

February 1, 2022 – Workshop Meeting

The workshop meeting of the Gardiner Town Board was held this evening at 7 PM. This meeting was conducted on Zoom as a virtual meeting. Present were Supervisor Majestic, Councilmembers Carucci, Richman, Walls & Wiegand. There were approximately 28± audience members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 20 – Gardiner Fire Dept. Chili Cook-off

February 21 – Town Hall and the Highway Dept will be closed in observance of President's Day

COVID UPDATE

The Town of Gardiner cases have gone down since last month. We have past the peak of the new variant. Residents are encouraged to continue safe practices and are urged to get vaccinated or a booster shot. Test kits and masks are available at the Town Hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:12 PM Board members moved into executive session for the purposes of interviews on motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Councilmember Walls and carried. A second motion was made by Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Councilmember and Walls carried to also discuss personnel.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

On motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Councilmember Walls and carried, the Town Board returned from executive session at 8:01 PM.

PARKS & RECREATION APPOINTMENT

On motion of Councilmember Richman, seconded by Councilmember Carucci and carried, Gail Lahm was appointed to the Parks & Recreation Committee filling the unexpired term of Roger Ennis through to July 2022.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Richman, seconded by Councilmember Carucci, to appoint Lisa Lindsley to the Planning Board. Councilmembers Walls, Wiegand and Supervisor Majestic voted nay. Motion fails. A second motion was made by Councilmember Richman to appoint Matt Bialecki to the Planning Board. There was no second-motion fails. A third motion was made by Councilmember Walls, seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried to keep the Planning Board appointment open for further interviews. Councilmember Richman vote nay.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

On motion of Councilmembers Richman, seconded by Councilmember Walls and carried, Lisa Lindsley was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of David Gandin through to July 2024.

COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATE

Councilmember Carucci updated Town Board members on the Community Choice Aggregate (CCA) status. Mr. Carucci stated that the buying power will be greater with the other towns that

will be participating. He suggested over the next few weeks restarting the outreach to the community to educate the public on the pros of joining the CCA.

CANNABIS ZONING REGULATION

Supervisor Majestic reminded all, the Town of Gardiner has adopted a local law to allow for cannabis dispensaries in the Town. She would like the Board to start thinking of where they may feel it is appropriate to allow the location of dispensaries. Her thoughts were in the hamlet and the CLI district. Ms Majestic believes that this will increase economic growth in the Town. Although guidelines have not be set by the State, our Zoning Code will need to address this.

PRE-AUDIT HIGHWAY MATERIAL– RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 65 - Amending Resolution No. 92-2013 Pre-Audit Payments - Offered by Councilmember Walls

Resolved, that the Town Board authorizes the amending of Resolution No. 92-2013 to include the following to the list authorizing pre-audit and electronic transfers of funds.

American Rock Salt

Seconded by Councilmember Wiegand and carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Roberta Clements – stated she was offended by a comment made at the Planning Board meeting regarding the Awosting Club.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilmember Wiegand, seconded by Councilmember Walls and carried, the Town Board entered executive session at 8:20 PM for the purposes of legal advice. They will return only to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Mosher
Town Clerk