

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held July 3, 2018 at the Town Hall commencing at 7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Shawn Marriott, Supervisor  
Nick Nahas, Deputy Supervisor  
Joan Breslin, Council Member  
Jerry Cunningham, Council Member  
Linda Sutton, Council Member

**Recording Secretary:** Janet Partridge, Town Clerk

**Others Present:** Joseph van Holsteyn, Highway Superintendent  
Thomas Sutton, Police Sgt.  
Lois Rockefeller, Building Dept Clerk  
David Cunningham, Building Inspector  
Maryellen Brooks, Assessor's Clerk  
Tal Rappleyea, Town Attorney  
19 community members

Supervisor Marriott called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm followed by the pledge to the flag.

Supervisor Marriott recognized employee anniversaries:  
Ruthie Fishman started working with the park program in 1988

The board reviewed the Site Plan Review submitted by the Zoom Flume Water Park. Scott Roeber, engineer for the project, gave a brief overview of the changes presented. A new entrance building will be constructed where the current gift shop is. The current ticket building will be converted to office space. A site plan is filed in the Town Clerk's office. Supervisor Marriott asked for a narrative to be written and available in the Town Clerk's office before the Public Hearing.

A Public Hearing for the Zoom Flume Site Plan Review has been set for August 7<sup>th</sup> here at the Town Hall building at 7:30 pm.

The subject of paving Sutton Road was addressed since it was tabled from the last meeting. Highway Superintendent van Holsteyn read a letter he prepared explaining his reasons for paving the section of Sutton Road in question. A concerned community member, Bernard Rivers, read a letter he handed out to his neighbors explaining his concerns with paving the Sutton dirt road.

Three other community members spoke about their concern with paving the proposed section of Sutton Road. Speed, farm equipment on the road, people and farm animals on the road, and keeping the country past alive were all topics that the community asked the board to consider when voting on this paving.

A member of the community on Flinn Road expressed her concern with paving that section of road. She is afraid people will speed and it will create a dangerous situation. It was explained that a resolution to pave that road was already passed.

Questions were brought up as to how to inform the public if a dirt road is going to be paved. Suggestions were made as to the process of informing the public.

Property owners from Albin Road were present and asked if their road will be paved soon. Discussion followed on the process of deciding which road will be paved each year.

**A motion was made by Supervisor Marriott to not accept the proposal of paving a section of Sutton road, seconded by Council member Cunningham, all in favor, motion carried. (5 Yeas – Marriott, Nahas, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)**

Council Member Breslin voiced her concern that she believes it is a mistake for the board to only consider the opinions of those who live on the road that is being proposed for paving. It is up to the board to consider safety and infrastructure of the whole town as they make their decisions.

**A motion was made by Council Member Cunningham to pave Stonich Road and Printing Press, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Nahas, all in favor, motion carried. (5 Yeas – Marriott, Nahas, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)**

Deputy Supervisor Nahas explained the Comprehensive Plan Committee will address the issue of guidance for paving the roads in the Town of Durham.

**Deputy Supervisor Nahas made a motion to pass the following resolution:**

#### LOAD LIMIT RESOLUTION

Whereas there has been an observed increase in heavy truck traffic across the Town of Durham between State Highway 145 and State Highway 23, and

Whereas such traffic imposes severe stress on the surfaces of Town roads at no benefit to local residents whose taxes are needed to fund road maintenance,

Now therefore it is resolved that the Town of Durham Highway Department is authorized to post load limit signs on Town roads that would otherwise be tempting shortcuts between the said State highways, and

That the load limit signs shall be inscribed "LOAD LIMIT TEN TONS EXCEPT LOCAL DELIVERIES" and that the signs shall be posted at both ends of Cunningham Road, Sutton Road, Cornwallville Road, Strong Road, and Cochrane Road, and also at the intersections with State Highway 145 on Brown Road, Hillcrest Road, Shady Glen Road, Elliott Place, Stone Bridge Road, and Golden Hill Road, and that

The Town of Durham Police, Greene County Sheriff's Department, and New York State Police are authorized to enforce the stated load limits

Discussion followed. The motion was tabled until next meeting for Attorney Rappleyea to review.

Council Member Cunningham wants the Town Board to look into having some regulations for digital signs erected in the Town.

Supervisor Marriott spoke with Town Clerk Partridge and Comprehensive Plan Committee chairperson Nahas about minutes for the Plan meetings since there are three members of the Board on the committee. Discuss on compensation and what budget line item the money will come from followed.

**A motion was made by Supervisor Marriott to approve \$22/hour for the Town Clerk to take minutes at the Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting and be paid out of the Town Clerk's budget line,**

**seconded by Deputy Supervisor Nahas, all in favor, motion carried.** (5 Yeas – Marriott, Nahas, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)

**A motion was made by Council Member Sutton to approve the voucher for the Fourth of July Fireworks, seconded by Council Member Cunningham, all in favor, motion carried.** (5 Yeas – Marriott, Nahas, Breslin, Cunningham, Sutton)

Nahas reported Thursday night at the Community Center they will be learning about fire safety in the home and all are welcome.

Sergeant Sutton is looking to purchase a new car for the police department. One of their cars caught on fire recently and needs to be replaced. He found one for \$6,000. He has secured a grant to cover \$4,000 and would just need the Town to cover the other \$2,000. Discussion followed.

**A motion was made by Council Member Cunningham to cover the \$2,000 need from the Town to purchase the car for the police department, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Nahas, all in favor, motion carried.** (4 Yeas – Marriott, Nahas, Breslin, Cunningham – 1 abstained - Sutton)

Heidi Beachmann explained to the Town Board she resides in the Town of Greenville. This past winter during a storm, a Town of Durham truck went off the road across from her house and dumped a large amount of salt. The truck was pulled out and they asked Heidi and her husband if they could park it down on their property since it had a flat tire. When the driver went to park it he backed into the pond and salt was dumped on her property. He apologized and agreed to come back in the spring and clean it all up. It has not been cleaned up. Marriott and van Holsteyn were told the Town of Greenville would clean it up. They apologized and assured her the Durham highway department will go there and get everything cleaned up.

**At 9:22 pm Council Member Cunningham motioned to adjourn, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Nahas.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Janet Partridge,  
Clerk/Collector