

**Stillwater Town Board
Agenda Meeting
July 21, 2011 7:00 PM
Stillwater Town Hall**

Present: Councilman Artie Baker
Councilwoman Lisa Bruno
Councilwoman Virginia Whitman
Supervisor Ed Kinowski

Also Present: Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk
James Trainor, Attorney for the Town
Sean Doty, Engineer for the Town

Absent: Councilman Ken Petronis
Mark Minick, Supt of Highways

Supervisor Kinowski called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.

Sue Cunningham, Town Clerk took the roll call.

Adoption of Minutes: **Motion** by Councilwoman Whitman and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to adopt the minutes of the June 16, 2011 Town Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Bid Opening (Trail Study)

1. Alta Planning & Design	\$17,980.00
2. CLA	\$18,000.00
3. Chazen	\$17,300.00
4. LA Group	\$17,878.00
5. Saratoga Associates	\$18,000.00

The bids will be turned over to the Trail Committee who will review and give their recommendation to the Town Board.

Agenda Items

Resolutions #48-#49

Resolution #48 **REGARDING PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS
FOR JOE COCOZZO PROPERTY**

Introduced by: Supervisor Kinowski

WHEREAS, Joe Cocozzo, landowners in the Town of Stillwater, intend to participate in the Saratoga County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program seeking to permanently preserve 70+/- acres of active farmland on Durham Road in the Town of Stillwater; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board views the preservation of agriculture as vital to the quality of life and economy of the town as evidenced by the Town of Stillwater Comprehensive Plan, Saratoga County Farmland Protection Plan, and Saratoga County Green Infrastructure Plan which recommends the use of conservation easements purchase of development rights as a tool to preserve agriculture and recognizes the importance of protection farmland and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that the grant application is worthy and will provide funding to permanently preserve the Cocozzo parcel for agricultural uses only; and

WHEREAS, the Town is an eligible applicant under the grant program and may hold and monitor the conservation easement:

Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Stillwater fully supports this application and shall act as the applicant, holding a conservation easement consisting of the development rights of the Cocozzo parcel, and shall periodically monitor conformance with the terms of the easement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to contract with Saratoga County and execute any documents necessary to accept and redistribute Farmland Protection funds, should the grant application be successful.

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to adopt Resolution #48.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution No. 48 of 2011 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilman Baker	YES
Councilman Petronis	ABSENT
Councilwoman Whitman	YES
Councilwoman Bruno	YES

Motion carried: Resolution No. 48 of 2011 was unanimously adopted.

Resolution #49

PURCHASE AND INSTALL STREET SIGNS

Introduced by: Councilwoman Whitman

WHEREAS, a need has been identified for nine (9) signs to be purchase and installed by the Highway Superintendant as follows:

5 signs for Hudson Avenue

1 sign for Graves Road

1 sign for Burello Court

2 signs for Post #1644; and

WHEREAS, competitive bidding is not required as the monetary threshold of General Municipal Law of §103 has not been reached;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent to enter into an agreement for the fabrication of nine (9) signs at a cost not to exceed Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00); and

Be it further,

RESOLVED, that the signs shall be installed by the Town Highway Department as follows:

5 signs for Hudson Avenue

1 sign for Graves Road

1 sign for Burello Court

2 signs for Post #1644

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to adopt Resolution #49.

A roll call vote was taken on Resolution #49 of 2011 as follows:

Supervisor Kinowski	YES
Councilman Baker	YES
Councilman Petronis	ABSENT
Councilwoman Whitman	YES
Councilwoman Bruno	YES

Motion carried. Resolution #49 was unanimously adopted.

Proclamation

PARENT’S DAY 2011

WHEREAS, we honor and celebrate parents, recognizing their skills, knowledge, time and responsibility require daily for effective parenting; and

WHEREAS, children need love, respect, caring and understanding along with the firm, consistent guidelines parents and other involved adults provide in order to prepare them for a good, happy life; and

WHEREAS, children thrive physically, emotionally and cognitively when parents are adequately equipped to know how to best enhance their own attitudes, knowledge and skills; and

WHEREAS, children’s most essential virtues are those modeled by parents and other concerned adults by the respect and consideration shown toward each other; and

WHEREAS, appropriate early experiences are vital to the development of a child’s brain and have shown to minimize later academic failure, depression, additions, teen pregnancy, delinquency and violent behavior; and

WHEREAS, competent parenting preparation is known to be the best way of reducing the abuse and neglect reported on three million children in the United States, as well as all these for whom reports are not filed; and

WHEREAS, physically and emotionally abused children are more likely to become involved in youth and adult violence and to pass abuse, neglect and violence on to following generations; and

WHEREAS, responsible parenting education will assist in preventing future child abuse by developing empathy, listening, problem solving and coping skills and an understanding of child development and appropriate discipline in our next generation of parents; and

WHEREAS, all children need and deserve fathers, mothers and adult role models who are prepared to be engaged, nurturing and effective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that July 24, 2011 be recognized as

PARENTS’ DAY in the TOWN OF STILWATER

And ask all adults who have regular contact with children to carefully plan and carry out at least one activity on this day to foster better parenting and nurturing skills.

**Reports Town Board
Councilwoman Whitman**

Day at the Races: Councilwoman Whitman reminded everyone about the Day at the Races.

Concert in the Park: Councilwoman Whitman reported that on August 31, 2011 there will be a concert in the park at the Blockhouse Park.

Boy Scout Troop #35: Councilwoman Whitman reported that Troop #35 of Stillwater was named Scout Troop of the year at the NYS Legion Convention recently.

Councilman Baker

Community Center: Councilman Baker reported on a new sign and lamp post outside the Community Center.

Supervisor Kinowski

Gateway to the Adirondacks: Supervisor Kinowski reported on the Saratoga & North Creek Railway.

Stillwater Glen Hollow Park: Supervisor Kinowski reminded everyone about the grand opening of the park on July 23rd.

Public Input

Art F inquired about the Adirondack train ride, water line, trail study and unemployment insurance rates.

Supervisor Kinowski stated that pamphlets were available out in the hallway, water line is to provide a secondary water source to the Town, trail study is a requested proposal not to exceed \$18000 which is covered through a grant and the unemployment fee being assessed is for businesses not municipalities.

Coke C. inquired about the trail and going through eminent domain if necessary. Supervisor Kinowski stated that the Town could go that way but doesn't think the Town would.

Audited Claims

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Whitman to pay the audited claims.

General	#225-#238	\$9957.20
Town Outside	#163-#182	\$9679.98
Highway	#267-#288	\$20464.35
Water & Sewer	#45	\$689.54
Capital Projects	#29	\$440.00

Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Baker and seconded by Councilwoman Bruno to adjourn into executive session for personnel issues. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by

Sue Cunningham
Stillwater Town Clerk