

Town Board Meeting
July 12, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Town Cambridge duly called 12th day of July 2021 at the Town Hall; the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler
Councilman Brian Harrington
Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Absent: Councilman Ford, Councilman Bailey

Others present: Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk

Supervisor Fedler opened the meeting and led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#129 – 146	\$4,958.73
Highway	#70 – 86	\$7,776.32

Resolution #36

Approving the Supervisor's report

Councilman Harrington motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the Supervisor's report for June 2021.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 0

Resolution #37

Budget Amendment

Councilman Harrington motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to transfer funds from the Justice, Personal Services, A1110.1, to Contingent account, A1990.4, in the amount of \$1,924.50.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 0

Resolution #38

Approving the minutes

Councilman Harrington motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2021 Town Board meeting as written.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes – 0

Town Clerk Report

The Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt mentioned that she would be closed the week of August 23rd – 27th.

Planning Board Report

The Planning Board meet on July 1, 2021 with 4 members, secretary Heather Greenawalt and 3 property owners.

Communications

Eric Pearson and Scott Clark reported that they attended the June 14, 2021 Town Board meeting to answer any questions about suggestions for a Solar/Site Plan Review Law. They have discussed all of their suggestions again with the Town Board and said now that the Town Board needs to determine what they want to do.

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Karen Hayes subdivision

Karen Hayes was present at the meeting in regards to a minor subdivision at 680 Lees Crossing Road – Tax Map #288.-1-24.1 109.58 acres. Mrs. Hayes is proposing subdividing out 7 to 12 acres with the house. She would like to subdivide enough off with the house so the owner could have an Ag exemption if they would like. She plans to sell the house and her son will be keeping the remaining vacant farm land. The Planning Board said whatever was best for her, and gave her the go ahead with the survey. Mrs. Hayes would present her preliminary survey at the next meeting, August 5th.

Chad Varney subdivision

Chad Varney was present at the meeting with a sketch plan of a possible boundary line adjustment located 40 Wilderness Way tax map 254.-1-31. Mr. Varney would like to do a boundary line adjustment for the .34 acres, off of his 5.34 acres. His neighbor Randy Pickering has lived there for 25 years and now realizes that his garden and part of his driveway is not on his property. So they are doing a boundary line adjustment on the northeast side of the property. The Planning Board thought this to be very simple, the only request was to have it included in the deed that this was contingent upon they add to existing lot of Randy Pickering. So this way a lot is not being created.

Dave Chesley subdivision

Dave Chesley was present at the meeting with a sketch plan of minor subdivision on 109 Durfee Road, tax map # 288.-1-15. His house is one side of Durfee road and his barns are on the other side. He would like to split the two lots; they are naturally split by the road anyway. He has a total of 12.3 acres, he will be selling the side with the house and keeping the side with the barns. He was told that he could proceed with the survey and bring the preliminary survey to the August 5th meeting.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley reported that they have continued with both the roadside and boom arm mowers. They have also continued ditching and changing culverts. They attended safety days and a defensive driving class. They mowed the cemeteries for July 4th. The Truck #3 went to Zwack's for some minor adjustments needed. Everyone was off for the July 4th week. The Highway Superintendent mentioned that for the next couple of weeks they will be on Vly Summit replacing culverts and the road may be closed some of the time.

Town Board

Councilman Harrington asked how the Board was going to proceed with Solar. The Supervisor said that she had read through the neighboring Towns laws on Solar. The Town Clerk mentioned that she did have 2 more laws that could be reviewed. The Supervisor requested that they be sent or emailed to all Town Board and Planning Board members. The laws would be reviewed and then they would discuss what they felt should be in The Town of Cambridge Solar Law.

ARPA – American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

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The Town Supervisor mentioned that the paperwork has been submitted for ARPA, it was due July 9, 2021. The Chief Executive Officer (Supervisor) had to sign the paperwork and a second name could be put on the paperwork (Margaret Shaw Clerk to the Supervisor was the second name). There were two options for the paperwork one was to accept the money and the other was to refuse, no resolution was needed. The supervisor has reviewed the paperwork on how the money can be spent. Supervisor Fedler mentioned that the municipality is eligible for a total ARPA payment of approximately \$150,564, which will be received half this summer and the other half in the Summer of 2022. The Supervisor has received the paperwork on the latest guidance on how the money can be spent. The Supervisor is checking for clarification for some uses of the money. Records must be kept and reported quarterly.

The Supervisor also mentioned that the County has created a committee to decide how to spend their ARPA money. Possible ideas are Restore lost revenue from motor vehicles. They are figuring that 1.3 – 1.4 million was lost.

The Supervisor did mention that received the CHIPS money from the first round of black topping done. It was mentioned that Peckham's said that they would not supply trucks anymore for paving projects. Towns may have to rely on each other for the hauling of the black top through shared services.

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge