

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

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

Secretary: Chris Kohrs – Town Clerk

Others Present: Legislator Frey
 Wes Moore – Highway Superintendent
 Tal Rappleyea – Town Attorney
 David Cunningham-Building Inspector

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M. Sixteen people were present.

Dan Schweigard of Independent Towers updated the board on the progress of the proposed cell tower for 44 McCafferty Road. It is their intent to move forward with the application. They have received interest from two carriers but neither one to date has signed a letter of commitment. They are proposing a 90' tower and may ask for a variance to allow an adjustable tower to permit 120'. Discussion followed. Mr. Pastier, a McCafferty Road resident cautioned everyone regarding the potential exposure to the waves emitted from cell towers and their health issues. Mr. Rappleyea will contact CT Male to review the construction and RF documents on behalf of the Town. Once their findings have been reported and corrected, if necessary, the process for public input would begin.

Gary Marin thanked the board for allowing the Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival to speak at the March 3 meeting and requested a notice in the paper to encourage public participation.

The board reviewed the subdivision plans for SUB08-03 64.00-4-2 6545 Route 23. Currently one 5.5-acre parcel. Mr. Swidler is proposing two parcels using Rte. 23 as the boundary line as it cuts the parcel. Parcel one approximately 48,464 sq. ft., parcel 2 approximately 84,243 acres. The plans indicated that the garage is actually on the neighbor's property. The board would like to see the deed in reference to a right of way, decision tabled until March 3 meeting.

Discussion regarding applying for the Greene County Main Street Revitalization grant to pay for the East Durham Hanging Plants for 2009. The board agreed to file for the grant, Legislator Frey will deliver the package.

Legislator Frey reminded everyone the criteria for HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) have changed. Many who previously were not eligible may now find themselves eligible. Forms will be available at the town hall and need to be submitted to Greene County Social Services for processing. Social Services will also assist with past due rent.

Legislator Frey also shared Catskill Mounting Housing has funds available to assist seniors and those with special needs with home improvements.

Supervisor Hulbert reported he has learned the NYS DOT TEP grants have been reviewed awarded and are on the Governor's desk for approval. He has not received a response from Congressman Gillibrand's office regarding their assistance with this project. Legislator Frey offered to contact her liaison Mike Russo.

There will be an Ag and Open Space meeting February 19 at 7 p.m.

The Durham Volunteer Ambulance Squad will meet February 9 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss their findings regarding options for call coverage.

Ms. Wood motioned to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. seconded by Mr. Carr.

Minutes approved:

Chris Kohrs, Town Clerk