

PUBLIC IN-PUT SESSION: Open Space, Recreation and Pathways Plan

The Public in-put session was advertised in Saratogian, Post Star and the Schenectady Gazette newspapers, also on the Town of Wilton web site.

At 6:00 p.m., Supervisor Johnson called the public in-put session to order. The following individuals attended the session: Sarah Clarkin, Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park Director, Cheri Brunault, Sarah's intern, Peter Litchfield, Chairman of the Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park, Town Resident, Ken Garcia, Larry Gordon, Councilman, Charles Gerber, Councilman, Ian McGaughey, Councilman, Jim Martin from the L.A. Group. Deputy Supervisor Raymond O'Connor, was absent.

Supervisor Johnson asked Jim Martin to explain the Open Space Plan to everyone. Mr. Martin explained some of the highlights of the Plan by explaining the goals in each of the sections, which is described in the Open Space, Recreation and Pathways Plan handed out to all the board members and the Town Clerk. The plan is also on the Town's website for review. Councilman Gordon stated that the overlay map needs to be brought up to see how it fits in with this plan. Mr. Martin stated that it is mentioned in the plan about the expansion of the Conservation Overlay Zone as a tool. There is a very primitive Conservation Overlay Zone that is the current zoning and we recommend that that be enhanced and a new Conservation Zone be considered. Councilman Gerber explained that the one criticism he had of the overall plan is that he did not see the same vision with open space acquisition, as far as acreage we might want to acquire. Mr. Martin stated that was considered, however, trail connectivity and a vision for that is one thing. Identifying whole parcels for open space preservation that are currently in private ownership is not the best thing to do. Councilman Gordon explained that there are approximately twelve parcels remaining of value and interest around the Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park and some of these parcels have some real tough constraints associated with them. Sarah Clarkin, Director of the Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park stated that she wanted to thank the Town for putting in all the time and expense in preparation of this plan. She thought it was a great thing to do. She was also interested in seeing a pro-active approach to Open Space Protection. She stated that "based upon what I have read so far, the only true mechanisms to the Conservation Subdivision Regulations which is open space by developing". Ms. Clarkin stated that she agreed that the people associated with the Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park know the remaining priority parcels. She thought it was great to establish a vision but she understood the complexities with that. People do not want to see their properties ear marked. It may increase the price later on. Ms. Clarkin stated that there are many constraints associated with the development of the remaining parcels in the park study area. One of those constraints is small wet lands. Those are unprotected, unregulated wet lands. Mr. Martin explained that vernal pools are in the final draft of the plan. Councilman Gordon suggested that the board keep the public comment session opened for a couple of months to let a variety of organizations and the public to send in their comments. After some discussion Supervisor Johnson stated that the comment session would end on Monday July 16th, 2007, so the committee can review the comments and work it into the plan before the next meeting. Then it would be adopted at the August 2nd, 2007, Town Board Meeting. Supervisor Johnson asked if there

were any other comments on the public comment session. There were none. Supervisor Johnson closed the public comment session at 6:45 p.m..

PUBLIC HEARING: **Local Law No. 2 of 2007 Ethics & Disclosure Law**

The following Notice of Public Hearing was legally advertised in the Daily Gazette, the Post Star and the Saratogian newspapers.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of Wilton, New York, County of Saratoga, will hold a public hearing to amend the Town's Ethic and Disclosure Law.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING would adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2007 to be known as Code of Ethics and Disclosure Law of the Town of Wilton superceding the following previous Local Laws; Original Local Law No. 1 of 1988, Local Law No. 2 of 1992 and Local Law No. 1 of 1994, all known as Ethics and Disclosure Law. A draft copy of the amended law can be personally reviewed in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wilton Town Hall located on 22 Traver Road in said town at which time all persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Immediately following the public in-put session Supervisor Johnson opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.. The Supervisor asked Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, to address the board on this issue. **Deputy Supervisor O'Connor** stated that the Ethics and Disclosure Law had been constructed in 1990 and adopted a year later. Recently the State of New York and Public Authorities within the State of New York have made certain revisions to their codes. After some review of other legislation, the committee decided to eliminate the Ethics Advisory Council and have a five member Ethics Board. Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, stated that one of the other changes was the payment of any expenses related to any elected or appointed officials the original amount was \$25.00, \$75.00 is the standard adopted by the State of New York so that amount would change. **Supervisor Johnson** asked if anyone in the audience would like to comment on this Local Law. There were no comments, he then closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m..

OPEN BIDS: **HE-1 Highway Equipment (Ford F-800)**

Required Notice to Bidders was legally advertised in the Daily Gazette, the Post Star and the Saratogian Newspapers.

At 7:07 p.m., Supervisor Johnson called the bid opening to order. The Town clerk opened and read the one bid received aloud as follows:

Matt's Servicerter

\$21,500.00

300 Maple Ave.
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Supervisor Johnson stated that highway Superintendent, Kirklin Woodcock, was absent tonight so the board would look at this later in the meeting. Supervisor Johnson then closed this bid opening at 7:10 p.m..

PUBLIC HEARING: Zoning Code Changes

The following Notice of Public Hearing was legally advertised in the Daily Gazette, the Post Star and the Saratogain newspapers.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of Wilton, New York, County of Saratoga, will hold a public hearing to amend various sections of the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING would amend the following sections: **§ 129-4, Warehousing and Distribution** deleting (but excluding bulk storage of materials that are inflammable or explosive or that create hazardous or commonly recognized offensive conditions). **§ 109-30. Utilities**, delete (Alternative sewerage disposal systems, as defined in Appendix 75-A of Public Health Law, 201 (1) (1), are not allowed in a realty subdivision). **Add; For Septic Systems** requiring the placement of fill, the licensed professional shall provide an additional certification for the fill installation. This shall be provided to the Town when the final certified (stamped and signed) record drawing is submitted. **§ 43-7 Application for Building Permit** (8) Certification of Seasonal High Groundwater Elevation **Add; When discharging to Storm Structures**, connections shall be made by core-drilling hole and using rubber boot assembly, when possible.

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Immediately following the bid opening Supervisor Johnson called the last public hearing to order at 7:10 p.m.. The supervisor asked Engineer Manz to explain the miscellaneous zoning changes. **Engineer Manz** explained the changes to warehousing and distribution, utilities, septic systems, application for building permit and storm structures. After some discussion, Supervisor Johnson closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m..

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

Immediately following the last public hearing, Supervisor Johnson called the Regular Town Board Meeting to order at 7:13 p.m..

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Johnson led the board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present.

Arthur Johnson-Supervisor
Raymond O'Connor-Deputy Supervisor
Lawrence Gordon-Councilman
Ian McGaughey-Councilman
Charles Gerber-Councilman

Also present were Town Attorney Richard DeVall, Town Comptroller Jeffrey Reale, and Director of Planning and Engineering Keith Manz.

Approve Pending Minutes

Supervisor Johnson asked for a motion and a second to approve the pending minutes from the last meeting.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 134

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to
approve the minutes from the May 7, 2007
meeting as typed, without amendment.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by
Councilman McGaughey, duly put to a vote, all
in favor.

Recognition (Mr. Hladik)
Coaches Junior NBA team

Supervisor Johnson stated that the Town takes a great pleasure in recognizing Wilton residents that have an outstanding achievement in their personal life that affects our residents. We have a young man here tonight Paul Hladik Jr., who is a coach at Gavin Park in the Junior NBA program. He was one of thirty coaches selected as coach of the year in 2006-2007. There were seventy-five thousand coaches considered for this nation wide. Supervisor Johnson read the plaque and presented it to Mr. Hladik Jr.. Mr. Hladik thanked the board.

Local Law No. 2 2007
Ethics and Disclosure Law
Public hearing held earlier

Supervisor Johnson asked if there were any comments or questions on this subject. If not I will entertain a motion to approve, there were none.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 135

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the amended version of Local Law No. 2 of 2007, known as Ethics and Disclosure Law.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Award Bid: (Ford F-800)
HE-1 Highway Equip.)
Bid opening earlier

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 136

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the bid for the Ford F-800 in the amount of \$21,500, conditioned upon Kirk Woodcock, Highway Superintendent, Larry Gordon, Highway Liaison, and Keith Manz, Town Engineer's approval and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, to approve a budget transfer from Appropriated Fund Balance Account 200-000.000-599.000 to the Highway Equipment Fund 200-513.000-500.239 in the amount of \$21,500.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gordon, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Zoning Code Changes

Public hearing held earlier

Deputy Supervisor O'Connor stated he would like the change in the warehousing to read: excluding explosives or hazardous or commonly recognized offensive materials.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 137

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Zoning Code changes with the changes to warehousing and distribution section (see above).

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gordon, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Ridgeview Commons (Open Space)

G&R Development

Attorney DeVall stated he had not heard from their attorneys. **This item was tabled.**

CDTA (bus stops in Lowe's Dr.)

Keith Manz

Supervisor Johnson stated he was going to meet with them and they thanked Engineer Manz, for the temporary solution. **No action taken.**

Knollwood Drive

Water & Mosquito problems

Lawrence Zinn

Supervisor Johnson Mr. Zinn to address the board. **Mr. Zinn** explained what was in the letter he had sent to the board regarding large amounts of water in his basement and went over some of the solutions that he thought the town should do to try and solve these problems. He then thanked the board for listening to him. **Supervisor Johnson** thanked

Mr. Zinn for coming and stated that there was a lot of information and comments and that deserved some review and analysis. Supervisor Johnson then suggested that Engineer Manz, Councilman Gordon and the Highway Superintendent Kirklin Woodcock evaluate the situation and report back to the board. Mr. Zinn has offered to be the point person for the residents over there. There were other residents on Knollwood Drive, Jones Road and Putnam Lane that also said they had water in their basements and on their property. They think it has to do with development in that area. Supervisor Johnson told them it is not just in their section of town it is a county wide problem. After some discussion, Supervisor Johnson stated he would try to solicit the County for funds, look at ways to deal with the high water and look at some of the recommendations. The Town is not ignoring your concerns, we will see what we can do and report back to Mr. Zinn. Supervisor Johnson thanked all the residents for coming.

