

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MAY 14, 2008
TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE TOWN HALL
7:00 P.M.
SUMMARY**

**PRESENT: Supervisor Myers ABSENT: Councilman Tancredi
Councilman Baisley
Councilman Seminara
Councilman Conte
Councilman Cifone
Councilman Krakower
Deputy Town Attorney Hagstrom
Town Clerk Miller**

AGENDA

05:14-COW1 DISCUSSION Arlington Sewer Service Area
(MORRIS Don Beer, Town Engineer, spoke
ASSOCIATES about the Arlington upgrades and
ENGINEERING) repairs to the Plant and to the collection
system at the cost of 16 million dollars. Upgrades and repairs have not been
done for the last 30 – 50 years. In 2007 a revised Map, Plan and Report (not
completely completed) was prepared and submitted to the Town by Morris
Associates stating the 16 million dollars as a cost of upgrades and repairs and
now the engineering firm wants to complete the report and give the Town Board
an estimate. This would mean an additional \$50.00 a year to a single family
home for possibly 30 years for bonding for the 16 million dollars. Morris
Associates are at a final design stage to prepare an estimate during the next six
months and want to keep the cost down.

**THE TOWN BOARD WANTED A
MORE DETAILED REPORT. THE
BOARD, MORRIS ASSOCIATES
ENGINEERS AND TOWN
ENGINEERS WILL MEET
AT THE SEWER PLANT NEXT WEEK
ON WEDNESDAY.**

05:14-COW2 DISCUSSION Hudsonia
(SUPERVISOR Nava Tabak, biologist from Hudsonia, a
MYERS) non-profit organization that does
research and education on environmental issues, brought a map of the Town,
created by her organization, of ecologically significant habitats. These habitats

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create biological diversity and biological diversity builds ecosystems that support people in our lives in many different ways. Hudsonia gives these maps to different Towns to use when doing town wide planning, reviewing development proposals or for individual land owners who want to do something with their property. Studying the various habitats deals with the land, water (streams and rivers), animals, birds, plants and rare communities in these classifications.

THE TOWN BOARD EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO HAVE A BIOLOGIST ON THE PLANNING BOARD TO HELP THE TOWN UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF AND THE NEED AND ABILITY TO PRESERE THESE HABITATS WITHIN THE TOWNS

05:14-COW3 DISCUSSION
(ATTORNEY MAHAR)

RJG Properties, LLC
Harold Mangold of the McCabe and Mack Law firm spoke on behalf of the

Germano Auto Center, located at 2555 South Road: “ I was here in November of 2007 at which time this matter, after discussion was referred to the Planning Board for review in relation to property improvement. We received on May 09, 2008 the maps that I am now going to show you, which has been reviewed by Laura Wojtowicz after making her recommendations to you and to the applicant and which has now been put on these maps for your review.” Mr. Mangold explained about all the costs of landscaping and improving the strip of land that Germano wishes to acquire from the Town. The Board felt that he wanted a reduction in the price of the property that the Town would supply to him because of the high cost of landscaping and improvements.

THE BOARD WANTS DONALD MC GRATH TO LOOK AT PRICING THE TOWN PROPERTY AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS HAVE TO BE PREPARED BECAUSE GERMANO IS WILLING TO DO THE IMPROVEMENTS FIRST. WILL PUT ON THE TOWN BOARD MEETING JUNE 03, 2008.

05:14-COW4 DISCUSSION
(COUNCILMAN
BAISLEY)

Sign Ordinance
Todd Baright, Sue Pike, Elizabeth Bomba, Robert Jackson and

Karmen Buckey from the Sign and Zoning Committees all spoke. Todd Baright ,

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Sign Committee, led the discussion on considerations and concerns that the Town Board had from their last discussion. They discussed LED Type Lighting not permitted in any residential area or zone; changeable lighting showing time and temperature-only by banks and financial institutions; no political signs allowed in the public right-of-way areas or publicly owned property; signs placed in or mounted on trucks or vehicles driving on public highways-prohibited; one sign not exceeding twelve square feet in a residential district, listing the architect, engineer, contractor and/or owner on premises where construction, renovation or repair is in progress-must be removed once work is completed and many other areas in the proposed sign ordinance that the Town Board wished to amend.

TOWN BOARD WISHED TO AMEND THE SIGN ORDINANCE BEFORE IT IS PUT ON THE AGENDA FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

05:14-COW5 DISCUSSION
(ENGINEERING)

Stormwater Management
Program Report

Matt Horton reported that in March of 2003, the Town commenced development of an ongoing Stormwater Management Program intended to reduce and prevent non-storm water discharges from entering or polluting municipality storm sewers, streams, rivers and waterways. The program focuses on six fields of action by various departments to address goals for public education: public participation, attacking and eliminating illicit discharges, regulating construction site runoff, regulating long term runoff from developments , pollution prevention and general good housekeeping by the Town. The Fallkill Creek and the Wappinger Lake have been recognized as water bodies with impaired quality attributed to stormwater discharges. Sediment and phosphorus have been identified as the contributing pollution concern. Much of the effort of the program focuses on preventing and reducing the concentration of these pollutants and storm water runoff. Initial goals for development of the program were established in 2003 in a "Notice of Intent" and updated via annual reports prepared on the activities to implement program development goals prior to January, 2008. This year's draft of that report has been prepared to identify the achievement of those program development goals, the continued implementation of the Stormwater management program, and the methods planned to further develop the program. The draft document will be revised to account for comments provided by interested parties, recent revisions to the SPDES permit requirements, and summary information provided by County Cooperative group members. The final report will be submitted to the NYS DEC prior to June 2008 and made available to interested parties via the Town's website.

SUPERVISOR MYERS STATED THAT THERE WERE HARD COPIES OF THE

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05:14-COW5 DISCUSSION

DRAFT DOCUMENT AVAILABLE IN THE BUILDING AND MATT HORTON SAID THAT THE FINAL REPORT WILL GO TO THE D.E.C. AND BE AVAILABLE ON THE TOWN WEBSITE NEXT WEEK.

05:14-COW6 DISCUSSION
(SUPERVISOR
MYERS)

property on the south side of Collegetown Avenue from the intersection of Raymond and Collegetown to about Fairmont and Collegetown and pay the Town a dollar for the land taken.

NY State Wants To Take Part of Collegetown Avenue From The Town
The State wants to take a strip of

THE TOWN BOARD WANTED TO GET AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY AND WHAT WOULD BE A FAIR MARKET PRICE FOR THAT LAND. THE BOARD DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL ATTORNEY MAHAR RETURNS NEXT WEEK TO OBTAIN HIS INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT.

COMMITTEE REPORTS 2008

1. FINANCE

***Baisley**, Krakower, Mahar,
Tancredi

COUNCILMAN BAISLEY: NO REPORT

2. FIRE ADVISORY

***Baisley**, Cifone, Splain,
Fire Officials (Arlington, New
Hamburg, Fairview)

COUNCILMAN BAISLEY: NO REPORT

3. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
COUNCILMAN CONTE: NO REPORT

Cifone, ***Conte**, Krakower, Mahar

4. LAND USE & PLANNING
(Including Cell Tower & Comp. Plan)

Conte, Hagstrom, ***Seminara**
Tancredi

COUNCILMAN SEMINARA: NO REPORT

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5. PERSONNEL

Baisley, *Cifone, Conte,
Mahar

COUNCILMAN CIFONE: NO REPORT

6. RECREATION
(Including Town Day)

Baisley, Cifone, Mahar
Pfeifer, *Tancredi

COUNCILMAN TANCREDI ABSENT: NO REPORT

7. SENIOR CITIZENS

Conte, Hagstrom, *Krakower,
Tancredi

COUNCILMAN KRAKOWER: NO REPORT

8. TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT

Cifone, Hagstrom, *Krakower,
Seminara

COUNCILMAN KRAKOWER: NO REPORT

9. WATER, SEWER, HIGHWAY
(INFRASTRUCTURE)

Baisley, Krakower, Mahar,
*Seminara

COUNCILMAN SEMINARA: NO REPORT

**EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS TABLED UNTIL 6:30 P. M. BEFORE THE MAY
21, 2009 TOWN BOARD MEETING.**

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:58 P. M.