

**REGULAR MEETING, TOWN OF COCHECTON, APRIL 12, 2017
PUBLIC HEARING**

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A Public Hearing and a regular meeting of the Town of Cochecton was held on April 12, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Cochecton Town Hall with the following members present:

(Between 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM for the purpose of auditing bills)

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maas with the pledge to the flag at 7:34 PM.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hollye Schulman –Town Clerk
Karen Mannino—Attorney
Earl Bertsch—PBC
Gregg Semenetz –CEO
Eileen Hennessy –Tax collector

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to open the Public Hearing: Time 7:03 pm

Town Clerk read legal notice re; proposed LL # 1 of 2017. A proposed Local Law to amend Town Code Chapter 240 with respect to renewal energy systems. All present board members voted in favor. Councilpersons: Story and Nearing absent

Earl Bertsch Planning Board Chair mentioned that the Planning Board feels that the HD district is better suited for small commercial business and that Solar should not be located in that district. The Planning Board was also pleased to see a 200 foot setback from all property boundaries. As for bonding they also feel that it should be a cash bond as a company can go out of business.

Pete Golod rep: from UDC presented the 5 points that the UDC feels some language should be changed. #1 Page 2 Large –scale Solar Energy Generating Systems or Solar Plants states “Solar photovoltaic systems with a rated name plate capacity of more than 30 kilowatts (kW)” Is there a maximum KW capacity? Should be up to 30 kW and limited by current infrastructure.

Large- scale Solar Energy Generating System or Solar Power Plant 2 megawatts. Attorney said that is limited by current infrastructure with a max 5 megawatts in this town

Larry Richardson town rep to the UDC-- small scale should be limited to less than 2 kW

Pete Golod #2 Page 7 Under Section G.b.ii. it states, “Such systems may be mounted on a principal and/or accessory structure and shall not be more than two (2) feet higher than the highest point of the roof to which it is mounted.”

Per RMP the maximum allowed building height is 35 feet. Per the Town of Cochecton Zoning Law for both Agricultural Conservation (AC) and the Hamlet District (HD) the maximum allowable height is also 35 feet. Need to clarify language. #3 Pg. 9 Under Large –Scale Solar Energy Generating System or Solar Plants, nowhere in the section is there any reference to minimum or maximum wattage allowances. Attorney again stated this should be addressed in the site plan and is project driven. # 4 Pg.10 Under section H. c. vii. It states “All plumbing and or power transmission lines from a ground mounted solar energy generating system shall be located underground.”

Will this constitute clearcutting? If so, it should be noted, per RMP over 2 acres of clearcutting is prohibited within the river corridor. #5 It is also important to note that Power Generating Stations are considered an Incompatible Use in recreational Segments per the Schedule of Compatible, Conditional and Incompatible Land Uses in the Land and Water Use Guidelines of the River Management Plan. Power Generating Stations are defined as “Any new commercial or public electric generating facility (for baseload, cycling or peaking purposes) powered by coal, oil or natural gas, nuclear power and hydropower.”

Read letter UDC submitted by the town for the UDC input. Thanked Supervisor for allowing them to voice their concerns

Supervisor asked the attorney about the Sullivan County Planning proposal. She stated there were some typos.

Supervisor went over some suggestions from the County. This was discussed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to recess this Public Hearing until the next regular meeting at 7:00 pm. All present Town Board members voted in favor. Councilpersons Story and Nearing absent

At this time the regular meeting started with the pledge to the flag

RESOLUTION # 24

GRANT A 30 DAY WAIVER FOR LIQUOR LICENSE FOR COCHECTON CORNER LLC

On motion by Councilperson Salzberg, seconded by Councilperson Grund, the following resolution was

WHEREAS, the Cochecton Corner LLC has made an application to the Alcohol beverage Control Board for an On-Premises Liquor License and requested a 30 day waiver of the notice, and

WHEREAS, the Cochecton Town Board has no objection to Cochecton Corner LLC dba The Horse’s Mouth located at 1 Depot Road, Cochecton, NY 12726 to this application for an On-Premise Liquor license and for a 30 day wavier, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Cochecton Town Board does hereby grant the 320 day waiver for Cochecton Corner LLC dba The Horse’s Mouth.

ADOPTED: AYES 3 NAYS: 0 Councilpersons: Story and Nearing absent

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Salzberg and Grund

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MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to approve the minutes of March 8, 2017 and be accepted as submitted. All board members present voted in favor. Councilpersons: Story and Nearing absent

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg the following motion was to approve for payment the bills on abstract # 4 in the following amounts.

General Account	Voucher # 158-197	\$22,654.84
Debit Card Account	Voucher # 198	\$572.64
Sewer Account	Voucher # 199-202	\$2,312.16
Lighting District	Voucher # 203	\$1,023.12
Highway Account	Voucher # 204-222	\$31,657.88

Claim #'s 168, 178, 187, 188, 191, 194 and 198 are noted as splits between funds, same voucher.
Claim #'s 158-171 are noted as PREPAID on March 10th, 16th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd and April 5th 2017. All board members present voted in favor. Councilpersons: Story and Nearing absent

CORRESPONDENCE:

NYMIR: Distracted Driving Prevention Challenge

Center for Land Use and Sustainability: Development of an on line GIS –based support tool began in 2014 when the UDC submitted a Technical Assistant Request to the NPS.

Sullivan County Manager's Office: S. C. has initiated the process to develop an application for a Countywide Resiliency Planning Grant

Monticello Motor Club: invitation to fun & Entertainment night April 22, 2017

NYMIR: Annual Meeting May 5, 2017

UDC: Re: Timetable for Action & Request for Dam Inspection Report

NYS Ag & Markets: Municipal Shelter Inspection Report- Unsatisfactory and another inspection will occur in approx.30 days

US Dept. of Commerce U.S. Census Bureau: Re: Cooperation with the 2017 census of Governments, Survey of Public Employment & Payroll

Sullivan County Legislature: Invited to First Annual State of the County Address – March 16, 2017

Sullivan County Treasurer: County's Annual Financial Report –requesting Total Debt Outstanding (Schools, Towns, & Villages) Note. The Town of Cochection has no debt

Cooper Arias: re: the town financials

Charter: Additional Franchise Payment

Sullivan County DPW: Snow & Ice watch has ended

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jerold Yavarkovsky, Schmidt Lane, mentioned that there are 25 members in the TiaChi class. Training for P.B. cancelled for March 27 and rescheduled for April 15, but they found another venue for the training

Eileen Hennessy, Mohn Road, door to kitchen area needs to be addressed

No one wished to comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

County Charter Commission: Larry Richardson

The meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for April 19 at 6:00Pm

UDC: Larry Richardson

- The Council held its regular meeting on Thursday April 6.
- Following roll call, we heard from NPS Ranger Kevin Reish and Ingrid Peterec a review of data compiled over the years showing specifics on when, where, who and why drowning have taken place. It is interesting to note that most drownings happen while swimming. The NPS is expanding its educational program to warn river users to wear safety vests. No drowning has ever happened to a person wearing a properly fitted life jacket.
- As noted last month the Upper Delaware Council's Annual Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, April 23 at the Central House in Beach Lake Pennsylvania. U.S. Congressman John J. Faso has agreed to be the keynote speaker. The banquet cost is \$27.00 per person and reservations are requested for April 14.
- The council has been advised to prepare for a 3 -3 ½% cut in funding for 2017.
- A subcommittee met prior to the regular meeting to try to work out a consensus on the position the UDC should take in regards to Alternative Energy Projects within the river corridor.
- We were informed that Frontier Communication has a new account representative for our area and he is eager to move forward and explore options for a Red Alert Emergency System

Actions taken:

- Approved a letter to Paul Rush, NYC DEP: requesting an update on the Public Emergency Notification System and a timetable for action and also request a Dams inspection report.
- Approved a letter to the U.S. Supreme Court Decree Party Principals: regarding the expiration of the FFA agreement.
- Approved a letter in support of the Orange County Resiliency Plan Grant Application.

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Scenic Byway; Larry Richardson; The UDSB held its regular meeting on Monday March 27.

- **Topics of Discussion in part:**
 - a. Presentation from Kris Gilbert from NYS DOT on signage program for Rt. 97.
 - Update on our website launch status and rollout plans
 - An educational workshop to protect scenic byway values
 - Submitted a U.S.Trademark application to copyright the UDSB logo.
 - We have been asked to do a presentation to the Delaware County CC in June.
 - Agreed to take ½ page ad in the Delaware County Travel Guide were 2017.
 - Discussed the contents of the pollinator plant seed mixes to be sold from our website.
 - The nominating committee presented their recommendations to be acted on at the May meeting
 - **Public Comment:** None
 - **Next Meeting Date:** will be on Monday, April 24, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.
- **Note:** Weather forced the cancellation of the Charter Commission meeting that had been scheduled for March 15. The next meeting will be on April 19 at 6:00 PM at which time the plan is to vote on the Committee’s recommendations to the Sullivan County Legislature

Youth Commission: Councilperson Grund – Meeting April 4

- Looking for a new member for the board
- Hockey GAME AT West Point 8 youth and 2 out of town youth
- 22 in Town youth signed up for Bronx Zoo bus trip
- Easter Bunny ?Train ride from Honesdale
- Planning on the following events; Nature walk at Jerry’s, Rafting from Skinners fall s to Narrowsburg, West Point Football Game, Yankee Game, Movies and Bowling.
- Next meeting May 2 at 7pm

Seniors: Councilperson Salzberg

- Thanked Jerold for all his work getting the Tia Chi class in the town
- Mentioned that Sullivan County is next to last in healthy citizens, would like to see more events to help the community members become healthier

Keep Cochecton Clean: Jerold Yavarkovsky

Litter pluck, can’t wait for the County to make a decision, the town will start their own litter pluck and Jerold asked the Supervisor to order bags

Website and Fire District: Councilperson Story –No report as the website is being worked on at this time. The Town is staying with Doreen to update the website

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

SUPERVISOR/ DEPUTY SUPERVISOR (Gary Maas) present

Submitted a written report;

- Monthly Financial Report

Bank Information:

- Deposited \$100.00 UDC check
- Deposited \$ 1,161.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$ 243.00 Judicial fees
- Deposited \$ 1,452.02 Town Clerk fees
- Deposited \$4,490.31 franchise fee Charter
- Deposited \$11,605.20 franchise fee Charter
- Deposited \$710.02 for Debit Card
- Deposited \$2,850.00 for Youth Program
- Made transfers and deposits as needed and gave budget to actuals to board

Activity

- Attended Supervisors Meeting. Calls to Cooper Arias and audit for 2016 which is complete. Worked on Website update. Completed Fiscal Survey. Sent report to County on Town Debt. Worked on Census data. Meeting with John Faso’s representative. Ordered Litter signs. Also ordered Flagpole light and truck. Sent draft law to County and UDC

CONTRACTUAL		\$4,000.00
Abstract #1	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Abstract #2	\$ 413.66	\$3,586.34
Abstract #3	\$920.67	\$2,665.67
Abstract #4	\$606.75	\$2,058.92
Abstract #5	\$	\$
Abstract #6	\$	\$
Abstract #7	\$	\$
Abstract #8	\$	\$
Abstract #9	\$	\$
Abstract #10	\$	\$
Abstract #11	\$	\$
Abstract #12	\$	\$

Worked 93 hours

Supervisor paced off footage for the youth basketball court off the lower parking lot

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HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: (Kevin Esselman) not present

Submitted written report

- Sanded and plowed as needed.
- Patched paved and gravel roads.
- Cut brush.
- Had some repairs.
- Diesel 1500 gals del / used 1518.4 gals
- Gas 250 gals del / used 272.9 gals
- Worked 160 hrs
- Contractual balance is - \$3,153.76

Supervisor mentioned that Senator Bonacic –CHIPS money- the Town will get a larger sum than last year may also get back some money for the March 14 snow storm

TOWN CLERK: (Hollye Schulman)

Submitted a written report:

- Re: Monthly report
- I am working from 9:00 am through 2:00 pm Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday.
- I took care of the regular duties of the Town Clerk.
- UDC check # 2538 in the amount of \$100.00 received 3/31/17 and turned over to the Supervisor the same day.
- Attended the NYSTCA regional meeting on March 13th in Fishkill. This meeting allows me to receive 3 hours of continuing Edu's. Which I use toward the renewal of my Registered Municipal Clerk certification
- Attended the OSTCA meeting on March 22, it was a round table discussion regarding the letter from Ag & Mkts. about the animal population control program. Which was also discussed at the Regional meeting in Fishkill.
- Issued 6 permanent handicapped and 0 temporary parking permits in March.
- I provided telephone #'s for different departments. I'm also getting calls inquiring about properties and what the taxes are for someone wanting to purchase property in the Town of Cochecton. I also hand out building permits, when the CEO is not in the office.
- I will be attending the NYSTCA Conference/training in Rochester from April 23rd thru 26th. I have posted the door to my office and also the front door, and left a new message on the answering machine.
- Worked a total of 117 ¼ hours in March
- Contractual balance \$3,568.95

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: (Gregg Semenetz)

Submitted a written report:

- Worked 80 hours
- Traveled 814 miles
- Issued 4 permit, no renewals, 4 C of O's 3 notice of disapproval and 5 municipal search letter, no appearance tickets
- Revenues: \$1,904.00
- Expenses \$545.49
- Contractual Balance: \$4,069.12

March was busy, and April starting out busy as well. Unsafe building notices have no response. CEO will send another letter

TAX COLLECTOR: (Eileen Hennessy)

Submitted a written report:

- Balance in Checkbook \$114,758.59
- 4/11/2017 Ck# 413 SC Treasurer \$107,677.07
4/12/2017 Ck # 414 Supervisor Gary Maas \$5,000.00
Balance \$2,081.52
Worked 40 hours in March
Contractual Balance: \$1,802.40

TOWN ATTORNEY: (Karen Mannino)

- Attendance at Board Meeting
- Draft Public Hearing Notice solar law with email to Supervisor And Clerk
- Review of Solar Law Comments/email to Supervisor

ASSESSOR: (Lorry J. King) not present

Submitted written report: Supervisor went over her report

Old Business:

1. I would like to have a spot to put blank exemption forms for the convenience of our taxpayers. Possibly a wall unit affixed to the wall would help!
2. Permission to purchase of a locking file cabinet to separate the exemptions. Our cabinets are full and we need additional space. I did budget for the same. I will provide my quotes for the same as soon as received.

New Business:

1. The tentative roll will be filed May 1st.
2. All notices of assessment change will be mailed out the first week in May
3. I will be attending training in Albany on April 26th-April 29th.

Assessor Hours: 20

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Assessor report continues:

Clerk Hours: 37.00

March	
1355.4	\$2,792.35
Terri Fountain	\$3.96
Total March	\$3.96
Balance	\$2,788.39

SEWER OFFICER: (Michael Walter) not present

Submitted a written report: Supervisor went over the report

Average flow of 64,012 for month of March

C.B.O.D. 98% for month of March

T.S.S. removal 99% for month of March

Supervisor explained that there was a manhole cover problem on State Route 52- it is sinking. Had 2 quotes but one person backed out. Matt Bernas recommended to replace and relining . Quote from R. & H Gorr Inc. came in at \$3,450.00

RESOLUTION # 25

ACCEPT QUOTE FROM R & H GORR FOR SEWER MANHOLE REPAIR

On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following resolution was WHEREAS, R & H Gorr quote was \$3,450.00 to repair the problem with the manhole cover on State Route 52, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town Cochecton does hereby accept the quote from R & H Gorr in the amount of \$3,450.00 to repair the manhole cover on State Route 52

ADOPTED: AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 Councilpersons Story and Nearing absent

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons: Salzberg and Grund

PLANNING BOARD CHAIR: (Earl Bertsch) present

No written report: Earl said the Planning Board is open for business

DOG CONTROL OFFICER: (Rosemary Barile) not present

Submitted a written report:

3 dogs at large calls, worked 5 hours. Contractual balance: \$2,500.00

HISTORIAN: (K.C. Garn) not present

Submitted a written report:

This past month, I received an inquiry about the old abandoned building at the end of "Pump Station Road".

Fortunately, the internet makes the history of the old Pump Station readily available to anyone with access and so I was able to assist the young lady rather easily. Your Town Attorney can fill you in further, if necessary.

I also just received an inquiry about the Phillip rose family that apparently lived in town during the late 1800's. I'll be looking them up on maps, deeds, cemetery and census records and will provide whatever information I can find. I hope you enjoy a productive Board meeting

TOWN BOARD:

Councilperson Salzberg was glad that there is a TiaChi class, and is looking forward to the youth basketball court being completed and would also like to see hiking trails because Sullivan County is the 2nd worst in health in State.

Also would like to have the door in kitchen issue addressed

Councilpersons: Grund and Supervisor Maas had nothing to add.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Alarm and Security for Town Buildings – the siren went off several times (it is really loud). Our recorder out for repair
2. Commercial Solar Zoning Law Review – this was taken care of earlier
3. unsafe Buildings 2017 – discussed earlier

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Basketball Court – will discuss more next month
2. Website update – this is being worked on
3. Clean up Days –May 20 and 21

RESOLUTION # 26

TOWN CLERK TO PLACE A DISPLAY AD FOR SPRING CLEANUP

On motion by Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following resolution was WHEREAS, the Town of Cochecton offers to the community members a Municipal Clean up Days, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this year the Clean-up days are set for May 20 and 21 from 9:00 --2:45 each day.

ADOPTED: AYES:3 NAYS: 0 Councilpersons Story and Nearing absent

Supervisor Maas

Councilpersons Salzberg and Grund

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Larry Richardson, Bernas Road, Asked about Algae in the Lake, Supervisor said that Mike Popolillo sent out letters for a meeting sometime in April

No one else wished to comment

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Grund, seconded by Councilperson Salzberg, the following motion was to adjourn this town board meeting. All board members present voted in favor. Councilpersons: Story and Nearing absent. Time 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hollye Schulman, Town Clerk