

Town Board Meeting
October 3, 2016

The regular meeting of the town of Cambridge duly called and held the 3rd day of October at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler
Councilman Douglas Ford
Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot
Councilwoman Susan Herrington
Councilman Robin McMurray

Others present: Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Margaret Shaw Clerk to the Supervisor

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

Supervisor Fedler opened the Public Hearing for Local Law #2 to Override the Tax Cap at 7:31 PM.

There was no public present at the meeting to speak for or against this Local Law # 2.

Therefore the Supervisor closed the Public Hearing for Local Law #2 at 7:32 PM.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#155 – 163	\$1,126.92
Highway	#98 – 110	\$14,495.34

Supervisor's Report

Resolution#48

Councilwoman Herrington motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the September 2016 Supervisor's Report.

Vote: Ayes - 5 Noes – 0

Approving Minutes

Resolution #49

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the August 8, 2016 minutes with one correction on page 4 the first paragraph the second to last sentence. It is possible that could have new door for the Court room rather than new cars. It should be chairs not cars.

Vote: Ayes – 3 Noes -0

Abstain – (2 Board Members not present at meeting 8/8/16)

Resolution #50

Councilman McMurray motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the September 12, 2016 minutes with one correction on page 1, the last paragraph. The first sentence it should be the money for the Highway Reserve has been moved into the account.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

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The Town Justice Chambers was viewed and it was decided that Councilwoman Herrington would ask her husband Howie Herrington if he could fix and paint the spot on the ceiling.

Supervisor's report

Supervisor Fedler mentioned to Councilman McMurray that she checked and could not have Equipment Reserve/Chips account combined as discussed at Town Board Meeting September 12, 2016. She also reported that 5 members from the Town of Cambridge attended the meeting at the Cambridge Central School on PFOA's and all the fact sheets are available at the Town Clerk's Office. The Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent attended the 2nd FEMA Mitigation meeting. The supervisor reported that the 2nd draft of the Mitigation Plan has been answered.

Town Clerk

Heather Greenawalt Town Clerk reported that she is selling many hunting licenses.

Planning Board

Planning Board meeting is not until October 6th, so no report. Planning Board Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that she has spoken with the Chair Eric Pearson in regards to Councilwoman Herrington question last month on whether there has been a trend survey done. Eric Pearson said that Jerry Moppert did a trend survey when he was on the Planning Board. Heather Greenawalt said that she would research more to see what she could find.

Communications

BAR appointment

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None

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. reported that they continued mowing road sides around Town. Duane and the Highway Superintendent attended OSHA class. They have finished their winter sand pile (about 1600 yds.). They replaced culverts on Meeting House and Kenyon roads. Cleaned ditches, cut shoulders and trimmed back Meeting House road. Cassie and Jim Buckley Jr. attended another FEMA mitigation plan meeting. The next round of forms for the FEMA Mitigation plan is due to Tetra Tech later this month. The Highway Superintendent reported that they are learning that many of these questions in the mitigation Plan do not apply to the Town of Cambridge. Tetra Tech suggested that the Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley Jr. write his own story of the Town of Cambridge. It was mentioned if this paperwork is not done then the Town of Cambridge would not get the disaster funds if needed.

Assessor Report

None

Abandonment of Town Lanes

<http://www.townofcambridgeny.org>

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Supervisor reported that the Town Attorney was still working on getting signatures from property owners that have Town Lanes. The Town Attorney has received three signed letters from property owners. Town Clerk and Town Supervisor will be in contact with the Town Attorney to see how they proceed from here, so that hopefully some of these lanes can be removed by winter.

Adopting Local Law#2 Tax Cap Override

Resolution #51

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to adopt Local Law #2 to Override the Tax Levy Limit established by General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

Vote: Ayes – 4 Noes – 1

Councilman McMurray voted no on the Local Law #2 he believes that the budget should be handed out and reviewed before they make the decision to override the Tax Cap.

Margaret Shaw Clerk to the Supervisor explained that this law must be in place to override the tax cap and if it is not then the Town can be penalized. The following year the State can deduct away from the Town. Putting this law in place to override the tax cap is protection for next year's budget in case the Town goes over the 2017 Budget.

Supervisor Fedler said need to schedule Public Hearing for the 2017 budget.

Public Hearing for the 2017 Budget

Resolution #52

Councilman McMurray motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to schedule a Public Hearing for the 2017 Budget on November 14, 2017.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Solar

The Supervisor asked the Town Lawyer to draft a solar opt-out law for exemptions. It has been brought to the Supervisor's attention that a Moratorium can't be put in place without drafting a Local Law, and a Public hearing. Also a seeker must be done by the Town Board and then submitted to the county. It was decided by the Town Board to have the lawyer finish the Local Law to Opt-Out of tax exemptions for solar, wind energy and biomass energy systems.

Resolution#53

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Herrington to hold the Public Hearing for Local Law #3 to Opt-Out of Tax exemptions for solar, wind energy and biomass energy systems.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

2017 Budget

The 2017 Budget was handed out to the Town Board. The Supervisor also included a Budget Fact Sheet that explained some of the reasoning behind the changes in budget lines. Budget Workshop was scheduled for October 17, 2016, at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

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There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 9:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Greenawalt - Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge