

TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 11, 2018
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern (arrived at 6:10), Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt, Patty Wood, Supervisor Charles Gregory, Hwy. Supt Walt Geidel, Attorney Carly Walas and Town Clerk Ronda Williams and Stephen Dutcher

OTHERS PRESENT: Lillian Brown – The Reporter, Bruce Dolph

Supervisor Gregory thanked Patty Wood, Deb Ackerly, Ronda Williams, Maureen Babcock and Barbara Horton for providing flowers at Veterans Plaza.

RESOLUTION #75 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Wood approving the minutes of May 14, 2018 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FLOOR TIME:

None Requested

CEO/DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Stephen L. Dutcher
Town of Walton Dog Control Officer
129 North St.
Walton, NY 13856
May 2018

Dog Control Activity Summary

Complaints Received	7
Dogs Seized	2
Returned to Owner	0
Humane Society	2
Dangerous Dog Cases	0
Tickets Issued	8
Total Redemption Fees	\$0.00
Vehicle Mileage	237

Town of Walton
Code Enforcement Office
Stephen L. Dutcher, CFM

Monthly Summary Report
Month of May 2018

Building Permits Issued	7 + 3 renewal
Building Inspections Completed	35
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	7
Complaints Received	1
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	1
CO Searches	2
Vehicle Mileage	440

Reported that the structures on property 757 Lower Third Brook Road will be demolished tomorrow. There was discussion of the property owners potential to request a special use permit to stay in a camper until September. Code Enforcement Officer Dutcher will look into this.

Reported that last month was a quiet month for dogs, however, this month has made up for it. He reported that this month vouchers includes a bill for 2 dogs that needed veterinary care over the holiday weekend. The owners of these dogs will be in court this week to address the charges.

Reported that the project for Water Street is one step closer. Flood Plain Manger Dutcher stated the bidding process should start in a month. Currently they are looking for locations for the 13,000 yards of soil that needs to be hauled away. Working with the Highway Superintendent, there is approximately 4 miles of road that some of this soil can be used on. He clarified that approximately 7,000 yards of contaminated soil will be taking to a facility to be properly disposed of.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HWY. REPORT:

Reported that the rabies clinic will be held June 13, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the highway garage.

Reported that there will be a pre-bid conference for the Beers Brook Project.

Reported that he declared surplus vehicles bid has ended. The 1992 Chevy went for \$450.00 and the 1986 Chevy went for \$1,700.00. Superintendent Geidel stated this is more then what the Town paid for the vehicles a few years ago.

RESOLUTION #76

ACCEPT BIDS FOR SURPLUS VEHICLES

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez granting permission to accept the bid amounts for the 1992 Chevy for \$450.00 and the 1986 Chevy for \$1,700.00. bids as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Reported that he is still in need of one more summer worker. Supervisor Gregory informed the viewing public that an application can be obtain by contacting Superintendent Geidel at 607-865-5120 or by downloading it from the website.

Reported that he picked up the awarded Federal Surplus. They received 7 tires that normally go for \$400.00-\$500.00 a tire new, the Town paid \$20.00 each. He also reported that he received three pallet jackets for \$12.50 each.

Councilman Armstrong questioned the length that surplus equipment must be kept? Superintendent Geidel stated he believes it is 18 months.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:

Provided my financial reports to the Board.

We have several free rabies clinics coming to our area with one on June 13, 2018 from 6-8 p.m. at the Walton Highway Garage. With so many dogs past due, the access of a local rabies clinic may help bring some of them in.

I have submitted DASNY Grant for the amount of \$100,000. This grant would be used for roof repairs, new court entrance and a backhoe.

I reported that it is that time of year again when we need to file the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution. I have provided you with a copy.

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Walton hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)	Tier 1 (Check only if member is in Tier 1)	Not Submitted (Check box if no record of activities completed or timekeeping system)
Elected Officials									
Highway Superintendent	Walter Geidel			8	1/1/18-12/31/19	N	28		
Council Member	Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt			6	1/1/18-12/31/21	N	1		
Appointed Officials									
Dog Control Officer	Stephen Dutcher			6	1/1/18-12/31/18	Y			
Code Officer	Stephen Dutcher			6	1/1/18-12/31/18	Y			
Court Clerk	Kristin Beers			6	1/1/18-12/31/18	Y			
Attorney	Carly Walas			6	1/1/18-12/31/19	N	1		

On this 11 day of June, 2018,
Date enacted: _____

(Signature of clerk)
I, Ronda Williams, clerk of the governing board of the Town of Walton, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board, at a legally convened meeting held on the 11 day of June, 2018 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.
I further certify that the full board, consists of 5 members, and that 5 of such members were present at such meeting and that 5 of such members voted in favor of the above resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the

(Name of Employer)

RESOLUTION #77 STANDARD WORK DAY REPORTING RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Govern approving the 2018 Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION #78

USE OF FACILITY

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Rodriguez-Betancourt granting permission for use of Veterans Plaza on July 7, 2018. All in favor, motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

Town of Walton
Monthly Assessor’s Report
May 2018

- Attended the monthly meeting of the Delaware County Assessors’ Association in Delhi.
- Completed field inspections for several of the new buildings, property improvements that have been reported by The Town of Walton Code Enforcement Officer.
- Responded to numerous Property Assessment and Tax Billing questions from parcel owners regarding changes in their roll valuation.
- Completed field inspections on parcels at the request of the property owners who questioned the accuracy of reassessment data or valuation.
- Posted the required annual Legal Notice of completion of the Town of Walton Tentative Assessment Roll for 2018 in The Reporter May 1st publication. The posting included the notice of scheduling of The Board of Assessment Review Grievance Day on May 22nd. The Tentative Assessment Roll was available to be examined by interested parties and the Assessor was in attendance with the Roll the following days:

Tuesday, May 8	1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, May 9	9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Saturday, May 12	9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Monday, May 14	4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
- Completed Scheduling of the 2018 Board of Assessment Review Grievance Day appointments.
- Provided the Board of Assessment Review Members with file data for the properties that were scheduled for Grievance day
- The Board of Assessment Review Grievance Day meeting was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 between 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. at the Walton Town Hall. The Grievance Meeting went very well with 11 parcel owners attending and 4 grievance forms dropped off by owners not attending.

Fran Zujovic
Assessor
Town of Walton
129 North Street
Walton, New York 13856

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

APPOINTMENT:

Paul Wood – Alternate Planning Board Member

Supervisor Gregory reported “We are way ahead on the boat launches.” He provided a recap of the steps that have been completed and currently awaiting DEP approval.

Supervisor Gregory asked Stephen Dutcher to provide a recap of the Walton Ridge Trail project. Mr. Dutcher explained he had been hiking and mapping out the trails. He attended a preliminary meeting at the school to discuss the option of connecting the schools existing trail to this of the Walton Ridge Trail. He stated it would provide the school to utilize it and would be great to get the kids involved with trail maintenance.

He stated he still in need of permission from one more landowner on South River Road that he plans to meet with soon. Then would like to submit the support letters and maps to the DEP for a Land Use Permit.

Supervisor Gregory stated he spoke with the DEP during a meeting held in Andes. The meeting was about how to utilize DEP and DEC land for recreational uses. He informed the Board that the Town of Delhi has a trail and uses some of the school property as well.

Mr. Dutcher explained that when he met with the DEP, they indicated they wanted an identified group to maintain the trails. He thanked Lillian Browne for her help in organizing and establishing this group.

Walton Ridge Trail

The proposed Walton Ridge Trail has two trail heads. One is located on South River Road approximately 3.5 miles south of the Village of Walton. There is ample room to create off-street parking for 5 vehicles. The other is located on NYS Route 206 approximately 1 mile southeast of the Village of Walton adjacent to an established DOT pull off.

The main ridge trail follows long established quarry and logging roads. A recon of the trail completed on 6/2/18 revealed that the trail is relatively clear and passable. There are two downed trees approximately 2 miles in from the Rt 206 trailhead that would need to be cut and cleared otherwise only the trimming of branches is required to “open” the trail.

The existing trail on the Rt 206 side starts approximately 500 yards up from the upper entrance to the parking area. Recon revealed that there is an old logging road that parallels Rt 206 which connects to the existing trail and comes out directly across from the upper entrance to the parking area. This area would need the most work as far as clearing downed trees. This connector is of high importance as it would require users only to cross Rt 206 instead of walking up the road next to traffic to get to the ridge trail.

Trail Description

- Starting from the Rt 206 trailhead the trail is a steep, steady uphill
- At .5 miles you cross a short flat section in the notch then start an easy descent
- At 1 mile the trail turns sharply right and you start a steep steady uphill climb through a series of switchbacks.
- At 1.7 miles the trail eases significantly as it follows the top of the ridge
- At 2 miles the trail passes an abandoned bluestone quarry which is the highest point on the trail at 2450 ft.
- Past the quarry the trail descends gently to the saddle between Bear Spring Mountain and South Mountain.
- At 2.77 miles is the junction for the South Mountain Loop.
- Past the South Mountain Loop intersection, the trail begins a moderately steep descent through Cable Hollow to the South River Road Trailhead
- At 4.7 miles you arrive at the South River Road trailhead.

Total elevation gain on the trail is 1320 ft.

South Mountain Loop

The South Mountain Loop starts in the saddle between Bear Spring Mountain and South Mountain at the intersection with the Walton Ridge Trail. The trail generally follows the top of the ridge of South Mountain going south/southwest to an abandoned bluestone quarry. The total distance of the trail is 1.2 miles. It is an easy trail with a total elevation gain of only 164 ft.

RESOLUTION #79

DEP LAND USE PERMIT

- A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Rodrigues-Betancourt granting permission to submit a Land Use Permit to the DEP for a Walton Ridge Trail. All in favor, motion carried.
- Supervisor Gregory stated outdoor recreation is key to revitalizing Walton.
- Reported that NYC has acquired another 10 acres on Palmer Hill Road.
- Supervisor Gregory provided an up-date on the DPW Facilities stated that the County Attorney is currently in talks to negotiate a price with the property owner’s attorney.
- Reported that the next step for the Delaware Street property is a SEQR. Then they will proceed with stage 2 which is the design and construction.
- Councilman Armstrong questioned, “How are we making out with the Land Acquisition Pilot Program?” Supervisor Gregory stated we are at a stand still with that right now.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Councilman Armstrong informed the Board that he has supplied the Town Clerk with a sample sign to be placed in More Park for the purpose of garbage removal. I informed the Board that I am currently waiting for a proof and amount from Scott Machine Inc.

Discussion took place whether or not to place fencing or another barrier to keep vehicles off the grass at More Park. The Board was in agreement to start with signage first. Councilman Govern suggested contacting the County to have a sign erected on Route 206 to promote the park and post the dawn to dusk hours.

Supervisor Gregory stated he would make a call to the DOT.

Councilwoman Wood stated she had more pictures for the website.

Councilwoman Wood questioned the status of a generator? Superintendent Geidel stated the Hospital, Ace Hardware, The Fire Hall and the Waste Water Treatment Plant all currently have generators. He explained the problem with a portable one is knowing the size needed for the location.

Councilwoman Wood thought the Fire Hall was an evacuation place but Code Enforcement Officer Dutcher stated it was not. The United Presbyterian Church is the evacuation center.

Code Enforcement Officer stated the school at one time were looking into a generator but in order for them to be an evacuation center, they need a back up to the back up.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION #80

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wood seconded by Armstrong approving the vouchers as presented for payment. All in favor, motion carried.

General Fund A	#98-130	\$11,243.87
General OV Fund B	#6	\$ 210.00
General Hwy DA	#63-70	\$ 2,952.19
OV Hwy DB	#16-22	\$32,831.60

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RESOLUTION #81

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez-Betancourt, seconded by Govern to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing Computer Security and Legality of DA/DB Appropriation Determination All in favor, motion carried.

Entered 6:50 p.m.

Motion by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Govern to close executive session. All in favor, motion carried.

Out 7:15 p.m.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk