

A REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DURHAM, FEBRUARY 1, 2011

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 1st, day of February.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Cooke-Code Enforcement Officer, and eleven community members.

Supervisor Hulbert called the meeting to order 7:31 p.m.

Proof of Notice having been furnished; the Public Hearing on the Oestreicher Subdivision application was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Supervisor Hulbert.

All those wishing to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:33 p.m.

Ms. Wood motioned to make a negative declaration on the Oestreicher Subdivision application SUB2010-06 seconded by Mrs. Sutton, all in favor motion carried. (5-yea, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Carr, Wood)

Ms. Wood motioned to approve the Oestreicher Subdivision application SUB2010-06 seconded by Mrs. Sutton, all in favor motion carried. (5-yea, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Carr, Wood)

The board reviewed Site Plan Application SPR2011-01, located at 5 Junior Drive for s/b/l 21.00-4-84, 21.00-4-85, 21.00-4-86, and 21.00-4-87. Mr. Welch has made an offer to purchase the property currently owned by Aqua Well Drilling. The proposed use would be to operate a small trucking company and a small custom fabrication business at this location. Discussion followed, Code Enforcement Officer Cooke noted that it was his opinion that there would be minimal change of use and suggested waiving the public hearing. He did inspect the building on the property and agreed to issue a certificate of compliance for the items, which were completed and inspected, with a list of items, which have not been completed to be signed by the purchaser. This conditional certificate of compliance will aide in the sale and protect the Town.

Ms. Wood motioned to waive the public hearing seconded by Mrs. Sutton, all in favor motion carried. (5-yea, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Carr, Wood)

After completing the SEQR form Ms. Wood motioned make a negative declaration for SPR2011-10 seconded by Mrs. Sutton, all in favor motion carried. (5-yea, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Carr, Wood)

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the SPR2011-10 seconded by Mrs. Sutton all in favor motion carried. (5-yea, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Carr, Wood)

Mrs. Sutton motioned to approve a request from the court to expend \$300 for software, seconded by Mr. Cunningham all in favor motion carried. (5-yea, Hulbert, Sutton, Cunningham, Carr, Wood)

The board signed the emergency service contracts with East Durham Vol. Fire Co., Durham Ambulance and Oak-Hill Durham Vol. Fire Co.

Mrs. Rascoe reported the Milk Run beat the Town of Durham at the second Annual Broomball contest, now looking for a match between the two fire companies.

Mr. Cunningham reported on the presentation by the Columbia County Conservation Advisory Council. The council is a group of volunteers made up of professionals and serve in an advisory capacity. They have no voting or policymaking power. As an example of what the council helps with they review housing development applications, which can come with a daunting stack of papers which need to be reviewed to ensure all topics are covered and not just a smoke screen. Upon completion of their review, they make recommendations to the planning board. This is not about zoning, it focuses on land use vision and the comprehensive plan, ensuring that the proposed project fits within the design the community has developed. Mr. Cunningham would like to see our town reach out to our community for such professionals who would volunteer to assist in the protection of the residents. Mr. Carr commented that there are such groups who would also provide this service for a fee and suggested we would have the developer bare the cost of the review to protect the interest of the town. Mr. Norbury added that he is working with the Catskill Creek Advisory group. They meet every two months and that this group may be a source of professionals for the town to reach out to.

Ms. Wood noted that she and Mrs. Sutton reviewed the Town Clerk's books for 2010 and found everything in order.

Mr. Hulbert stated he is saddened by the resignation of Legislator Frey and thanked him for what he had accomplished in this tenure. The Greene County Legislature will choose his replacement and welcomes recommendations from the community.

Ms. Wood motioned to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. seconded by Mr. Carr.

Minutes approved: _____
Chris Kohrs, Clerk/Collector