Jessica Trace (Deed)**Richard Hodges lot 23**

Supervisor Johnson asked Engineer Manz to address the board. **Engineer Manz** explained to the board that the resident from lot #23, Mr. Hodges, came into town hall and claimed that “the land never got transferred back to my property after the road was finished”. **Councilman Gordon** explained that the lands in question are public lands of the Town of Wilton because of the design of the Cul-de-Sac. So what we are talking about is turning over town land that we do not need, but the people need to pay for the survey. **Deputy Supervisor O’Conor** stated that we should tell the property owner that there is a little more involved in this then you may think. But the property owner would like to take the initiative to have the property surveyed and description put together and as long as the town would retain the standard easement right-of-way that we would get there. We would be more then happy to do that.

Resolution to adopt use of reverse 911 Notification System

Supervisor Johnson explained that this is for the new notification system that the county will be paying for and available to each town. This is the policy and procedure for the use of the system. There will be training to implement this system and each town would have the availability to authorize other users and myself for this. I would also like to authorize as the town’s perspective Ray O’Conor as Deputy Supervisor, Larry Gordon as Emergency Services Coordinator, and Kirklin Woodcock to be able to access the system.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Gordon, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # 138

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to adopt the use of the reverse 911 Notification System from the county and;

BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize Raymond O'Connor, as Deputy Supervisor, Larry Gordon, as Emergency Services Coordinator, and Kirklin Woodcock, to be able to access the system and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to sign the policy and procedure for use of the system.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McGaughey, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Committee Reports (If Any)

Supervisor Johnson asked if there were any committee reports. **Deputy Supervisor O'Connor**, stated that he was working with the Wilton Heritage Society on developing a piece of legislation that would help protect the Historic sites that are numerated in the Open Space Plan. Deputy Supervisor O'Connor explained he would bring this item back to the board next month. **(No action taken)**

Councilman Gordon stated that the salt shed will be going up within the next 30 days and we are 99.9% through with 80 Scout Road.

Councilman Gerber stated that it has been a common practice at Gavin Park to waive fees for volunteer coaches' children who play in the programs for which they are coaching. There has never been a formal policy adopted by the town board for that service. I would like to recommend that Town Board that we implement one for coaches and assistant coaches of Town programs. After some discussion the board decided to look further into this subject **(No action taken)**. Councilman Gerber also asked the board to adopt a formal safety policy at the park due to the growth of some of the programs. The board asked Councilman Gerber to head that committee. He agreed, and stated he would like to have Steve Porto and one member of the park commission on that committee as well.

Comptroller's Report
(Including Bills & Transfers)

Budget (2007 Transfers)

On a motion introduced by Councilman McGaughey, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #139

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the budget transfers for 2007 requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 6/7/07 report to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Personnel

Justice Dept. (Nicole Smith)

On a motion introduced by Councilman Gerber, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #140

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the hiring of Nicole Smith as a Grade 2 part-time clerk base step effective May 29, 2007, in the Justice Department. Shari Worth has officially resigned from this position.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Cell Phone Policy

Highway Dept. (Lori Olson)

On a motion introduced by Councilman McGaughey, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #141

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to amend Organizational Resolution #12 Cellular

Phones to include Lori Olson as an authorized user.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

MS4 Requirements

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #142

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to approve the request submitted by Keith Manz, for a budget transfer from Contingency A1990.4 to Engineering A1440.4 in the amount of \$9,000 to cover LA Group's final year (year 5) proposed effective June , 2007 to conform to NYSDEC MS 4.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gerber, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Salt Shed Update

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #143

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request submitted by Keith Manz, for a budget amendment in the amount of \$72,000 to cover items not covered in the original budget for the Salt Shed Project.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Gordon, duly put to a vote, all in favor.

Informational:

See Comptroller's June 7, 2007, report to the Town Board for informational items.

Supervisor Johnson stated that the board needed to adjourn to executive session for two personnel issues. He then asked for a motion and a second to adjourn.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor O'Connor, and seconded by Councilman McGaughey, the board adjourned to executive session at 7:40 p.m..

On a motion introduced by Councilman Gordon, and seconded by Councilman Gerber, the board reconvened the Regular Town Board Meeting at 9:25 p.m..

Items discussed in executive session

Supervisor Johnson stated there was no action taken in executive session on the items discussed.

Supervisor Johnson: If there is no other business, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Gordon, and seconded by Councilman Gerber, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m., all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Maynard, Town Clerk

Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

Councilman, Raymond O'Connor

Councilman, Charles Gerber

Councilman, Larry Gordon

Councilman, Ian McGaughey

