

Town Board Meeting
September 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called and held 10th day of September at the Town Hall, the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler
Councilman Douglas Ford
Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot
Councilman Brian Harrington
Councilman Bruce Bailey

The Deputy Supervisor Ford called the meeting to order and immediately led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag due to the Supervisor was running a little late.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#157 – 174	\$ 3,646.79
Highway	#115 – 127	\$11,667.42

Resolution #52

Approving the Supervisor's Report

Councilwoman Wilmot motioned, Seconded by Councilman Ford to approve the Supervisor's report from August 2018.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Resolution #53

Transfer of funds

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman Bailey to transfer \$51.50 from B9010.8 State Retirement to B3620.4 Code Inspector, Contractual.

Vote: Ayes -5 Noes – 0

Resolution #54

Approving of the Minutes

Councilman Harrington motioned, Seconded by Councilwoman Wilmot to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2018 meeting as mailed.

Vote: Ayes – 5 Noes – 0

Planning Board Report

Planning Board Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that Planning Board Meeting was held September 6, 2018 at the Town Hall, with 4 members present, the secretary and 2 people from the public. Jeff Bentley and Renee Carter (representing Content Farm, LLC) were present in regards to a Boundary line adjustment. Jeffrey Bentley will be acquiring small portion 20 ft. by 188 ft. section from Content Farm, LLC, at Coila Rd. (tax map #255.-2-7) which will be added to the driveway of his property located at 31 Coila Rd. (tax map #255.-2-6). Renee Carter will be filling out the paperwork and getting the finalized/mylar copy of the survey for the next meeting.

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Training info was received from Washington County Planning Department, a questionnaire on list of topics that may be of interest for possible sessions for the fall of 2018 and spring of 2019. The next Planning Board Meeting will be on Thursday, October 4, 2018.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that have sold many hunting licenses. The Doe Permits are still on sale till October 1st. Lately there have been problems with either the DEC site or the Internet, making it very hard to sell licenses.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer LaVerne Davis reported that he got no place with the numbers that he called in regards to issue with Black Mold. The Renter and the owner are feuding that place is full of black mold. The Health Officer will have to be brought in to inspect the home. The Supervisor said that she will start over again, try and find some numbers to call. LaVerne said other than that everything is good.

Highway Report

Jim Buckley Jr. the Highway Superintendent reported that roadside mowing has continued. The gravel has been hauled to Reynolds Road, Stevenson Road, Lower Conley Road, DeMarco Lane, Irish Lane, Woodward Lane and Turi Lane. They have blacktopped Whiteside Road and shimmed some poor spots on South Cambridge and Center Cambridge Roads. They mowed the Cemeteries for Labor Day and have started hauling sand for winter use. The paint prices for the Town Hall were obtained and Highway Superintendent Jim Buckley presented to the Town Board. Curtis Lumber came in at the lowest price so it was decided to go with them, authorization has already been given. Jim also mentioned that on September 20, 2018 Harassment and Work Place Violence workshop would be at 9:00 am at Argyle. This training is now recommended by the insurance company. It is possible that Phil Safety Officer from the county will be doing abbreviated version in the evening sometime.

Supervisor Report

The Supervisor reported that after budget time there will be discussion about the consolidation of the courts of White Creek, Jackson, Village of Cambridge and the Town of Cambridge. As soon as done with Budget time they will be looking to the Dept. of State to see what to do with elected position. This will have to be evaluated and can't do anything midterm, this will be three years down the road.

Supervisor mentioned that the first week of October she will be in budget meetings at the county. She has been in touch with Conservation and Dept. of Health, Kevin Wood on the PFOA and regulations. There is nothing determined yet they must make a decision on the numbers for the whole state and until then all departments are in holding pattern.

The Supervisor also mentioned that Planning Board member Bob Hamilton is in poor health.

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Discussion of Site Plan Review

Councilman Bailey said that he would like to discuss the topic of Site Plan Review. Should the Town of Cambridge have any type of Land use Planning and should they follow through with this? Should the

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government of the Town of Cambridge be protecting the town? Councilman Bailey mentioned that situation should be addressed one way or another and maybe they will decide that they shouldn't do anything. Site Plan Review will not prevent undesirable land use. They can't have regulations that the land can't be used. Can't be free for all either. Councilman Bailey wants to know what the rest of the Town Board think?

Councilwoman Wilmot said what are the processes of the other towns? She suggested that the Town of Cambridge approach this topic with baby steps.

Councilman Ford said that it's not control that promotes desirable land use. The whole area is dependent on Dairy Farmers and they are going belly up. This Town will be a ghost town if this happens. Last time focused on controlling land usage and became heated, must promote land use that has positive effect. Councilman Ford says that he is 100% in favor of having a civil discussion about how to protect this town. However, when it comes to the point that the meeting gets heated it should be shut down immediately.

Councilman Harrington said the key is how to go about starting the conservation. Suggestion that Chair of the Planning Board suggest people bring back what they have found for recommendation.

The Supervisor mentioned that to bring people in and ask what they want is kind of broad. Must have participation by the Town Board and explain to the property owners that not taking away their rights. It would be in the best interest of the Town Board to have a vision for the Town and where they want to go (Guide for the Future). If going to have land regulation must know what want to stop and what want to bring in. Legally pay attention to what we want. The current Town Lawyer is familiar with this topic because he has already worked with the Town of Jackson. The topic was opened up for privilege of the floor, resident Terry Hamilton was present stated that he likes the Town how it is (He hates change). Councilman Ford mentioned that just trying to be proactive. He suggested maybe carefully craft a site plan and move to the next step. There were many different suggestions: subcommittee between Planning Board and the Town Board, create site plan and Town Attorney Draft. The Supervisor mentioned that need to decide what you want to keep out of the Town.

There is still much work to do to decide where they want to go with this Site Plan Review process; however they called it a night till next time at 9:27 pm.

There being no further business before the Town Board, the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge