

Town Board Meeting
November 11, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Cambridge, duly called and held the 11th day of November, 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor William Watkins
Councilwoman Catherine Fedler
Councilman Robin McMurray
Councilman Gerald Skiff
Councilman Douglas Ford

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Rani Bass, LaVerne Davis, Henry Peabody, Robbie McIntosh, Peter Gregg new owner of the Greenwich Journal, Terry Hamilton, County Worker Kevin Hayes & Melissa Bultrop, Sue Herrington, Ron Ford, James Morris from the Eagle

Auditing of the Bills

General	#207 – 228	\$ 2,346.00
Highway	#141 – 154	\$18,738.52

Supervisor Watkins called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM and immediately led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. The Supervisor also requested a moment of silence for the Veterans.

Approving the minutes

Resolution #55

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to approve the October 14, 2013 Town Board Meeting minutes as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Resolution #56

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to approve the October 24, 2013 Special Meeting/Budget Workshop minutes as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Resolution #57

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray to approve the October 2013 Supervisor's Report.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Resolution #58

Councilwoman Fedler motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to transfer money from A1355.2 Assessor, Equipment in the amount of \$325.00 to A1355.4 the Assessor, Contractual. The second transfer is from the Highway, Equipment DA5130.2 in the amount of \$650.00 to the Highway, Contractual DA5130.4.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

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Kevin Hayes from the workers compensation at the county and Melissa Bultrop the office of personnel were at the meeting. Kevin Hayes made a presentation about the Workers compensation. He explained the new plan for the workers compensation which was the first \$20,000 was encumbered by the Towns. He explained that the old formula that the county used had 3 year value of occurrence. The new formula that was adopted by local law in October of 2013 modified the allocation. He also explained that the shared services between the towns the workers compensation follows the employee. The county is planning on keeping the incidents down by emphasis on training and keeping the people safe.

Supervisor Watkins asked Kevin Hayes how the Town could budget for this and he said that they couldn't. The county will add this into the county wide portion of the tax bill.

Assessor Report

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that the Enhanced Star exemptions had been sent out and the remaining exemptions would be sent out soon.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that this month was when the DEC contract would need to be approved.

DEC had sent a contract to every clerk in the state to sign in order to be authorized to sell conservation licenses under Department of Environmental Conservation Automated Licensing Sales Programs (DECALS). The NYS Town Clerk's Association has advised each clerk to have the contract reviewed by the town's attorney and have it approved by the Town Board. The Town Attorney Scott Keller reviewed the Contract and he has found no problems with it. I am requesting the board's approval of the contract.

Resolution #59

Councilman Ford motioned,

Seconded by Councilwoman Fedler,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Cambridge Town Board approves the Department of Environmental Conservation License Issuing Agent Contract between Agent Heather Greenawalt and DEC.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that she had received a letter from the Tour of the Battenkill. They are requesting approval of the Town Board to have the 10th Annual bicycle race of the Tour of the Battenkill on April 5th and 6th of 2014.

Councilman McMurray said that he had some questions from last years experience such as traffic control and courtesy of the bikers. Supervisor Watkins said that Councilwoman Fedler had some of the same concerns and it was suggested that they request that Dieter Drake attend the December meeting.

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Highway Superintendent –Fuel Bids

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt opened the Fuel Oil Bids. The only bids received were from Main Care Energy:

#2 ultra low sulphur Fuel Oil: Albany rack plus \$.1700
Ultra low sulphur Diesel: Albany rack plus \$.2000
Ultra low sulphur Kerosene: Albany rack plus \$.2300

The Town Board thought this bid was a little high and they suggested that some other fuel oil companies be contacted to see what they could do for a price. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt said that she would inform Highway Superintendent Alan Davis know.

The Town Board had nothing to report this month.

Highway Superintendent - Report

In Alan Davis Highway Superintendent's absence, Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk reported. The trucks have all been serviced for the winter. The men have cut shoulders and ditched several roads. They have also hauled some gravel on English Road and graded. They have replaced driveway culverts and ditched and changed some culverts on Brownell Lane. White Creek helped Town of Cambridge haul gravel back to the pile for a day. The salt shed has been filled. The highwaymen got the shop ready for Election Day.

Planning Board Report

Supervisor Watkins mentioned that the Planning Board position must be advertised this year Eric Pearson's position is up. Supervisor Watkin's mentioned that he would like the new board to do the appointment of the new position. Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt said that she would advertise for the 30 days in the Eagle.

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported in Sally Eddy's absence. At the October 3, 2013 meeting, a public hearing was held and final approval was granted to Jacquelyne Hersey for an 8.225 minor subdivision on County Route 60.

At the November 7, 2013 meeting the following business was addressed:

1. Granted sketch plan approval to Mary Jane Guidon, was representing her father Edward Guidon, for a 20 acre subdivision from Edward Guidon's land of 99.59 acres located on County Rt. 60. The purpose of the subdivision is to enlarge son Martin Guidon's adjacent parcel. Ms. Guidon was directed to proceed with the survey
2. Granted sketch plan approval to Michael Murray, who was representing his father George Murray, for a 3 lot subdivision of George Murray's property. The proposed subdivision involves land along English Road.

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Two lots, one consisting of 30 acres and the other 4.7 acres, are located east of English Rd. and the other lot involves all land west of the road, approximately 37 acres. Mr. Murray intends to return to the December meeting with the survey for all 3 lots completed.

3. Granted sketch plan approval to Dan Smith, representing Mary Jane Richard, to join a small parcel of land consisting of .043 acres to a larger adjacent parcel of 17.23 acres. The small piece of land is located in the western corner of the larger parcel. Both properties are owned by Mary Jane Richard and are located at the corner of Meeting House Rd. and Brownell Lane.
4. Members will attend a training school on Nov. 21, from 5:30 – 8:30 PM, at the county building. Focus will be the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the new requirements. There is no charge for the course.

Supervisor asked if there were any comments on the setbacks that were sent. The answer was no.

Code Enforcement

LaVerne Davis code enforcement reported that there would be another house going up in the Town of Cambridge, on Center Cambridge Road over by Dr. Kittell. There were also two additions one on Irish Lane and Brownell Road also. On English Road Gallo's were still working on the concrete house. The trailer has moved out of Cambridge and is now in the Town of Easton and still moving south.

Unfinished Business

The Supervisor said that a decision must be made on the 2014 budget.

Councilman McMurray suggested that he would like to take \$5,000 out of the Reserve for the bridge and give it back to the tax payers.

Budget Amendment

Resolution #60

Councilman McMurray motioned,
Seconded by Councilman Skiff,

To amend the 2014 Budget and take \$5,000 out of line item DB962 the bridge and culvert reserve and return the money to the tax payer and use CHIPS money to repair the bridge on Coila Road.

Roll Call Vote requested by the Supervisor:

- Councilman McMurray – Aye
- Councilman Skiff – Aye
- Councilman Ford – Noe
- Councilwoman Fedler – Noe
- Supervisor Watkins – Aye

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Adopting the 2014 Budget
Resolution #61

Councilman McMurray motioned,
Seconded by Councilman Skiff,

Be It Resolved and Determined, that the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge adopts the 2014 Budget as amended as the Annual Budget for the Town of Cambridge beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014 with budget figures of \$915,145 for total appropriations, less \$231,275 less estimated revenues, less \$93,000 unexpended balance resulting in \$590,870 to be raised by taxes.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman McMurray – Aye
Councilman Skiff – Aye
Councilman Ford – Aye
Councilwoman Fedler – Aye
Supervisor Watkins – Aye

The budget increase came out to be .0003%.

A copy of the 2014 Adopted Budget will be attached to the minutes for the record.

Purchase of the Loader

The Supervisor said that the second order of unfinished business was the purchase of a loader. Capital Tractor was present at the special meeting on November 7, 2013 and answered any questions about the Doosan DL 200. The Supervisor explained that the lowest state contract was from Capital Tractor and it was the Doosan DL200 in the amount of \$71,681.30. The other two loaders under State Contract were the Hyundai HL 740-9A for \$92,110.00 and the John Deere 524A for \$95,970. The Board said that this loader was the cheapest and it was also a local vendor. With this package also the Town would be getting the most for trade in which would be \$35,000. The loader presently has an 1 year warranty and a 3 year extension could be purchased before the 1 year is finished.

Purchase of Doosan Loader

Resolution #62

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman McMurray to buy the Doosan DL200 in the amount of \$71,681.30 with a 1 year warranty and possibly extend to a 3 year warranty before the year is finished.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman McMurray – Aye
Councilman Skiff – Aye
Councilman Ford – Aye
Councilwoman – Aye
Supervisor Watkins – Aye

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Supervisor Watkins requested that the Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt talk to the Highway Superintendent Alan Davis and make sure that the proper accident reports are filled out with motor vehicle and send to the office of personnel.

County Report

Supervisor Watkins reported that the 2014 County Budget was possibly looking at an increase of 2.6%.

Privilege of the Floor

The new owner of the Greenwich Journal Peter Gregg was present at the Town Board meeting. He said that the papers would be distributed in Cambridge IGA and Stewarts. He also said that he had been leaving copies for the public at the Town offices and would drop some off at our Town Clerk's office. He also said they would be doing a subscription drive in the coming months. The Greenwich journal has been around for 171 years.

Ron Ford was present at the Town Board meeting and had some concerns about the Coila Bridge. He was looking for information on the bridges plans. Supervisor Watkins said that they were looking into putting three 5 ft pipes in for culverts and it would cost approximately \$10,000 for the pipes and collars. Supervisor Watkins said that he had spoke with the previous Superintendent of Highways and he said to put them in should have no problem with blockage. CHIPS money could be used possibly to do the backfill which would come from Peckhams.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried at 9:08.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge

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