

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017 AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 6:55PM

BUSINESS:

**Public Hearing
6:55pm
CFA 2017**

Opened the public hearing at 6:55pm

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward will conduct a public hearing at 6:55 PM on Monday, March 13, 2017 at the Municipal Building, 118 Broadway, Fort Edward, to discuss local housing, community, and economic development needs and consider one or more applications for funding in the 2017 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process.

The Town Board is considering proposals for community development and public facilities improvements that could be appropriate for NYS CDBG, NYS Parks & Recreation, Canal Corp. and Department of State and other federal and state funding programs. Residents and other interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and ask questions or offer suggestions for the proposed funding.

Individuals with special needs who wish to attend should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 747-5212 so that any necessary arrangements can be made.

Darlene DeVoe: Is there anything the Board has been thinking about for applications? Trails and improvements? Roadwork? Equipment? Park Improvements? Canal way Trail?

Councilman Orsini: Fort Edward is a bottleneck between Whitehall and Waterford, FE is tough.

Darlene DeVoe: Should stick with a feasibility study if we are looking to do trail improvements, the other one would be a pump out station for Rogers Island and the Yacht Basin.

Councilman Orsini: The Visitors Center already has the concrete barrier and a pump out could be done there.

Fuel and pump out at the Visitors Center will be looked into for the next meeting by Darlene.

MOTION by Councilman Middleton, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to table the public hearing and keep it open until the April 10th meeting **ALL AYES**

Deputy Supervisor Terry Middleton called the regular meeting to order to 7:07pm

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Councilman Middleton
Councilman Mercier
Councilman Orsini
Councilman Fisher

ABSENT: Supervisor Suprenant

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Brockway, Darlene DeVoe, Town Attorney Mary-Ellen Stockwell, Jeannie Mullen, Jacob Papp, Audina Papp, Joseph McMurray

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Councilman Mercier, Seconded by Councilman Fisher to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2017 **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to approve the reports of the Town Clerk monthly, Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer and Town Justice as submitted **ALL AYES**

Submitted by Darlene DeVoe 3/13/2017

BOA Step 3 –

The scope revision to remove the preparation of a decommissioning plan and the inclusion of the EPA grant application preparation fee were submitted to our Project Officer last month. Further discussion regarding the former dewatering facility property being redeveloped and the status of the road and property ownership. Advised we are working toward a positive solution but there are several hurdles to still get through.

We are still working on cost estimates for the proposed truck route to begin seeking funding, including the FHA TIGER grant.

HOME 2013 –

Our second project is under construction and we are out to bid for our third. Our fourth has Lead, Energy and Electrical inspections underway. Several other applications have unfortunately been deemed ineligible due to income limits and/or a lack of insurance coverage. I encourage people to check out the program paperwork available in both municipal offices.

Note: It is important for people to READ THE ENTIRE application packet and compile ALL of the required information BEFORE submitting it to us with incorrect or insufficient information. This does not expedite their application and instead is likely to cause the application to be dropped down on the list. Most importantly, we DO NOT want ORIGINAL documents. That includes taxes, deeds, pay stubs, insurance certificates, and bank statements.

Community Planning –

The Town of Fort Edward Master Plan workshop held last month provided the opportunity for residents to rank their priorities to help shape the final draft Goals, Objectives and Strategies. We received great feedback and the top 5 areas that were considered priority areas for investment are Municipal Services, Economic Development, Transportation, Land Use, and Parks and Recreation. Potentially, due to a Rural Planning meeting at the County, the numbers for Agriculture, Historical Resources and Cultural Resources ranked lower. Also noted by participants was the fact that the Historical Society, the Rogers Island Visitors Center and the Old Fort House Museum campus are doing a fine job promoting the community's rich and interesting history.

Champlain Canalway Trail –

The CCTWG continues to work toward the 4th annual Bike Tour to help promote the trail. A new trail map is being prepared that highlights the areas completed, areas in progress, proposed sections, and alternate possibilities. One of those alternates is getting the Town section currently on Route 4 off road along the old canal wherever possible. I tossed this idea out to people at the Master Plan meeting and it was well supported under Transportation and Parks/Recreation. Incorporating the alternate route provides an opportunity to spotlight part of our heritage.

EPA Petroleum Assessment Grant -

Need a Resolution to issue a Request For Proposals from our Engineering Pool for the Environmental Site Assessment on the Freight House on Wing St.

Bradley Beach –

Still nothing from DOS

CFA 2017 –

These applications are expected to be announced in April with a July deadline. Public Hearings are necessary as threshold criteria for many of the programs. I would like the Board and community to consider potential projects. I recommend scheduling a brief informational Public Hearings for both the March and April meetings to ensure compliance. (March held this evening)

Set Public Hearing for April

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Orsini to go out to bid for proposals from our engineering pool for the Environmental Site Assessment on the freight house on Wing St **ALL AYES**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to approve Abstract #3 **ALL AYES**

ABSTRACT #3

GENERAL A:	6389-6391,6397-6428	\$19,746.39
GENERAL B:	6429-6430	\$ 8,802.00
HIGHWAY:	6431-6445	\$13,935.04
MUNICIPAL:	6446-6451	\$ 1,650.49
SPECIAL LIGHTING:	6394-6395	\$ 3,118.98
SPECIAL WATER:	6392-6393,6452-6455	\$ 612.32
SPECIAL WATER 2:	6456-6457	\$ 5,067.83
BOA 3:	16-17	\$ 6,485.00
EPA PET 2:	41	\$ 2,840.58

TOTAL: \$62,258.63

RESOLUTIONS:

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF NEW YORK**

**Resolution No. 15 of 2017
Adopted March 13, 2017**

**Introduced by Councilman Fisher
who moved its adoption.**

Seconded by Councilman Orsini

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MAP, PLAN AND REPORT AND ENTERING INTO
AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF KINGSBURY TO
EXTEND WASHINGTON COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NUMBER TWO WITHIN
THE TOWN OF FORT EDWARD**

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Edward and the Town of Kingsbury are located in Washington County, New York in an area served by a publicly owned treatment works

("POTW") owned by the County of Washington for the benefit of the Washington County Sewer District No. 2 (hereinafter the "District"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Fort Edward (the "Town Board") is desirous of extending the boundaries of the District within the Town of Fort Edward; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Kingsbury has expressed a similar interest in extending the boundaries of the District within the Town of Kingsbury; and

WHEREAS, in considering the number and geographic area of the out of district users, the Commissioners of the District as well as the District representatives of Kingsbury and Fort Edward have found that it is beneficial for the District to consider extensions to the District boundaries to encompass service areas in Kingsbury and Fort Edward that would include existing out of district users as well as others who may be interested in becoming users of the District's POTW; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §119-o, Town Law §64, and County Law §253, the towns of Kingsbury and Fort Edward do wish to solicit proposals, and if acceptable, engage an engineering consultant to prepare map, plan and report documents to further consideration of one or more extensions to the District boundaries; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law §253, as the petitioning bodies, the towns of Kingsbury and Fort Edward may prepare the map, plan and report documents and petition the Washington County Board of Supervisors for one or more extensions to the District boundaries; and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation thereon, the Town has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Kingsbury to retain professional services for the preparation of a map, plan and report to extend the boundaries of the District within the Town of Fort Edward.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby approves the coordination and cost sharing with the Town of Kingsbury for the preparation of a map plan and report for the extension of the Washington County Sewer District Number Two; and be it further

RESOLVED, all costs and expenses associated with the District expansion, including the preparation of the map plan and report, shall be shared pro-rata, but in no event will the Town of Fort Edward be liable for any work performed outside of the boundaries of the Town of Fort Edward; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Kingsbury for the procurement of professional services in the preparation of a map, plan and report for the proposed extension of Washington County Sewer District Number 2; and be it further

RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

AYES	<u>4</u>
NAYS	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN	<u>0</u>
ABSENT	<u>1</u>

Mitchell Suprenant, Supervisor - ABSENT
Terry Middleton, Councilman - AYE
Timothy Fisher, Councilman - AYE
Neal Orsini, Councilman - AYE
Richard Mercier, Councilman - AYE

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Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk
Town of Fort Edward

Mary-Ellen: Letter from Attorney Bill Nikas regarding Water District #1, discussed with Highway Superintendent Brian Brockway, we will reach out to William Nikas and get clarification.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Councilman Middleton: Are we willing to accept the Lock 8 Rd. from Kingsbury in?

BOARD: Yes

Councilman Orsini: I think that is very important for Fort Edward.

MOTION by Councilman Fisher, Seconded by Councilman Mercier to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 **ALL AYES**

DATED: March 14, 2017

Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk

