

TOWN OF ELBRIDGE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 28th, 2011

The Town of Elbridge Town Board met on April 28th, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Town of Elbridge Municipal Building, 5 Rte. 31, Jordan, NY to hold their regular meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Bush called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Councilor Rita Dygert, Councilor Vern Richardson, Councilor Bill Kuhn, Councilor Doug Blumer, and Supervisor Ken Bush.

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Attorney Dirk Oudemool, 20 residents, and Deb Stapleton, Clerk.

ADOPT MINUTES: On a motion of Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Richardson the minutes April 14th, 2011 were approved.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Kuhn made a motion that General Bills Abstract #5, Vouchers # 226-253 the amount of \$145,222.13 were ordered paid, and Highway Bills, Abstract #5, Vouchers # 53H- 70H, in the amount of \$18,962.41 were ordered paid with a total disbursement of \$ 164,184.54.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) A Letter of resignation from Tim Filkins, Chair of the Elbridge Planning Board.

GUESTS:

- 1) Meg Schader of Wake Robin Farm on Brutus Rd, in regard to the proposed rezoning issue, asked the Town Board to stop, think and listen, bring in some experts, and table it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rob Hill, of Elbridge said many area farmers met Friday evening, with Bob Somers from Ag and Market, and Judy Wright, and the town has not satisfied the law. They would like to improve the image of the town by working with the town. He also asked to table the proposal and meet with them and come to a resolution.

Nancy Hourigan, of Elbridge, is offended that the town board doesn't consider Agriculture a business, asked if the board has looked at Skaneateles zoning laws, and an expert, Bob Somers, of NYS Ag and Market, said there is a need for a good comprehensive plan. She also briefly discussed the need for land, all around the world to feed the population.

Robert Peck of Kingston/Gorham Road, wrote a letter to the board, and talked about the land where he lives and that the houses built around him in the last 40 years were built on untillable land. He discussed land use.

Roger Robedee, of Sandbank Road, is zoned agricultural and would like to stay that way. He has about 60 acres and has planted a lot of trees. There are a few streams out in back and he doesn't want to see houses built up there.

Mr. Peck asked why change it? Supervisor Bush said he hoped people recognize that changes have been made in the town.

There was considerable discussion back and forth.

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Lee Hudson of Hudson Egg Farm, talked about where he lives (in the Town of Camillus) and 5 acre lots. He's Pro-Ag and wants to work with the board.

Dan Conroy, of Sandbank Road, has 26 acres and wants to stay in the Ag district. He's in favor of cluster development and people moving in are informed they're in or near an Ag district.

Beth Miccio, of Sandbank Road, would like to remain in the Ag district- they don't have public services- moved here from Camillus.

Nancy Hourigan asked if the town board would consider slowing down this process and getting input and guidance from outside the community.

Supervisor Bush "from the very beginning this process was built on the idea that we're a small town, we're personal, one-on-one conversations, group conversations, and that was the most important thing. There have been numerous changes along the way, and your suggestion is still on the table to have continued dialogue. Everyone will have had a chance to talk to Rita or anyone on the board, or attorney. One step at a time."

Mary Beth Withey, of Elbridge, said this is a public policy issue, and couldn't be taken care of with one-phone call- wonders what outside experts have been brought in?

John Hourigan, Elbridge, been to 3 or 4 meetings, and asked what're you hearing from people? I haven't heard any pros to this- just people that don't want it.

Gary Switzer, of Hamilton Rd., said last meeting only one person raised their hand that was in favor of this.

NEW BUSINESS:

On a motion by Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Kuhn the following resolution was:

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Dygert Richardson Kuhn Blumer Bush
Nays 0

Resolution 82-11

Resolved: the Elbridge Town Board hereby appoints Cynthia Weirs to the position of Planning Board Secretary/Alternate member effective May 2, 2011 through December 31, 2011, at an annual salary of \$1700. prorated for the rest of the year.

On a motion by Councilor Richardson, seconded by Councilor Kuhn the following resolution was:

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Dygert Richardson Kuhn Blumer Bush
Nays 0

Resolution 83-11

Resolved: authorizes the Supervisor to enter into agreement with the Town of Brutus to reimburse them for mowing the Jordan Level Park at \$300.00 per mowing.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Dygert: two letters of interest for the ZBA position, so far.

Councilor Richardson: opening day ceremony at the park has been cancelled due to all the rain. Will be sending out rfp's for the judge's bench and wheel chair ramp.

Councilor Kuhn: met with architect and will set up the next meeting. Trash program will be starting.

Councilor Blumer: drove around all the cemeteries to check winter damage.

Supervisor Bush: thank you for coming.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: no one at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion of Councilor Dygert, seconded by Councilor Richardson, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra H. Stapleton
Elbridge Town Clerk