

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2009  
FOLLOWING THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING  
7:01 P.M.  
SUMMARY**

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

**AGENDA**

03:11COW1 DISCUSSION  
(ATTORNEY MAHAR)

Public Information Session For  
Application Of Abilities First, Inc., At 13  
Sterling Place (In First Ward), For  
Individual Residential Alternative For  
People With Developmental Disabilities

**JOHN R. THOMAN, EXECUTIVE**

**DIRECTOR OF ABILITIES FIRST, INC, EXPLAINED THAT 5 WOMEN AND STAFF WOULD BE RESIDING AT 13 STERLING PLACE. FOUR OF THE WOMEN ARE LIVING TOGETHER AT A HOME ON VASSAR AVENUE, BUT IT HAS BECOME TOO SMALL FOR THE RESIDENTS AND STAFF. THIS HOME IS MUCH LARGER AND CAN ACCOMMODATE THE RESIDENTS AND STAFF MORE EASILY. THE TOWN BOARD CAN APPROVE THE SITE RECOMMENDED, SUGGEST ANOTHER SUITABLE SITE, OR OBJECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FACILITY IF IT WOULD RESULT IN A CONCENTRATION OF COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES THAT WOULD ALTER THE NATURE AND CHARACTER OF THE AREAS WITHIN THE TOWN. A LARGE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS IN THE AREA OF STERLING PLACE EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS AT THE MEETING THAT A GROUP HOME IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD LOWER THEIR PROPERTY VALUES, CREATE A SAFETY HAZARD FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND NOT PRESENT A SUITABLE APPEARANCE FOR THEIR AREA.**

**THE TOWN BOARD WILL STUDY THE CONCENTRATION OF FACILITIES IN THE AREA OF STERLING PLACE AND GAVE THE RESIDENTS A DEADLINE OF APRIL 01, 2009 TO OFFER A MORE SUITABLE SITE.**

**(OVER)**

**WHILE RESIDENTS OF WARD ONE WERE LEAVING, SUPERVISOR MYERS ANNOUNCED THAT THE U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY INVITES THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND AN INFORMATION SESSION ON THE HUDSON RIVER PCB DREDGING PROJECT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009 FROM 6:00 P. M. TO 8:00 P. M. AT THE TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ROOM LOCATED AT 19 TUCKER DRIVE**

03:11COW2 DISCUSSION                      Lighting For Underhill Road/Roger  
(ATTORNEY MAHAR)                      Karcher

**MR. KARCHER CAME TO THE MEETING TO ASK THAT A STREET LIGHT BE INSTALLED ON A TELEPHONE POLE AT THE WEST END OF UNDERHILL ROAD.**

**REFERRED TO THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

03:11COW3 DISCUSSION                      Marist College/Route 9  
(COUNCILMAN                              **BILL GORTON, CHARLOTTE NISBET**  
CIFONE)                                      **AND SCOTT GEIGER FROM THE**

**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND JOHN GILDARD, ROY MEROLLI AND JUSTIN BUTWELL FROM MARIST COLLEGE PRESENTED A VIDEO OVERVIEW OF THE APPEARANCE, SAFETY FACTORS AND COMMUNITY NEED OF A PROPOSED UNDERPASS CROSSING ROUTE 9 IN FRONT OF MARIST COLLEGE. THE UNDERPASS WOULD BE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE MARIST STUDENTS AND OTHER WALKERS TO SAFELY CROSS ROUTE 9 AND PROVIDE EASY ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO CROSS UNDER ROUTE 9.**

**NOTED BY TOWN BOARD**

03:11COW4 DISCUSSION                      New York Communications Company,  
(COMPTROLLER                              Inc.  
WOJTOWICZ)                                      **WITHDRAWN FROM AGENDA**

03:11COW5 DISCUSSION                      Dutchess County Rail Trail  
(ATTORNEY MAHAR)                      **JOSEPH KELLEY, ASSISTANT**  
**CIVIL ENGINEER, AND PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE DUTCHESS RAIL TRAIL, APPEARED BEFORE THE TOWN BOARD TO ASK FOR A RESOLUTION FOR AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN FOR VARIOUS MAINTENANCE FEATURES BY THE TOWN ON THE RAIL TRAIL. THE TOWN BOARD WAS RELUCTANT TO GRANT A RESOLUTION.**

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5. PERSONNEL Baisley, \*Cifone, Conte, Mahar,  
**COUNCILMAN CIFONE: NO REPORT**
  
6. RECREATION Baisley, Cifone, Mahar,  
Pfeifer, \*Tancredi  
**COUNCILMAN TANCREDI: 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 Baisley, Krakower, Mahar,  
(INFRASTRUCTURE) \*Seminara  
**COUNCILMAN BAISLEY: NO REPORT**

**NO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING CLOSED AT 11:01 P.M.**