

July 25, 2018

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their workshop meeting at 5:00 PM at the Grindstone Island Winery with the following present:

David M. Storandt Jr.
Lance Peterson
Kathleen E. LaClair

Mary Zovistoski
Nolan Knapp (absent)

Donna Patchen
William Sherman

James Jones
Andrea Morgan
Charlie Moehs
Rick Gregware
Francis Bazinet
Brenda Slate
Tom Tinney
Jim Helpinstill
Ben Barringer
Julie Tinney

Kim Johnston
Pam McDowell, TI Sun
Liz Raisbeck
Yuvon Marra
Art Cady
Erma Slate
Chris Braun
Tom Davison
Zell Stever
Mark Purcell

Janet Sullins
Sylvia Anderson Shoultes
Janet Gregware
Lloyds Edwards
Jayme Kady Smith
Phil Marra
Doreen Meeks
Henry Barringer
Jerry Visconti
Roxane Pratten

Pledge of Allegiance: Supervisor Storandt opened the meeting at 5:08 and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- ✓ Charter Communications informing of programming changes.
- ✓ NYS DEC Town of Clayton Dump to set up appointment to inspect Kilborn Lane Dump site.
- ✓ Received the Jefferson County Summer Rabies Vaccination Clinics schedule.
- ✓ Association of Towns presenting a free training seminar on ethics in the Town of Hopkinton on Tuesday, August 14th.
- ✓ Letter of resignation has been received from Heather Valadez effective August 3rd. She has been offered a full time position elsewhere.

Minutes: Motion was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Donna Patchen, to approve the minutes of July 11, 2018 Regular minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public - Comment of Agenda Items: None.

Workshop:

French Creek Road Abandonment: The Jefferson County Highway Superintendent will be hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 5 P.M. at our Town Board meeting at the Depauville Free Library, 32333 County Road 179, Depauville, NY for the purpose of hearing public comment for the qualified abandonment of a portion of French Creek Road in the Town of Clayton bounded only by lands of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Grindstone Cemetery Inventory Projects: Alicia Dewey and Kim Johnston have been to the island several times this past spring and summer, doing extensive work locating graves and information at the

Grindstone Cemetery. Jimmy Jones and his crew from Recreation Park have been erecting fencing and doing brushwork as well. There will be a new sign erected at the Cemetery.

Grindstone Delaney Bay Causeway: Last year with the excessive spring rains, Schoolhouse #1 (also known as the Lower Schoolhouse) had ground water seep in the schoolhouse. This schoolhouse has been turned into a museum and had some damage to a few artifacts. The road leading past the Schoolhouse out the Causeway had overflow problems and erosion problems due to the high water level. Highway Superintendent William Sherman indicated that the end of next week, the Highway Dept. will be on site, to put in a couple of culverts at that location.

On a question from the meeting, one attendee inquired if there were any plans available to look at. Supervisor Storandt indicated that we only have informal plans; FEMA has a one (1) page description of the area and have approved the informal plan for the culverts.

Chamber Costa Fishing Tournament Request: The Clayton Chamber of Commerce is requesting the Town to commit funding from the Bed Tax money for a repeat fishing tournament scheduled for September 2019. This is the FLW/Costa 100+ boat event in September next year after Labor Day weekend. The Chamber needs the Town's commitment to \$10,000 of funding from the 2019 bed tax.

Public – submitted requests to address the Board: No written requests were received.

Advertising for Fuel Bids: Supervisor Storandt feels it is too early to advertise and we will look at this the next meeting of August 8, 2018.

Questions/Comments:

- 1) Roxane Pratten stated she understood that the "White goods" had been picked up a couple of weeks ago. She didn't know that this was being done at that time and wasn't prepared. Next time could a "sandwich board sign" be erected at the little square near the Schoolhouse where everyone would see it so as to give warning to all?
- 2) Bill Sherman, Hwy. Superintendent stated that "metal goods", can go back with the highway crew next week.
- 3) Francis Bazinet stated that 40 vehicles have been located for removal from the island this fall. He has spoken with the carrier that will take the vehicles.
- 4) The road by the Church going up to Erma's is wearing back on the sides. Supt. Sherman stated he would look at this next week while on the island working.
- 5) Julie Tinney inquired if more calcium could be put down on the roads. Like other places, it has been very dry and dirt and dust is problematic. If you're following or meeting someone on the roads, it is very difficult to see. Supt. Sherman stated he thought some of last year's calcium plus one load of this year's calcium would be enough instead of the usual two loads. Next year he will put down two loads as usual.
- 6) There are a couple of spots about 200 yards up from the Schoolhouse coming toward the Winery, that there is not much vision "blind spots". Inquiry to look and see if those areas could be taken back a little bit. This is a rock outcropping and would need to be blasted back.
- 7) Mrs. Marra is looking for cold patching at the intersection.
- 8) Nolan Knapp will not be present for two or three of our meetings; he is downstate training.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Lance Peterson, to adjourn this Workshop Meeting at 5:28 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk

July 25, 2018

Special Meeting – Zoning; 2PM in the Town Board Room

PRESENT:

David M. Storandt Jr.

Nancy Hyde

Richard Ingerson

Mary Zovistoski

Doug Rogers

Kathy LaClair

Donna Patchen

Dale Maclaughlin

Meeting opened by Supervisor Storandt at 2:00 PM.

PAST:

Supervisor Storandt stated that this committee had met on 6/22 and thirty days had elapsed. We had expressed interest that we would meet again in about thirty days to see where we are now.

Supervisor has met with the Zoning/Codes Officer and they have looked at cases to see if we're comfortable with what had transpired i.e.: paperwork, advertising, applications, board review has all been timely, etc. in the past month. They had even looked at a few random applications from further back.

Dale Maclaughlin would like to see the stipulations follow through on sign applications like NAPA and where the process is at present. Other issues like zoning, setbacks, etc. Did further investigation from approval take place and if setbacks were accurate.

Councilwoman Donna Patchen is concerned that the present laws are being used and that the job is done properly. We need to go by the book, follow the rules, and ensure that the rules are the same for everyone.

Village Trustee Nancy Hyde discussed with Planning Board Chair Doug Rogers whether the conditions the Planning Board gives the applicant are followed. Do the conditions follow through to a new owner years late? If a shed is erected out back of a dwelling, does the setback get checked and if it is not what was approved, what are the ramifications? She has concerns about safety factors.

If there were any conditions put on by the Planning Board for Chris' Redemption Center; are they being followed? Initially the collection was not supposed to have a tractor trailer box sitting there all the time. Ms. Hyde would like to see the conditions herself and not have questions of what the Zoning/Codes Officer says.

CURRENT VIOLATIONS:

Dale Maclaughlin questioned all the signs at the corner gas station. They have several signs there. It looks like they just repainted the ones that were there prior.

Pl. Bd. Chair Rogers explained that a person can leave the original sign board and just revamp the verbiage. That is and has been allowed, plus he was allowed 1 sandwich board at the corner.

Mr. Ingerson stated that he also told Mr. Phinney that he couldn't have any signs on the pumps, but sometime after, the pumps had signs put on them. Mr. Phinney was upset as these signs had cost him \$500 to have made.

Mr. Ingerson stated the Zoning Board of Appeals wants NAPA to come into compliance and make application then come to the ZBA Board for review.

After the last ZBA meeting, Chairman Jim Kenney verbally told Mr. Ingerson to wait on sending out violation letters. We should have the sign law redone first.

Mr. Ingerson stated that after last month's Committee meeting, he sent a letter of violation to NAPA, stating they need to come in and get a permit for his signs. Mr. Phinney also was sent a violation concerning his signs on the pumps, which to date has been ignored. These just went out last week as Mr. Ingerson has been very busy with walk-ins, phone calls and seminars, etc.

There have been several violations the last few months. Process is to send a letter, wait two (2) weeks, send an "Order to Remedy"; if this is not done then we take to court.

Mr. Ingerson stated that the Chateau needed their final inspection. Doug Rogers went with Richard to look at; if there were violations or something hadn't been completed then a violation to remedy would have been issued and another inspection would have followed upon owners call noting things had been now completed and now ready for another inspection.

Mr. Ingerson also expressed that there have been several times upon measuring for setbacks he has found where people have not built to what was needed and they were verbally ordered to remedy and another inspection followed.

Jonathan Taylor presented two sets of plans, both signed and sealed. The board received one and was approved; however he built to the other specifications. When that happens the applicant needs to come back to the board and get permission and/or show updated version of plans before building.

Doug Rogers stated that his committee is reviewing things like the signs and having working meetings between regular meetings. Possibly a ZBA member could also join the meeting.

FUTURE:

The committee is looking for the Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer to give a monthly report of activities to the Town Board. Differentiate between Permits, Variance, Violations, etc.

Looking for time lines on how long it takes from start to finish of an application. (Getting idea of in-office meetings, paperwork time, inspections, follow ups, pictures, etc. for budgeting purposes).

Looking for "software updates and programs" to help accomplish different tasks.

The Committee is looking at possibly having a couple more of these meetings. Supervisor Storandt will look at doing another 30 +/- day meeting and let everyone know date and time.

Trustee Nancy Hyde discussed ideas that have been floating around i.e.: 30 bike racks in front of various businesses & possibly "Sandwich boards".

Meeting disbursed at 3:00 PM.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk