

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held June 3, 2008 at the Town Building in Oak Hill, NY.

Present: Gary Hulbert - Supervisor
Linda Sutton – Councilperson
Jerry Cunningham – Councilperson
Jodi Wood – Councilperson
William Carr – Councilperson

Others: Tal Rappleyea-Town Attorney
Wes Moore-Highway Superintendent

Secretary: Chris Kohrs – Town Clerk

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Nine people were present.

The Durham Chamber of Commerce will hold the annual Independence Day Parade July 5 at 11:00 a.m. and fireworks at 9:00 p.m. **Mr. Carr motioned to permit one lane of State Route 145 from Golden Hill Road to the Irish Cultural Center Entrance to close for the duration of the Parade. The motion was seconded Ms. Wood. All were in favor motion carried.**

Amy with Santos Associates presented a proposed subdivision for Nelson Martayan 21.00-4-35, Panorama Drive, East Durham. Mr. Martayan would like to subdivide a 7.939-acre parcel into four parcels all 1.9 acres (85,000 sqft). They have proposed a right of way from lot one thru lots two, three and four to permit access to each. Lot one has a dilapidated cabin which would either need to be removed or a variance issued as it doesn't comply with the 65 foot set back from the center of the road (right of way). The board set the following items as conditions for approval. The right of way would need to be built to town specifications with a cul-de-sac at the end before any building permits would be issued, the cabin would need to be removed or a variance applied for, road maintenance agreement would need to be attached to each parcel. The board will review the application at the July 1, 2008 meeting.

Alexis Valz of 124 Mansard Avenue (21.00-5-18), Durham submitted a proposed simple subdivision. Ms. Valz would like to divide her property into two lots with Mansard Avenue as the property line as it currently segregates the property. Lot 1 would be 47.4 acres with a shed/garage and pasture. Lot 2 would be 7.6 acres with a house and barn. A public hearing was set for July 1, 2008 7:30 p.m.

Richard Sardo presented a proposed subdivision for the Freda I Firenze Living Trust of Hervey Sunside Road (49.00-5-12.1). In 2006, Mrs. Firenze subdivided one parcel from the original lot. The new proposal is for a four lot subdivision, lot one 7.722 acres, lot 2 7.581 acres, lot 3 8.784 acres and lot 4 10.778 acres. A class C stream runs thru the lots requiring lots one, two and three to have a shared right of way through lot three. A cul-de-sac would be required at the end of the right of way. A long form SEQR is required as this is a major subdivision (three years has not passed since the first subdivision). A road maintenance agreement would need to be attached to parcels one, two and three. A public hearing is set for July 1 at 7:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-12

AUTHORIZING DURHAM TOWN SUPERVISOR GARY HULBERT AND THE DURHAM TOWN BOARD TO SUBMIT A 2008 TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS PROGRAM (TEP) GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND OTHER RELATED IMPROVEMENTS TO 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 Transportation an application for 2008 TEP grant funds to reimburse up to 80% of the costs to develop and enhance the State Route 145 business corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Durham will provide a 20% non-reimbursable match to funds requested for reimbursement through Town cash revenue sources, donations of materials and in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, Requested funding will be used for the reimbursement of costs associated pedestrian travel, safety, and other related parking and streetscape improvements in an effort to promote better and safer access to corridor business and cultural establishments; and

WHEREAS, This section of State Route 145 in the 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, environmental protection, and historic preservation, this location is ripe with opportunity to promote the Town of Durham while at the same time implement critically needed public pedestrian safety initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The Town Board of Durham has retained the professional engineering and planning services of J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, PE, LS, LA, P.C. to assist with the development and submission of the application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board of the Town of Durham hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to prepare and submit a TEP grant application to the NYS Department of Transportation on or before June 27, 2008.

Seconded by Mrs. Sutton

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote of roll call, which resulted as follows: five yeas,

Mr. Hulbert

voting yea

Mrs. Sutton	voting yea
Mr. Cunningham	voting yea
Mr. Carr	voting yea
Ms. Wood	voting yea

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

The board received a Fire Alarm proposal from Sweetridge Communication the company that currently monitors our security system. Discussion followed. Supervisor Hulbert will clarify where the alarm rings into as well as confirm that it is a UL listed monitoring system.

Sgt Sutton was asked to speak with Darby's regarding a traffic hazard when patrons park in front of their building.

Tom Healy with Durham Community Planners reported the flower baskets are up and beautiful, their 50/50 raffle was successful, the BBQ was well attended, and as it was their first time, they felt it was successful. They will host another BBQ July 13 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. to kick off Irish Arts week. Market Days will be each Sunday starting June 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Supervisor Hulbert will contact Fraiser to present to the board the TEP Grant proposal at 6:30 p.m. on June 17.

Mrs. Sutton requested that ERO be added on the agenda for July 1.

At 8:30 p.m., Supervisor Hulbert requested an executive session regarding employee discipline matter. Motion seconded by Mrs. Sutton.

Supervisor Hulbert called the workshop to order at 9:48 p.m. explaining that disciplinary action will be taken against an employee.

Mrs. Sutton motioned to adjourn at 9:49 p.m. seconded by Ms. Wood.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Town Clerk