

**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)

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.