

Supervisor David P. Kelly opened the Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:30 PM August 4, 2010 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Johnson, Upham, Mayer and approximately 30 interested citizens. Councilman Watson was absent.

**TOWN BOARD
WORKSHOP**

Supervisor Kelly said the Board would discuss the proposed Resolutions. Following discussion, the Board agreed that Resolutions 155, 156, 157, 158 and 159 would be added to the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Kelly said the next agenda items is a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan. The public hearing was duly noticed in the Poughkeepsie Journal. The parameters would be that comments would be limited to three minutes so everyone gets a chance to speak. This public hearing is a requirement that is set in General Municipal Law 272, 6(b), which states “the Board preparing the comprehensive plan shall hold one or more public hearings or such other meetings as it deems necessary to assure full opportunity for citizen’s participation in preparation of such proposed plan or amendment.” This public hearing is something that should have been done nearly two years ago, before the first meetings this should have been done. This is a procedural thing the Board is doing to start the process. The things the Board will hear tonight in consideration of the Comprehensive Plan are general statements of goals, objectives, principals and policies, consideration of regional needs, consideration of land uses, consideration of agricultural uses, historical and cultural resources, consideration of public demographic socioeconomic trends and future trends, location and types of transportation facilities, existing and proposed location of public or private utilities and infrastructures, existing house resources and future housing needs including affordable housing, the present and future general locations of educational cultural facilities, cultural sites, health facilities and facilities for emergency services, existing and proposed recreational facilities and parkland, present and potential future general locations for commercial/industrial sites. This public hearing is for the public to give their chance to speak on what they would like the Town Board/Special Board to consider and what to look at in putting a plan together. The Board will not hear comments on what the community thinks is in the draft plan. Supervisor Kelly opened the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING
ON
COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN**

Mr. Don Jiskra asked if there would be public hearings on the Comprehensive Plan itself.

Supervisor Kelly said once the Draft Comprehensive Plan is released, they would have a series of meetings on the plan itself. This public hearing is a procedural thing that should have been done prior to the development of a Draft Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Ross Daniels said he has been involved in affordable housing in Pawling for many years. He said the Affordable Housing Board submitted a report to the Town Board on the need or lack thereof for affordable housing in Pawling in late 2007. He asked if the Committee had that in hand and had taken that into account in the Draft Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Kelly said he would get Mr. Daniels the answer to that question. This question is related to what is in the body of the Draft Master Plan and he would check on it.

Mr. Thomas Casson said he owns 63 River Road and along River Road are the Transfer Station, the Highway Department, and the Pistol Range and now there is talk about having school busses either on River Road at the Transfer Station or on Dodge Road at what was the YMCA property. He has 72 acres on River Road and he has been in contact with representatives of the school and they were interested but he hasn’t heard from them. His property is for sale but the major problems are the Transfer Station, Pistol Range and trucks and potentially busses going through River Road. He can’t sell his property because of the surroundings. He asked if there was any way a log splitting business could be allowed on his property as he has a party who is interested in his property and they want to conduct that type of business.

Phil DeRosa said he would like to see the Board look at the bulk regulations especially in the Whaley Lake area where it is zoned one acre. This area was subdivided many years ago and most of the lots are one quarter acre. Anytime people want to do any improvements over there, they usually need to get a variance and it ties up the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Zoning Board seems to always grant these variances. Those types of things should be looked at and changed. The other

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PLAN CONTINUED

thing he felt the Board should look at is expanded the commercial tax base somehow. He suggested looking at the bulk regulations and possibly changing the building height requirement and possibly putting parking underground.

There were no further comments and Supervisor Kelly closed the public hearing.

The motion to allow written comments on the public hearing to be accepted until the first Wednesday in September was made by Supervisor Kelly, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Kelly announced that the Draft Comprehensive Plan would be posted on the Town's website tomorrow and hard copies would be available for purchase at a fee of \$25.00 available tomorrow also. There will be a copy at the Pawling Free Library also.

KELLY

Supervisor Kelly reported that the closure of Lakeside Park happened due to the finding of asbestos on the site and he signed a Local State of Emergency which started on July 22, 2010 and ended on Sunday evening. The cleanup is finished and buildings are now down and there is a vast open area which the Town has promised for a long time. He understood that people were displaced for a little while. He thanked Melissa Smith, Recreation Director and her staff for finding places for camp to open last week. He also thanked the Town Clerk, Cathy Giordano and Deputy Town Clerk for helping to call everyone when the park was closed. It was an incredible sight to see everyone come together to work on this. The constables and Wendel Weber, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds also came to help. The community also stepped up to the plate, The Mizzenotop School and Trinity Pawling School for the benefit of the kids. This is how the Town of Pawling works. Supervisor Kelly announced the Pawling Carnival would be this Friday and Saturday and the new site is Lakeside Park. He hoped everyone would come to the carnival and support the Fireman. The parade begins in the Village on Saturday at 3:00 PM. Supervisor Kelly said there was an East of Hudson Stormwater Management meeting where a grant from NYS Department of Environmental Protection was discussed. The grant is for stormwater management for runoff of the roads. Supervisor Kelly said he has been working with resident Jennifer Panzer and other interested residents regarding putting a playground system together. The playground system will cost approximately \$60,000.00 plus installation. It will go on the west side of the beachfront in the natural flat area. A majority of this would be paid for with Community Development Block Grant Funds from Dutchess County. Supervisor Kelly thanked the Town Hall staff for allowing the Recreation Department to move into Town Hall and take over and run their offices from the Town Hall. It was nice to see everyone working together.

JOHNSON

Councilman Johnson agreed with Supervisor Kelly, saying it was wonderful to see everyone working together and applauded Melissa Smith, Wendel Weber and Cathy Giordano. The Town now has a beautiful "great lawn" for everyone to enjoy. The Counselors were also great and it was under good leadership. He also commented that he had a chance to see one of the rain barrels and thought it was terrific and hoped there would be another rain barrel seminar. He stated that golf is going well, although the grass is very dry.

MAYER

Councilman Mayer said the Building Department revenues are up a little bit.

UPHAM

Councilman Upham encouraged the Pawling Press to continue to focus on the Comprehensive Plan and give it as much coverage as they can. The GED Program through Dutchess Community College starts next month at the Town Hall.

HIGHWAY

John Daley, Highway Superintendent said there was a big wash out on Cox Road. He used an in house engineer to get the NYS DEC permits he needed. The large rock they needed was donated by Land Works Excavating, the medium rock they needed he took from the ballfields and the soil was recycled from Game Farm Road so he completed that project with no cost.

BUILDINGS &
GROUNDS

Wendel Weber, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds stated that while the park was closed, they took down a couple of buildings that were falling down and a metal shed in the back. He thanked the Board for giving him the extra person and the Board will see the results of that.

Melissa Smith, Recreation Director thanked her staff and the community for all of their help during the closure of the park.

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RECREATION**

John Thomes, County Legislator said it was very nice to see everyone working together.

**COUNTY
LEGISLATOR**

Supervisor Kelly opened the meeting for public comment.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Steven Solozzo said it was nice to see everyone come together with the closure of Lakeside Park. He asked if there was any additional cost to the taxpayer for the additional asbestos found at Lakeside Park. He asked if the company who did the work would be held responsible or if it would left to the taxpayer to pay.

Supervisor Kelly said his first goal was to mitigate the problem. He has been on the phone with the Department of Labor and would be working out who is responsible and who is liable.

Don Jiskra said his kids were in camp and it went really well. He wondered why that work was being done while camp was going on and why it wasn't done earlier or later in the year.

Supervisor Kelly said this project was slated to be completed before the kids were out of school but additional asbestos was found in the building and that extended the time out into the demolition time. The Recreation Director and Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds met with the Department of Health to talk about the project moving forward while camp was in session and the Department of Health set some parameters and said it was not an issue to have camp in session. All of the Department of Health guidelines were met. The project was under the coordination of the Department of Health's okay to move forward with the project because it was thought the asbestos was gone. The company doing the construction was held to all of the parameters that were set and the Town was working under the best information they had from the professionals.

Bill McGuinness said regarding the Master Plan, he agreed with what Mr. DeRosa said earlier in that there is not much opportunity left to expand the Town's tax base and get revenues for the Town. The industrial parcel in the corner of Route 22 and Route 55 is one of the few remaining opportunities. He believed with the proper controls in place in the way of zoning and a good site plan approval process, he felt the Town could get something nice there that would bring in revenues for the Town and ease the burden of taxes. He felt the Town needed more commercial areas to ease the burden of the taxes.

Diana Cretella said she has gone through the RFI's that were submitted for Lakeside Park and she would like to see them seriously considered, whether it was her proposal or other peoples proposals. She felt the other plan that was submitted was phenomenal and she felt the Town should get that done as it would add to the tax base and create jobs.

Christine Walters felt communication should be improved on time lines. During the park closure, there was a lot of confusion and she felt the public could be better informed on time lines for projects. She also expressed concern about the general repair and maintenance of Murrow Park.

Supervisor Kelly felt with the development of the new website, people would be more informed. He said he would speak with Wendel Weber about the condition of Murrow Park.

Tim Casson asked if the Town was considering the school busses at Lakeside Park on Dodge Road. Mr. Casson felt the Town was throwing away \$600,000.00 per year because it has not been decided where to park the busses.

Supervisor Kelly said that is one proposal that was submitted by the Pawling Central School District. There is a shared services proposal that is being discussed with the Town, Village, School and engineer and is in the hands of the Town's attorney and engineer's attorney who are working on getting a signed contract.

The motion to adjourn was made at 8:15 PM by Supervisor Kelly, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk