

Town Board Meeting  
September 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the town of Cambridge duly called and held the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September at the Town Hall, the following were present:

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

Others present: Lisa Proch Deputy Town Clerk, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Laverne Davis Code Enforcement, Dan Schmidt, Bruce Bailey, Robbie McIntosh, David Hamilton and Brian Harrington

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

Auditing of the Bills

General	#162 – 176	\$ 1,323.35
Highway	#111 - 122	\$11,928.64

Supervisor Fedler called for a moment of silence for 9/11, Houston & Florida residents.

Supervisor's Report

Resolution #35

Councilman Skiff motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the Supervisor's report from August 2017.

Vote:                      Ayes – 4                      Noes – 0

Resolution #36

Funds are needed to supplement account for Town Clerk's maternity leave. Transfer will be \$800 from A1990.4 contingent to A1410.13 for clerks, per diem.

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the transfer.

Vote:                      Ayes-4                      Noes-0

Approving of the Minutes

Resolution # 37

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman Skiff to approve the August 14, 2017 Town Board Meeting minutes as mailed.

Vote:                   Ayes –4                   Noes – 0

Supervisor Fedler reported that Margaret Shaw had sent flowers to Joann Trinkle on the passing of her husband, Carl. Councilman Skiff asked why this could not be paid for by the salaries they had turned back over to the town. Councilman Ford and Councilwoman Wilmot voiced concern on this. Even though Trinkles have been very involved with town in the past it would set a precedent that may be detrimental in the long run. Where would you draw the line on who gets flowers and who does not? It was decided the cost of these flowers would be covered by donations. Also, in the future flowers, etc... would only be done by the town for those currently working for the town.

#### Resolution #38

It was discussed to move the Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> Board meetings to the first Monday of those months due to holidays. The meetings would have fallen on Columbus Day & Veteran's Day. The meetings will now be on Oct. 2, 2017 & Nov. 6, 2017.

Councilman Skiff motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to move the dates of said meetings.

Vote:                   Ayes-4                   Noes-0

#### Town Clerk Report

The Town clerk's office is being kept busy with hunting licenses. Also, Heather, Town Clerk, had her baby on August 15, 2017. She had a little boy named David Frances. So she is still out of the office on maternity leave.

#### Assessor's Report

There was no report at this time.

#### Planning Board Report

The Town of Cambridge, Planning Board held its regular meeting September 7, 2017, 7:30 PM at the Cambridge Town Hall. There were 4 members present, the secretary and 5 people from the public.

#### Unfinished Business

##### Guidon Subdivision – minor subdivision – Public Hearing

Elaine Heckman and Jamie Lasco presented copy of the Final copy survey for the Guidon Subdivision located at 9 Cobble Rd./ tax map #254.-1-13. The remaining 30.64 acres will be split into two lots the first being 16.12 which contains the house, the second lot will contain 14.52 acres with the barn. These lots are already naturally split by Cobble Rd. and County Rt. 60. The Planning Board found these lots to

be nice clean lines, especially because the boundaries are already designated by the road. Everything was the same as last month for Final Survey and Planning Board granted Final Approval.

#### William Brown – minor subdivision

William Brown and his son were present at the meeting and reported that Final Survey was not finished and they could not have the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was rescheduled for the October 5th Planning Board meeting.

#### Wilmot Minor Subdivision

James Wilmot and his daughter Elizabeth Wilmot presented a Preliminary Survey for minor subdivision located at 457 King Rd. tax map #271.-3-15 consisting of 15.42 acres. This 15.42 acre parcel is a vacant lot next to James Wilmot's home parcel 457 King Rd (tax map #272.-10-10.2). The proposal is to subdivide a 4 acre lot out of the 15.42 acres on the west side of the lot towards Belle Road. Mr. Wilmot's daughter is planning on building a residence on the lot. The Planning Board granted approval to proceed with the Final survey and scheduled public hearing for October 5th.

#### Highway Superintendent Report

The men are continuing to do mowing, grading and patching around town. They mowed and trimmed the cemeteries for Labor Day. They have added gravel to Whiteside, English and Tingue roads and to Pratts Lane.

They have taken care of a driveway culvert on Lee's Crossing road and another one on Horton road. They ditched near the one on Horton Road. They put down shoulders along new blacktop on Brownell and Vly Summit roads. They have also started hauling in our winter sand.

Inventory report was also submitted.

#### Code Enforcement Report

There was no report at this time.

#### County Report

Supervisor Fedler informed us that the County will be having a hazardous waste collection day in Ft. Edward on Nov. 11, 2017.

The 2nd initiative shared services meeting was held and was open to the public, as all the meetings are. This includes the county, the schools, the town supervisors, the town administrators, highway superintendents and the village mayors which are all working together to find ways they may save money by sharing services where they can. There 9 Supervisors, 5 highway Superintendents, the schools and the public. They brought in some of the main ideas they have where this might work. Now they need to thin them down to see if any will work for the individual towns. The biggest problem is they want you to work with the schools where almost all of the things the school does is geared to the education dept. or their purchasing and buying all has an educational bent to it or it is BOCES or

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educational only. So there is not really any purchasing thing that we can combine with them. There are shared fuel depots, some towns do that. There was discussion on maybe plowing the parking lots for the school but on the other hand the highway guys are already busy trying to get the roads open so they won't have time to get there to do the lots too. Most of the schools at the meeting felt that was something they already had a plan for and most of them have their own plows. Discussion of maybe shared maintenance or shared garages. And this would be location specific, where it wouldn't work for us but in Whitehall it may work.

The areas they decided to look into or dig into deeper were:

County wide Assessors, which is hard because some are elected and some are appointed, but again this is just an area they are going to look at.

Justice Court Systems, which is something we have been interested in.

A Grant person, either it is a grant writer or someone to administer a grant that a town might get.

Youth Programs, a lot of the towns don't have youth programs and some have youth program money but no director, some have directors but not great programs. The county level is fantastic with Youth programs.

Dog Control/ Animal Control – but there are only 2 or 3 people within the county who even do it.

Shared Facilities – Could some of the school buildings be shared or the highway barns, the fuel depots, shared road maintenance, shared other maintenance. A lot of this is just conversation.

Councilman Skiff brought up the subject of switching to unions. Supervisor Fedler shared the pros and cons of this from past discussions and investigating of this by the county. She shared why they feel this is not a good option.

Some of these things we may already be doing but they want to put it on paper that they are being done. So it is written like, yes we share a road with Easton; Fort Edward plows a road for Greenwich. If that is documented that would work for what the Governor wants to see of the shared services.

#### Supervisor Report

Supervisor Fedler & Margaret Shaw have been working on the budget. Insurance is up quite a bit. There are a couple of big things....having to start thinking about setting money aside for bridge repair (the bridge on Stump Church Rd.) and also need to start looking down the road that the roof on the shop is going to need repair. A discussion ensued on the possibilities of a new roof and whether or not to get the type with the insulation right in the roofing. We need to get proactive about trying to raise the budget in the area of repairs...it is slowly coming up but need to try to increase it.

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Supervisor Fedler received a report that says there is a 28 day swim program at Lake Lauderdale and contributions from the towns make up \$10,850 of it but the swim program costs \$17,851. There are 170 kids, because of the state ratio they have to have 19 counselors. Minimum wage was \$9.70 and now going up to \$10.40 next year. So they are looking for more money. The town of Cambridge had 15 kids in the program.

The PFOA's. –

Supervisor Fedler e-mailed for an update this past week. She has not heard from Richard Clarkson, the man who has been assigned to the Agricycle case. The department of health has gotten permission to have a public meeting. So the New York State Dept. of Health is working through the Washington Co. Dept. of Health to coordinate a date with CCS to schedule a public meeting. She has passed this information on to Jackson, White Creek and the Village. It will be a general discussion on several topics because of the privacy issues. They can't go and talk specifics because of our logistics in locations. They start talking specific locations and everyone will know who they are talking about. Richard Clarkson will be there to talk about Agricycle, Charlotte Bethany will tell what testing has been done and the future plans, Jim Bowers will discuss the blood test results, and a DEC representative will discuss the landfill tests and the Point of Entry Treatment Systems for the water. If you know of any general questions that will apply to the public, let Supervisor Fedler know and she will pass those on. She said they can be e-mailed to her. They want to incorporate all the general questions they have into their presentation and then not have to do one on one. Councilwoman Wilmot asked if this was going to be the State or the County that we're dealing with. Supervisor Fedler said these are the State people that are going to come in to do the meeting.

#### Privilege of the Floor

David Hamilton asked if there was any talk of a speed reduction going on Whiteside Road. Supervisor Fedler said she has brought this up to the County several times. She said that the state will not make a temporary change because it is due to construction. They have tried posting it and have sent sheriffs down, that is the best response she is getting from the County on this situation.

Councilman Skiff asked, why the request can't be submitted as a long term change due to excessive speed and safety. Supervisor Fedler asked if they wanted to skip the fact that it was a temporary construction zone and just ask to have the speed reduced for long term. Supervisor Fedler asked Highway Superintendent Buckley to do the paperwork required to put the request in for this long term speed reduction to the State. Councilwoman Wilmot asked who makes the final decision, State or County. Supervisor Fedler responded that the State makes the final decision.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 8:45 PM.