1990.4 Contingent to A7520.4 Culture: Historical Property.

Vote:                   Ayes – 3                   Noes – 0

Planning Board Report

Planning Board Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that the Town of Cambridge Planning Board met on Thursday, August 4, 2016, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall. There were 3 members present, Secretary and 4 people from the public.

- 1.) Public Hearing held for Robert Wargo's property minor subdivision of 25.7 acres on parcel #272.-2-7 at 689 Turnpike Rd. The 2 acre lot is on the west side of their property, on Tabor Lane. The lot has approximately 480' of road frontage & the distance to the back from the road is approximately 228'. The Planning Board reviewed the survey map and found it to be the same as last month. The Planning Board granted Final approval of the 2 acre subdivision.
- 2.) Bruce Buchanan submitted Survey map of minor subdivision of parcel located at 887 County Rt. 59, Tax Map (271.-2-25). The new survey map showed a minor subdivision of 5.86 acre lot with 235 ft. of road frontage. The Planning Board granted preliminary approval to proceed with the Public Hearing which will be held on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 3.) Coleen Sacala submitted Survey map on behalf of John M. Weaver for minor subdivision of 63.73 acres at 744 State Rt. 372 Tax Map (#246.-1-8). The survey map showed a minor subdivision creating a lot of 19.69 acres on the northwest side of State Rt. 372. The Planning Board granted preliminary approval to proceed with Public Hearing which will be held on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Next Planning Board Meeting will be September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that Hunting Licenses sales started Monday, August 1, 2016. DMP'S (Doe Management Permits) will be available until October 1<sup>st</sup>. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt brought to the Town Board again this year that she would like to close the office the week of August 22, 2016, neither deputy is able to work this week. Supervisor Fedler explained to Councilwoman Wilmot that this week in August never has much traffic through the office, so in the past the office has been

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closed. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt said that she would check emails, mail, and message throughout the week. The town board gave their approval.

Assessor Report

None

Code Enforcement

LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement Officer said that everything was quiet.

Highway Report

Jim Buckley Highway Superintendent reported that they have continued mowing the roadsides and cutting brush. The crew has also cut shoulders on the Cobble, Tingue, Belle and Center Cambridge road. They have cleaned ditches on Tingue and Horton roads, Chip sealed Darwin road and spread gravel on part of Conley road. The paperwork has been finished for FEMA mitigation plan and with Town Clerk's help submitted electronically. Pave NY and CHIPS reimbursement forms submitted to DOT for the paving on Gannon and Stump Church roads. Notice was placed in the paper for bids on a used tractor and boom arm mower. One bid was received. This was from Capital Tractor.

The Supervisor said that they would open and discuss this bid in a minute.

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None

Old Business

The sealed bid was opened from Capital Tractor for the 2006 New Holland TS115A Tractor (serial number ACP267470) with 5,500+/- hours, equipped with an Alamo Versa Boom mower (serial number 06647) and flail head. The bid price that they gave was \$39,781.00, delivered. The unit meets or exceeded all specifications that were given. Both Jim Buckley Highway Superintendent and Councilman Ford reviewed the paper, specifications and found them to meet our specifications. Councilman Ford asked if the Highway Superintendent or the Highway men noticed any problems with the equipment when they tried it out. The Highway Superintendent reported that they found none.

Resolution #43

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to accept the bid from Capital Tractor for the 2006 New Holland Tractor, Alamo Versa Boom mower and flail head for the amount of \$39,781.00 which will be transferred from the Highway Reserve.

Vote:                      Ayes – 3                      Noes – 0

JCAP Grant

Town Justice Janet DeCarlo submitted paperwork to the Town Board to apply for a 2017 JCAP Grant. The total amount applied for was \$1405.00 and the following items were included: 1 cordless phone

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set, painting of the ceiling in the Judge's Chambers, 50 folding/stacking chairs. The grant has been applied for via computer program is not guaranteed, but applied for on 07/25/2016. The Town Justice requested that the Town Board members sign the paperwork submitted, one be given to the Town Justice and the other filed with the Town Clerk. When the Town Board reviewed the grant they questioned if the Town needed 50 folding chairs, being that they already had plenty of chairs. They also asked where the chairs would be stored. The Town Board members all had concerns that the JCAP Grant had already been submitted as of July 25, 2016 and the Board members did not see this paperwork until after the submission of the grant. It was mentioned if the things that were applied for in the grant were needed then there was no problem, but where would the new chairs be stored. Lists of questions were compiled for the Town Supervisor to ask the Town Justice: For what purpose does the Town need 50 folding chairs?, Where are they going to be stored?, and could the Town Board received this paperwork before the submission of the JCAP Grant, Is it possible that could have new door for the Court room rather than the new cars?. It was mentioned that this should have been brought before the Town Board before Grant was submitted; any questions could have been answered then.

#### Solar Exemptions

Supervisor Fedler brought up the topic of solar exemptions in the Town of Cambridge. She mentioned that the Town of Cambridge needs to decide whether to opt out of solar or not. The consensus of most of the Assessor's is because the value array of the solar is based on the sale and since there are not a lot of sales, cannot be determined. Not sure whether will bring property values up or not, will depend on the person purchasing. If opt out of solar exemption then it is both for residential and commercial. In order to do this must be done by local law and public hearing. If Town opts out then it would only affect the Towns portion of tax, the county and village would have to opt out themselves. It was decided to have the Town Attorney draw up a draft for opting out of Solar Exemption.

There was a short discussion about article in the paper of the Village putting solar on the Old Dump. Councilwoman Wilmot said that if this was being discussed then the Town of Cambridge and Jackson should be notified.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried to adjournment at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt  
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge

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