

LAKE PEEKSKILL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MEETING
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015
10:00 AM
TOWN HALL
265 OSCAWANA LAKE ROAD
PUTNAM VALLEY, NY 10579

IN ATTENDANCE: JACKIE ANNABI – COUNCILWOMAN
STEVE MACKAY – COUNCILMAN
LOUIE LUONGO – COUNCILMAN
JUDY TRAVIS – DISTRICT CLERK
RICH QUAGLIETTA – BUILDING INSPECTOR

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:10 AM BY COUNCILWOMAN ANNABI.

RICH QUAGLIETTA INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO THE LAKE PEEKSKILL RESIDENTS. HE HAS BEEN THE BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR THE PAST 10 MONTHS. RICH INFORMS THE RESIDENTS THAT HE HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN LAKE PEEKSKILL AND HAS ISSUED 52 VIOLATIONS. HE GIVES SOME SPECIFIC ADDRESSES AND UPDATES RESIDENTS ON THE PROGRESS OF THOSE VIOLATIONS. BANK OWNED PROPERTIES ARE PROBLEMATIC. IF THE VIOLATIONS ARE NOT CLEANED UP BY THE BANK, THE TOWN WILL REMEDY THE VIOLATION AND ADD THE COST TO THE TAX ROLL. THERE ARE ALSO SOME ILLEGAL BUSINESS IN LAKE PEEKSKILL THAT HE IS DEALING WITH.

RICH ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO CALL HIS OFFICE AND/OR COME IN TO TOWN HALL AND FILL OUT A COMPLAINT FORM IF THEY SEE A VIOLATION. PATTI SMITH THE FORMER DOG CONTROL OFFICER NOW WORKS WITH RICH IN CHECKING ON AND ISSUING VIOLATIONS.

RICH EXPLAINS THE THREE STEP PROCESS IN ATTEMPTING TO CLEAN UP VIOLATIONS. A FEW RESIDENTS POINT OUT TO RICH SEVERAL AREAS AND ADDRESSES THAT NEED ATTENTION. HE RESPONDS THAT HE WILL CHECK INTO THEM. A RESIDENT ASKS ABOUT A HOUSE THAT WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE. RICH EXPLAINS THAT THERE WAS AN INVESTIGATION ON THAT SITE AND THE HOUSE WILL BE TAKEN DOWN. TEAR DOWNS BECOME A LENGTHY LEGAL PROCESS.

A RESIDENT STATES THAT CLEANING UP VIOLATIONS IN LAKE PEEKSKILL WILL BOOST PROPERTY VALUES.

JACKIE ANNABI NOTES THAT MANY OF THE ABANDONED CARS NOTED AROUND LAKE PEEKSKILL HAVE BEEN REMOVED.

A RESIDENT POINTS OUT TO RICH AN AREA ACROSS THE STREET FROM HIM ON LAKE DRIVE HAS SEVERAL OLD CARS THAT HAVE BEEN THERE FOR YEARS. RICH MAKES NOTE OF THE ADDRESS AND WILL CHECK ON THIS. RICH EXPLAINS THE PROCESS USED FOR TAGGING UNREGISTERED VEHICLES.

A RESIDENT MAKES A SUGGESTION THAT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT KEEP AS LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT WILL ACCEPT CAR DONATIONS.

RICH STATES THAT IF A RESIDENT EXPRESSES A HARDSHIP OR ASKS HOW TO CLEAR UP A VIOLATION, HE WILL ASSIST IN ANY WAY HE CAN.

SAM OLIVERO STATES THAT HE HAS FOUND THAT THE MOST DIFFICULT VIOLATIONS TO DEAL WITH COME FROM RENTAL PROPERTIES. MOST OFTEN THE LANDLORD LIVES OUT OF TOWN AND IS UNRESPONSIVE TO VIOLATION NOTICES.

COUNCILWOMAN ANNABI STATES THAT SHE HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY SEVERAL RESIDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN EITHER LAKE PEEKSKILL HAVING THEIR OWN DOG PARK OR OPENING THE BEACHES FOR A SHORT TIME EACH DAY ALLOWING DOGS TO SWIM.

SHE STATES THAT THERE IS A LOT OF EXPENSE AND CONCERNS WITH BOTH OPTIONS. A DOG PARK WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSIVE FENCING WITH GATES, AN AREA FOR SMALL DOGS, AN AREA FOR LARGE DOGS, WASTE BAGS AND CANS FOR DISPOSAL, MONITORING ETC. INSURANCE PREMIUMS WOULD GO UP AS PER OUR INSURANCE AGENT. THE TOWN ALREADY HAS A DOG PARK WITHIN THE PARK. IT DOESN'T SEEM FEASIBLE FOR LAKE PEEKSKILL.

JACKIE ANNABI ADDRESSES THE SUBJECT OF DOGS SWIMMING IN THE LAKE. INCREASED LIABILITY, NO CONTROL, LARGE DOGS SWIMMING WITH SMALL DOGS. WHO WOULD OVERSEE THIS? WHO WOULD HANDLE BITES, FIGHTS, CLEAN UP ETC. THERE IS AN ORDINANCE IN THE TOWN CODE WHICH BANS DOGS FROM THE BEACHES.

PRISCILLA KERESSEY – SPEAKS ABOUT HER ORIGINAL IDEA. SHE SUGGESTS ONE NIGHT PER WEEK FROM 7-8:30 PM, ROTATING FROM BEACH TO BEACH. THIS WOULD HELP WITH THE GOOSE PROBLEM. SHE WILL VOLUNTEER TO MONITOR, CLEAN UP, MAKE SURE DOGS HAVE LICENSING AND RESIDENTS HAVE BEACH TAGS. SUGGESTS A SIGN IN SHEET WITH NAME AND CONTACT INFO. THE MIXING OF SMALL AND BIG DOGS IS UNDERSTANDABLE. ONE NIGHT FOR DOGS OVER 30LBS ONE NIGHT FOR UNDER 30 LBS. SHE DOES NOT SEE THE OPTION OF MAKING CARRARA'S BEACH A DOG BEACH. THE COMMUNITY DOES NOT WANT TO LOSE A BEACH. SUGGEST A PILOT PROGRAM TO SEE HOW IT GOES. SHE ADDRESSES THE FACT THAT THE TOWN BOARD WOULD HAVE TO AMEND THE TOWN CODE WHICH NOW BANS DOGS FROM THE BEACHES.

A LAKE PEEKSKILL RESIDENT EXPRESSES CONCERNS ABOUT HAVING DOGS ON THE SAND IN THE EVENING AND THEN SMALL CHILDREN ON THE SAND THE NEXT DAY. HE STATES IF THIS MOVES FORWARD HE WOULD PREFER IT TO BE LIMITED TO ONE BEACH AREA.

P. KERESSEY STATES THAT THE BEACHES ALL HAVE AREAS ADJACENT TO THE SAND IN WHICH THE DOGS COULD ENTER THE WATER.

J. ANNABI – THE TOWN BOARD WILL HAVE TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING IN ORDER FOR THE TOWN CODE TO BE AMENDED AND THIS TOPIC CAN BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AT THAT TIME.

A LAKE PEEKSKILL RESIDENT VOICES CONCERNS THAT IF ONE OF THE BEACHES, TO WHICH RESIDENTS HAVE DEEDED RIGHTS, BECAME A DOG SWIMMING BEACH IT WOULD BE A “TAKING” OF THEIR PROPERTY.

J. ANNABI STRESSES THAT A FINAL DECISION CAN NOT BE MADE HERE AND NOW. SHE WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THE TOWN CALENDAR AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING.

P. KERESSEY AGAIN STATES THAT THIS SHOULD BE A PILOT PROGRAM TO SEE IF IT WORKS OUT.

JACKIE ANNABI DISCUSSES THE SUBJECT OF ABANDONED BOATS AT CARRARA’S BEACH. TED ALONG WITH SOME LPCA VOLUNTEERS WENT THROUGH THE BOATS AND MADE A LIST OF BOATS WITH EXPIRED GREEN TAGS. OUT OF 70 BOATS ONLY A HANDFUL WERE REMOVED. MOST OF THE BOATS AT CARRARA’S HAVE VALID STICKERS EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY NOT HAVE BEEN USED IN SOME TIME.

TED MUNIAK STATES THAT HE SPOKE TO SOME OF THE AVID FISHERMAN WHO USE THE LAKE AND THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY AN ANNUAL FEE TO THE DISTRICT TO STORE THEIR BOATS THERE AND THE FEES COULD BE USED TO BUILD BOAT RACKS. TED NOTED THAT THERE IS VERY LITTLE IN THE TOWN CODE ADDRESSING BOAT STORAGE IN LAKE PEEKSKILL. HE ASKS THAT JACKIE SPEAK TO THE TOWN ATTORNEY ABOUT PASSING A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD DESIGNATE AREAS OF CARRARA’S BEACH PROPERTY AS A BOAT STORAGE AREA BUT MAINTAIN THE BEACH AREA.

JACKIE ANNABI STATES THAT THE LITTER CLEAN UP IN LAKE PEEKSKILL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. ABOUT 30 RESIDENTS PARTICIPATED. THERE WILL BE A TOWN WIDE CLEAN UP ON MAY 30.

TED MUNIAK SUGGESTS THAT IN THE FALL WHEN THE LAKE LEVEL GOES DOWN ENOUGH THAT RESIDENTS GET TOGETHER AND CLEAN DEBRIS ALONG THE SHORELINE.

BRIEF DISCUSSION ON LAKE LOWERING. RESIDENTS REQUEST THAT IT BE POSTED ON THE WEB SITE AFTER THE TOWN BOARD AUTHORIZES THE LAKE LOWERING.

TED MUNIAK STATES THAT HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE CONTRACTOR THAT RESTORED THE VETS MONUMENT A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. THE PLAQUE “GOD BLESS AMERICA” HAD BEEN VANDALIZED AND THE INSURANCE COVERED THE DAMAGE. THIS WILL HOPEFULLY BE REPLACED BEFORE MEMORIAL DAY.

JACKIE ANNABI DISCUSSES THE PARKING LOT IN LAKE PEEKSKILL. THE PARKING LOT IS IN BAD SHAPE. THIS PROJECT WILL NEED TO GO OUT TO BID. THE PAVEMENT IS CRUMBLING AND LIFTING IN SOME AREAS.

A RESIDENT ASKS ABOUT A PERMEABLE SURFACE RATHER THAN ASPHALT.

STEVE MACKAY FEELS THAT THIS TYPE OF SURFACE MAY BE DIFFICULT TO PAVE. ONE RESIDENT EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT CARS PARKED ON A PERMAEABLE SURFACE AND THE RISK OF OIL OR GASOLINE LEAKS BEING SO CLOSE TO THE LAKE AND TO SURROUNDING WELLS.

JACKIE STATES THAT WE WILL NEED AN ENGINEER TO EVALUATE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND WE CAN POSSIBLY BID IT OUT FOR BOTH A PERMEABLE SURFACE AS WELL AS ASPHALT.

DISCUSSION ON THE LAKE MANAGEMENT STUDY BEING DONE BY PRINCETON HYDRO. FRED LUBNOW HAS BEEN IN TOUCH AND HAS COMPLETED ANALYZING THE DATA MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM INCLUDING THE RECENT CSLAP REPORT. HE IS WORKING ON THE MANAGEMENT PLAN NOW. THE 2014 CSLAP REPORT HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE WEB SITE.

J ANNABI INFORMS RESIDENTS THAT FRIEDLE HAS BEEN OUT ADDLING GOOSE EGGS. IF A RESIDENT HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF A NEST PLEASE CONTACT HIM. JUDY CAN PROVIDE FRIEDLE'S PHONE NUMBER.

DISCUSSION ON THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY WEB SITE. SOME RESIDENTS FIND THE WEB SITE TO BE NOT USER FRIENDLY. GLEN BAISLEY IS THE WEB MASTER HE CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH THE WEB SITE AND MAY BE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS.

DISCUSSION BETWEEN JACKIE ANNABI AND A FEW RESIDENTS WHO REMAIN ABOUT SPEEDING PROBLEMS AND SPEED BUMP INSTALLATION. JACKIE STATES THAT SHE HAS RESEARCHED THE SPEED BUMP SUGGESTION MANY TIMES AND THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED IN LAKE PEEKSKILL. THERE ARE MANY RESTRICTIONS AS TO WHERE THEY CAN BE PLACED.

STEVE MACKAY STATES THAT RESIDENTS AS WELL AS THE TOWN BOARD NEED TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPT TO INCREASE PATROLS AND CURB SPEEDING.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JUDITH TRAVIS
DISTRICT CLERK
5/1/15