

APRIL 9, 2009 6:00 PM MASTER PLAN WORKSHOP

Present at meeting: Ralph Bentley Supervisor
 Frank Hill Councilman
 Kenneth Higgins Councilman
 Robert Olson Councilman
 Joseph Dooris Councilman
Dr. Richard Lamb Consultant
Arlene Mayer Town Clerk
Also: Brandon Himoff, Gary Frenz

Supervisor Bentley called the meeting to order. This is the first Town Board Workshop to review the Draft Copy of the "Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan, Parts 1,2 and 3" dated February 24, 2009.

Councilman Olson suggested a two-hour limit on the meeting as discussion regarding this type of in depth information needs a time frame. Whatever changes the Town Board decides on will be forwarded to the Planning Board for their review and recommendations. Nothing further will be done on any proposed changes until the Planning Board has contacted the Town Board.

The Board then began reviewing in a page-by-page format with changes being suggested and acted on as each page was discussed. There were many paragraphs or sections eliminated as it was decided the information was covered in the present zoning ordinance. Dr. Lamb will make the changes, as noted, and a corrected version of the pages will be forwarded to the clerk for the next workshop.

The Board decided to end the review on page 87 and set a second workshop. Messrs. Dooris & Olson made a MOTION to meet on April 30th at 6:00 PM, all ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Higgins & Dooris, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted: Town Clerk

APRIL 16, 2009 MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Present at meeting: Ralph Bentley Supervisor
 Frank Hill Councilman
 Kenneth Higgins Councilman
 Robert Olson Councilman
 Joseph Dooris Councilman
Mark Schachner Town Counsel
Paul Smith Highway Superintendent
Arlene Mayer Town Clerk
Also: Bill McGhia, Jane Smith, Thad Smith, Tom Johansen, Sandy Smith

Approval of Minutes- The minutes of March 19th were approved by MOTION of Messrs. Dooris & Hill, all ayes.

Reports- Supervisor, Town Clerk, Justice

Approval of April Abstracts:

RESOLUTION NO. 60 OF 2009

Messrs. Dooris & Hill introduced Res. 60 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF MARCH ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the payment of the April Abstracts:

Highway Vouchers # 66-90	\$16,104.15
General Vouchers # 97-117	\$21,267.55
Highway Abstracts 9 & 11	\$13,072.34
General Abstracts 9 & 11	\$25,161.40

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

Communications-

Marion Luce

RE: Resignation from Zoning Board

Horicon Planning Board

RE: Recommendation regarding proposed zoning amendment

Old Business-

Zoning Administrator Job Description- Councilman Dooris reported that the draft just needed a few "tweaks" and is now completed. The Board will adopt the final draft later in the meeting.

Little League Pavilion- Councilman Olson reported that he had staked the site out and is putting together a list of materials now. The highway crew will put the posts in so the Boy Scouts can start work on them.

Little League field water line - Councilman Higgins will ask Parker (from Well Company) for suggestions as to how to get this project going. The trench for the line was done last year, but it was late in the year and nothing more was worked on.

Celebration Committee- Councilman Dooris reported on the initial meeting that was held last week. The Committee will meet again in May. The Fire Company, Chamber of Commerce and Boy Scouts are on board as well as other members.

Dry hydrants in Adirondack Lodges- HS Smith asked about the highway going on private property without an access agreement. Counselor Schachner said if Warren County already has an agreement regarding the project it should also name the Town of Horicon on it.

New Business-

Zoning Board Alternates- There was a question regarding term limits for alternates for the Zoning & Planning Boards. The clerk said the Local Law that was adopted to allow the alternates states the term is 5 years. Councilman Dooris said that he would like to appoint alternates who would be willing and able to move up if needed. It is not

helpful if the alternate is not available to be appointed as a regular member when the need arises.

Complaint Regarding Snowmobiles in Cemetery- The Board thought this problem was taken care of when the new fencing was put in surrounding the cemetery. It appears there is an opening in the fence and this will be closed. The people who are riding in the cemetery are know, if this does not stop they will be contacted.

Resolutions-

RESOLUTION NO. 61 OF 2009

Messrs. Hill & Dooris introduced Res. 61 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO HIRE EARL REMINGTON
FOR TEMPORARY HIGHWAY POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Highway Department is in need of a temporary employee to fill a vacancy created by the ongoing illness of Wayne Farmer, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby hire Earl Remington to fill this position at an hourly wage of \$15.33.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 62 OF 2009

Messrs. Dooris & Higgins introduced Res. 62 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO HIRE LIFEGUARD FOR SUMMER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby hire Tim O'Neil and Megan Whelan as lifeguards for the Town beaches this summer season. Mr. O'Neil will work at the Adirondack Beach and Miss Whelan will work at Brant Lake Beach. Salary is set at \$11.00 per hour for a thirty-hour week.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 63 OF 2009

Messrs. Higgins & Dooris introduced Res. 63 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FINAL DRAFT FOR
JOB DESCRIPTION FOR HORICON ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

WHEREAS, a job description for the Zoning Administrator has been drafted and items have been added or clarified over the past weeks, AND

WHEREAS, the draft has now been completed to the satisfaction of the Town Board and Town Counsel and the Board wishes to use this completed draft as the Town's guidelines for this position, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt the Final Draft, dated April 16, 2009 as the official Job Description for the Zoning Administrator.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 64 OF 2009

Messrs. Dooris & Higgins introduced Res. 64 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR THE
FISHING DERBY AND POSTING OF THE MILL POND**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize radio coverage to advertise the annual fishing derby at the Mill Pond in Brant Lake. Cost not to exceed \$450.00, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the posting of "NO FISHING" signs from when the Mill Pond is stocked until the day of the derby, May 16th. Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 65 OF 2009

Messrs. Dooris & Higgins introduced Res. 65 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CHERYL ERICKSON TO ZBA

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Zoning Board Alternate Cheryl Erickson to fill the vacated position of Marion Luce on the Horicon Zoning Board of Appeals. Ms. Erickson will fill the un-expired term, which will end on December 31, 2009.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

Privilege of Floor-

Mrs. Jane Smith asked why the Zoning Board did not listen to the people opposed to the EZ Marina? Councilman Olson said the project has been thoroughly commented on and everyone has given their opinion 3 or 4 times. Any decisions reached have been done accordingly to the Town's land use ordinance and that is how any project is reviewed. It is not a popularity contest; the Zoning Board is only able to base their decisions on what is in the Ordinance. Mrs. Smith suggested the Town of Horicon purchase the piece of property in question and make it a forever-green space. In answer to Mrs. Smith's statement that laws or regulations have been "circumvented", Counselor Schachner said "it would be illegal for the marina to seek Planning Board approval without ZBA approval, it is all spelled out in our zoning laws". Supervisor Bentley added that it is far from over for this project. If variances are successful the project would need to go to the Planning Board for conditional use. There will be other opportunities to comment. Mrs. Smith said the area in question is the "gateway to Adirondack & Schroon Lake in the Town of Horicon and we do not want to see it commercialized". Councilman Olson thanked Mrs. Smith for discussing her concerns.

Blue Sky- Mr. Thad Smith said the Highway Department did a great job of cleaning up the sand on the roads and kept the roads in good shape all winter. The residents appreciated the work.

At 7: 45 PM the Board moved to Executive Session by MOTION of Messrs. Dooris & Hill, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley announced that Personnel would be discussed. The Board returned to regular meeting at 8:15 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Higgins, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley announced that Personnel had been discussed in Executive Session, no decisions were reached.

The meeting was then adjourned by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Higgins, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk

APRIL 30, 2009

SECOND MEETING FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Present at meeting:	Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
	Frank Hill	Councilman
	Kenneth Higgins	Councilman
	Robert Olson	Councilmen
	Joseph Dooris	Councilman
Dr. Richard Lamb	Consultant	
Arlene Mayer	Town Clerk	

Supervisor Bentley opened the meeting and the Board began the review at page 87 of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. A page-by-page discussion resulted in a few deletions being made to the text.

When the Town Board is finished making changes to the Comprehensive Plan, and Dr. Lamb completes his update, the Board will meet with the Steering Committee and review the results. The conditional use lists will then be referred to the Planning Board. Also, the Planning Board will be asked to review any proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments that come out of this Plan.

The Town Board will meet with the Steering Committee before holding any public informational meetings. When the Board is satisfied the Plan is completed there will be a meeting with the public and the Plan will be submitted to the APA and Warren County. Following these meetings the Town Board will schedule a public hearing.

Dr. Lamb will make the changes from tonight and send the updated pages back as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Higgins, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk