

Minutes of the workshop of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held March 3, 2009 at the Town Building in Oak Hill, NY.

**Present:** Gary Hulbert - Supervisor  
Linda Sutton – Councilperson  
William Carr – Councilperson

**Absent:** Jerry Cunningham – Councilperson  
Jodi Wood – Councilperson

**Secretary:** Chris Kohrs – Town Clerk

**Others:** Sean Frey – Legislature  
Wes Moore – Highway Superintendent  
David Cunningham – Building Inspector

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

Supervisor Hulbert made the following announcements: March 4 there will be a meeting of the Open Space and Ag Management Forestry committee, topic will be local foods and March 12 a meeting with the Open Space and Ag Management with all committees.

The grant for Open Space and Ag Management has expired. Supervisor Hulbert has contacted the state and is working to have the grant extended.

Mr. Rappleyea reviewed the grant application prepared by Fraser Associates for the Main Street East Durham Project, having given his approval Supervisor Hulbert signed the application and returned to Fraser Associates.

**Mrs. Sutton motioned to approve the contract with the Mohawk Human Society at \$300 per dog, seconded by Mr. Carr. All were in favor motion carried.** (Yea – Sutton, Carr, Hulbert, Nay-0, Abstain-0, Absent: Cunningham, Wood)

A representative of The Honey Locust Festival explained they would like to hold the festival this year at the Good Tidings Bible Conference June 28 thru July 1, 2009. They anticipate approximately 4,000 people. The proceeds from the event will be used to offset the operational cost for Good Tidings Bible Conference. They were instructed to file a Mass Gathering Permit for review by the board.

Gary Marin spoke to the board and the audience regarding the 2009 Blue Grass Festival July 16 thru 19. They are still seeking volunteers to assist in many areas. Please check the website for updated information and volunteer applications.

Supervisor Hulbert explained HRA Properties supplied the county planning board with the requested information for Site Plan Review Application SPR09-01. A public hearing will be scheduled once the County provides their final report to the town.

Roy Handel explained their Site Plan Review Application SPR09-02 is on hold as they are in the process of changing engineers.

Mr. Santos representing Mr. Martayan's Subdivision Application SUB08-04 explained to the board they are changing their original plan from four parcels to three parcels. They propose a cul-de-sac. He was advised it would need to be built to town specs and a maintenance agreement written into the deed and noted on the plot sketch.

Mr. Santos inquired on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Borwegen if it would be possible to subdivide their house from the business plot (22.00-2-24.2) and join it with the vacant plot (22.00-2-24.1). The board advised Mr. Santos' to complete the subdivision application and survey for board review.

The advertisement for Health Officer has not yielded any replies to date.

Fraser Associates are working on the project survey for the East Durham side walk project. Supervisor Hulbert filed the Federal Stimulus application for the town on line.

**Mr. Carr motioned to authorized Town Clerk/Collector to apply for a full scholarship to attend the NYS Association of Tax Receivers & Collectors Conference June 14-17-2009. If the scholarship isn't awarded the Clerk/Collector will not attend this conference in 2009. Motion seconded by Mrs. Sutton. All were in favor motion carried.** (Yea – Sutton, Carr, Hulbert, Nay-0, Abstain-0, Absent: Cunningham, Wood)

Legislator Frey urged the board and residents to campaign the NYS DOT not to closed State Route 145 during the replacement of the culvert located between Furlong's and Mooney's Auction House. The closure of the road would be life threatening for emergency service response and would gravely affect business from Cairo to Cooksburgh, as traffic would be detoured from one State Road to another. (State Route 23 - State Route 32 - State Route 81 - State Route 145 at Cooksburgh corners) The suggestion was made to contact our Senator and Assembly representatives to work on our behalf in this cause.

Superintendent Moore notified the board he would be advertising for a 2008 or newer 4 wheel drive wheel loader, the bids to be opened April 7, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

**Mr. Carr motioned to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Sutton.**

**Minutes approved:**

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**Chris Kohrs, Town Clerk**