

Town Board Meeting
June 10, 2024

The Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Cambridge was duly called, Monday, June 10, 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: Ken Gottry, Town Justice Dan Perlman, Jim Morris from the Eagle, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Kathy Roome, Lucas Quintana, Rosalie Presser, Susannah White, Carolynn Presser

Meeting called to order and Deputy Supervisor Gretchen Wilmot led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Ken Gottry took over to give out roles in the skit for the May 1773 meeting that was reenacted for the 250th Anniversary. Ken Gottry was the narrator and many Board members and the Supervisor played roles and including residents of the Town. This reenactment was approximately 10 minutes and very interesting. Ken Gottry did mention that he would be attending other Towns throughout the summer to do these reenactments, next month would be Town of Jackson.

Auditing of the bills

General	#84 – 101	\$2,064.34
Highway	#68 – 82	\$13,098.27

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #29

Councilman Carrino motioned, Seconded by Councilman Bailey to approve the May 2024 Supervisor's Report.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Approving of the minutes

Resolution # 30

Councilman McIntosh motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2024 meeting as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Public hearing held

Public Hearing was held for the Agreement between the Town of Cambridge and Cable television franchise of Spectrum Northeast.

The Supervisor opened the public hearing at 8:07 pm and explained the Agreement and how she gave both the old agreement and the new agreement to Councilwoman Wilmot to review and compare. It was decided that both agreements were similar and nothing stood out to be that much different. The Supervisor asked of the Public 3 times if there was any questions or discussion. With there being none she closed the public hearing at 8:08 PM.

Resolution #31

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Councilman Bailey motioned,
Seconded by Councilman Carrino,

Be it Resolved that an application was submitted to the Town of Cambridge, County of Washington, New York, by Spectrum Northeast, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. (Charter), a limited liability company organized and existing in good standing under the laws of State of Delaware doing business at 2604 Seneca Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14305, for the approval of a renewal agreement for Charter's cable television franchise for fifteen (15) years commencing with the date of approval by Public Service Commission. The franchise renewal agreement would bring the franchise into conformity with certain provisions of the Federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended, and certain court rulings.

A public hearing was held in the Town of Cambridge, New York on June 10, 2024 at 7:30 PM and notice of the hearing was published in the Eagle on May 30, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of the Town of Cambridge finds that:

1. Spectrum Northeast, LLC has substantially complied with the material terms and conditions of its existing franchise and with applicable law; and
2. Spectrum Northeast, LLC has the financial, legal and technical ability to provide these services, facilities and equipment as set forth in its proposal attached; and
3. Spectrum Northeast, LLC can reasonably meet the future cable-related community needs and interests, taking into account the cost of meeting such needs and interests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of the Town of Cambridge hereby grants the cable television franchise of Spectrum Northeast, LLC and the Town of Cambridge for fifteen (15) years commencing with the date of approval by the Public Service Commission and expiring fifteen (15) hence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of the Town of Cambridge hereby confirms acceptance of this franchise renewal agreement.

The foregoing having received a unanimous vote of Ayes – 5 Noes – 0 was thereby declared adopted.
Dated: June 10, 2024 and signed by Heather Greenawalt Cambridge Town Clerk.

Planning Board Report

Heather Greenawalt the Planning Board Secretary mentioned that the meeting was cancelled due to nothing on the agenda, the next meeting will be Wednesday, July 3, 2024.

- Sent the email on to all PB and TB members from NYMIR on the Sexual Harassment and Workplace violence training on July 16th, webinar.

Town Clerk Report

- Dell – Lap Top has been set up and running great. Hunting licenses are much faster than they used to be.
- Received the new agreement with DEC, which must be filled out and sent back. This agreement is being updated due to the new change over to paper printing of licenses.

DEC Agreement

Resolution #32

Councilman McIntosh motioned,
seconded by Councilman Bailey,

This Amendment, effective upon notification of the transition to plain paper licenses, entered into between the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (hereinafter referred to as the “Department”), with offices at 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233, and Town of Cambridge as the municipal clerk of Town of Cambridge, 846 County Rt. 59, Cambridge, NY 12816 (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “License Issuing Agent”) is hereby attached to and becomes incorporated into the above referenced agreement.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties entered into a prior License Issuing Agent Agreement which said License Issuing Agent Agreement the parties now desire to amend; and

WHEREAS, both parties originally agreed that the License Issuing Agent was qualified and approved to issue sporting licenses on behalf of the Department; and

WHEREAS, a change in Department laws, rules, or regulations is anticipated that will change the format and delivery of sporting licenses that will obviate the need for Department provided license issuing equipment and the associated support and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the License Issuing Agent Agreement provides for amending the License Issuing Agent Agreement in Article 14. Contract Amendment.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree to the Amendments to License issuing Agent Agreement, which is filed in the Town Clerk’s Office.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

- Contacting different companies getting quotes on the software/programs for the Clerk to Supervisor. So far, we have information from Edmunds, Harris (Spectrum software) and NEMRC (Have been in contact with Hudson Falls who has had this software for many years and find it to be very user friendly and simple. Still had not heard back from Williamson and Law so I called them today and they are sending over info and will set up a online demo.
- Standard workday Resolution has been completed and must pass a resolution to post for the 30 days and then file with Retirement system.

Standard Workday Resolution

Resolution#33

Councilwoman motioned, seconded by Councilman Carrino to approve the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials,
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cambridge/Location Code 30647 hereby established the following Standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities,
THEREFORE, this Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials will be posted on the Town Bulletin Board and the Town Website for 30 days and then reported to NYS Retirement.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

- The Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt also reported that her deputy would be having surgery and would not be able to work for a while. Therefore, if she has no one to fill in for her she will have to close the office.

Highway Report

- Jim Buckley Jr. the Highway Superintendent reported that they had mowed the cemeteries.
- There has been one pass done on the roadside mowing and the boom arm mower has been out a few times.
- Patching in few spots on the dirt roads
- The Highway men attended the msha training
- CHIPS forms filled out and submitted
- The first week in June the Highway Superintendent attended the Highway Conference
- Charlie Pearson will be retiring the end of June and possibly be coming back the middle of September for part-time
- The Town board asked what it would take to get someone hired in, there is a concern now the Highway Department will be down 2 men and what will happen come winter? The problem is the wage and the health insurance, pay rate must be raised. The going rate of pay \$30/hr.
- Highway Superintendent reported that good news was that would be able to finish Center Cambridge and then shim Wright Rd.

Solar

The Supervisor mentioned last month there was some questions on PILOTS in regards to Solar Farms. She said that she had been in contact with Economic Developer and she would be able to attend the July meeting for discussions on PILOTS. Councilman McIntosh said that he would not be at the July meeting. So the supervisor was going to change and have them come to the August meeting.

Councilman McIntosh had typed up an informational sheet on Solar and the progress that they had made and the understanding of where they are at with the Solar Law. He would like the questions that they had compiled on Solar so that he could get them to NYSERDA. Councilman McIntosh again had the question of how long they could keep the Solar Moratorium in place?

- Councilwoman Wilmot wondered about the discussion with the Fire Dept.

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- The Supervisor added some questions to list battery storage, application fee upfront and some kind of retainer that will cover legal expenses from the start, shielded Solar array from the view.
- The Highway Superintendent said that the Performance bond amount is not even close to the clean-up – 125% is not enough. Councilman McIntosh said that this is where the amount should be reviewed and renegotiated every five years.
- The Board really had concerns that cleanup be taken care of and that this property in the end be returned and restored to reuseable land – Back to the original. Councilman Carrino mentioned that they are only protecting the Town.
- Supervisor Fedler mentioned that when the project is delayed there are concerns, this affects property owner – permits should set the limits. In the signed lease there should be time lines that protect the owner, because most of these Solar arrays do not receive income until they are functioning.
- Jim Buckley the Highway Superintendent mentioned that make sure that there is a good access road and that it is accessible.
- Supervisor Fedler said that the board has time to look over everything, send on any changes or ideas on to Councilman McIntosh or Carrino.

Assessor Report

Grievance Day was on Wednesday, May 29th and the Assessor felt that it went well. Councilman McIntosh asked if Arek Gordon the Assessor could be at the meeting with the discussion on PILOT? The supervisor did say that the State is setting the perimeters on Solar formulas, but she would ask him.

Local Resident in the Town had question if they could get copies of the questions on Solar etc.. Town Clerk mentioned that all minutes both the Planning Board and the Town Board are posted on the Town website.

Solar Moratorium

Councilman Carrino motioned, seconded by Councilwoman to extend the Solar Moratorium for another six months.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge