

Town Board Meeting  
March 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler  
Councilman Douglas Ford  
Councilwoman Susan Herrington  
Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot  
Councilman Gerald Skiff

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement, Jimmy Morris from the Eagle, Bruce Bailey

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

Audit of the bills

General	#38 – 61	\$20,072.80
Highway	#20- 34	\$15,640.73

Supervisor's Report

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to approve the February 2017 Supervisor's Report.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

Transfer of Funds

Councilman Skiff motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to transfer funds from Contingent A1990.4 to A1910.4 Special Items: Unallocated Insurance in the amount of \$962.47.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes - 0

Approving of the Minutes

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 Town Board meeting.

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

Supervisor Report

The Supervisor mentioned that must be Christine Lula would be attending next meeting to discuss the Cambridge United Community Center. She had called to be put on the agenda but because we do not have a large attendance at town board meetings. The supervisor thought maybe that she would like it posted with the meeting notice in the newspaper, for a larger attendance.

The Supervisor reported that she had attended the Convention in NYC the end of February it was very informational. The meetings that she attended were on Village Dissolution, Audit, Highway Lanes/Roads, Comprehensive Plan, Site Plan Review and Grant Preparation. She roomed with the Town of Greenwich Supervisor.

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The Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. reviewed the insurance sheets. Highway Superintendent reviewed the equipment sheets and put new values on the equipment, so the insurance has been readjusted so the bill should be coming down.

Supervisor was unable to attend the County last week due to sickness, however she did mention that in regards to finance sales tax revenue is down at the county, which has trickledown effect to all of communities.

#### PFOA's and PFOS's found at Agri-Cycle

Today the supervisor received a call from Public Health that a press release was coming out due to water Contamination at Agri-Cycle. The press release was in regards to PFC's (perfluorinated compounds) at the CTI Agri-Cycle compost facility in the Town of Cambridge, which have only become regulated as of last year. So PFOA and PFOS are subcategories under the PFC's, they are looking for all of this when they are testing the water. Supervisor said at the public meeting that was attended last fall it was requested that Agri-cycle be tested. The supervisor mentioned that there are very limited labs that test for these compounds and it takes a longtime to get the results back. So today's press release is on those test's that were requested last fall. When they went to Agri-cycle they tested the onsite pond, onsite monitoring well (water), compost and the lynching samples. The Supervisor mentioned that the PFOA's tested over the 70 ppt on the onsite pond and the monitoring well. The other numbers they did not have at hand when the supervisor spoke to them on the phone. The other information was emailed to the supervisor and forwarded so the Town Clerk could print, the supervisor just received this paperwork this minute so has not had time to review the numbers. Given these recent results this makes Agri-cycle an ongoing research site for a potential of where the problem is. They are now going to test the incoming stuff (being trucked in). The stuff coming in for compost: compost items, clean fill, recycled matter, trees and brush and paper sludge. They are also going to review the Speedy's permit,(State Pollution Discharge and Eliminations systems permit). The Supervisor reminded the Town Board that the Town Clerk had the information on the PFOA's and phone numbers to call if anyone needed them. The Supervisor said that she would email the Town Board the latest information on Agri-cyle. The information that the supervisor received showed the testing of CTI Agri-cycle Facility of the Paper Sludge, Yard waste, Groundwater from monitoring well, Surface water from pond located on the facility, Leachate from windrow stockpile, Cambridge Yard Waste, Cambridge Landfill, Whipple Brook, and Pencil Brook tested in different locations. The Supervisor said that the tests that were done in the Dump in Jackson there were no concerns. She assured everyone that they would be checking everywhere and not just stopping at this point. Once again all this information is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

#### Assessor's Report

The Supervisor reported that exemptions were due March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Supervisor mentioned that the Town Clerk has mailed each Town Board member a copy of the Local Law #1 to change the date of Grievance Day.

#### Local Law #1 for change of Grievance Day

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to have the public hearing for Local Law #1 2017 establishing an alternative date for Meetings of the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of Cambridge, on Monday, April 10, 2017.

<http://www.townofcambridgeny.org>

Vote:                   Ayes – 5                   Noes – 0

**Planning Board Report – March 2, 2017 Meeting**

The Town of Cambridge Planning Board met on Thursday, March 2, 2017, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall. There were 4 members present, Secretary and 2 people from the public.

Communications

Leon Barkley and Judy Leon attended the Planning & Zoning Training class February 28, 2017 at the County.

Eric Pearson updated on the Coleen Sacala and John Weaver Subdivision from September of 2016. We were waiting on a response from Coleen Sacala on her Power of Attorney or Agency designation form. The Planning Board Clerk has checked with the County and because the Subdivision was never filed, it is no longer valid, must be filed within 60 days.

Wimot Subdivision

Gretchen Wilmot presented the final survey map for minor subdivision on Belle Rd. tax map#280.-2-40, 49.70 acres. This final survey shows a minor subdivision creating one lot of 11.41 acres from the original 49.70 acres. The new lot will be 11.41 acres subdivided off the north side of Belle Rd. with the boundary line being between the driveway and the building. The Planning Board approved Wilmot's minor subdivision of the 11.41 acre lot.

Patricia Meadow/Dorothy Yurschak Subdivision

Dorothy Yurschak presented the final survey map on Patricia Meadows behalf. The final survey proposed the same as last meeting, a minor subdivision at 1038 Brownell Rd. tax map #270.-1-27. The 56 acre parcel will create lot #1 being 4.94 acres with the house and barns and the remaining acreage would be lot #2, 51.04 acres of agricultural land. The Planning Board approved the minor subdivision of Patricia Meadows .

The next Planning Board meeting will be held Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

**Town Clerk Report**

Delinquent tax letters have gone out to those property owners whose taxes are unpaid, 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of tax monies been sent to Washington County Treasurer. Final day to pay taxes is March 31<sup>st</sup>, taxes will go back to Washington County Treasurer April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Code Enforcement

LaVerne Davis Code Enforcement Officer was present at the meeting and said that everything has been very quiet.

Highway Report

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Jim Buckley Highway Superintendent reported that they have dealt with snow, ice and drifting. Because of the wide temperature fluctuations, the gravel roads and some of the blacktops have heaved badly. They have put down shoulder stone and/or gravel over the worst spots to get through until we are able to do grading. They are doing the best that they can but some people are no very happy. They have cleaned up after the wind storms and reported several problems to National grid, who responded quickly. Joe and the boom mower are still out and about on good days. Repaired suspension on trucks #2 and #3, and replaced a hub and wheels on truck #8. We also replaced both the inversion and relay brake valves on truck #3. The serviced the grader and broom tractor to be ready for spring. They have updated the Truck and equipment values for NYMIR. Pesh inspection went well, with only a few suggestions. Advocacy day Albany also seemed to be positive. It was hinted that our CHIPS would be up a little, and everyone we spoke to seemed to understand that the towns do a lot of shared services already, and that is more practical than consolidation for most of the region. Tom Skiff from Easton came over to ask if when we pave Meeting house road we would go further, if Easton paid for the extra material. I think this is reasonable depending on how far they wish to go. If too far, I think that they should pay some toward the paver too. The Highway Superintendent took the loader to the Village and helped cleanup for snow removal.

Councilman Ford told the Highway Superintendent that he would like him to pass on to the Highwaymen that the repairs that they are doing themselves are greatly appreciated.

#### Town Board

Councilwoman Wilmot thanked Jim Buckley Jr. the Highway Superintendent for allowing her to ride in the truck the last large storm. She enjoyed the experience and mentioned that the Highway Department does a wonderful job.

Councilwoman Herrington said that she had spoken with Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. about the Town wide cleanup day. She said they had decided on the weekend of April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Earth day weekend), and when the date comes closer she will put a notice in the paper. She also mentioned that maybe Town of White Creek might want to combine this between the two towns.

Councilman Skiff asked the Supervisor what roads in the Town of Cambridge the County is planning on paving? The Supervisor said that she did not know of any being paved but two bridges will be repaired. The two bridges are on County Rt. 74, they are both south of Whiteside Rd. The supervisor did say that there was a question of whether a portion of County Rt. 59A would be paved. Not sure exactly.

There being no further business before the town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt  
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge