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Public Hearing: April 6, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Saratoga Heritage II PUD Amendment

The following Notice of Public Hearing was advertised in the Daily Gazette, The Post Star and the Saratogian newspapers.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of Wilton, New York, County of Saratoga, will hold a public hearing to adopt proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2017 known as "Saratoga Heritage Phase II Planned Unit Development District", amending original Local Law No. 5 of 2003 and amendments Local Law No. 2 of 2004, Local Law No. 4 of 2007 and Local Law No. 3 of 2010.

SAID PROPOSED AMENDMENT would eliminate the proposed fitness center and replace with a 10' X 40' pool house within the existing Saratoga Heritage Phase II PUDD, located on the east side of NYS Route 9 and south side of Waller Road, Wilton, NY 12831. The proposed amendment is situated within the 12.5 +/- acre Saratoga Heritage Phase II PUDD, Tax Map No. 140.-1-73.

SAID PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at Wilton Town Hall located on 22 Traver Road in the Town, at which time all persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WILTON

Supervisor Johnson opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. and noted the applicant failed to notify the adjacent landowners and the Wilton Planning Board requested additional information in order to make a recommendation on the referral.

Supervisor Johnson asked if there were any questions. There were none. **Supervisor Johnson** said the public hearing would remain open and continue on May 4, 2017.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-April 6, 2017

Supervisor Johnson called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Johnson led the board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present.

Arthur Johnson-Supervisor
Steve Streicher-Deputy Supervisor
Joanne Klepetar-Councilwoman
John Lant-Councilman
John McEachron-Councilman

Also present was Mark Schachner, Town Counsel, Director of Planning and Engineering, Ryan Riper, P. E. and Jeff Reale, Comptroller.

Approve Pending Minutes

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Klepetar, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #82

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2017 meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment Session

Roger Flynn, President of the Board of Directors of the Wilton Food Pantry said this Sunday is the annual Empty Bowls event. It's a great event and the biggest fundraiser. It is a lot of fun and you can have a bowl of chili or vegetable soup along with ice cream for purchase. There are over 50 items available to bid on in the auction. This year a wine pull was added. We received wine from area liquor stores and higher end bottles were purchased. When you pull a bottle you may get a \$50 or \$60 bottle for \$20. There will be a band for entertainment. There are two different types of bowl for purchase, a custom made bowl, a piece of art, made by Skidmore students and for a little less you can purchase a mass produced bowl. The event is this Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Saratoga Wilton Elks Club on Route 9. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the www.wiltonfoodpantry.org and Wilton branches of Saratoga National Bank. **Supervisor Johnson** said it's a great organization and thanked Mr. Flynn for taking over the presidency. The community is behind the organization. **Mr. Flynn** said there are at least 85 families served every month. **Supervisor Johnson** said Empty Bowls is a great event and typically filled to capacity. There's good food and great music. **Mr. Flynn** said the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts help out and hopes everyone can join them on Sunday.

Community Coalition for Family Wellness

James Norton of the Community Coalition for Family Wellness said his colleague, Jennifer Wood, had spoken to the board when the Coalition received the Drug Free Communities Grant. It is federal funding

coming from SAMSA, Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration. **Mr. Norton** said he is present due to a grant called Partnership for Success. That is specifically tailored to prescription drug and heroin abuse in the area which is the Town of Wilton, Town of Moreau and Town of Northumberland. They have shown a need and ability to try to change that. Prescription drug abuse is really not new. Heroin was invented in 1803 to try to combat different problems at that time from Tuberculosis to Diphtheria and every other respiratory disease. It's really how you use your medications. A lot of the prescription drugs given out in the last decade and a half, since the patenting of Oxycodone in 1994, have been an issue.

The Coalition looks at what is going on in hometowns and what the teenagers are saying in the health surveys given at school. A lot of the time the assumption is the kids are lying. The number one complaint from the kids is the survey is repetitive. The same question is asked over and over. The fact is it's hard to lie over 200 questions. Eventually, one of the questions doesn't line up. We have given 1,200 surveys and only 30 came back as the applicant was lying. 56% of middle and high school kids believe they would be able to use substances without being caught. Of that group, 54% believe if they were caught they would face no to little consequences. The most common drugs used are prescription sedatives like phenobarbital, Tonal, Seconal, Ambien and Lunesta. We are specifically addressing prescription drug abuse but we are focusing at the opioids such as Oxycontin, Percocet, Oxycodone, Vicodin and Demerol. 98% of the kids said their parents would disapprove of them abusing prescription medication. 98% of the kids believe if they took their parents medication they would be caught. 75% of 7th graders said their parents talked to them about drugs and alcohol. It decreases every year until they hit 12th grade when 48% of the kids say their parents talk to them about drugs and alcohol. That is the opposite of what it should be. That is why we are reaching out to as many parents and grandparents as possible. We need that number to be 100% especially just before they leave for college.

During the focus groups, a lot of the kids spoke about depression. It is the number one reason kids look to drugs is because of mental health issues.

Young adult surveys, 18-25 years old, were done online. Everyone could take the survey anonymously and the proceeds were donated to the South Glens Falls Marathon Dance. Out of a possible 800 people, we had 154 people return the survey. 3% could obtain alcohol with a fake ID. 50% could get alcohol from a friend or relative. Tranquilizers were most commonly obtained from a friend or relative. 25 individuals admitted to driving under the influence of marijuana. 14% admitted to driving under the influence of alcohol. The younger generation tends to drive under the influence of drugs more than under the influence of alcohol. 17% said they had tried to stop using substances before and were unsuccessful.

We work with the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department as well as the New York State Police and the South Glens Falls Village Police Department. We have seen the crime rates go down in the last few years. There are roughly 2,799 property crimes. It's estimated 40% of all property crime is related to a substance abuse disorder of individuals trying to fund their problems.

We looked at the DWI rates and DWAI rates which is driving while the ability impaired, any common law impairment, .08 to .07, or anyone under the influence of drugs. The Town of Wilton had 4 DWIs in 2011, 2 in 2012, 2 in 2013, 4 in 2014 and 8 in 2015. That has a lot to do with the program we are working on with the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department to increase the number of drug recognition experts available for police officers to call upon to do the evaluation necessary for drugged driving.

April 29 in the National Drug Take Back Day. Every municipality across the entire country is participating with the Drug Enforcement Administration to take back unused, unwanted or expired medications. We have done this for the past few years and it happens every six months. In September of 2015 at the Moreau EMS we had 48 pounds of medication turned in. In April of 2016 at Wilton Mall we received 145 pounds of medication. In September of 2016 at Moreau EMS and Moreau Community Center we received 185 pounds of medication. Countywide, in 2015, there was 835 pounds of medication turned

in. At the most recent turn in, there was 885 pounds of medication. If you or anyone you know has medication to get rid of, there will be locations at the Moreau Community Center and Moreau EMS. There will also be a series of take back events with Saratoga County Sheriff's Department on the last Saturday of the month for the rest of the year. There will be an event at the Wilton Fire Department on August 26, 2017.

The Drug Enforcement Administration said that only 7% of heroin seizures came from New York State in 2010. In 2014 it increased to 38%. The hardest hit areas have been in the northeast. Common cutting agents have been fentanyl and xylazine. There have been positive results for fentanyl in recent mortician's data for Saratoga County. In Saratoga County in 2012 there were 8 overdose deaths, in 2013 there were 23. In 2014 there were 25 and in 2015 there were 19. As of June of 2016 there were 16 overdose deaths. In Saratoga County, the EMS were responding to approximately 5 calls per week in 2013, 9 per week in 2014, 14 per week in 2015 and 2 to 3 per day in 2016. In 2012, 584 visited Glens Falls Hospital for opioid related overdose. Of those seeking medical treatment in our zip codes, 12831, 12828 and 12803, in 2010 there were 348 Medicaid claims. In 2016, it was up to 6546 claims.

The issues we are looking to address are the availability or perceived availability of prescription opioids, the DEA takeback days are big portion of that and the DETERRA bags, the home medication disposal kit which are available at town hall.

We are trying to challenge the family norms, 75% of 7th graders said their families talked about drugs and alcohol while 48% of 12th graders said their parents talked to them about drugs and alcohol. We would like to see those numbers go up. Saratoga County Sheriff's have trained multiple drug enforcement administrators. We have purchased an LED display to be put up around the Town of Wilton, Town of Moreau and the Town of Northumberland.

We are always looking for more members, especially from local government, to help us out. There is a meeting every month. The next meeting will be at the South Glens Falls High School from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Monday of every month. They rotate from the high school to the Moreau Community Center.

The Recovery Community Center will be opening in Saratoga Springs at 125 High Rock Avenue. It is open to anyone in recovery from any drug, alcohol or other substance. They will also be hosting NARCAN training on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The next training will be May 11th.

Substance abuse issues go beyond the opioid epidemic. There are still issues with alcoholism and various other drugs.

Supervisor Johnson asked where the funding comes from. **Mr. Norton** said it comes from New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services. They received a grant from SAMSA, Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration as part of an exploratory grant to establish evidence based practices. There really aren't any evidence based practices to combat heroin. We are trying to find them. All of the funding is from the federal level to the state and then to the Coalition. The funding for the PFS grant is directly from the federal government. We have also received a grant from Cardinal Health Services from the Cardinal Health Foundation to address prescription drug abuse amongst seniors utilizing pharmacists.

Mr. Norton said his office is at 125 High Rock Avenue. The Prevention Council of Saratoga County, the Recovery Community Center and St. Peter's Addiction Center are all located there. The grant is funded until 2019. We will be looking for future grants or to keep some of the programs going. He said he is specifically employed by the Prevention Council of Saratoga County to manage the grant. The grant and grant area is only applicable to the Town of Wilton, Town of Moreau and Town of Northumberland but if someone asks for help we haven't said no.

Supervisor Johnson said if there are any suggestions as to how we, as a government, can help this endeavor, please let us know. **Mr. Norton** said we are always looking for help. We've had a large community health fair at South Glens Falls Village Fire Department. Everyone from on the job

vocational services to rehabilitative service to food pantry was on the job. We always need help getting the word out about these programs. The Prevention Council has a table at Parkfest. **Supervisor Johnson** thanked Mr. Norton and acknowledged the widespread problem of addiction in the area and across the state.

Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park

Margo Olsen, Director of Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park said studies show that getting outdoors, fitness and nature improves people's mental and physical being, such as utilizing Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park, a community park. The support that the town gives benefits us in the community in many different ways.

We just finished up our first quarter. It was an interesting winter, we had snow when we didn't expect it and didn't have snow when we wanted it. All in all, people had the opportunity to get out. We had our trails and grooming program again. Thanks to Ryan Riper and our interns and some other people who helped to keep those trails in good shape. People also enjoyed having rest room facilities there at camp Saratoga. Scott Harrington, Roy and Jake did a fantastic job converting the old shower building into heated flushable and running water.

The interns have been very busy this year leading different programs both at the park and around the community. May is almost full of field trips already scheduled and into June. April 22 is earth day and we'll be celebrating that event. Saratoga Chamber of Commerce has a wellness committee and started a Healthy Parks, Happy Saratoga initiative and the park has been selected as one of the events.

This weekend is the opening of the fire tower for the season, Larry Gordon coordinator for the town, will be there with his volunteers. In June we'll have our Wildlife festival when the butterflies and lupine will be in bloom. **Supervisor Johnson** thanked Ms. Olsen for all of the wonderful work at the park.

Draft Annual MS4 Stormwater Report

Ryan Riper addressed the board and residents to let them know that the draft annual MS4 report will be available online. It's an annual report that we produce which is part of the DEC requirement.

Committee Reports

Councilman Lant said they had a meeting Tuesday about the court building and that MJ Engineering talked to the departments about room size and they came up with a floor plan. They decided to make a few changes. **Councilman Lant** thanked Ryan Riper, Jeff Reale and Mark Mykins for being on the committee and in meetings. He said their wealth of knowledge is really helping to keep things going. It's a lot easier with them there.

Councilwoman Klepetar said Jeff Reale did a lot of work trying to bring solar array to the Town of Wilton last year and things didn't work out. She said she would like to resurrect the work or see if there's another company or where that stands. **Supervisor Johnson** said we did look into that earlier. The biggest obstacle was we didn't have a piece of land big enough to warrant enough panels or megawatts that we would need. **Mr. Reale** said that is the problem. The town does not own land to put a large enough array to service our needs. The other alternative to that is the community solar program that we could piggyback on with them. We wouldn't reap as many benefits because we would be paying rent or getting a reduced rate. He has a contact and will see if anything's going on in this area. Unless the town wants to purchase land that's conducive for the solar array we have nothing. **Councilwoman Klepetar** asked about the land fill. **Mr. Riper** said it's not big enough and a lot of the land faces to the

north. **Councilwoman Klepetar** said some is better than nothing at all. **Mr. Reale** said there's the initial cost for building those and if you don't build it big enough you're not going to reap the benefits. **Supervisor Johnson** said CT Male was consulted about this and it just wasn't conducive to make it economically feasible to do it. There are some remote locations where we could possibly partner with someone else, not located in Wilton. They call them remote locations. Some of the tax credits are not available that were before. **Supervisor Johnson** said it's still a good idea. **Mr. Reale** said he spoke with a representative today from CT Male and he said it is the connectivity to the grid. **Councilman McEachron** said we talked about putting them on the court building, that's eleven thousand square feet. We are going to benefit a little bit if we can get that in there. **Comptroller Reale** said he could open the files back up and see if there anything else we can look into. **Councilwoman Klepetar** thanked them.

Councilman McEachron said Highway Superintendent Woodcock had approached him and said the wheel fell off the sign bus and it's time for the scrap yard. He said he talked about purchasing a used cube van for the signs and getting rid of the bus a couple of months ago. He doesn't really need the cube van. He would like to purchase 2009 Chevrolet pick-up truck with a work box on the back of it at a cost of about \$9,500. This will be the sign truck. **Mr. Reale** said we still have a procurement policy we have to go through even when purchasing used equipment. You still have to go out and get the prices. **Councilman McEachron** said we have the prices. **Mr. Reale** asked if it was from more than one vender. **Councilman McEachron** said just from one vendor and asked if he had to have more than one price? **Mr. Reale** said you need to get a second and possibly a third. As long as you provide me with those quotes for a very similar vehicle then we should be ok. **Supervisor Johnson** said you have to get an official quote. **Mr. Reale** said there's another process and that's a mini bid through the state. **Superintendent Woodcock** said we are not looking for new. **Mr. Reale** said we will find something you can use. **Councilman Lant** said they will look tomorrow at the trucks available. **Town Counsel Schachner** suggested to the Board to do a conditional resolution.

On a motion introduced by Councilman McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the expenditure of funds in the amount of up to \$10,000.00 dollars subject to compliance with the town's procurement policy to purchase a used truck to replace the sign bus from Appropriated Fund Balance (DA5990) to Highway Machinery Equipment (DA5130.2).

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Lant, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Deputy Supervisor Streicher wanted to let all Wilton residents know that Gavin Park is 95% filled and if they wanted to sign up please do so as soon as possible. It closes mid to late May. **Councilman McEachron** wanted to know why it was closed to residents other than Wilton. Councilman Streicher said we changed that policy two years ago. **Councilman McEachron** said we did not change that policy. He said he saw the minutes. It was talked about but if the park was not over 100% why wouldn't we open

the door to take on more. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said we were over 100% we were short about 30 or 40 spots that we had opened it and the Wilton residents were complaining. **Councilwoman Klepetar** said she looked over the minutes of July 2014 and it seemed very vague and did not see where it was closed to the general public. **Councilman McEachron** said he had no problem as long as we're filling it up with Wilton residents. **Supervisor Johnson** said it is filling up with Wilton residents. What happened was it took residents up to a certain point and the Wilton residents complained they couldn't get in. We are here for our residents first. If we didn't fill for some reason we would open it. **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** said it should be for Wilton residents. **Supervisor Johnson** said I don't think we have a problem filling it with our residents. It's a popular program.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2017 Budget Amendments

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2017 budget amendments requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 4/6/2017 Report (attached) to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

2.) Personnel

a.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to allow Rich McCane to donate 40 hours of vacation time for Dave Counter to use for sick time.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

b.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the hiring of John Nettesheim into the vacant part time Maintenance Worker position effective April 10, 2017 at a rate of \$14.08 per hour with no benefits.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

c.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Lant, the board adopted the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the hiring of Marcus Hart into the vacant full time Assistant Building Inspector position effective April 7, 2017 at a rate of \$19.48 per hour with full benefits.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman McEachron duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

3.) Financial Advisory Services

Mr. Reale said the committee for the court building will get to a phase where we will need bonding services. An email with a list of fiscal advisors was sent to the town board. It was also sent to Town Counsel. If anyone has questions please ask.

4.) Disposal of Assets

On a motion introduced by Councilman McEachron the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the disposal of Asset #1307, 1993 International Bus and Asset # 1266, 2005 Dodge Dakota Club Cab.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Klepetar duly

put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

New Vehicle for Dog Control Officer

Mr. Reale said the dog control officer does not have a truck since it was disposed. He said he is requesting permission to get a mini bid from the state for a new truck. Funding will be requested next month once the bids come back. Ron Stunzi is getting specifications for the vehicle. Discussion was held on a Transit. **Mr. Reale** said Mr. Stunzi would like a 4WD vehicle. The board agreed to get mini bids.

Executive Session

Supervisor Johnson said there will be an Executive Session.

Councilman McEachron made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. for Executive Session to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of property. The motion was seconded by **Councilwoman Klepetar** with all board members in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

Councilman McEachron made a motion to reconvene at 8:29 p.m. The motion was seconded by **Deputy Supervisor Streicher** with all board members in favor.

Supervisor Johnson said there was no action taken.

On a motion introduced by **Councilman McEachron** and seconded by **Councilwoman Klepetar** all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

_____ Supervisor, Arthur Johnson

_____ Deputy Supervisor, Steve Streicher

_____ Councilman, John Lant

_____ Councilman, John McEachron

_____ Councilwoman Joanne Klepetar