

REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DURHAM, MAY 18, 2010

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham, County of Greene and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 7309 State Route 81, East Durham, NY on the 18th day of May 2010.

PRESENT: Gary Hulbert ---- Supervisor  
Linda Sutton ---- Councilperson  
Jerry Cunningham ---- Councilperson  
Chris Kohrs ---- Town Clerk  
Jodi Wood ---- Councilperson

ABSENT: William Carr ---- Councilperson

OTHERS PRESENT: Highway Superintendent, Wes Moore; Town Attorney, Tal Rappleyea; David Cunningham, Building Inspector; Larry Cooke, Code Enforcement Officer; Police Sgt., Tom Sutton; Town Historian, Nick Nahas – seventeen community members.

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Sandy Matthis, Greene County IDA and Warren Hart, Greene County Economic Development spoke to the audience about the Community Development Grant – Stiefel Laboratories. This is the first of many public hearings regarding funding for projects through the Community Development Grant program. The next public hearing will be June 1, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. and will relate directly to the Stiefel Laboratories (GSK) project. Money for these projects is funneled from the Federal government to the state to the town.

Mr. Matthis explained there is \$750,000 available per calendar year and this year \$716,000 has been designated for Stiefel Laboratories (GSK). We were referred to the following websites for additional information [www.greeneida.com](http://www.greeneida.com) (Stiefel's project) and [www.greenebusiness.com](http://www.greenebusiness.com) (general information). This is a competitive process and a use it or lose it program. The Office of Community Renewal reviews and determines which applications are sent to the board at the state level and only a municipality can apply for funding. The Town board decides which applications to submit and the county provides support to the town.

Justin Nevins, Boy Scout Troup 42 announced there is an Eagle Scout fundraiser dinner June 19, 2010 from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Norton Hill United Methodist Church. The cost is \$20 per person and the proceeds will help him to purchase three automatic defibrillators for the town halls of Durham, Greenville and Rensselaerville. The approximate cost of each defibrillator is \$800.

**Mrs. Sutton motioned approve the minutes of April 6 and April 20, 2010, seconded by Ms. Wood all in favor motion carried.** (Yeas-4, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Wood, Nays-0, Absent-1, Carr)

Highway Superintendent Moore reported his crew has been working on getting the roads in shape for the summer season, sweeping and repairing holes. They have received crushed gravel from Carvers to repair the dirt roads and are grading and rolling the dirt roads. This week they are prepping to pave 8000 feet of Stone Bridge Road. He is waiting to hear from the state as to how much funding we will receive under the CHIPS program before he continues with other projects.

Building Inspector Cunningham reported issuing four demolition permits, four addition/alteration permits, garage permits, one storage permit, and one permit renewal (garage).

Code Enforcement officer Cooke reported have completed twenty-two inspections resulting in two new violations, three orders to demolish unsafe buildings, two open cases of unsafe buildings were closed as the owners have reached full compliance. He issued two demolition permits, one Certificate of Occupancy and one Certificate of compliance. Mr. Cooke also informed everyone that DEC – rule making division is developing legislation on outdoor wood burning stoves. The rule will apply to existing units as well as new units. The units will need to be 100 feet from property line, smoke stacks at least 2 feet above peak any roofline, no summer operations, additional restrictions can be found on the DEC website.

Attorney Rappleyea reported no new issues and continues to monitor the Weldon House litigation.

Tax Collector Kohrs reported there remains \$524,192.05 uncollected.

**Resolution 2010-07 Purchase of a 2011 International Model 7500 SFA 4x4 Snow Plow**

Councilman Cunningham offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Durham has need of a snowplow; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New York has advertised and has chosen Ben Funk, Inc. as the contractor

**WHEREAS**, Ben Funk, Inc. quoted a price of \$162,805.49 based on 2010 NYS contract #PC62176 for the Town of Durham to purchase said vehicle;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Durham does hereby purchase said 2011 Model 7500 SFA 4X4 Snow Plow for \$154,045.49 with extended warranty for \$8,760.00 totaling \$162,805.49

Seconded by Councilwoman Sutton.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote of roll call, which resulted as follows: 4 yeas, 0-Nays, 1-Absent

Mr. Hulbert-yea                      Mrs. Sutton-yea                      Mr. Carr-Absent  
Ms. Wood-yea                      Mr. Cunningham-yea

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

**Mrs. Sutton motioned to send a letter of support to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tour of the Catskills Cycling Race, July 30- August 1, seconded by Ms. Wood, all in favor motion carried.** (Yeas-4, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Wood, Nays-0, Absent-1, Carr)

The town contacted four companies to obtain quotes for central air conditioning for the offices and meeting room. As of this date only one has present a quote, two others have done an inspection but have not responded. The fourth declined the opportunity to bid, as it requires prevailing wage. Discussion followed with the board deciding not to take action and to wait to see if the other two companies send in their bids.

Greene County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event in Athens on June 26, 2010 contact 518-943-4600 or [solidwaste@discovergreene.com](mailto:solidwaste@discovergreene.com) with questions.

A public hearing on extending the Temporary Moratorium on Resort Conversion will be June 1, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

The Town of Durham equalization rate is 64% for 2010.

The board reviewed and approved the following bills to be paid:

Abstract #1008, consisting of 2010 Vouchers #369 through #387 for \$35,422.45  
broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$ 4,255.64
Highway Funds	\$ 236.85
Trust & Agency	\$ 30,929.96

Abstract #1009, consisting of 2010 Vouchers #388 through #428 for \$52,863.13  
broken down as follows:

General Funds	\$ 16,456.40
Highway Funds	\$ 35,649.09
Street Lighting	\$ 757.64

**Ms. Wood motioned to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. seconded by Mr. Cunningham.**

**Minutes approved:**