

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 06, 2016 MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF POUND RIDGE HELD AT THE TOWN HOUSE, 179 WESTCHESTER AVENUE, POUND RIDGE, N.Y., COMMENCING AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR RICHARD LYMAN; COUNCIL MEMBERS: DANIEL PASCHKES, BONNIE SCHWARTZ, JODY SULLIVAN AND DAVID DOW

ALSO PRESENT: TOWN CLERK, JOANNE PACE  
TOWN ATTORNEY, WILLIAM P. HARRINGTON

ABSENT: DEPUTY SUPERVISOR JONATHAN POWERS

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Lyman called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

**CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilman Paschkes, seconded by Councilwoman Schwartz, all voting aye to hold an Executive Session after the Town Board meeting for legal matters.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Supervisor Lyman reminded the Town Board members that they will be meeting on Friday, October 14, 2016 with the Department Heads to go over the preliminary budget.
- Supervisor Lyman asked the Town Board members to consider doing another Newsletter at the end of the year. They should all consider what they would like to write about.
- Supervisor Lyman thanked all the participants, who participated in the NYSEG OEM drill that took place Thursday morning October 6, 2016. As per usual when we drill, it turned up a couple of glitches that were internal to us that are already being addressed.
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**MINUTES: Acknowledge/correct/accept minutes of the Town Board meeting held on Thursday, September 15, 2016.**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilwoman Schwartz, seconded by Councilwoman Sullivan, all voting aye to accept the Town Board meeting minutes of September 15, 2016.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Bedford School District- Discussion on communication**

Supervisor Lyman met with the new Superintendent of BCSD, Chris Manno, and they discussed the BCSD budget shortfall and one of the things they would have to cut is their

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BCSD TV. They wanted to know what we do and they are thinking of creating some sort of sharing the situation for televising Town Board meetings and other events using videos with other Towns. Supervisor Lyman was the first Supervisor they have spoken with and they will try to talk with the other Supervisors associated with the BCSD. There is a cost associated with this and they are looking to take their shortfall and spread it across the other Towns. There will be discussion in the near future once they come up with a solid plan.

- **Pound Ridge Planning Board – review draft revised Steep Slope Ordinance**

Joe Eriole, Esq. for Planning Board proposed amendments to the existing Slopes Protection ordinance. Basically, it has been rewritten. Jim Perry, Building Inspector, explained that the existing Slope Ordinance is difficult to implement. The re-write of the ordinance focuses on addressing potential problems. The Planning Board has gone through a lot of iteration on this. The most recent draft addresses the true issues. They have raised the floor and softened the ceiling. The law as it was did not take into account engineering practices. They tried to address what the long term impacts of using steep slopes would be. If you have to build on steep slopes, do it a method in which it is safe for the environment, that you can control impact during construction and in the long term, there would be zero impact. Initially, it was started out with a 15% threshold but it turns out that it is just too low a threshold. The 15% threshold is fine for septic but it shouldn't be the point of which you have to start engineering a property. The new proposed law goes to a 25% threshold and focuses on the level where there would be an impact. If the impacts were substantial; particularly with slopes over 35% threshold, the Planning Board could say no to the application. This was in the current ordinance; however, the Planning Board wanted to address it a little more boldly in the proposed amendments to the law.

Councilman Paschkes has some concerns that the Planning Board is going to find themselves in a position that they initially asked the Town Board to avoid putting them in, which is being hard pressed to ever deny an application. In the manner in which the new law is being proposed, someone can come in requesting to build in a 40% or even a 45% slope. Jim Perry said that the Planning Board has utilized the current law for the past couple of years and their view of the law has changed through working with it. They are more confident with the review of each application and they are very thorough. Their philosophy has changed through the use of the law.

The Town Board will go over the proposed amendment to the Slope Ordinance and make comments and this will be tabled until the first November Town Board meeting.

**- review proposed Solar Ordinance**

Joe Eriole, Esq. for Planning Board proposed new language to consider in conjunction with the existing site plan review standards incorporating language for “ground mounted

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solar arrays”. He is proposing that site plan approval by the Planning Board is mandatory for the installation or modification of any ground mounted solar array. The Town Board read over the proposed amendments and are happy with the amendments. Supervisor Lyman will communicate with the Planning Board and then the Town Board will schedule a Public Hearing to amend the ordinance.

- **Cross River/Croton Falls Septic Reimbursement Program – discussion**

The NYC DEP, in conjunction with the NYS EFC, has developed a program that will reduce the potential water quality impacts of impaired septic systems and assist eligible residents in your community with the costs of rehabilitating those systems. The program will reimburse eligible property owners who show financial hardship up to 75% of the costs to rehabilitate septic systems in the Cross River and Croton Falls Reservoir basins. DEP intends to roll out the program in phases with the first phase including those properties located within 50 feet of a watercourse. The goal of the East of Hudson Septic System Rehabilitation Reimbursement Program is to reduce the potential water quality impacts that may arise from failing septic systems. The Town Board feels this is a good idea and would like it put on the Town website to enlighten residents that there is funding available as well as put it in the Record Review.

**ADD-ON: Organ Donor Day**

Councilwoman Schwartz volunteered her time along with nurses from Northern Westchester Hospital at Scotts Corner handing out Organ Donor Registry forms. They handed out 100 forms and received 8 people on the spot to sign up. She mentioned the website people can go on to receive more information and have questions answered (LongLiveNY.org). Supervisor Lyman thanked her for stepping up to do this.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- **Water Control Commission – release of bond**

**RESOLUTION #: 135 -16**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilwoman Schwartz, seconded by Councilman Paschkes, all voting aye on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the bond release for ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars to Michael Cormier, 25 Colonel Sheldon Lane Pound Ridge, NY 10576 for construction work within the wetlands regulated area. The work has been completed in accordance with the Town and State requirements.

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- **Recreation Department-requests refunds**

**RESOLUTION #: 136 -16**

**Board Action:** Motion by Councilwoman Sullivan, seconded by Councilman Paschkes, all voting aye on the following:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the following refund:

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| Anne Corless<br>97 Upper Shad Rd.<br>Pound Ridge, NY 10576 | A2001 | camp registration due to non-attendance |
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| Jill Altneu<br>17 Kelly Circle<br>Katonah, NY 10536 | A2001 | Flag Football withdrawal |
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| Sonia Bain<br>12 Old Pound Rd.<br>Pound Ridge, NY 10576 | A2001 | Flag Football withdrawal |
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| Wenday Egan<br>19 Knapp Rd.<br>Pound Ridge, NY 10576 | A2001 | Tennis Lessons withdrawal |
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| Eliza Bolen<br>42 <sup>nd</sup> East 62 <sup>nd</sup> Street<br>New York, NY 10065 | A2001 | Flag Football withdrawal |
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| Brian Willingham<br>26 High Street<br>Katonah, NY 10536 | A2001 | Flag Football withdrawal |
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**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Joanne Pace  
Dated at Pound Ridge, New York  
October 7, 2016