

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held February 1, 2005 at the Town Building in Oak Hill, N.Y.

Present: Robert Elpel - Councilman
 Jodi Wood- Councilwoman
 Linda Sutton – Councilwoman
 William Carr – Councilman
 Gary Hulbert – Supervisor

Recording Secretary: Chris Kohrs - Deputy Town Clerk
 Others Present: Wesley Moore – Highway Superintendent
 Tal Rappleyea – Attorney
 Charles Soderblom – Town Clerk

The Supervisor called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:35 PM. Eighteen people were present.

Supervisor Hulbert closed the workshop and opened the public hearing for the Skidmore subdivision on Hervey Street Sunside Road at 7:37 p.m. The board reviewed the plans and as there were no comments from the public, **Mr. Elpel made the motion seconded by Mrs. Sutton to approve the Skidmore subdivision. All were in favor and the motion carried.** Supervisor Hulbert closed the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Supervisor Hulbert opened the public hearing for the Van Fleet subdivision on Decker Lane at 7:42 p.m. The board reviewed the plans and as there were no comments from the public, **Mrs. Sutton made the motion seconded by Ms. Wood to approve the subdivision of Van Fleet. All were in favor and the motion carried.** Supervisor Hulbert closed the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

Supervisor Hulbert opened the public hearing for the Senior Exemption at 7:48 p.m. As there was no comment from the floor, **Ms. Wood made the motion seconded by Mrs. Sutton to amend the Local Law and set the deduction range from 50% to 20% with an income cap at \$22,199.99. All were in favor and the motion carried.** Supervisor Hulbert closed the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.

Supervisor Hulbert opened the workshop at 7:54 p.m. and asked for public input in regard to the proposed Site Plan review law. Dr. Goldstein suggested a clause exempting agricultural buildings. As the proposal reads a homeowner could raise a barn without review yet a farmer would need to have his plan reviewed. The board will discuss the plan at the next board meeting.

Supervisor Hulbert corrected a statement he made at the prior meeting. The grant we are seeking through the Greenway will require matching funds. The matching funds can be comprised of money, as well as, in kind services.

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY TO GREENWAY FOR A GRANT FOR THE TOWN
OF DURHAM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Mr. Carr then offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Durham Town Board has considered the matter of submitting an application for a grant to Greenway for the funding of the Town of Durham Comprehensive Plan and has decided that this was the course of action they would take,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Durham Town Board hereby requests a \$10,000.00 Grant with matching funds or in-kind services for funding the Comprehensive Plan.

Mrs. Sutton seconded the motion.

Voting was as follows:

Carr	Yes
Elpel	Yes
Sutton	Yes
Wood	Yes
Hulbert	Yes

Ayes 5, Noes 0 , Absent 0.

The motion carried.

Mr. Hulbert has contacted Dan Dugan at the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society and we should receive a 2005 contract by weeks end.

Mr. Carr complimented the highway crew on their outstanding job in clearing and maintaining the roads during and after the recent storms.

Mr. Carr made the motion seconded by Mrs. Sutton to approve the name request of Durham Woods Road for the road in the Durham Woods subdivision. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Alan Beechert reported that the Oak Hill-Durham Fire Co is approximately 90% complete with posting the new 911 signs. The status in East Durham is unknown as the person who was handling it has been unable to complete the task due to personal issues.

The board received a mass gathering permit from the Irish Cultural Center for the Annual Irish Festival to be held over Memorial Day weekend. The board will review the application and vote at the next meeting.

A letter was received from Milestone Communication regarding a rate increase of \$1.00 per month.

Bob McAll requested a road sign for Oak Hill Road. It is a county road, therefore the request will need to be made to the county. Mr. McAll and Mr. Hulbert will each contact the county.

An Emergency Preparedness table top exercise has been scheduled for March 8th at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a meeting with Fraser Associates Thursday February 3, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. to finalize the grant information for the East Durham Sidewalk project.

Mr. Elpel made the motion seconded by Mrs. Sutton to approve the following 2004 yearend transfers:

From:	A9040.8 Workers Comp	\$ 90.00
To:	A9030.8 Social Security	

From:	DA9089.805 Benefits - Dental	\$ 235.00
To:	DA9089.803 Benefits - Uniform	

From:	DA5142.150 Snow Per Ser	\$ 2,408.00
To:	DA5142.400 Snow Contract	

The board reviewed the financial books of the court and found no matters for concern.

Mr. Carr made the motion seconded by Mrs. Sutton to approve the following resolution to hire Fraser Associates to prepare the grant information for the East Durham sidewalk project. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Councilman Carr offered the following resolution and moved its adoption

BE IT RESOLVED that we the Town Board of the Town of Durham hereby authorize Supervisor Hulbert to hire Fraser Associates to prepare a grant in preparation for the East Durham Sidewalk Project.

Seconded by Councilwoman Sutton and carried.

Mrs. Moore made a presentation to the board, to purchase under state contract, a new Ricoh digital copier model 2022 and service plan from Com Doc. Our current copier is approximately nine years old and the service plan renewal for 2005 is anticipated to be \$500 - \$600. We are currently averaging 3700 copies per month and the copier is

showing signs of wear by jamming and frequent service calls. The new copier features are auto duplexing, faxing, scanning, collating, and stapling. It can be networked to all the computers as a printer and has an internal hard drive to save frequently used jobs. The cost for the unit is \$5495.00. Mrs. Moore recommended a three-year \$1 buyout lease purchase at a cost of \$183.43 per month. A service plan cost .0111 per copy per month, which includes training, parts, labor, developer, drum, toner, and staples. This expense would be approximately \$490 per year. **Mr. Carr made the motion seconded by Ms. Wood to purchase the copier as recommended. All were in favor and the motion carried.**

The board discussed a phone system and did not reach a decision. Mr. Hulbert will seek proposals and draw up a comparison of advantages and disadvantages.

Ms. Wood made the motion seconded by Mr. Elpel to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk