

Town of Denning – Town Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning,
Held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at the Sundown Church Hall.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith, and
David Brooks

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

The Town Clerk gave the Board members their copy of the agenda,
and resolutions # 30 thru 31 of 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of last months' minutes by Town Clerk Joy Ann Monforte.

Motion to adopt and approve as read by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by
Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor.

Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Correspondence by Supervisor Bruning:

- Notice from the Ulster county Dept. of Social Services the Towns share for Safety Net has been increased to 71% local share with New York State paying 29% an increase of 21% from a 50% share. Further stating that the Towns Retirement contribution has increased by 50%, New York State Aid has decreased by 2% and the Governor wants to implement a 2% cap.
- NYMIR notice stating a return of the entire Initial Capital Investment paid when joining the insurance company.
- A letter from the New York State Town Clerk's Association informing the Supervisor of Town Clerk Joy-Ann Monforte award of Registered Municipal Clerk.
- FEMA flood mapping invitation at the Olive Free Library on June 16th from 1 to 4 pm.
- A letter proposing a garden at the Town Hall from Steve Ellis Chairmen of the Denning Garden Community Club. Included was a preliminary plot drawing of a sculpture, pathways and flower arrangement.
- Supervisor Bruning comments that at first glance he has snow-plowing concerns behind the handicap parking sign.
- Resident Mary Buchen inquires as to salting of the roads, commenting that also needs to be taken into consideration.
- Supervisor Bruning asks if the club is working with Karen Rauter the Stream Program Coordinator.
- Resident John Kuhner replies yes, her area is from the stream to the bank and ours is the bank to the road.
- Supervisor Bruning he would rather have Steve Ellis submit a budget proposal and they would then have a place to start a discussion regarding cost.
- Resident Ed Mues remarks that one of the ideas is to have large stone as a table and seating, there are some ideal rocks at the Ulster County Highway Garage. Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers will take a look.
- Councilman David Brooks asks if maintenance is voluntary? Mary Buchen responds yes.

Highway Report by Superintendent Dan Van Saders

- Graded roads in Sundown: Cross, Whitehouse, Brooks Hill and Balace.
- Cleaned ditches on Dymond Road.
- Patch work done on Denning Road and replaced a culvert above Saito.
- Repair from minor shoulder erosion on Sugarloaf and Red Hill.
- 2002 Intl had brakes canisters on rear end replaced.
- A dozen trees go down from windstorm on May 28th.
- Last few storms have dumped large quantities of water causing numerous shoulder erosion.
- The historic signs are being placed around Town, brief discussion on the direction they should face and a spelling error.

Code Enforcement – Supervisor Bruning

- The Code Enforcement Officer has written a notice of violation of the building code due to an occupancy change. Zoning permits a B&B however there are certain building codes which must be followed; such as emergency exits.

Highway Equipment Planning- None

Planning Board Report – Councilman Mike Dean

- A lot line adjustment for the Switzler/ Cummings properties was approved; it was the only business before the Board.

Resolution # 30 of 2011

WHEREAS the Town of Denning Resolution No. 46, June 26, 2001 waives the minimum acreage requirement for all parcels outside of the DEP Hamlet Districts, And

WHEREAS the Town of Denning Town Board has re-assessed it's position, And

WHEREAS the Town of Denning Town Board has made a decision not to waive the minimum acreage requirement, the Town of Denning Town Board

HEREBY RESOLVES to Rescind Resolution No. 46 of 2001 and designate parcels less than 10 acres outside the DEP Hamlets in the Town of Denning as not available for purchase by the DEP.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman David Brooks, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean	AYE
Councilman Paul Schoonmaker	AYE
Councilman Kevin Smith	AYE
Councilman David Brooks	AYE
Supervisor Bruning	AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution # 31 of 2011

WHEREAS the New York City Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (January 21, 1997), Article 11 Section 68 (a) allows Towns to designate parcels to be excluded from acquisition in fee by the City, but not acquisition of Watershed Conservation Easements, And

WHEREAS Coalition of Watershed Towns has reached an agreement with the City to allow Towns to include acquisition of Watershed Conservation Easements for the designated parcels, And

WHEREAS the Town of Denning has sent notification to all property owners in their designate hamlet informing them of its intention, And

WHEREAS a Public Hearing was held on May 10, 2011 to address public comments, And

WHEREAS as a result of the Public Hearing the Town of Denning Town Board has

RESOLVED that all parcels in the Denning and Sundown designated hamlets are to be excluded from acquisition of Watershed Conservation Easement in addition to acquisition in fee.

Motion to adopt and approve by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman David Brooks.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mike Dean	AYE
Councilman Paul Schoonmaker	AYE
Councilman Kevin Smith	AYE
Councilman David Brooks	AYE
Supervisor Bruning	AYE

Motion carried following a unanimous roll call vote.

Supervisor Comments:

- ❖ A letter from an attorney regarding an abandoned Town road at the end of Taylor, has been submitted to the Attorney for the Town Rod Futerfas who has reviewed and informed them that everything was done legally and properly. The parcel in question has two deeded accesses off of Frost Valley Road.
- ❖ There are 35 roads that have to be abandoned, some have been done.
- ❖ Dave Van Valkenburg has finished taking pictures to update the Towns property index files.
- ❖ The zoning map updates have been sent to Fountain Spatial.

Board Comments:

- Councilman Dave Brooks brings up the labeling of Sundown Road to the intersection; Supervisor Bruning responds it was corrected.
- Brief discussion opened on SEQR type 1.

Public comments:

- Resident Jim Brady asks if anyone in the Town has sold a conservation easement?
- Response by Councilman Dave Brooks yes on Whitehouse Road, some time back.
- Resident Jim Brady asks if anyone on the Town Board has sold land to New York City?

- Supervisor Bruning responds I have in the Town of Neversink.
- Resident Jim Brady wants to know who paid the closing costs? Supervisor Bruning responds they must have because I didn't.
- Resident Jim Brady states the Town is telling him what he can do with his very valuable property and keeping him from making pockets full of money.
- Supervisor Bruning asks why would you want to make the land worthless.
- Resident Jim Brady responds he doesn't have any kids and he doesn't care. He can sit on his porch and look across the road.
- Resident Jim Brady states the fence on his property is a mess and a hazard. Remarking he wrote to the Board about it in 2002 when Bob McConnell was Superintendent.
- Front of the little house is a mess and he is missing 8 feet of his property due to the Town placing rip rap by the lilacs.
- Resident Jim Brady shows pictures of an area where the snowplow has pushed the edge of the grass up along the shoulder.
- Discussion opened on water running down the hill behind Recycling Center, firehouse and down Denning Road.
- Resident Jim Brady wants the apron placed on his property removed, stating it was placed there to keep Eleanor from flooding.
- Superintendent Vans Sadlers states we put a 6 " culvert in and then removed per your request.
- Resident Jim Brady responds because it wasn't big enough.
- Resident Jim Brady complains that he cannot cut his grass with his tracker by the lilacs.
- Supervisor Bruning asks him what is the remedy?
- Resident Jim Brady firmly states there isn't any.
- Resident Jim Brady demands his property is repaired and the fence fixed. Stating if his wife gets hit with something, the Town will be hearing from someone else.
- Resident Ed Mues inquires as to the status of the shed for E-waste from Eco- Int'l.
- Supervisor Bruning responds he has received the email and the container needs to fit the area. He will copy Ed on the email.
- Resident Pixie Piera informs the Board that the sign for Sundown/Greenville and Peekamoose Roads is leaning against the Sundown Church and is very confusing to people, she asks that it be corrected.
- Supervisor Bruning responds he will call the County.
- Resident Jim Brady wants the apron out.

Motion to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Vote carried 4 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at the Denning Town Hall.
Called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning

Minute book signed prior to the opening of the meeting.
The Supervisor presented the Budget vs. Actual for the month of May 2011.

Present: Supervisor Bruning
Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith,
and David Brooks
Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders

Highway Vouchers presented (see warrant # 6, voucher #106-125)
Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers by Councilman Mike Dean, 2nd by Councilman Kevin Smith, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

General Vouchers presented, (see warrant # 6, voucher #109-150)
Motion to approve and pay highway vouchers by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, 2nd by Councilman Dave Brooks, All in favor. Motion carried by a 4 to 0 vote.

Supervisor Bruning informs the Town Board of two letters:
1) From the CWC regarding Hamlet Designation reimbursement.
2) NYS Comptrollers Office regarding reimbursement of a \$10,000.00 grant from last year.

Councilman Mike Dean informs the Board and Supervisor of a written request from the Planning Board to have the Deputy Town Clerk to take minutes at their meetings.
Open discussion follows pertaining to need, payment options, hourly wage, per meeting set fee, voucher. Board decides the payment amount requested by the planning board chair is insufficient. The Town Clerk is to verify her Deputy's willingness to do it.

Councilman Mike Dean opens a discussion on the moving of a house on Denning Rd to another lot per concerns of the Planning Board who had previously (several years ago) approved the site plan of the current location.
Supervisor Bruning will speak with the manager of the property.

Motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Dave Brooks, All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk