

TOWN OF STANFORD TOWN BOARD
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10th, 2011 MEETING

The Town of Stanford Town Board convened for their monthly meeting at the Stanford Town Hall on Thursday, February 10th, 2011. Supervisor Virginia Stern called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and asked for a moment of silence for the Egyptian people to see the light of democracy with which we are blessed.

Roll Call: Mark D'Agostino – in the Town Hall but was not present when the roll was called

Thomas Dewhirst – present

Christopher Flynn – present

Johanna Shafer – present

Virginia Stern – present

Also in attendance was Attorney for the Town William Bogle, Jr., Building Inspector Don Smith and Highway Supt. Jim Myers.

REPORTS:

1. LIAISON REPORTS: Councilwoman Shafer reported from the recent Planning Board meeting, and that the Fire Commissioners had only met in January.

Councilman Dewhirst reported that the C.A.C. would not meet until next week.

Councilman D'Agostino gave his reports from the Master Plan Committee and their meetings with other boards and commissions, and reminded all that the Master Plan Committee would be holding their public meeting on February 26th at 10 AM. He also reported from the Recreation Commission meeting.

Councilman Flynn reported from the recent Farm and Agriculture Commission.

2. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Stern spoke of the receipt of a Greenway grant for \$5,000 for the Master Plan work as well as the recent Central Hudson grant for the updated Town Hall lighting.

3. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Highway Supt. Jim Myers spoke of the 16 storms that have had the crew doing plowing and sanding of roads, fixing trucks and fixing mailboxes, but added that only about half of his salt and budget had been spent.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. URBAN FORESTRY GRANT: Supervisor Stern stated that the Urban Forestry grant had been submitted for three maples and two pear trees at the foot of the Town Hall hill.

2. COURT SECURITY: A presentation by the Sheriff's office had been made at the Board's workshop meeting, and after discussion, a motion was made by Mark D'Agostino, seconded by Virginia Stern, as follows: to approve having the Sheriff's office provide security for the Town Court on D.A. night (once a month – 4 hours) for the month of February for approximately \$200, and then to continue this security for the rest of the year after a budget resolution was prepared for the March meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

3. CONTRACTS WITH NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY: These matters were tabled until the Board could have representatives from these agencies present at a meeting.

4. RECREATION DIRECTOR VACANCY: Two letters of interest had already been received for this position, and the Recreation Commission will be asked to interview the applicants.

5. PROCUREMENT POLICY: Councilwoman Shafer will be working on this as she felt that the current one was a little sparse.

6. VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION: Councilman D'Agostino would be working with Councilmen Dewhirst and Flynn to come up with some type of recognition for Town volunteers.

7. MEDICAL STIPEND FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES: This matter was tabled until negotiations for the union contract were discussed again.

8. COMPUTER MAINTENANCE / REPAIRS: This matter will have continued discussion when the procurement policy is revised, such as notifying the Town Board for higher than expected costs.

9. MILL LANE BRIDGE: Councilwoman Shafer stated that there was a concern with adequate water sources for fighting fires. A proposal for a dry hydrant at Bruce Lisman's pond will be discussed in the future.

At this point in the meeting, Legislator Kelsey was invited to address the Board and the public.

COUNTY LEGISLATOR'S REPORT: Mike Kelsey spoke of the County's adoption of a 0% budget, consolidation of several County departments, the 1.7% mortgage tax, the plans for reapportionment for the legislators and the problems of domestic violence that have occurred.

10. WEBSITE ISSUES: After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mark D'Agostino, seconded by Christopher Flynn, to have himself appointed as the website administrator, including posting of the Board meeting videos, and having the Town Clerk assist as necessary, and to have her continue adding minutes and agendas. After further discussion, a roll call vote on the motion was held as follows: Mark D'Agostino – yes; Thomas Dewhirst – yes; Christopher Flynn - yes; Johanna Shafer – no; Virginia Stern – no. Motion carried.

11. VACATION FOR PART-TIME PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY: This matter was tabled pending a written policy being put in place.

12. FOREVER YOUNG CLUB'S REQUEST ABOUT FEES FOR BUS TRIPS: A motion was made by Virginia Stern, seconded by Christopher Flynn, to charge only non-residents who participate in the Seniors' trips for their seats on the bus, and have that money given back to the Town. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

13. MORTAR SHOOT: The request to hold a mortar shoot somewhere on Town property was tabled if, and when, a suitable place could be found.

ISSUES REQUIRING VOTES:

1. ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF RECORDS CLERK DOREEN BROWN: A motion was made by Johanna Shafer, seconded by Christopher Flynn, to accept Doreen Brown's resignation as Records Management Clerk. Motion carried. The position will be advertised for in the local paper.

2. ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF CHARLES HANLON FOR THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW AND TERRY KILMER FROM THE FARM AND AG. COMMISSION: A motion was made by Virginia Stern, seconded by Tom Dewhirst, to accept Mr. Hanlon's resignation from the Grievance Board. Motion carried. The volunteer position will be advertised for in the local paper.

A resignation from Terry Kilmer the Farm & Agriculture Commission had been received on 2/10/11, and a motion was made by Virginia Stern, seconded by Johanna Shafer, to accept Mr. Kilmer's resignation as well. Motion carried. An ad will be place for this vacancy as well.

3. HIGHWAY GARAGE PROJECT FINANCING: After discussion, this matter was tabled until the March Board meeting.

4. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR WOLCOTT BUILDERS' WAIVER REQUEST: A motion to set a public hearing date of March 9th, 2011 for this moratorium waiver request

was made by Virginia Stern, seconded by Johanna Shafer. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

5. WASTE OIL RECOVERY PROJECT: Councilman D'Agostino spoke of his research on this matter. After further discussion, a motion was made by Virginia Stern, seconded by Johanna Shafer, to approve this project, pending a certificate of insurance and the cost of building a structure for the tanks. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

6. BOARD OF ETHICS TERMS: After discussion, a motion was made by Virginia Stern, seconded by Johanna Shafer, to make all the terms for the newly appointed Ethics Board members one year terms and this will be discussed again next year. It was added that the members would be required to meet at least once and appoint a chair. Motion carried.

7. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE APPLICATION 30-DAY WAIVER REQUEST: This application, received from Doreen Brown, was approved for a 30-day waiver as per the motion of Virginia Stern, second by Johanna Shafer. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

8. DOG CONTROL OFFICER LETTER OF INTEREST: The Town Clerk had not been able to get in touch with the one applicant for the position of Dog Control Officer, so the matter was tabled until next month.

9. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S 4-YEAR TERM: A motion was made by Tom Dewhirst, seconded by Mark D'Agostino, to set a public hearing for March 9th, 2011 to accept public comment on the proposal to have the Highway Superintendent position carry a four year term. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

10: OTHER: Councilman Dewhirst made a motion to approve the ordering of a new truck for the Highway Department, not to exceed \$200,000, and the purchase would be bonded in 2012. The motion was seconded by Virginia Stern with all voting in favor.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS #2 AND #2P OF 2011:

1. A motion was made by Thomas Dewhirst, seconded by Johanna Shafer, to approve the February 2011 Abstract of Claims as follows: General Fund, check numbers 21410-21456 {JC Fund-ck.# 21415} in the amount of \$49,029.71; Highway Fund, check numbers 21457-21475, in the amount of \$37,038.06; Stanford Free Library, check # 21476, in the amount of \$123,000.00; Stanford Fire District, check #21477, in the amount of \$292,500.00; Light District, check #21478, in the amount of \$701.26; and Capital Project Account-Highway Garage, check numbers 21479-21480, in the amount of \$31,740.00. Grand total of Abstract #1: \$534,009.03.
2. February 2011 Planning Escrow Abstract, check numbers 751-756, in the amount of \$2,335.85.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the January 13th, 2011 were approved as amended on a motion made by Johanna Shafer, seconded by Thomas Dewhirst. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Mel Eiger, Attlebury Hill Road, made several comments regarding the Town's website and felt that a Board member should not have control of the website.

With no other business, a motion was made by Virginia Stern, seconded by Johanna Shafer, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ritamary Bell, Town Clerk