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Public Hearing Proposed LL#3 Peddling and Soliciting

7:00 pm

Toni Sturm asked what is driving the change. There are a lot of concerns about covid effecting people's livelihoods and it seems in a time where the Governor hasn't announced mask mandates and that I'm the only person in this entire room wearing a mask I'm puzzled. It doesn't make sense to me to not allow people to go door to door. I think it's in the control of the person at home how much risk they want to put themselves into. Councilman O'Conor said, for me it's not a covid related issue. The issue is the town can issue a permit to go on your property to sell and ring the doorbell. It's a safety issue and I don't think the town should have the latitude, to tell someone they can go on your property. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said we are not going to give someone a permission slip to go on your property. Councilman Bogardus said we are not going to make a blanket policy to come on your property. It's unfair for me to say they can go on your property.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus to close the public hearing, Councilman O'Conor seconded the motion, all in favor, the motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearing Prohibiting of Dumping of Debris on Commercial Properties

7:01 pm

No one in the audience chose to speak.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, to close the public hearing, Councilman Bogardus seconded the motion, all in favor, the motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearing Proposed LL #4 of 2022, to extend two- year terms of the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent to a four-year term.

7:02 pm.

No one in the audience chose to speak.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, to close the public hearing, Councilman Bogardus seconded the motion, all in favor, the motion passed 5-0.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-July 7, 2022

Supervisor Lant called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Supervisor Lant asked that we all take a moment of silence for all of our Veterans that are living and deceased. They are the reason why we all live in a free country.

Roll Call

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

John Lant-Supervisor-
John McEachron-Deputy Supervisor
Duane Bogardus-Councilman
Erinn Kolligian- Councilwoman
Ray O'Conor-Councilman

Also present was Director of Planning and Engineering, Ryan Riper, P. E. and Comptroller, Maria Moran, CPA. Mark Schachner, Town Counsel was present

Public Comment Session

Linda Bottiglieri of 23 Fairway Blvd. asked about the development. Is something going on behind Dunkin Donuts? We have these 350 homes with this roundabout that needs a better sign further down to tell you that it's a roundabout. People just aren't used to it. What is going on at the mall? Is it proposed that they are doing high end apartments? Councilman Bogardus said they haven't come back to this board yet. They will be going in front of the Planning Board to present they're conceptual drawings. Initially it was apartments. They have not gone before the County or Town Planning Boards yet. It's proposed 300 apartments and around 88 town homes. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said it's mainly about the zoning. Ms. Bottiglieri said so there won't be a mall there anymore? Councilwoman Kolligian said yes, there will be a mall. She then asked what kind of stores. We've lost every store we've ever had there. Councilwoman Kolligian stated the area they are looking to take down, is the old Bon Ton and put the apartments there and hope the apartments generate more activity at the mall. More businesses to come in and try to keep the ones that are there thriving. It's still in the very early stages. Ms. Bottiglieri said what about the Dunkin Doughnuts? Mr. Riper explained there is an application in front of the planning board for three buildings, with twenty apartments each. It's at the very beginning stages and it's in the hamlet zone so it requires commercial aspect of that building as well. There will be another building towards the front on Route 9. The apartments will be behind the bank. It meets all the zoning requirements. Ms. Bottiglieri said don't you think enough is enough for the town of Wilton/ The roads are congested, as are the schools. Can the schools absorb this? Councilman Bogardus said supposedly the schools, with the new development on Jones Road they can. When he was doing fire prevention at Dorothy Nolan, they had a student occupancy of about 1150 students. Right now, there are just a little over seven hundred.

Paul Kelly of 27 Cobble Hill Drive. I just wanted to give you all an update regarding the tourist home. On June 17th, there were ten cars in the driveway along with pictures, loud noise, music until ten o'clock at night. Last weekend there was another nine cars, four garbage cans. My daughter's 9 years old, yesterday her mom had to explain why so many f-bombs were going on at the party the past weekend. Right now, before I came, there's five cars in the driveway. All different cars from each weekend. Councilwoman

Kolligian said there is a trail that gives us a little more. Sometimes having these things gives us a little more leverage.

Approve Pending Minutes

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

RESOLUTION #160

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2022, meeting, as typed.

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

Peddling and Soliciting LL #3 of 2022

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

RESOLUTION #161

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to repeal LL #3 of 2011, Peddling and Soliciting.

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

Prohibit Dumping of Debris on Commercial Properties

Town Council Schachner is concerned about the statement (storing or placing of any kind of solid or liquid waste materials within the Town of Wilton). He said it seems a little broadly worded. Mr. Riper indicated that originally the intent of this is to eliminate dumping and the depositing of stumps on commercial properties. There were a lot of questions unanswered, so they decided to sit down with the Zoning officer.

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

RESOLUTION #162

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT Resolved, to reopen the Public Hearing to Prohibit dumping of debris on Commercial Properties.

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

Extension of Terms LL #4 of 2022

Councilwoman Kolligian stated that this would be on the November ballot. Council Schachner said we would have to submit the proposition to the Board of Elections by August. It would then be put on the ballot

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

RESOLUTION #163

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to submit a proposition to the Board of Elections to increase the terms for the Highway Superintendent and the Town Clerk, from a Two-year term, to a four-year term.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O'Connor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Appointment to the IBR

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

RESOLUTION #164

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to appoint Bob Clerk to the Independent Board of Review as of July 7, 2022.

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

Appointment to the Park and Recreation Commission

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #165

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to appoint Trey Bodkin, to the Park and Recreation Commission as of July 7, 2022.

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

Appointment to the Park and Recreation Commission

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #166

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to appoint Kellie Milne, to the Park and Recreation Commission as of July 7, 2022.

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

2021 Audited Financial Statement

We received an unmodified opinion on June 22, 2022. We are in a very healthy position. Our fund balance increased because of very careful budgeting with the uncertainty of covid.

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

RESOLUTION #167

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the 2021 Audited Financial statements submitted by Comptroller Maria Moran on July 7, 2022.

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

Annual Dan Provost Memorial Walk-Fee Waiver Pavilion

Supervisor Lant said they were here last year as well. They help people in recovery and addiction. A great group of people and I think we should wave that fee.

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

RESOLUTION #168

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the fee waiver for the large pavilion, at Gavin Park for the 5th Annual Dan Provost Memorial Walk on October 1st, 2022.

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

Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park Quarterly Report

Councilman Bogardus stated what a nice article in the newspaper, the Times Union, the Local Saratoga Paper, and the Wilton Report. Ms. Olson also said in the Wilton Report, there was a nice article about the Wildlife Festival, which was last month. It felt much more normal this second quarter. We worked with a lot of different schools, as listed. We did a great residency with Dorothy Nolan School. It's great to work with the local schools. As always, we do not charge for those programs. The schools that have children from Wilton in their school. Outside of those areas, we do charge. We had the Wildlife Festival and many of our board members and volunteers running all kinds of activities and programs. We believe we had about four hundred people for that day. We've been promoting a lot of our public programs on face book. We also received a grant through the NYS Conservation Partnership Program, which is administered through the Land Trust Alliance. We're partnering with Saratoga Plan and this grant allows us to hire interns to help with our programs and also in partnership with Saratoga Plan. This week, we did programs at the Ora Phelps Preserve, one of theirs. It's a great partnership that allows us to bring more staff in to help with the programing. We were very grateful to be one of the recipients of the covid not profit funds from the county. That will help make up some of the losses from the past years. We also received funding

from NYS via Carrie Warner which helped us purchase materials and other items related to the programming that we do. We are starting to plan for our fundraiser for the fall. It will be at the Wishing Well again. That will be October 16th. Our honorary this year will be Maria Trabca. She just retired from Saratoga Plan and has done so much for the community. We are just looking forward to a great summer and we'll talk about that the next quarter.

OPRHP

Ms. Olson spoke about this grant, it's for the Environmental Education Center. This has been in the Planning stages for a number of years to utilize the buildings that are at Camp Saratoga to enhance them and fix them up to use as an environmental campus so we can use all of the buildings that are there. We have raised some money, covid got in the way, so that stalled our plan. We are getting geared up again to do that. We are hoping by applying for the state grant again, it will double the money to do the work. We'd like to be able to use these buildings year-round. In order for us to apply for the grant NYS requires a resolution to go along with the application.

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

RESOLUTION #169

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to endorse and support the application of Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park for a grant at Camp Saratoga.

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

WHEREAS, the Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for a park project to be located at Camp Saratoga on Scout Road, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of the Town of Wilton Board and

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of this program, said not-for profit corporation must obtain the "approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located."

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of the Town of Wilton hereby does support and endorse the application of Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park for a grant under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for a park project known as "Reusing Structures to Create an Accessible Environmental Education Center at the Camp Saratoga Campus" and located within this community.

And further, it is resolved that, should Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park be unable to do so, said property shall be forever maintained by the Town of Wilton as a municipal park in this community consistent with the rules promulgated by OPRHP.

Speed Limit Reduction on Ruggles from 55 to 45

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

RESOLUTION #170

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to Request a speed limit reduction on Ruggles Road, from Taylor Road to Louden Road. From 55 mph to 45 mph.

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

Speed Limit on Edie Road from 55 to 45

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #171

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to request a speed limit reduction on Edie Road from 55 to 45, from Ballard Road to Route 50.

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

Request NYS DOT to Place No Parking Signs on Rt 9

Councilman Bogardus addressed this. There were signs posted on Route 9 that are no longer there, on both sides of the road. We are looking from Daniels Road to the school zone. Then Route 9 South, the signs are posted from right around Gailor's Landscaping. It was supposed to carry on down to the bridge, the overpass, but all the signs have been removed. Emergency apparatus has a difficult time getting through that area when they have their Tuesday night event. They park all up and down Route 9. Supervisor Lant spoke to the Sheriff's department, and they will issue tickets.

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

RESOLUTION #172

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to request NYSDOT to place No Parking Signage as required on each shoulder of NYS Route 9, from Daniels Road to Loughberry Lake Road.

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

Committee Reports

Deputy Supervisor McEachron walked through Gavin Park during baseball, I don't know if everyone's receiving emails from Gavin Park, I talked to parents, kids, everyone loves it. I had a lot of good feedback. The only complaint about the Spray Park was the water was too cold. Councilman Bogardus walks over there all the time and he said it was the jewel of the town. Nothing but great things. Deputy Supervisor asked about the concession stand and if there was one. Councilwoman Kolligian said their struggles to get volunteers is hard. Maybe call Prestige and see if they can stock more.

Councilman O'Connor has an update for the Graphite Range Community Forest project is still moving along. It's for pedestrian and mountain biking. Maybe late fall the parking lot will be done. They are working on signage. We took some folks that are financial contributors, on tours. The mountain biking trails are really nice.

Supervisor Lant asked the Deputy Town Clerk to read a letter we received pertaining to our Town Clerk.

May 26, 2022

Dear Supervisor Lant,

I am pleased to advise you that, Town Clerk Susan Baldwin, has been voted in by her peers as a District Director for the New York State Town Clerks Association. This is a distinct and admirable honor bestowed only on a few clerks of the 933 towns throughout New York State.

In this leadership position, Sue will mentor clerks and be a liaison between the counties of Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Saratoga, Warren and Washington and the State Association. District 4, which she will represent, will be well served by her experience. Sue's term will run from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025. Please join with me in congratulating Sue for Reaching a milestone in her career.

Sincerely, Tammy A. Vezzose, RMC
Secretary, NYSTCA

Supervisor Lant stated we received a few state grants for roads. Mr. Riper worked hard on these, it's a lot of money. Mr. Riper explained there were several projects that received funding in our area. One of the big projects for the Town of Wilton, NYSDOT just announced to approve our application for the funding of the traffic safety and pedestrian connectivity improvement project, at Carr Road with a pathway connection to Dorothy Nolan School. The project was selected through a competitive scoring process under the Transportation Alternatives Program, and the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program. Total project cost around four million dollars for that project. Also, we received some funds, not 100% yet, but it looks pretty good that the design fees, half a million dollars for traffic improvements for the design of Jones Road at Route 50 and Ingersoll Road and Old Gick. One of the thoughts is a dual roundabout or something to improve the traffic there. Some other projects, the Exit 16 bridge that's on a five-year program with DOT, they received some funding through several sources, my understanding is close to twenty-one million dollars. I'm not sure of the plan. Councilwoman Kolligian said she was on the bridge and the fire trucks were trying to get through and couldn't. Supervisor Lant thanked Mr. Riper for all his hard work. Ballard Road will also be repaved and possibly reconstructed. Deputy Supervisor McEachron asked what about the straightening of Smith Bridge Road. Mr. Riper said there was additional lands to put into the right of way. It would be on the town to initiate that. Supervisor Lant asked Highway Superintendent to put that on his list for the future.

Operation Adopt a Soldier, working with Hannaford, if you buy a grocery bag there, they get a dollar per bag in the month of July. It would be nice to help Adopt a Soldier.

The ARPA money from the county. We had thirteen organizations that received money. Most of them help people in our community. We got \$180,000.00, given to our town. One that isn't in our town does help our children at Dorothy Nolan. We gave out \$65,000.00. Supervisor Lant thanked Comptroller Moran for the great job on this. Comptroller Moran thanked the board for helping the not-for Profits in this community, they really do touch every one's lives. We had three more organizations apply and receive a grant from the town recently which is the subject of our budget amendments.

Supervisor Lant is concerned about the many phone calls he received about speeders. He contacted the Deputy Sheriff and asked them to beef up the patrols. Most of the speeders are the people that live in these neighborhoods. The lowest speed reduction is 30 mph.

Comptroller's Report

2022 Budget Amendments

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

RESOLUTION #173

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the July 7, 2022, budget transfers requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 7/7//2022 Report (attached) to the Town Board.

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

Sales Tax

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

RESOLUTION #174

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the payment of the town's portion of the 2022 county sales tax in cash.

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

Personnel

- a.) Victoria Herkalo has submitted her resignation, effective July 22, 2022.
- b.) John King is requesting to hire a full-time maintenance worker with specific technical competency and experience in irrigation.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #175

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Victoria Herkalo as of July 22, 2022.

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

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

RESOLUTION #176

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request to hire a full-time maintenance worker with specific technical competency and experience in irrigation.

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

Other

Michael Monroe, Highway Superintendent, requests that the following items be placed on Auction International for sale:

Large pile of mixed wood, weed whacker, table saw with no guard, two non-working ride on mowers, various lug nuts and miscellaneous small items.

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

RESOLUTION #177

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to place various items on Auction International for sale.

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

Executive Session

Purposed Litigation Involving Use of a Particular Property

Supervisor Lant stated the board will have an executive session to discuss purposed litigation involving the use of a particular property.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, seconded by Councilman O’Conor, with all board members in favor, the board adjourned to executive session at 7:55 p.m.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, seconded by Councilman Bogardus, with all board members in favor, the board reconvened at 8:20 p.m., no action was taken.

Adjournment

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian and seconded by Councilman O’Conor, all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

_____ Supervisor John Lant

_____ Councilman, Raymond O’Conor

_____ Deputy Supervisor, John McEachron

_____ Councilwoman Erinn Kolligian

_____ Councilman Duane Bogardus