

September 6, 2022 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at 7 PM. This meeting was conducted as a hybrid - in person and on Zoom. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilmembers Carucci, Richman and Walls. There were approximately 42± audience members. Councilmember Wiegand was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 1 – Gardiner Day, Majestic Memorial Park, 11 AM to 4 PM

October 5 – Town Hall and Highway Dept is closed in observance of Yom Kippur

October 10 – Town Hall and Highway Dept is closed in observance of Columbus Day

STATE OF EMERGENCY BURN BAN

The burn ban enacted on August 24, 2022 is still in effect.

SALES TAX

The Town is in receipt of a check in the amount of \$61,661.35 from Ulster County for sales tax for June and July. They also received a check in the amount \$77,024.55 which represents the Town of Gardiner's share of the excess sales tax collected by the County.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Planner David Church was present this evening to discuss with the Town Board their options for amending the zoning law now that the updates to the comprehensive plan have been adopted.

Mr. Church suggested that changes to the zoning law be done in phases. He stated that SEQR and a public hearing is not required to work with the Planning Board on the revisions. Any substantive changes, however, must go to Ulster County Planning Board for review. All Board members present were in agreement with a phased approach. Councilmember Walls would like to see outstanding items such as STR law, noise, enforcement etc., to be reviewed first.

Councilmember Richman stated there are zoning inconsistencies and the Town needs to put new laws in place for noise, solar etc. They would like to re-interview various boards. Mr. Church will reach out to the boards and ask their recommendations and priorities.

MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING – GARDINER TRAILS ALLIANCE

Councilmember Carucci stated that a few minor recommendations were made. Next step is to have the attorney review the document.

LAZY RIVER

Town Board members held a special meeting on August 24 for the purpose of discussing the Lazy River waiver requests. Tonight, Supervisor Majestic reviewed the notes from the attorney on each subject discussed at the meeting. Board members agreed to schedule another special meeting for September 20 at 7 PM to discuss the remaining waiver requests. Board members would like engineering firm Sterling Environmental to review the waivers and provide opinions prior to the special meeting.

AWOSTING CLUB

Councilmembers Richman & Walls have reached out to a couple of legal firms for the Town Board to interview as potential legal representation for Awosting Club. Next step is to schedule interviews for each firm, possibly at the September 20 meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Several People from the audience spoke up about the Awosting Club discussion from this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Walls, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk