

A REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF DURHAM, FEBRUARY 7, 2012

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 7th, day of February.

PRESENT:	William Carr	----	Supervisor
	Jerry Cunningham	----	Councilperson
	Nick Nahas	----	Councilperson
	Linda Sutton	----	Councilperson
	Jodi Wood	----	Deputy Supervisor
	Chris Kohrs	----	Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Alan Beechert-Highway Superintendent, Patty Handel-Legislator, 12 community members.

Supervisor Carr called the meeting to order 7:30 p.m.

At 7:32 p.m., Mrs. Wood motioned to open the public hearing for the Joy James subdivision seconded by Mr. Nahas, all in favor motion carried. (5 yea, Carr, Sutton, Cunningham, Nahas, Wood)

Michael Allen, representative for Ms. James explained for all that parcel id 22.00-3-31.1 consisting of 44.80 +/- acres is to be divided into two parcels. Lot one to be 34.80 +/- acres and lot 2 to be 10.01 +/- acres. Lot 2 is slated to be conveyed to Mr. Allen and he intends to combine the lot with his existing lot 22.00-3-31.2 currently consisting of 10.20 +/- acres.

All those wishing to be heard having been heard the public hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

Upon review Ms. Wood motioned to make a negative declaration on the SEQR for the Joy James subdivision seconded by Mr. Nahas, all in favor motion carried. (5 yea, Carr, Sutton, Cunningham, Nahas, Wood)

Mr. Cunningham motioned to approve the subdivision for Joy James tax map it 22.00-3-31.1 seconded by Mrs. Sutton, all in favor motion carried. (5 yea, Carr, Sutton, Cunningham, Nahas, Wood)

Gary Hulbert presented a subdivision for Judith Parker of 305 Brand Hollow Road, Durham, NY 12422 tax id 19.00-1-16. Mrs. Parker would like to divide her 70.50 +/- acre parcel into two lots. Lot 1 would be 32.621 and lot 2 would be 37.497 acres. The board scheduled a public hearing for March 6, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

The board received a Mass Gathering Permit application from Michael J Quill for the annual Irish Festival to be held May 26 and 27 2012. Questions were raised regarding the camping area; what provision will be offered for water, sewer,

electric, and security overnight now that they will have attendees on the property 24 hours. The Town Clerk will contact the applicant and report to the board.

Supervisor Carr complimented the highway department on the work they are doing on the house next door converting it into office space and locker room for the highway.

As the quote to run the current telephone system to the new building was over \$2,000, the board opted to wait and explore other options.

Communication was received from Greene County Department of aging they are in need of volunteer drivers for their meals on wheels and to take seniors to doctor appointments.

Patty Handel shared that the county continues to search for a new public defender the first round of applicants were not a fit for the county so the posting is going back out. The Great Wolf Water Park is still in the negotiation stages and no new information has been shared.

Mr. Hulbert inquired if the 20 million that the Daily Mail reported the County is looking to bond will be reimbursed by FEMA. Mrs. Handel did not know at this time and if it is it could take two to three years before we received the reimbursement. Mrs. Handel clarified that the 20 million is what they could bond up to and would only bond the actual amount needed to cover the repair cost for the damage caused by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

Discussion followed on the conflicting communication being received regarding assistance with future flood prevention and cleaning out of the creek. Some are hearing that Soil and Water is in charge of coordinating the effort for flood control and rebuilding. Some have heard we can clean out the creeks, others have heard we just need to get a permit and then others heard no permits until June. All agreed something needs to be done, the rocks and debris washed into the creek from the hurricane and tropical storm will create flooding in the spring and are not indigenous to the creek therefore should be removed.

Supervisor Carr explained that Assessor Bennett has been working on the re-valuation for the town and while to compile data for comparable sales he is finding inconsistency in sales. Similar properties are selling for completely different amounts therefore not creating a solid value to base property and homes on. Supervisor Carr suggested the re-valuation be put on hold for twelve months and the board revisits it next February. Mr. Cunningham echoed Supervisor Carr's concerns and motioned to hold the re-valuation project at its current state and to revisit the project in twelve months, seconded by Ms. Wood, all in favor motion carried. (5 yea, Carr, Sutton, Cunningham, Nahas, Wood)

Chris Kohrs announced there would be a Durham NY Chamber meeting February 13, 7 p.m. at Point Look Out. Rene Van Shack will speak on the Great Wolf Water Park Project all were in encouraged to attend.

Mrs. Nahas reported the Greene County Historic Society would host its tour of homes for the Town of Durham in June. They are still taking recommendations for homes to view. Oak Hill Durham Preservation is organizing their annual Oak Hill Days for July 28; they will have their town wide yard sale, crafters and the showing of the Ridge Runners video. OHPA is looking for pictures and stories of the Ridge Runners to include in the video. Mr. Hulls book signing was a huge success, he sold out of the first printing and the second printing should arrive any day.

Ms. Wood shared that the Oak Hill Fire and Life Safety partnered with the Durham Police Department and went to the Durham Elementary School to do a unit on gun safety.

The Oak Hill Durham Fire Co is hosting a Chili Cook Off at the Saloon, Sunday February 12 from 2-5 the proceeds to benefit the NYS Volunteer Fireman's Home. The residents have requested raised garden beds so they can grow flowers and vegetables.

The board audited the books for the Court Clerk and the Town Clerk/Collector everything found to be in order.

Ms. Wood motioned to adjourn at 8:44 seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All in favor motion carried.

Minutes approved: _____
Chris Kohrs, Town Clerk