

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held November 15, 2005 at the Town Building in Oak Hill, NY.

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

Recording Secretary: Chris Kohrs – Deputy Town Clerk
Others: Tal Rappleyea – Attorney
Wes Moore - Highway Superintendent
Guenther Ohm - Greene County Legislator

The Supervisor called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:30 P.M. Fifteen people were present.

Ms. Wood made a motion and seconded by Mr. Elpel to approve the minutes of October 4 and October 11 and October 18. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Hulbert received correspondence from the State that they have received our request for speed limit on Elliott Place and Mackey Road. A letter from that the Association of Towns that they are having their educational program in NYC. Anyone interested, let the Town Clerk know.

Greene County Legislator, Guenther Ohm reported that the County budget has been reduced by 2.1%. The spending increased, but they applied some of the surplus to the tax levy. At a recent county meeting, Mr. Ohm sponsored a resolution to counter the effect of the Supreme Courts decision where they allowed the town of New London, CT to take private property and give it to another private entity to develop with the provision that what they built would generate more taxes for the city. Mr. Ohm suggested that the Board study the situation and take similar action.

Highway Superintendent, Wes Moore gave his report for October. The men have been getting ready for winter, removing dead trees and adding Item 4 to raise the roads in a few low spots and cleaning ditches and culvert pipes. Twice in October the men had to remove snow in the higher elevations.

Building Inspector, Al Schmidt gave his report. He issued 14 permits, 9 CO's, 13 Certificates of Compliance and one violation.

Town Attorney, Tal Rappleyea, reported that the pending Pines trailer park violation has been taken care of. The owner pled guilty and paid the fine and the trailer park is in the process of being sold. If the park is not sold, Tal will be making a motion to restore the case. Also, he is following through with the bonding company and Grapeville Insurance to make

sure there is the appropriate security in place to make sure that Parmiter Road is built appropriately and completed by next summer.

Dog Control Officer, Merton Tripp reported that since April he has about 50-60 calls, nine dog bites, four dogs turned into the Humane Society and 22 dogs returned to their owners. He issued two appearance tickets and had received other miscellaneous complaints. He suggested that apartment owners should have current dog licenses and rabies information for the tenants on hand.

The Task Force met on October 24 and was looking for an update from the group applying for the not for profit status. No one had any info. Since the meeting they have learned that the group has formed their own organization and are applying as a separate entity from the Task Force.

The Historical Commission met November 12 and discussed the stone arch bridges in Durham. They made a motion and passed it with all in favor, to list the 9 stone arch bridges on the Town of Durham Historic Local Sites. They are waiting an application to have them listed on the Greene County Registrar of Historic Sites. Two of the bridges are listed as NYS property and seven are Town of Durham sites. The commission will try to get permission from NYS DOT to apply for a NYS listing for these 2 bridges. They asked that the Town Board reappoint Linda Sutton and Ken Dean to the commission as their term expires December 31, 2005.

The Public Hearing was held for the 2006 budget. The budget is \$936,910 and the amount to be raised by taxes is \$820,410. The increase will be 2 cents per thousand.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2006 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE TOWN OF DURHAM AND ESTABLISHING THE RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR SUCH PERIOD.

WHEREAS, this board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the preliminary budget as amended and revised and as hereinafter set forth is hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in the column titled "Adopted" in Schedule A1, Schedule DA1, Schedule SF1, and Schedule SL1 be and they hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposed specified and the salaries and wages stated in such budget shall be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective November 15, 2005.

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Mr. Elpel.

Seconded by Mrs. Sutton

Ayes	Noes	Absent
Elpel		Carr
Hulbert		
Sutton		
Wood		

4 Ayes, 0 Noes, and 1 Absent – The motion is hereby carried.

Nan Stolzenburg reported she had sent the data collected from the community survey to Dr. Goldstein who will be doing additional statistical analysis on it. There are seventy-five pages of hand written comments compiled from the survey. These comments will be categorized and added to the website. There were approximately thirty participants in the focus group discussions held in October. Check www.planningbetterplaces/durham for updated information. A committee of seven to eight of community and board members is needed to continue the with the comprehensive plan process.

Mr. Hulbert requested that the maps used for the comprehensive plan be forwarded to Frazier Associates for the Quality Communities Grant application, this information is needed by November 28.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DURHAM TOWN SUPERVISOR GARY HULBERT AND THE DURHAM TOWN BOARD TO SUBMIT A 2005 QUALITY COMMUNITIES GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO REQUEST PLANNING FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO REVITALIZE AND ENHANCE THE BUSINESS AND TOURISM CORRIDOR OF STATE ROUTE 145 IN THE TOWN OF DURHAM, GREENE COUNTY NEW YORK

Introduced:

By: Ms. Wood

WHEREAS, The Town Board of Durham will submit to the NYS Department of State an application for 2005 Quality Communities grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Requested funding will be used to compensate a qualified consultant to assist the Town in preparing a comprehensive plan do develop business and tourism initiatives in Durham and address critically needed enhancements and upgrades to existing pedestrian facilities used by public during; and

WHEREAS, This section of State Route 145 in Town is the main location for business and industry in Durham, and the site of the Michael J Quill Irish Cultural and Sports Centre, Inc. which holds periodic Irish Cultural events annually and offers facilities for organized public events; and

WHEREAS, In an effort then to develop this corridor in the interest of public pedestrian safety, arts and cultural development, business and economic development, to promote the Town of Durham while at the same time implement critically needed public pedestrian safety initiatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board of the Town of Durham hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to prepare and submit an application to the NYS Department of State for 2005 Quality Communities planning funds on or be December 5, 2005 and hire the firm of J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, PE LS, LA, P.C. of Rensselaer, New York to assist the Town with the preparation of the grant application.

Seconded by Mrs. Sutton

Voting was as follows:

Ayes: Hulbert, Elpel, Sutton and Wood

Noes: None

Absent: Carr

The motion carried.

Mr. Elpel made the motion seconded by Ms. Wood to appoint Ken Dean and Linda Sutton to Historic Preservation Commission for a four year term to expire December 31, 2009. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A question regarding the progress of Wal-Mart in Catskill was answered by Mr. Ohm. There is a dispute between the property developers and current business owners regarding the parking and property access. Thus the project is slowing moving forward and hopefully an amicable compromise will be reached.

Mrs. Sutton made the motion seconded by Ms. Wood to approve the following transfers:

FROM:	A1990.400	CONTINGENT	\$ 630.00
TO:	A1220.400	SUPERVISOR	
FROM:	A1355.400	ASSESSOR, CONTRACTUAL	\$ 1,106.00
TO:	A1355.200	ASSESSOR EQUIPMENT	
FROM:	A1990.400	CONTINGENT	\$ 825.54
TO:	A1410.400	TOWN CLERK CONTRACTUAL	
FROM:	A1680.404	COMPUTER - CONTRACTUAL	\$ 25.00
TO:	A1680.204	COMPUTER - EQUIPMENT	
FROM:		GENERAL SURPLUS	\$ 500.00
TO:	A3120.400	POLICE, CONTRACTUAL	
FROM:	A5132.208	GARAGE, CAPITAL	\$ 2,000.00
		GARAGE BUILDING	
TO:	A5132.400	CONTRACTUAL	

FROM: A7110.150	PARKS PER SER	\$ 200.00
TO: A7110.400	PARKS CONTRACTUAL	
FROM:	GENERAL SURPLUS	\$ 1,300.00
TO: A8020.400	PLANNING CONTRACTUAL	\$ 700.00
A5010.136	HIGHWAY CLERK	\$ 1,200.00
FROM:	HWY SURPLUS	\$ 5,000.00
TO: DA5110.400	MAINT OF ROADS	
FROM: DA5112.1.254 - MOORE	CAP ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 2,000.00
DA5112.1.227 - SUTTON		
ROAD	CAP ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 1,000.00
TO: DA5142.400	SNOW CONTRACTUAL	\$ 3,000.00
FROM:	SL SURPLUS	\$ 130.00
TO: SL5182.25	EAST DURHAM NO 1	
FROM:	SL SURPLUS	\$ 204.00
TO: SL5182.26	EAST DURHAM NO 2	
FROM:	SL SURPLUS	\$ 120.00
TO: SL5182.27	DURHAM	
FROM:	SL SURPLUS	\$ 35.00
TO: SL5182.28	OAK HILL	

Abstract #521, consisting of 2005 Vouchers #920 through #931 for \$13,883.51 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

Trust & Agency	\$13,843.55
General Funds	\$39.96

Abstract #522, consisting of 2005 Vouchers #932 through #992 for \$42,485.38 was reviewed and approved for payment. The total was broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$21,217.48
Highway Funds	\$20,649.16
Street Lighting	\$618.74

Ms. Wood made the motion seconded by Mrs. Sutton to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Deputy Town Clerk