



TOWN OF STILLWATER

ESTABLISHED 1788 – SITE OF THE TURNING POINT OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Town Board Meeting Minutes May 18, 2023, 7:00 PM at Stillwater Town Hall

Present: Supervisor Ed Kinowski
Councilman Artie Baker (via Zoom)
Councilman Chris D'Ambro
Councilwoman Ellen Vomacka

Also Present: Danielle Cowin, Town Clerk
Matt Harris, Superintendent of Highways
James Trainor, Attorney for the Town
Joe Lanaro, Engineer for the Town
John Nett, Police Commissioner

Absent/Excused: Councilperson Valerie Masterson

Supervisor Kinowski called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.

Danielle Cowin, Town Clerk took the roll call.

Adoption of Minutes:

Motion by Councilperson Chris D'Ambro and seconded by Councilperson Vomacka to adopt the minutes of May 4, 2023

Motion carried.

Agenda Items

Presentation – Matt Rodgers with LaBella
Public Hearing on TDR- Transfer of Development Rights
Resolutions: #32 through #35

Presentation

Matt started presentation with describing TDR. A TDR program is a zoning technique that conserves land by redirecting development that would otherwise occur in the Sending Zone to a Receiving Zone suitable for denser development. Under the comprehensive plan, and GEIS Recommendation, it states to adopt a TDR ordinance to encourage development in appropriate locations, while reducing sprawl and loss of farmland and key open space areas. Also, to allow for unused development rights within the T2 District to be transferred to areas where higher density development is allowed. The process is as follows: Step 1: Initiate the application process, Step 2: Calculate Development Rights, Step 3: Planning Board Review, Step 4: Project Approval, Step 5: Conservation Easement filed. For more detailed information, see handout titled, Proposed Transfer of Development Rights Local Law, Town Board Public Hearing dated May 18, 2023.

Public Hearing/Public Input

Resident, Don 1512 Rte. 4, questioned why land is not being developed that has been vacant for years. For example, on Hudson Avenue across from Townhouses in the village.

Matt Rodgers replied with, it is recommended in the towns comprehensive plans and cannot speak for individual land owners.

Resident, Nicole, Gronchiniak Rd. is asking why is there a drive for this now? Matt R. replied, this program has been in progress for 10 years. This process is to preserve open space. Nicole also asked to explain what is on the map?

Karen a resident, asked about Rte. 4, old farm land, selling rights and what happens to the TDR?

Josh, a resident, asked what other towns are using this process?

Matt answered, Clifton Park, Milton, and Ballston Spa, to name a few.

Josh also asked if energy and solar was allowed? Matt replied, yes if it is for farming.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION NO. 32 of 2023

A Resolution Providing a Grant for Union Cemetery Research

Introduced by: Supervisor

WHEREAS, Union Cemetery is known to contain the remains of some historical figures from the Town's history and the Union Cemetery Committee has been compiling information on those people; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board feels it is appropriate to locate the families of these historical figures so accurate burial records can be compiled at the cemetery, and the Union Cemetery Committee has offered to do the research for the Town at a nominal cost.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby grants \$2500 to the Union Cemetery Committee to underwrite its research into the family histories of the historical figures interred at the Union Cemetery for the benefit of the residents of the Town.

Motion by Councilperson Vomacka, seconded by Councilperson D'Ambro, to adopt Resolution No. 32 of 2023.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 32 of 2023 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilman Baker	YES
Councilwoman Vomacka	YES
Councilman D'Ambro	YES

Resolution No. 32 of 2023 was adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on May 18, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 33 of 2023

A Resolution Making a SEQRA Determination Regarding its Proposed TDR Local Law
TABLED

RESOLUTION NO. 34 of 2023

A Resolution Adopting Local Law ___ of 2023, a Local Law Adopting a Transfer of Development Rights Program for the Town of Stillwater
TABLED

Motion by Councilperson D'Ambro, seconded by Councilperson Vomacka to table Resolution No. 33 and 34 of 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 35 of 2023

A Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Sign an Agreement for Landscaping

Introduced by: Councilman Baker

WHEREAS, the Town has solicited and considered several landscaping proposals in order to ensure all Town parks and buildings are presentable to the public and are receiving proper yearly maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the proposals provide for all Town landscaping requirements for all current parks, buildings and facilities.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to sign an Agreement with Paul's Landscaping to provide landscaping services at all Town parks, buildings and facilities at a cost not to exceed \$ 18860.00.

Motion by Councilperson Vomacka, seconded by Councilperson D'Ambro, to adopt Resolution No. 35 of 2023.

A roll call was taken on Resolution No. 35 of 2023 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilman Baker	YES
Councilwoman Vomacka	YES
Councilman D'Ambro	YES

Resolution No. 35 of 2023 was adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stillwater duly conducted on May 18, 2023.

Public Input

Josh, resident 11 Shushan Rd. asking about a resolution that passed last meeting concerned about tax payers.

Nicole, resident, asked how is information getting out to the public and how was the public hearing published for residents to see.

Supervisor Kinowski explained the process of notifying the public and referred to the January organizational meeting where it states that the Express is the town paper along with the Gazette, Times Union and Saratogian to broaden the public announcement. Supervisor Kinowski mentioned a possible solution maybe, the town rent out a page in the Express to list the happenings with all projects. However, all is subject to change.

Karen, resident, asked if the slides of the presentation can be posted on the website? Lyndsay Buck, Town Planner, replied, yes, they will be posted on website.

Other Business

Councilperson Baker presented quotes for landscaping. Paul's Landscaping was the most experienced and knowledgeable. Contract is slated for months of May through November. The insurance policy still needs to be reviewed by Town Attorney.

Councilperson Vomacka stated Doug Case is compiling cemetery plots and wants to start a website. He wants people to be aware of the 16 cemeteries in the Town of Stillwater. She also added that they are looking for reenactors for the Blockhouse.

Councilperson Vomacka recognized and thanked Matt Harris and the Highway Dept. for their work done at the Block house.

Town Clerk Danielle Cowin stated her and Barbara, Deputy, created the beach passes for 2023. These passes are for Stillwater residents only and must be picked up and paid for at the Town Clerks office. A flyer was created to be posted on Town hall door and up at the Beach. Town Clean up went over well on May 6th and as busy all day long. This is a great benefit for the residents and the Town does not make money on this event.

Nomination forms have been developed for the Family Day Volunteer of the Year and Citizen of the Year awards to be presented at Family Day 2023. The Town Board will review nominations and choose a recipient for each award. The forms will be posted on the Town Website soon.

The Town Clerk presented the following report for the Town Boards review. The Town Clerk's monthly report and the Financial Officer's report for the month of May 2023.

Audited Claims

Motion by Councilperson D'Ambro and seconded by Councilperson Vomacka to pay the audited claims.

General	\$12051.55
Town Outside	\$11392.65
Highway	\$27538.86
Water & Sewer	\$65.35

Motion carried.

Motion by Councilperson Vomacka and seconded by Councilperson D'Ambro to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 8:10 pm **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by

Danielle Cowin
Stillwater Town Clerk