

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was held on Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> with the following members present: Daniel Pemrick, Supervisor; Daniel Cochran, Walter E. Chandler, MaryAnn Johnson and Rick Capasso, Councilmen. Also present were Mark Schachner, Town Counsel, Highway Supt. Walter Barss, and approximately 9 residents.

At 7:03 PM a Public Hearing was called to order by the Supervisor for the purpose of obtaining comments on the proposed Moratorium on Solar Facilities. Clerk presented proof of legal publication. Supervisor Pemrick gave an overview of the proposed moratorium. The moratorium would be in effect from July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to September 30, 2016 for ground mounted solar. Stan Weeks, 4 Ashlor Drive – Mr. Weeks states that he is not speaking as a Planning Board member but as a home owner in the Town of Greenfield. He has had calls like everyone from companies wanting to install solar panels. He does not want holes in his roof, and has noticed in the winter you can't see the panels. He feels that his option is ground mounted panels. He is concerned that the moratorium is going to cover not only large parcels, but small residential size. He knows that a committee is studying solar, and he thought that this was wrapped up. He is frustrated that we do not have something on solar now, and homeowners who want to install solar may not be able to, especially if the moratorium goes beyond the September 30<sup>th</sup>. There being no further comments, pro or con, the hearing was closed at 7:08 PM.

At 7:30 PM the regular meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag. On a motion by Capasso, C. and seconded by Cochran, C. the minutes of June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> were approved by all Board members present.

**RESOLUTION # 84- Caboose Day and Car Show, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Motion: Chandler, C.

Seconded: Johnson, C.

**RESOLVED,** That the Town Board allows the Town of Greenfield Historical Society to hold their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Caboose Day and Car Show August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at King's Station on Route 9N and Porter Corners Road.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

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PROPOSED LOCAL LAW MORATORIUM SOLAR FACILITIES- Capasso, C. acknowledges Mr. Weeks' concern on the ground mounted solar for the homeowners. He felt that the Town need to move fast for language that would protect the homeowner, and he is sure that it will be done where it won't be a problem. Cochran, C. appreciates Mr. Weeks bringing up his concern. The Board has no objections to ground or roof mounted solar. After Skidmore came in with the large Solar Array, you can see what can happen when companies come in and want to take up 20, 30, 40 acres of land and wants to put in ground mounted solar panels. Moratorium would put the brakes on large solar and we can work with the Planning Board to develop code language that will cover roof and ground mounted solar. Chandler, C. states that he had concerns with the moratorium, but feels that we need to have language. Commercial solar can be quite evasive. If someone is clearing a lot of land for that we need rules and regulations that would protect everyone. With the commercial size arrays, we do need a moratorium to give us time to prepare. Cochran, C. says it is three months. Supervisor Pemrick states that the moratorium can be extended if needed. Supervisor Pemrick asks if Mr. Weeks has anything else to add. Mr. Weeks says just that it needs to get done. Johnson, C. that is the intent to get this done, that is why we wanted to do this separately by itself, have the local law to adopt it.

**RESOLUTION # 85-** Adopt Local Law 1-2016- Moratorium on Solar Facilities

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Johnson, C.

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby approves Local Law # 1-2016, Moratorium on Solar Facilities in the Town of Greenfield.

VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

Town Counsel Schachner states, for information, on August 3<sup>rd</sup> the Planning Federation will have some classes, one of the topics will be local zoning provisions for solar facilities, if the Board would like him to bring any language to the class, he will be glad to do so.

JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARDS- Supervisor Pemrick asks the Town Board if the meeting was worth having? All Board members agree that it was and learned a lot from the meeting. Supervisor Pemrick states the follow-ups that were discussed are regular meetings with the Chairs of the different Boards, have mini workshops with Town Counsel to go over any concerns or procedures. We also said that we would start thinking of a Town Planner, if that would fit in and also the budgetary impact that may have. Planning Board will consider a new format that may eliminate some of the frustrations regarding applicants appearing with incomplete applications. All Board members were asked to occasionally attend meetings of the other Boards and to read the minutes of the Boards. Other issues that came up, Communication between Boards; Compensation for Boards; look into what other Towns are doing for their Boards; Zoning Update Committee; Procedural Improvements; Code Book update; Shared Driveways; Open Development; updating the Comprehensive Plan; improve application process; Code Enforcement; and Fees & Fines. Communication was the number one. Supervisor will hold a meeting with the Chairs in the near future.

BROOKHAVEN PARK PAVILION UPDATE- Highway Supt. Barss says that the site is ready for the building. The trusses are here and will be delivered Monday. Supervisor Pemrick asks if the building may be up in August? Highway Supt. Barss says yes.

DOTTIE PEPPER SCHOLARSHIP- Kevin Canale, Golf Pro at Brookhaven Golf Course, presented Frank Hill and Aiden Pavlik with a Junior Membership to Brookhaven Golf Course. The memberships are given by Dottie Pepper to help encourage young people to enjoy the game of golf.

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A.E.D. TRAINING – Nash Alexander from Wilton EMS thanks the Town of Greenfield for the recent purchase of AEDs. There will be one at the Town Hall, Highway Garage and Brookhaven Golf Course. Employees will need to be trained with the Heart Saver AED & CPR Course. Upon completion of the class, the students will receive a 2 year certification from the American Heart Association. Wilton EMS has 24 instructors so time and place is not a problem. Each Dept. will set up a time and call Mr. Alexander with the information.

**RESOLUTION# 86-** Transfer of Funds

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Johnson,C.

**RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor be authorized to make the following transfer of funds:

\$23,098.00                      From DA5142.400                      to                      DA5130.200

VOTE: Ayes: VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION # 87-** Budget Amendment

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Johnson, C.

**RESOLVED**, That the Supervisor be authorized to make the following budget amendments:

\$18,595.37                      From DA5130.200                      to                      DA0599

VOTE: Ayes: VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

SPENDING SURPLUS HIGHWAY FUNDS- Highway Supt. Barss states that he would like to use some of the excess salt money to purchase highway equipment. They have sold surplus equipment as well as scrap and would like that to purchase equipment. Deputy Highway Supt. Duane Wright says that the salt budget was minimally used and the way it looks salt will be low this year. Highway Supt. Barss says that asphalt prices are also low, and they hope to complete 9 miles of paved roads. D. Wright says so far they have completed 5 miles of roads. The weather helped them get an early start. Supervisor Pemrick says that we have had good luck that has helped us do these things. We had a great winter, funds have become available to move around so we can take advantage of a good situation. We need to save money to support the highway down the road and we need to pay attention when we consider future budgets. Johnson, C. agrees and says that we have only been able to save the last year or so. Before that we had stopped for a while and when you need a plow truck you don't have enough money to do that.

**RESOLUTION # 88-** Purchase Plow Truck

Motion: Johnson, C.

Seconded: Capasso, C.

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to order a plow truck to be ready for 2017.

VOTE: Ayes: VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

DISCUSSION D7E FOR HIGHWAY DEPT. -Highway Supt. Barss states that they have found a D7 in great condition from Military surplus for \$3500. They can use it on some projects and then put it on the auction site.

**RESOLUTION # 89-** Purchase D7 for Highway Dept.

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Cochran, C.

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby approved the purchase of a D7E in the amount of \$3500. for the Highway Dept.

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VOTE: Ayes: VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

DISCUSSION COURT SECURITY- Capasso, C. states that we have been discussing this for some time. Pemrick points out the paperwork that shows Court Officer and Security Officer. One of the Justices has suggested security for one evening a month. There are two examples of job descriptions from the County. The Court Officer would be at the court the one time that the Justice feels that they are needed. The Security Officer would be available to the Town on an as need basis. Capasso, C. says they would be a Town employee. The example from Corinth shows the Security Officer is a Town Employee and paid an hourly rate. They would be available, not only for the Court, but if need by the Town for anything else, a Board meeting, they would be available. Capasso, C. asks Counsel Schachner if they would need to be certified through DCJS to carry a weapon. Counsel Schachner states that is his understanding. Supervisor Pemrick asks if there is additional legal or liability concern on the part of the Town for a Court Officer compared to a Security Officer? Counsel Schachner states that if you are talking armed, either way you will want to speak with the insurance company. The Supervisor says that there will be additional insurance coverage needed. Counsel agrees. Capasso, C. says they will need to have the proper certifications. Supervisor asks does it become the Town's responsibility to verify they have the proper credentials. Counsel states whether it is or not, the Town should make sure they have it. Johnson, C. agrees and they should turn in their certifications, training or re-certifications to the Town Clerk, like we do with other training. Cochran, C. asks do we need Court Security? Supervisor Pemrick says that it has been suggested by one of the Justices and he spent an evening at Court. Court begins at 7, but as early as 6 o'clock Attorneys and Clients start arriving, before you know it the parking lot is full with people gathering, each one appearing for the Court, some were there for support, etc. He was surprised by the numbers and the amount of activity outside the Court in the parking lot, and the potential for something to happen, especially if someone was unhappy. That evening, luckily someone was with a certain individual, or it may have been a concern. That was enough to convince him. Capasso, C. says that it is about time for the Town to look at it. Chandler, C. looking at what is going on we should look at it and doesn't want to drag our feet. Supervisor states that when Joan called the County, she stated that they are in the process of reviewing the position because a lot of Towns are requesting this. Capasso, C. in discussions with the Sheriff a lot of Towns are going with the Security Officer because some of the town meetings can get heated. Johnson, C. asks if there is any money available with the Unified Court System. The Towns' Court Clerk has been able to get grant money for improvements. Maybe some would be available for this. Supervisor says that we need to create a position and asks Town Counsel to refresh his memory. Capasso, C. states that if we do the Security position and go through the Unified Court System for grant money they would not be a Town Employee. Counsel Schachner says that you would need to speak with OCS, Court Administration, and OCA. Johnson, C. states that she didn't mean to fund the position with grant money, but they could help with the Court part and the Town would be responsible for the rest. Supervisor Pemrick asks the Board to look over the Security Officer position. Capasso, C. will check with other Towns. Johnson, C. states that we can make changes and make it our own. Supervisor Pemrick asks the Board to be ready to make a decision at the August meeting.

UPDATE BROOKHAVEN PARK - Duane Wright states that income is up as compared to this time last year. In the Saratoga Today we were rated #2 behind Saratoga National. The Maintenance crew for Brookhaven have done an excellent job. The PGA has had 2 tournaments and said how good the greens are. The irrigation system is old and it is a struggle to keep the sprinkler heads going. Supervisor Pemrick says that golf greens are cut short and need constant care. If water is not part of that, then you lose the greens. Highway Supt. states if that happens you would need to shut down. Capasso, C.

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mentions that he has seen the employees hand watering the greens. Highway Supt. Barss says we are lucky because they are in great shape. A lot of people are coming back. Adam Wojicki will put together some figures on replacing the old system. Duane will have that ready for the next meeting.

**DOG PARK-** Supervisor Pemrick states that he received an idea from a Town resident concerning a Dog Park. Mr. Madej from Ridge Road would like to see the Town turn one of the Ball Fields in Porter Corners into a Dog Park. The Recreation Director and Channon Emigh from the Parks Dept. are not in favor of having that on the Ball Field. They realize that the field in question needs some attention. Channon Emigh has spoken to the Supervisor in the past about a Dog Park and there are questions regarding the Town's Leash Law and other concerns. They are going to work together, speak with Towns the have a Dog Park. Capasso, C. does not want to give up a whole ball field. The Supervisor will ask the Recreation Director to follow through and give us some recommendations.

Monthly reports were submitted by the Town Clerk, Building Dept.(Feb., March and April), Town Justices, Highway Dept., Supervisors June Report, Parks Dept. and Dog Control. Supervisor asks if the Recreation Dept. submitted a report. Town Clerk answers no.

**RESOLUTION # 90-** UDAG Bill

Motion: Cochran, C.

Seconded: Capasso, C.

**RESOLVED**, That UDAG Bill #3-2016 on the amount of \$5750.00 for Project Lift be paid.

VOTE: Ayes: VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION # 91-** General Bills

Motion: Chandler, C.

Seconded: Capasso, C.

**RESOLVED**, that general Bills # 349-440in the amount of \$41797.23 be paid.

VOTE: Ayes: VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION # 92-** Park Bills

Motion: Chandler, C.

Seconded: Johnson, C.

**RESOLVED**, that the park Bills #137-173 in the amount of \$20,937.18 be paid.

VOTE: Ayes: VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

**RESOLUTION #93-** Highway Bills

Motion: Capasso, C.

Seconded: Johnson, C.

**RESOLVED**, that the Highway Bills #137-177 in the amount of \$453,207.88 be paid.

VOTE: Ayes: VOTE: Ayes: Pemrick, Cochran, Chandler, Johnson, Capasso

Noes: None

On a motion by Cochran C. and seconded by Chandler, C. the meeting was adjourned at 8:31PM.

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Town Clerk