

A recessed meeting of the Town of Cohecton was held on March 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cohecton Town Hall with the following members present:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Gary Maas
Councilperson Larry Richardson
Councilperson Edwin Grund
Councilperson Richard Schulman
Councilperson Anna Story absent

OTHERS PRESENT:
Hollye Schulman – Town Clerk

Reason for the recessed meeting was for the Town Board members to conduct an interview with Karen Mannino to act as the interim Town Attorney, until December 31, 2013. Also to discuss the possible changes regarding verbiage in our Local Laws that are in the process of being codified

At 6:30 p.m. the Town Board conducted the interview.

Councilperson Richardson was very impressed with Ms. Mannino as was Councilpersons: Schulman and Grund; and would be in favor of hiring her

RESOLUTION # 32

HIRE MS. KAREN MANNINO AS THE INTERIM TOWN ATTORNEY

On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Schulman, the following resolution was, WHEREAS, the Town is in need of an interim attorney for the period beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2013, and the Board found Ms. Mannino to be a very impressive candidate, and now BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board is in favor of hiring Ms. Mannino as the interim Attorney for the Town for the length of time mentioned above

ADOPTED – AYES: 4 **NAYS: 0** Councilperson Story absent
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund and Schulman

RESOLUTION # 33

ARTICLE 78, STANZONI

ON motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Town of Cohecton Board of the Town of Cohecton, Sullivan County, New York, has received a Stipulation of Discontinuance in the matter of Robert J. Stanzoni against the Town of Cohecton Planning Board, Joseph Manaseri, in his official capacity as a Town of Cohecton Planning Board member, Town of Cohecton, Nickoly Santana, and Laura Santana in a matter for judgment pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules from the law firm Jacobowitz & Gubits that represents the Town of Cohecton in this matter, and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Cohecton, Sullivan County, New York, authorizes the Supervisor to sign the Stipulation of Discontinuance to resolve this manner with Robert J. Stanzoni

ADOPTED – AYES: 4 **NAYS: 0** Councilperson Story absent
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund and Schulman

RESOLUTION # 34

PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATES

On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Schulman, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Town of Cohecton Board of the Town of Cohecton, Sullivan County, New York, recognizes that Planning Board members may have to recuse themselves or be absent for a period of time, and WHEREAS, in accordance with New York State Town Law, the Town Board of Cohecton wants to appoint alternate members when needed to make sure it has a quorum and is able to perform its duties so that residents and other parties are not delayed, and WHEREAS, the Town of Cohecton Board sees the need to appoint two alternate members for the Planning Board for the term ending December 31, 2013 they are appointed, and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Cohecton, Sullivan County, New York, appoints Andrew Ranaudo and Robert Deman, both previous Planning Board chairmen, to the position of alternate Planning Board members, to serve till December 31, 2013, and to serve when needed to maintain a fully complemented board to conduct the towns business that is brought before it.

ADOPTED – AYES: 4 **NAYS: 0** Councilperson Story absent
Supervisor Maas
Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund and Schulman

RESOLUTION # 35**RE-LEVY LENNOX BAILEY PROPERTY**

On motion by Councilperson Richardson, seconded by Councilperson Schulman, the following resolution was WHEREAS, Lennox Bailey owner of the property described on tax map as parcel # 12.-1-35 and situated on County Road 116 in the Town of Cochection was notified that a building on his property appeared to be a clear and imminent danger to life, safety and health to any person, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cochection held a Public Hearing on December 14, 2011 and Lennox Bailey did not appear, and at the Public Hearing it was decided that the building on his property was a clear danger to life, safety and health of any person, the Town Board authorized the CEO to cause the removal, securing and demolition of the unsafe structure which was put out to bid and was awarded to J. Hughson Excavating Inc. and the demolition of his unsafe building was removed on January 19, 2012 at a cost of \$4,800.00, and

WHEREAS, all the expenses incurred by the Town of Cochection in connection with removal of the unsafe structure shall be charged against the parcel described on tax map as 12.-1-35 and situated on CR 116 and shall be assessed and levied and collected in the same manner as provided under Article 15 of the Town Law for levy and collection, and

WHEREAS, the total of \$4,800.00 plus interest at the rate of 1 ½ per cent per month, for the December 31, 2012 was \$5,654.15, and as of March 2013 has still not been paid; the principal plus interest calculated until December 31, 2013 is \$6,964.53 the total due to the Town of Cochection as of December 31, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the total principal and interest of \$6,964.53 is due the Town of Cochection and if not paid will be re-levied on the property taxes for FY 2014, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the unsafe building removal plus interest on the aforementioned property owned by Lennox Bailey, located on County Road 116, tax map # 12.-1-35, Town of Cochection be re-levied by the County of Sullivan in the amount of \$6,964.53 to the General Fund; for the unsafe building removed by J. Hughson Exc. Inc. for the town, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Town Clerk will present delinquent tax bill in the amount of \$6,964.53 for unsafe building re-levy to the County when submitting the 2014 Budget

ADOPTED – AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 Councilperson Story absent

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Richardson, Grund and Schulman

Town Board members went over the verbiage changes to the Town of Cochection Local Laws and made suggestions as to what changes they want made to the laws before codification by General Code. The Supervisor will show the changes to the interim Attorney for her input, before the changes are sent to General Code.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Richardson, the following motion was to adjourn this recessed meeting. Time 8:52 p.m. All Town Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, _____

Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk