

**Town Board Meeting**  
**April 3, 2017**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Supervisor Lanning, Councilor Brace, Councilor Howard, Councilor Badami,  
\*Councilor Coville, Attorney Smith.

**Also Present:** Bridgett Winkelman, Julie Stenger, Allan Wellington, Sue Murphy, Denise Rhoads, Randy Nonemacher, Russ DeForest, Rob Howard, Rachael Campbell, Lori Harper, Amanda Steenken, Chase Corcoran, Mark Tucker, Dessa Bergan, Sue Dove, Michelle Jackson, Karen Barkdull.

**Department Reports:**

▪*Highway, Water, Transfer Station:* Allan Wellington reported that the snowplows were out 5 times since the last meeting and 128 times for the season. Last year they were out 87 times and the last time they plowed was April 8<sup>th</sup>. They also are making truck repairs, repairing road shoulders and lawns. Some of the crew is renovating the bathroom at Town Hall. At the Transfer Station the bids were opened for hauling and tipping fees at the Transfer Station. The cardboard baler arrived and is now being used. Compactor repairs also had to be made. In the Water Department he attended a meeting with the owners and contractors for the West Lake Road Sewer District. Joe Dwyer has been working on the annual Water Quality Report.

▪*Parks:* Sue Murphy reported that the ice rink dasher boards were advertised and sold for \$1,000. They were picked up last weekend. She attended a County meeting with Youth and Aging and more funding for our programs may be available. She staked out where the new crab apple trees will go with the Garden Club. They are getting the ball mix ready for the fields and plan to put the bleachers in the park when it is drier. Tennis nets are up on all courts and the two stanchions will be replaced on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The park will be in full swing as soon as the weather breaks.

▪*Planning, Zoning, Codes:* Councilor Badami reviewed the March open projects report showing 5 open projects for the Planning Board and one for the Zoning Board. Four permits were issued in the Codes Department.

▪*Budget:* Bridgett Winkelman said that the 2016 audit has been completed by Cuddy and Ward and the AUD has been filed with the State Comptroller. Cuddy and Ward will present the audit to the Town Board at the April 17<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting. She attended capital projects meetings and completed payroll #6.

▪*Historian:* Beth Batlle read a report on carriage production in the Town. (Report attached).

*Resolution #17-069*

**Minutes:** On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board the minutes were accepted with a change to Page #3 noting that Councilor Brace said that the Finger Lakes Land Trust had a beautifully written proposal instead of a beautifully written resolution.

**Public Comment:** There were no comments.

*Resolution #17-070*

**Parks Department Summer Afternoon Program:** Sue Murphy said that she has had many requests to extend the PlayDay program. There also may be additional funding through Onondaga County. The afternoon program would be on a week to week basis so that parents can choose one or more weeks for their children. Each week will have a different theme such as a science week, etc. The afternoon program would be limited to a maximum of 30 participants. This program would still need to be approved by the Onondaga County Health Department.

Councilor Brace said that this is a fabulous idea

On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Sue Murphy was given authorization to proceed forward with the afternoon summer program

*Resolution #17-071*

**Bill Miles Offer to Donate Property to be in the name of Davie Oram:** Supervisor Lanning said that the .388 acre property is located at the southeast corner of Fennell Street and Old Seneca Turnpike. The donation has some conditions. He said it would be an important piece to obtain because it would connect the extension of the trail from the Charlie Major Nature Trail south to the Village.

Attorney Smith said that the Town Board previously discussed the four requests being made as part of the donation. There was a concern about the Miles and/or Oram family “reserving the right to make future improvements to the property, pending notification of the Town of Skaneateles”. Attorney Smith recommended changing that any improvements must have prior approval of the Town Board. The Town Board will also be able to determine the signage they wish to use. The Miles family requested that the Town Board be responsible for all legal costs and fees. The next step would be to send a letter to Mr. Miles with any changes that the Board agrees on.

Councilor Brace said she did not know Davie Oram and before the Town Board decides to have a park named after him she would like to have a bio on him to understand who he was.

Supervisor Lanning said he went to school with Davie who grew up in Skaneateles and had a love of the community.

On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (4-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Attorney Smith was authorized to send a counter offer to Mr. Miles and request that the Miles and or/Oram family provide a bio of Davie Oram.

\*Councilor Coville arrived.

**Awarding of Bid for hauling and tipping fees at Transfer Station:** Supervisor Lanning said that this would be discussed in Executive Session.

*Resolution #17-072*

**Symphoria Waiver Request:** On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the fee to use the Austin Pavilion for the free Symphoria concert on July 27<sup>th</sup> was waived.

*Resolution #17-073*

**Skaneateles Lakeshore Baseball Request to use Austin Pavilion:** Sue Murphy said due to the wet spring and wet fields Lakeshore Baseball would like to use the Austin Pavilion from April 10<sup>th</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup>. She said right now the bleachers are in the Pavilion until the ground dries. The firemen's large stage from Labor Day also has to be removed. If the Board agrees to the use, she recommended that Lakeshore Baseball rent a port-a-potty so that supervision would not be required in the lobby and bathroom area.

Supervisor Lanning said there is a 1-2" lip in the concrete on the west side of the rink after the boards were removed. He suggested roping that area off.

Councilor Badami said he spoke with Rob Bennett and that Lakeshore Baseball will have no problem renting a port-a-potty. They are also willing to help clean up the Arena and they can get a crew to pitch in and help.

Sue Murphy said they won't be able to get the bleachers out until next week and asked if Lakeshore Baseball could wait until April 12<sup>th</sup> to start.

On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Lakeshore Baseball was approved to use the Austin Pavilion at no charge from April 12<sup>th</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup> with the understanding that Lakeshore Baseball will rent a port-a-potty and will not use the bathrooms or lobby in the Pavilion, will be responsible if any lights are broken in the Arena and will provide a certificate of insurance naming the Town of Skaneateles as additional insured.

*Resolution #17-074*

**Appointment of Clerk to Zoning Board of Appeals:** Supervisor Lanning requested a recommendation from Denise Rhoads, Chair of the Zoning Board. The position has been budgeted at 15 hours a week but currently this Board has only one application and may start out at 7 to 10 hours. Michelle Jackson has been recommended for this position. Her experience includes working with Town Board's. Everyone involved in the interview process, including Denise, Councilor Badami and Karen Barkdull agree with this recommendation. Councilor Badami said that they interviewed some very qualified candidates but Michelle Jackson rose to the top.

On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Michele Jackson was appointed to the position of Zoning Board Clerk at \$11 per hour for up to 15 hours a week to begin April 17, 2017.

**Code Enforcement Officer Position:** Supervisor Lanning said this position would be discussed in Executive Session.

*Resolution #17-075*

**Dry Hydrant Grant:** Supervisor Lanning said that he met with Village representatives regarding installing the dry hydrants in Clift and Thayer Parks. The Village was not comfortable with moving forward unless the Town Board agreed to pay for engineering review as this would require directional boring underneath the seawall. C & S Companies submitted a proposal that includes \$3,750 for the Investigation Phase, \$9,850 for the Design Phase and \$3,123 for the Construction Phase. This amount would be taken out of the \$50,000 grant and because the funding would be reduced only one dry hydrant may be installed at this time. Drafting the bid specs and submitting a building permit to the Village is part of this proposal.

Sue Dove said that the Fire Department is chomping at the bit to have this installed in order to provide better fire protection to the Village and Town.

On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Supervisor Lanning was authorized to sign the engineering proposal from C & S Companies in the amount of \$16,723.

Attorney Smith said that at a later date the Town Board will need to do SEQR on this project.

*Resolution #17-076*

**Letter of Consent – Village of Skaneateles Planning Board - Mirbeau Gateway Project:**

Councilor Brace said that the Town Board was presented a specific nature, type, and occupied use during the annexation request, and it is her understanding that the plan has changed dramatically. Attorney Smith said he was not aware of that. Councilor Brace said that the Town Board made a conditional approval for the drainage and the Board was told if this turned into a different project, or a larger project or a short term rental project that it would be a whole different ball game and that the process the Town Board went through would no longer be valid. She said she may not be saying it correctly but she is concerned that this Board stood up and approved the annexation based on those promises made by the applicant. She questioned what is the Town's ability to enforce the terms that were agreed to with the annexation.

Attorney Smith said he would go back and study the minutes and the resolution and whether there were any formal conditions that were imposed. He said if the Town Board consents to the Village Planning Board being Lead Agency, he would still encourage the Town Board to provide comments as part of the SEQR process.

Councilor Brace said she is bringing it up because there doesn't seem to be a mechanism to keep their feet to the fire to abide by what was agreed to as part of the annexation. She said she believes it was within two years that Mirbeau agreed to take care of the drainage and we are closing in on that time.

Attorney Smith said he would study it and report his findings at the next meeting.

On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Supervisor Lanning was authorized to sign the form consenting to the Village Planning Board being Lead Agency in the Mirbeau Gateway Project.

*Resolution #17-077*

**C & S Companies Addendum:** On a motion of Councilor Brace seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Supervisor Lanning was authorized to sign the addendum in the amount of \$2,250 for the Design Phase and \$6,250 for the Construction Phase to the Old Seneca Turnpike waterline design to include Masters Road waterline if there is additional funding after the Old Seneca Turnpike waterline is completed.

**Solarize CNY Municipal Solar Update:** Supervisor Lanning said that Chris Carrick from CNY Regional Planning & Development Board (CNYRPDB) reported that they released a RFP on behalf of all 25 participating organizations. They received 12 proposals in response to the RFP. Each of the proposals has been extensively reviewed and interviews were conducted with six companies. They have now requested that these six companies submit their final and best pricing. The updated proposals are due March 31<sup>st</sup>. They will present their final recommendations to all the Participating Organizations at a meeting to be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Clay Town Hall. Supervisor Lanning said that he and Bridgett Winkelman will be attending this meeting. He said the Town is looking at installing a solar farm on the east hill of the Transfer Station that will provide two megawatt of power. It will be enough to give lower cost electric to all the Town's municipal buildings plus between 200-225 residential homes.

Councilor Brace suggested that they ask at the meeting how to assign the extra energy credits. Find out what other Towns are doing.

**LED Street Light Project:** Supervisor Lanning said that the Town Board received a confidential Street Light Acquisition Pricing Proposal. The Town will need to determine if the street lights should be purchased by the Town or to lease the lights from National Grid.

Councilor Brace suggested that this might be something that the Engineering Committee could review. She also asked the Board to think about other projects that could be referred to the Engineering Committee.

**Outdoor Life Learners:** Supervisor Lanning said that this was presented at the last Conservation Committee Meeting about a program they are developing. They are requesting the use of our Conservation Areas for an educational forum for children 3 and older. The program is basically for preschool and homeschooled children. Supervisor Lanning said that many of the organizations that use our parks are non for profit and this organization is not. He asked for advice of counsel.

Lori Harper one of the organizers said that their mission is the overarching goal of Outdoor Life Learners to foster the next generation of environmental stewards by providing outdoor immersion enrichment programs for children ages 3 to 16 in the CNY region. They are modeling their program after the Lime Hollow program in Cortland, NY. They are in the process of forming an LLC and obtaining insurance. They are currently organizing nature club hikes that are free and open to whoever can join them. They have been spending most of their time on Town of Skaneateles Conservation Area land. They have noticed a need in the community for this type of program for kids that normally can't come because of childcare restrictions. They would essentially be offering a drop off program and they would have to

charge in order to cover expenses. One of their long term goals is to establish a non for profit section in order to serve additional groups. They are currently modeling this program after a program their sons go to, Lime Hollow in Cortland, NY. They started a preschool program and a for school program that is geared towards homeschoolers. Ms. Harper said they have been running a successful outdoor nature club for 15 months.

Attorney Smith said that he could start drafting a license agreement but would need to know what arrangement the Board would like to make.

Councilor Brace said she is very excited about this and it is something she had hoped to accomplish at the Skaneateles Falls playground instead of a built structure, but the Town lacked the trained staffing idea Outdoor Life Learners brings to the table. She said it is so important for kids to be out in nature. She is hoping that the Town can partner with them.

Councilor Brace said if it falls under the Conservation Area does Randy Nonemacher, Chair of the Conservation Committee need to have a role in this? Randy said he has no problem with this and, in fact said it is a great idea.

Supervisor Lanning said with the Town Board approval and the Conservation Committee blessing that this program should move forward. Attorney Smith asked the representatives of Outdoor Life Learners to call his office so they can work out the details of a License Agreement.

Councilor Howard said she would like to second Councilor Brace's enthusiasm. She offered her assistance and help to the program. She thanked them for what they are doing.

#### **Announcements/Correspondence/Updates**

▪*Update on Austin Park Transfer:* Attorney Smith distributed the paperwork to the Town and said that it has been distributed to the Village Attorney as well. The Village is holding a meeting tonight and he doesn't expect that this will be on their agenda, but he did speak to the Village Attorney and hopes it will be on their next available meeting.

▪*Update on Time Warner Cable (Spectrum) Contract Renewal:* Councilor Badami said that there have been conversations with Spectrum. The Town currently has two agreements with Time Warner. One extends to 2026 and is for the Amnaste Lane area of the Town. The other contract is for the rest of the Town and expired in 2016. Spectrum has stated that they would like to combine the agreements but want to leave the 2026 agreement alone at this time and just deal with the expired contract. They are moving forward with the Village and they are allowing the Town to participate in this meeting, which would give the Town more leverage to negotiate together. He said he will have to see what happens at that meeting. Previously they had stated the Town would have to wait until they finished their negotiation with the Village. Dennis Dundon is negotiating for the Village.

▪*Update on the Comprehensive Plan:* Supervisor Lanning reported that Joel Russell is still working on the zoning updates. Councilor Howard asked for a Board discussion on this. She said it is public knowledge that the Village is not in favor of adopting the revisions. She is concerned about where this will end up. She does not want two Comprehensive Plans, one for

the Village and one for the Town. She believes that would be disastrous. It has been discussed before that the Article 78 was settled with prejudice, which means it can't come up again. She said that the Joel Russell stakeholders meetings were very healing for the community. She said she attended all of them. A lot of people were heard and it was a good process and Joel is now revising the Zoning Code. She believes as a Board they are fulfilling their responsibilities according to what the Board agreed to do with the article 78.

Supervisor Lanning said that the Town Board gave their word when they settled the article 78 that the Comprehensive Plan and zoning revisions would be done together. He believes it is in the resolution that was passed. He said that Trustee Erikson said that there was no compelling reason to update the Comprehensive Plan in his statement. He said that it states in the Comprehensive Plan that it is a living document and is to be reviewed and updated from time to time and that is one of the things we are doing. Some of the Village Planning recommendations that were made were not incorporated in the Plan because they were not in the 2015 version either. The Town is not trying to change the visionary direction of the Comprehensive Plan. He said the Town is trying to correct some errors. There is one phrase in the Plan that talks about hamlets and states one of the hamlets is Willow Glen. Willow Glen is not a hamlet and Mandana was left out as a hamlet. The Town is addressing zoning code revisions to come in compliance with the new Comprehensive Plan. The Village has declined any effort to update their zoning code as a result of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan.

Councilor Brace said that there is a tenor to the revisions that undermines the original document. She sympathizes with the Village's comments to that affect. There is a lot of excessive language that backtracks on the concept and the scope. As she looked to what Trustee Erikson spoke about she agrees with him. She believes that the Town needs to move forward with amendments that include the Open Space Plan and includes the Character Areas that were missing from the previous document. There are components of the Plan that should be modified. There is some language in the Plan that she believes is overkill. One is the repeated stated that this is just a visionary plan for the community but is not enforceable. She believes that this is erroneous because it gives the impression that we don't have to use it as a guide.

Supervisor Lanning said part of the process was to hire an objective facilitator; someone who was not a resident of Skaneateles, someone who was not politically aligned with any group or organization and has a lot of history with Skaneateles on previous Comprehensive Plans. He also noted that the revised Comprehensive Plan is a draft. The Town can change the draft and Trustee Erikson has been invited to make comments. He said that the Comprehensive Plan is not changing for the adopted 2015 Plan, just small things are being corrected that the litigants have concern with and many of the participants in the charrettes had concerns about. The Plan was not changed but just small things were tweaked.

Councilor Brace questioned how the Town proceeds because it is a joint plan. She asked if it was an obligation that both municipalities to share in that adoption.

Attorney Smith said that currently there is a joint Comprehensive Plan that the Town and Village Boards have adopted. That is the common practice but not required between Towns and Villages. In the future if the Town decides to make commitments to the Comprehensive Plan the Town

Board may amend it. It would be best to go through that process hand and hand with the Village. If the Town Board decides to maintain a joint Comprehensive Plan and go through that process together, there is no law that requires the Town and Village to have the exact same Plan. There are scenarios where you could have a different Comp Plan or slightly different Comp Plans. For example, it was mentioned that the Open Space Plan has to be added. In the event that the Village did not want to do that they could go forward with that and leave the rest very similar. Attorney Smith said that the Town can change its Comp Plan if it desires to do so from a legal point of view.

Supervisor Lanning reiterated that he would love to have Trustee Erikson sit down with the Town Board and to talk about the revisions and what he is uncomfortable with. But to date he has not accepted that invitation.

Councilor Badami said that it is his understanding that the Village did not choose to participate in the defense of the Article 78. If the Town had decided not to do so the entire Comprehensive Plan was at risk for the lawsuit. If the Town had not defended that lawsuit the Plan could have been tossed out completely. He said that we agreed that Joel Russell was the intermediary by which this process would happen and he questioned what revisions Councilor Brace thought took away from the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilor Brace said she listened to what Trustee Erikson put together in his letter. She said we all have to stay open minded. She agreed to moving forward with the Plan but as she looks at it he speaks to that same hesitancy that she has had in the first place where there is great paragraphs explaining why this is not zoning code or enforceable. She said she believes that it undermines the Comprehensive Plan. She said she doesn't know how the Town Board revisits that because it hasn't been on the agenda to revisit.

Supervisor Lanning said that we will have that opportunity in a series of public hearings when the Town Board is ready to present the two documents. He said future changes can still be made to the draft Plan.

Councilor Badami said as it was expressed to him by certain individuals who participated in the process, one of the complaints about the original Plan is that their voices were not heard. He said hence they may have been heard but not considered. He believes one of the reasons for the lawsuit was a result of that frustration. He said we now have an independent person in Joel Russell who sat down with everyone and tried to bring them together and listen to their concerns, He said he would like to know what people find objectionable. He said that this is an inclusive process and on the other hand Trustee Erikson does not want to participate in this process. He said it is frustrating.

Councilor Brace said that she does not want to speak for Trustee Erikson but she believes he does want to be involved but did not see the proposed changes as being significant. And the proposed changes were put forth with the other components which are significant like the Open Space Plan, for example and whatever proposed zoning changes which she is not sure of either. She believes that Trustee Erikson feelings were that it did not make sense to approve a document



that did not have significant changes. She said she did not want to speak for Trustee Erikson but she could understand why they believed there was nothing for them to vote on.

Attorney Smith said that he wanted to make one clarification. He said this Board is not committed from a legal point of view to make any particular change to the Comprehensive Plan. The Board is committed to consider making changes to the Plan any time we make changes to the zoning code. There will be public hearings and opportunity for the public to comment on the revised Plan. Then the Board may decide it is prudent to make the changes to the Plan proposed by the consultant or the Board may choose to not make any changes or choose to do something else.

Supervisor Lanning said that the best scenario would be to have a joint Comprehensive Plan. He said it is a draft and the Board is willing to make changes. There was some discussion that the Notre Dame Plan was to be listed as an appendix. However, it was never referenced in the document so the need to have it listed in the appendix was not necessary. We haven't changed the direction of the Plan we have just offered some clarity.

Councilor Howard said she believes that is true in many of the revisions. But she believes that there are some revisions that go against the tenor of the Plan or the intent of the Plan. She agrees that some of the revisions are good and some are detrimental to the Plan. She said that she has observed over the last 3 ½ years of being a Town Councilor and being part of this Comp Plan from the beginning as was Councilor Brace, the crux of the objection of the litigants was taking out the 2 acre minimum zoning from the former Comprehensive Plan. She said we will see what Joel Russell comes up with but that may be what satisfies the litigants most of all.

Supervisor Lanning reiterated that this is a draft Plan. He said recommendations for changes or public hearing comments will be considered. He continues to extend that to Trustee Erikson and the Village Board. He said it is obvious that Trustee Erikson's comments are politically motivated and not in the interest of creating a joint Comprehensive Plan or he would sit down with the Town Board and discuss what his concerns are.

Councilor Badami said that the Village thought that since there was no legal requirement to do so they felt no obligation to consider any changes to the Plan.

Supervisor Lanning said he would object to that because the Town Board gave their word.

Councilor Badami said that that Town Board was the one who defended the lawsuit and was obligated to commit to that in order to settle the lawsuit. The Village was not under the same obligation. Hence that is why we are in the situation we are in.

Trustee Dove said that what Councilor Badami said was not true. She said that the Village gave the Town the authority to defend the lawsuit. She said both the Town and Village were sued and the Village gave the Town the authority to defend it. Councilor Brace said she believes that is accurate.

Councilor Howard cautioned Supervisor Lanning labeling someone's input as politically motivated. She said she doesn't believe that is an accurate statement. She said she respects Trustee Erikson to the utmost. He is a very clear thinking and experienced person in this area and a lot of experience with Comprehensive Plans. He speaks from a lot of experience and he is not necessarily politically motivated. Councilor Brace said she would like to second that statement. Let's keep politics out of it.

Supervisor Lanning said the draft Comprehensive Plan has been on the website ever since it was presented to the Town Board. In 2015 the draft Plan was not available for anyone to see and even an elected official could not get a copy of it. That is part of the problem that got the Town to a lawsuit.

Councilor Howard said she would like to take issue with the statement that Supervisor Lanning has said. She said that he has said that many times but saying it many times does not make it accurate. The draft Plan was available on the website well prior to the public hearing. During the charrettes it was not available but that was during public input time.

Supervisor Lanning said while the public was at the charrettes they could not get the proposed Comprehensive Plan that they were there to comment on while Holly Gregg had copies of the draft Plan.

Councilor Howard said that was absolutely not true.

▪*Letter from Craig Lindsey:* Supervisor Lanning said that Rev Dr. Lindsey recommending traffic patterns to deter truck traffic. He recommended that this be referred to the NYSDOT.

▪*Onondaga County Community Development Programs:* Regarding residential program funding.

*Resolution #17-078*

**Abstract #17—07:** On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, voucher # 17-0384 to #17-0428 from the following funds:

General Fund:	\$ 59,055.92	Part Town:	\$ 214.40
Sewer #6	\$ 3.63	Lighting	\$ 1,541.80
Highway	\$ 12,561.77	Water	\$ 560.02
Highway Part Town	\$ 6.25	T & A:	\$ 580.97
Fire District	\$257,525.00		
Total:	\$332,049.76		

**Public Comment:** Rob Howard said he agreed with Councilor Brace and Councilor Howard. He said that the Village was standing by to defend the Comprehensive Plan. He said there was a group of people who thought that the Supervisor would not defend the Comprehensive Plan. There was a contingency in place.

Attorney Smith said that when he was interviewed to be Town Attorney the first question asked was would he be capable of defending the litigation on the Comprehensive Plan. Rob Howard said anything that goes against the direction that the Supervisor wants it to go is politically motivated. He said he would like the Supervisor to consider another word and that is philosophically motivated.

Supervisor Lanning said what we are seeing in Washington now is either my way or no way with no option to compromise. What the Town Board has tried to do is bring in an objective facilitator and to have nothing but compromise. The Town Board tried to remain neutral and receive comments and recommendation from all aspects of the community. He said the Town Board's objective is to have a Plan that everyone can compromise on.

Rob Howard said the best thing the Town Board did was to bring in Joel Russell. He did a really fine job. He said there are some components in the changes that are not necessarily psychologically good policy. The northern and southern hamlets felt disrespected. Joel Russell gave them a feeling of respect which was psychologically soothing. Those psychological soothing aspects don't necessarily make good policy and those should probably be looked at very closely. He questioned where the money for the lawsuit came from. If the 2 acre minimum is proposed in the zoning changes he thinks a lot of the fear of people who put up the money will be assuaged. He believes they have a fear of losing value in their land.

Supervisor Lanning said he believes that if the Comprehensive Plan had been presented at the same time that zoning changes were presented as they had been in 1996 and 2005 I think it is clear there would not have been a lawsuit.

**Executive Session:** On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter, an assessment settlement and a contract negotiation.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:40 p.m.

*Resolution #17-080*

**Award Transfer Station Bid for Tipping and Hauling:** On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the bid for hauling and tipping at the Transfer Station was awarded to WeCare who was determined to be low bid.

*Resolution #17-081*

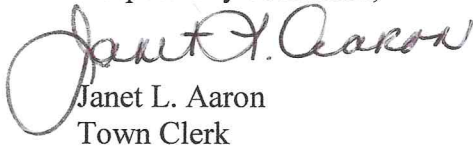
**Codes Officer Position:** On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, Seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Clerk was authorized to canvass the Civil Service list for Codes Enforcement Officer and to present letters to those on the list stating that the position would be 30 hours a week at \$21 per hour and attendance at the Zoning Board meetings would be required.

*Resolution #17-082*

**Assessment Settlement:** On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Supervisor Lanning, and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Attorney Smith was authorized to sign the stipulation of settlement in a memo dated March 31, 2017 for GE Technologies.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Janet L. Aaron  
Town Clerk