

Work Session held by the Town Board,
Town of Yorktown on February 26, 2008 held at
Yorktown Town Hall, Yorktown Heights, NY

Present: Donald S. Peters, Supervisor
James Martorano, Councilman
Nicholas Bianco, Councilman
Matthew Metz, Councilman
Louis Campisi, Councilman
Alice E. Roker, Town Clerk

WORK SESSION

Supervisor Donald S. Peters called the meeting to order. Town Attorney John Buckley was also present.

BIODIVERSITY STUDY

Assistant Planner, Lorraine DeSisto and Mike Fischman, Gregory Leverman and Drew Wankee, representatives of Sterns and Wheeler participated in this discussion

Mrs. DeSisto explained that the Town of Yorktown was awarded a grant for \$30,000 to conduct a town-wide bio diversity study. A (RFP) Request for Proposals was sent out and Sterns and Wheeler was chosen.

Members of the Town Board expressed concern since a biodiversity study had been conducted several years ago, areas north of Route 202 were not included in the study. Councilman Bianco also explained that he did not want to have this study make any conclusions regarding zoning matters. That he says is the purview of the Town Board.

Mr. Fischman explained that he was unaware of the prior study. The project is to implement a biodiversity habitat conservation program, in conjunction with an Intermunicipal Agreement within the Hudson River Estuary area. The project will provide scientific based methodology to be used within the Town of Yorktown. The information will be placed on the town's GIS (Geographic Information System.)

A resolution will be prepared for the next meeting.

VILLAS ON THE LAKE CONDOS – ROUTE 6 MOHEGAN LAKE

Councilman Nicholas Bianco discussed with the Board development in Mohegan Lake.

The Town Board listed many residents living in the condominiums off Route 6 who expressed their concern about what they say is happening to the Planning Board. They believe the Planning Board has too many issues on each agenda. Several residents spoke about severe traffic congestion in Mohegan Lake. Others raised the issue of a general utility easement which they say Wallauer's was illegally built on.

Councilman Bianco stated that he believes the Town Board should take site plan approval for commercial sites away from the Planning Board. He will formally introduce a resolution to this effect at a future meeting.

ST. GEORGE'S WINERY

Tom DeChiaro and his Attorney, Adrienne Hunt were present to discuss with the Board what the next steps for the winery would be.

The Town Board explained that the business requires a rezoning and that an application must be submitted. They further stated that the business must demonstrate

what it would do to help alleviate the traffic buildup on Route 6 in order to be granted a rezoning.

YORKTOWN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Police Chief Daniel McMahon, the Fire Chiefs of the Mohegan and Yorktown Fire Districts and the head of the Yorktown Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Mohegan Fire District's Volunteer Ambulance Corps were present for this discussion.

Police Chief McMahon explained that a new law will require each municipality to have a central Emergency Management site. He is requesting that the Board designate the bottom of the Courthouse as the site.

The Town Clerk explained that the voting machines are currently in this site. When the Westchester County Board of Elections takes physical possession of these machines or designates the use of new machines which the Board will house, she has no objections.

The Board stated they will revisit this subject if and when the law takes effect.

2007 BUDGET TRANSFERS

Town Comptroller Joan Goldberg was present to discuss 2007 budget transfers.

The Board will approve these transfers at the next meeting.

APPOINTMENT LABORER

MICHAEL ALIMONTI – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION #96

Upon motion made by Councilman Martorano, seconded by Councilman Bianco,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Michael Alimonti is hereby appointed Laborer in the Parks & Recreation Department effective March 3, 2008, to be paid from Yorktown CSEA Salary Schedule A, Group 5, Step 1 which is \$38,438 annually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment is subject to a probationary period of not less than 12 nor more than 52 weeks.

Peters, Bianco, Martorano, Campisi, Metz Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

APPOINTMENT LABORER

PATRICIA COLE – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION #97

Upon motion made by Councilman Metz, seconded by Councilman Campisi,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Patricia Cole is hereby appointed Laborer in the Highway Department effective March 3, 2008, to be paid from Yorktown CSEA Salary Schedule A, Group 5, Step 5 which is \$47,000 annually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment is subject to a probationary period of not less than 12 nor more than 52 weeks.

Peters, Bianco, Martorano, Campisi, Metz Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

TOW BID

Herman Schultz, owner of Yorktown Auto Body asked the Board why they decided to rebid the Town Bid, rather than renew his contract.

Councilman Campisi explained that he wanted this done because Mr. Schultz was consistently late with his payments.

Mr. Schultz explained that the present contract does not have dates in it and that at times because the amount owed is quite a bit, he had to borrow the funds.

The Board will discuss this in executive session.

COLD WAR EXEMPTIONS
RESOLUTION #98

Upon motion made by Councilman Bianco, seconded by Councilman Metz,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board, Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York at the Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York on the 4th day of March, 2008 at 7:30 o'clock PM, or as soon thereafter as the same can be heard for the purpose of creating a new local law giving a property tax exemption to veterans who served on active duty for more than one year in the United States Armed Forces between September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991.

A copy of the entire proposed law is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

All persons in interest and citizens may be heard at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid.

Peters, Bianco, Martorano, Campisi, Metz Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Campisi moved, seconded by Councilman Martorano, to move into Executive Session to discuss the employment of a particular person.

Councilman Campisi moved, seconded by Councilman Martorano to move out of Executive Session and return to the work session.

Supervisor Peters appointed the following:

Liaison to ABACA:	Councilman Campisi
Liaison to Cable Committee:	Supervisor Peters & Councilman Bianco
Liaison to Conservation Board:	Councilmen Bianco & Campisi
Liaison to Affordable Housing Board:	Councilman Martorano
Liaison to Library Board:	Councilmen Martorano & Metz
Liaison to Open Space Committee:	Councilman Bianco
Liaison to Recreation Committee:	Supervisor Peters
Liaison to Planning Board:	Councilman Bianco
Liaison to Traffic Advisory Board:	Councilmen Metz & Campisi
Liaison to Utilities Oversight Committee:	Councilman Martorano
Liaison to Zoning Board of Appeals:	Councilman Campisi
Liaison to Police Advisory Board:	Councilmen Martorano, Campisi & Bianco
Liaison to Lakeland School Board:	Councilmen Bianco & Martorano
Liaison to Yorktown School Board:	Supervisor Peters & Councilman Metz
Liaison to Tree Conservation Advisory:	Gunter Beyer

ADJOURN

Councilman Campisi moved, seconded by Councilman Metz to adjourn the Town Board meeting.

Alice E. Roker
Town Clerk

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