

RECESSED MEETING, TOWN OF COCHECTON, MAY 21, 2018

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The May 9th recessed meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held at 6:30 pm on May 21, 2018 at the Cochecton Town Hall with the following members present:

PRESENT: Supervisor Gary Maas Councilperson Edwin Grund Councilperson Anna Story
 Councilperson Sean Nearing Councilperson Dr. Paul Salzberg

OTHERS PRESENT:

Margaret Richardson – Deputy Town Clerk Attorney, Karen Mannino
Lake Huntington Fire Chief, Jason Kraack Lake Huntington Fireman (past Fire Chief), Edward Kraack

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the recessed meeting from May 9th reopened. All present Town Board members voted in favor.

Supervisor Maas called the meeting to order with the pledge to the flag at 6:32 p.m.

Edward Kraack addressed the Board members regarding the safety of the town residents.

- Many residents were unaware that the Highway Superintendent had called for a state of emergency Tuesday, May 15th through 17th due to the storm.
- There were trees blocking roads with hot wires which should have had barricades and orange cones.
- Communication was limited due to power outage and lost Wi-Fi in some locations.
- People were calling him to find out where they could get water, dry ice, showers or a place to sleep.
- There is no plan in place for this type of emergency. He expressed that the Town Board, Fire Company, Highway Department and Sullivan West School need to come up with a plan of how to educate people in town to know where they can get dry ice, water, showers and shelter during an emergency.

Supervisor Maas agreed that this type of emergency plan for multiple days of power outage was not addressed in the current emergency plan created 7 or 8 years ago. He will talk to the Highway Superintendent about barricades for unsafe roads; will get together with Dr. Hackett of Sullivan West School District to find out who her designated contact for emergencies is and when people can and cannot seek shelter at the school. When this information is collected the Town Board, Fire Department, Highway Department and School will meet and detail an emergency plan.

Councilperson Grund questioned why electric trucks drove on Skipperene Road and did not do anything to take care of the hot wires on the road. Mr. Kraack explained that the trucks were from Maine. Their task was to find downed lines. They are not authorized to touch down lines.

Supervisor Maas asked the Board members to review the letters of interest received in response to a display ad in the *Sullivan County Democrat* on May 15th and 18th posted for three Town job openings. The Board discussed the 4 applicants for Housekeeping position and the 2 applicants for Grounds Maintenance. A last minute résumé for DCO was received; however the person did not mention working with dogs or interest in dogs. The DCO position will be reposted.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Story, the Board authorized Supervisor Maas to speak with Anna Bellotti (most fitting candidate for the Housekeeping position) and Tom Kent (most fitting candidate for the Grounds Maintenance position) to confirm their interest and to proceed with the hiring process. All present Town Board members voted in favor.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Story, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the Board to open executive meeting to discuss a personnel matter. All present Town Board members voted in favor. Time: 7:10 p.m.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Story, the Board closed executive meeting. No action was taken. All present Town Board members voted in favor. Time: 7:30 p.m.

Councilperson Story pointed out that the February 14, 2018 minutes were not approved at the March 14, 2018 meeting.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following motion was to approve the minutes of February 14, 2018. Supervisor Maas, Councilperson Grund and Councilperson Salzberg voted AYE; Councilperson Story and Councilperson Nearing were not present at the March 14th meeting and abstained; motion approved.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Nearing, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the recessed meeting adjourned. All present Town Board members voted in favor. Time: 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Margaret Richardson, Deputy Town Clerk