

COPAKE TOWN BOARD MEETING

JUNE 8, 2006

At a public hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Copake the following were present: Supervisor Valentino, Councilperson Gabaccia, Councilperson Ritchie, Councilperson Miller, Councilperson Sacks, and Highway Superintendent Proper.

Supervisor Valentino opened the hearing at 6:30 p.m. with 39 people present.

The purpose of the hearing is to review proposed Local Law #3 for 2006 amending Section 232-24 of the code of the Town of Copake.

Christopher Grant, from Copake Planning Board, reviewed Local Law # 3.

Harvey Webber, from Taconic Shores, suggested the Zoning Book be more user friendly and table motion till book is revised. Councilperson Sacks said it is confusing but were changing it slowly.

Mary Moreno asked if Zoning Changes are put to referendum. Supervisor Valentino replied only the Town Board can vote on Local Laws.

Peg Rose asked if there will be a problem in the future for build able lots. Chris Grant said a lot must be 50x100 to build on.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Sacks the hearing be closed at 7 p.m. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Valentino opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. with 39 people present.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to dispense with the reading of the minutes May 11, 2006 and accept them as written. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Valentino reported under old business:

1. Vehicle Storage Permits.
 - a. Performance Automotive; Attorney Better and Attorney Whitbeck approached the board. Mr. Whitbeck and Mr. Better have been working with the Zoning Enforcement Officer on a permit that is

workable for the D.M.V .He's permits from Department of Motor vehicles has been approved with a Civil Penalty of \$600.00. Mr. Whitbeck presented the Board with a plot plan for Performance Auto; he recommended the board's approval with eight cars in front, 25 cars behind an 8 foot fence and \$250.00 civil penalty with 90 days to pay. A discussion followed. Councilperson Ritchie suggested accepting 60 cars behind an 8 foot fence.
b.Del's Auto Body; Mr. Whitbeck suggested the Town accept Del's Auto Body permit for Jim's to come into compliance.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sacks seconded by Councilperson Ritchie to approve Del's Auto Motor Vehicle Storage permit with stipulation he install an 8 foot fence in front with 100-150 car limit behind stacked no more then 2 high. Motion was carried. Councilperson Miller abstained.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to approve Performance Automotive Motor Vehicle Storage permit with stipulation he install an 8 foot fence with 60 car limit behind fence. Motion was carried. Councilperson Miller abstained.

The following correspondence was read:

1. From Joanna's Motel: Letter notifying Town they renewed their liquor license.
2. From Copake Planning Board : Letter urging the Town Board to adopt Local Law # 3.

Supervisor Valentino read the following letters from Highway Superintendent Proper:

1. Letter asking Town Board approval to hire electrician for work at park to hook up generator. (see attached).
2. Estimate from Herrington's for cost of material and roofing gun for replacement of the shingles on rest rooms and pavilion at park.
3. Letter asking adoption of Standardization of Construction Equipment.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller seconded by Councilperson Ritchie to authorize Highway Superintendent Proper to hiring an electrician to hook up generator at park. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Linda to authorize Highway Superintendent Proper to purchase materials from Herrington's for repair of roof on restrooms at park and the pavilion. Motion was carried.

The Town received two bids for sign work at Town Hall.

The following two bids were opened for sign work at Town Hall:

1. From Justin Cole labor for masonry work for construction of a 14 foot, 4 foot wide 28 inch high brick planter for Town Hall sign \$1,600.00
2. From Hudson Masonry for masonry work on town hall sign Plan 1 \$2,900.00 Plan 2 \$2,000.00 which he didn't recommend.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Sacks to conditionally accept bid of \$1,600.00 from Justin Cole for masonry work on town sign. Motion was carried.

Attorney Whitbeck read Short Environmental Assessment From to Town Board for approval.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Sacks to Declare Negative Declaration for Local Law # 3. Motion was carried.

Edgar Master Chairman Strategic Planning Committee recommends the Town Board amend our Zoning Code to update the existing flexible lot subdivision provisions as outlined in the proposal provided each of you. This amendment pertains to lands in Copake in the R-Zone 3 acre minimum, excluding the Scenic Corridor overlay Zone. Copies of this proposal have been in the Town Clerk's office for a month, two public informational meetings were held which were well attended. The proposal before you contains 2 minor changes:

- 1) On the 1st page the phrase A (3) has been deleted.
- 2) Chapter 197 – the subdivision regulations are amended to reference this proposal.

Copies of the final proposal are now in the Town Clerk's office.

Supervisor Valentino said the Town Board will schedule a Public Hearing for July 13, 2006 for Proposed Local Law # 3 and #4, also Local Law # 5 for Non Smoking in the Park.

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Copake, at its meeting on February 9, 2006, appointed a Citizens Committee to make recommendations to the Board to fill a Board of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Copake, at its meeting on April 13, 2006, created a five member Board of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution provided that one member of the Board should be an officer or employer of the Town of Copake;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Ethics should be comprised of five members, none of whom should be an officer or employee of the Town of Copake. Each member shall serve a term of six (6) years, except that the initial appointment shall be made for a term of years to cause a new member of the five member board to be appointed each year. For example the Town Board shall appoint the first member for a term of six (6) years; the second member for a term of five (5) years; the third member for a term of four years (4) years; the seconded member for a term of three (3) years; and the first member for a term of two (2) years. The subsequent appointments for each vacancy shall have a term of six (6) years.

Dated at Copake, New York	Supervisor Valentino	Yes
June 8, 2006	Councilperson Ritchie	Yes
Resolution #11	Councilperson Gabaccia	Yes
	Councilperson Sacks	Yes
	Councilperson Miller	Yes

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Sacks seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia:

WHEREAS, the Highway Department of the Town of Copake, County of Columbia, State of New York, presently owns two loaders, one grader, one backhoe and one wheeled excavator al manufactured by the Caterpillar Company and has on hand a supply of spare parts therefore; and

WHEREAS, to purchase a different model or make construction equipment would be inefficient and uneconomical since alternate and additional supplies of spare parts would have to be purchased which would not be interchangeable with the ones already on hand; and

WHEREAS, for other reasons such as handling and operation of equipment, it is determined by this board it is desirable to purchase an additional construction equipment as the same make as the ones presently owned by the town;

Now THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for reason of efficiency and economy and pursuant to authority conferred by Subdivision 5 of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law it is determined by this board that there is a need for standardization in the purchase of construction equipment for the Highway Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Highways be and he hereby is authorized to contract for the purchase of construction equipment of the same make as the ones presently owned by the Town Highway Department with the lowest responsible bidder after advertisement for sealed bids and public bidding in the manner provided by Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

Dated at Copake New York	Supervisor Valentino	Yes
June 8, 2006	Councilperson Ritchie	Yes
Resolution # 12	Councilperson Gabaccia	Yes
	Councilperson Sacks	Yes
	Councilperson Miller	Yes

Then following resolution was offered by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Sacks
RESOLVED, that we the Town Board of the Town of Copake will participate in the Mitigation Grant Process.

Dated at Copake New York	Supervisor Valentino	Yes
June 8, 2006	Councilperson Ritchie	Yes
Resolution # 13	Councilperson Gabaccia	Yes
	Councilperson Sacks	Yes
	Councilperson Miller	Yes

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia.

RESOLVED: That we the Town Board of the Town of Copake do hereby accept Local Law # 3 for 2006 a law amending section 232-24 (Non-conforming Uses, Structures, and Lots) of the code of the Town of Copake.

Dated at Copake, New York
June 8, 2006
Resolution # 14

Supervisor Valentino Yes
Councilperson Ritchie Yes
Councilperson Gabaccia Yes
Councilperson Sacks Yes
Councilperson Miller Yes

Councilperson Gabaccia reported:

1. Ethic Committee is meeting regularly; the previous resolution will strengthen the board. Lock box will be purchased for letters, Councilperson Sacks sent letter regarding Neighbor Works Grant, prior to letter they resinned grant.
2. Inquiry Board will be meeting on June 15th at 5:00 p.m.
3. Friday Night Blast, thanked Edgar Masters for ping pong table, Gerald Meenagh will be hosting dance on Friday night, working on float for Copake Day Parade.
4. Park n 'Rec's will remain at the Park building for their meeting.

Councilperson Ritchie reported the Committee on Aging will be sponsoring a social and dance at the Park Saturday June 24th at 8:00 p.m Police Commission will be looking for grant for defibrillator in all Police cars, abolished position of Deputy Chief.

Councilperson Sacks is working on getting display rack for material for the elderly.

Kurt Kneller Insurance agent for Town gave a brief overview of Town's insurance at request of Councilperson Sacks.

Supervisor Valentino suggested the board think about establishing a policy on bidding insurance.

Councilperson Sacks reported:

1. The Web Site for the Town will eventually have 576 pages, for a one time charge of \$300.00 the Town Law will be on web site.
2. Annual report at printers.

Shawn Mc Clain asked why the lots in Taconic Shores are being taxed as saleable lots when there not. Supervisor Valentino said a discussion about that was brought up at the Department Head meeting, one suggestion was the owners can merge them so there assessment would be lower.

Diana Wilson asked about heavy trucks coming through town, Supervisor Valentino said the Department of transportation is doing traffic stop for trucks. Councilperson Gabaccia said one of our officers completed traing last month on trucks.

Stanley Gansowski suggested the Town look at Lackawanna Road as Casino has built a second stone wall and the road seems narrower.

Attorney Whtibeck suggested the Town expand the Litigation on Copake Valley Farms to include Zoning Violations.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie second by Councilperson Gabaccia to expand litigation at Copake Valley farms to include zoning violations. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Sacks the bills from highway abstract # 6 and general abstract # 6 be paid. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

