

**LUMBERLAND TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**March 2, 2016**

The Town of Lumberland Town Board held a monthly Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building in Glen Spey, N.Y. Supervisor Jenny Mellan opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Those members present were: Supervisor Jenny Mellan  
Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Leigh Sherman  
Councilman James Akt  
Councilman Joseph Carr  
Councilwoman Zoriana Gingold

Also present were Town Clerk Virginia Horn, Deputy Town Clerk Michele Myslinski, Rose Carr and Attorney for the Town Danielle Jose-Decker and Court Justice William J McKerrell.

Supervisor Mellan reported they will have an Executive Session later on in the meeting. The Attorney for the Town requested the Agenda be amended to read that the Executive Session was for a personnel issue regarding a specific person.

The Board members reviewed the Minutes and Monthly Reports. Supervisor Mellan stated that the Supervisor's Monthly Report and the Highway Superintendent's Monthly Report will be available at next Wednesday night's meeting.

The Board members reviewed the Correspondence. Supervisor Mellan reported that Time Warner Cable sent a listing of channels that may be eliminated from their service. Supervisor Mellan reported that Item #4 was the Grant Writers updates. Supervisor Mellan noted that Item #5 was notification from Catskill Regional Medical Center regarding their annual awards and recognition dinner. Supervisor Mellan reported that Item #6 was the Tax Collector's 2015 Annual Report.

Supervisor Mellan reported Item #7 was notification of a liquor license application for the former Mohican Inn which will become the Lake House Restaurant and the request for the Town to waive the 30 day waiting period. Supervisor Mellan reported she has drafted up a letter to be sent out if there are no objections to sending out the letter. The Town Clerk noted that the Restaurant was hoping to open by March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Mellan questioned if the Highway Expenditure of Monies form had to be a resolution? The Town Clerk verified that it did not and it only needed the Town Board signatures on it to be filed in her office and with the Highway Superintendent.

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Supervisor Mellan reported that she received a request from the nonprofit foundation to come speak at next week's Town Board meeting. The Board agreed and the Town Clerk will send notification that the foundation can speak for 15 minutes at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Councilman Sherman stated this foundation was connected to J.J. Hansen.

Supervisor Mellan reported that her Clerk and Confidential Assistant have been trained in updating the Town website and is requesting that the ad for the 2 Planning Board Alternate Members be put on the website. The Town Clerk also noted she will have an ad for the Cemetery Committee members that are needed plus the Committee Clerk. Councilman Sherman questioned if he could be a member of the Cemetery Committee? The Attorney for the Town verified that as a Town Board member you cannot sit on another Board, however, you can be on a Committee.

The Board members reviewed the Pre-filed Resolutions. Supervisor Mellan reported that Resolution #60 was to participate in the Best Value Awards program that is approved by the State for the use of purchasing and bids. Supervisor Mellan noted everything is covered under this program and we don't have to use the program if we don't want to.

Supervisor Mellan reported Resolution #61 was to amend the previously approved mileage reimbursement because the state has lowered the amount from 57.5 to 54 cents per mile. The Town Clerk noted that the Chief Constable got confirmation that the amount was lowered when he was filling out his NPS paperwork.

Supervisor Mellan reported Resolution #62 was to go out to bid for new windows and doors for the buildings that will complete a grant project. The Town Clerk noted that one of the doors to be replaced was the outside door to the Records Room. Councilman Carr stated he will talk to the Grant Writer regarding the doors downstairs in the Senior Center, noting they need to be handicap accessible.

Supervisor Mellan reported that #63 was for the continuing monitoring of the old landfill. The Town Clerk noted she needs to get in touch with the Engineering Firm that is doing the work to have them return the 2 boxes of landfill paperwork from the Records Room.

The Town Clerk reported that she received a request from a family that owned a plot in the Glen Spey Cemetery, noting that the adjacent plot to this family's plot will be purchased and the present owner of the existing plot will now be moved one plot over to accommodate another family member. The Town Clerk noted she drew up 2 new deeds.

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Supervisor Mellan reported that the Deputy Town Clerk recently had someone come in to license her dog but also wanted to license her cat because where she lived in New Jersey she had to license the cat. Supervisor Mellan noted that the Deputy Town Clerk verified that cats are not licensed in the State of New York. Supervisor Mellan stated that at a previous meeting it was brought to her attention that someone took someone else's cat and had it neutered and then charged the owner \$180 to get the cat back. The Deputy Town Clerk stated she did some research and came up with the New Jersey licenses for cats. Supervisor Mellan stated that cats should be treated the same as dogs and the Town should consider it. The Attorney for the Town will look into seeing if we can license cats.

Supervisor Mellan reported Peter Comstock dropped off letters to the Town Board members regarding the compressor station in the Town of Highland. The Town Clerk noted she did not receive a copy. The Board members discussed this issue.

Supervisor Mellan reported she received the renewal for the storage tank liability insurance policy. Supervisor Mellan noted that when the bookkeeper was appointed there was a 6 month probationary period included in the appointment which will be up in May. Supervisor Mellan stated that in May the Board can review the appointment. Supervisor Mellan stated that the bookkeeper is doing a wonderful job and has found several things that should have been done that were not done. Councilman Sherman noted the bookkeeper found a \$98,000 bill that would have had a \$7,000 fine if it had not been paid immediately. Supervisor Mellan reported they only ended up paying an additional \$59, noting that since the bill was only a day or two late the bigger fine was waived.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Sherman made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss particular personnel, seconded by Councilwoman Gingold, all in favor, so carried.

Councilman Akt made a motion to close the Executive Session at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Gingold, all in favor, so carried. Councilman Carr made a motion to reopen the Workshop Meeting at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Councilman Akt, all in favor, so carried.

Councilman Akt made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Gingold, all in favor, so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia V. Horn  
Town Clerk