

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
October 3, 2012  
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster held a Regular Meeting on October 3, 2012 at 7:30 PM at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509.

Attendees:

Mayor: James Schoenig  
Deputy Mayor and Trustee: Christine Piccini  
Trustees; Tom Boissonnault, Mary Bryde, Terri Stockburger  
Village Engineer: John Folchetti  
Village Counsel: Anthony Molé,  
Clerk & Treasurer: Peter Hansen

Absent:

Pledge to flag.

Notation of Exits

Mayor Schoenig motions to open the regular meeting, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.

Regular Meeting

1. Proclamations – in appreciation for service above and beyond;
  - 1.1. Bob Dumont – Mayor Schoenig commends Mr. Dumont for his outstanding work on behalf of the Village of Brewster. Art Beat, the Film Festival, and his general positive attitude has been an example to us all and it has been a pleasure working with him. Mr. Dumont takes the opportunity to briefly discuss next year's (2013) dates for the Film Festival - August 31<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of 9/7. Mr. Dumont is also working with Landmarks Preservation to investigate building a stage into the Walter Brewster House lawn permanently for more frequent use of the venue during the year.
  - 1.2. Todd Gianguzzi – Mayor Schoenig commends Mr. Gianguzzi on behalf of the village. Mr. Gianguzzi, through his own initiative, raised money, procured equipment, and installed cameras at the Police Station to enhance the security for our Police department at 208 Main Street.
2. Ragamuffin Parade – Janet Ward and Pastor Rick Julian representing Brewster First Baptist Church provided a description of the event. Mayor Schoenig motions to approve the Ragamuffin Parade Permit for Saturday October 27, 2012 with a rain date of 10/28/12 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM starting at Markel Park and ending at the Library Parking Lot, waiving all fees, Trustee Bryde 2<sup>nd</sup> – Discussion: Deputy Mayor Piccini asks about CCD traffic at that hour. Ms. Ward said they will be providing two crossing guards. Erin Meagher expresses her opposition to having Main Street closed for two hours on a Saturday as that is the busiest time for the businesses on Main Street. Mayor Schoenig explains that the street closing will not be for two hours but rather 15 to 30 minutes. All in favor 4 to 0. 1 Abstention: Trustee Stockburger
3. SEQR Conditional Determinations
  - 3.1. Mayor Schoenig motions to declare a Conditioned Negative Declaration pursuant to the SEQRA as per Resolution No. 100312-1 as written in concurrence with DEC's recommendations, DEP's concurrence with contaminated soil disposal, and add the condition that the Army Corps of Engineers accepts the USFWS/NYSDEC web based information confirming the absence of threatened and endangered species and approvals on Tonetta Brook Retrofit project, Trustee Bryde 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.
  - 3.2. Mayor Schoenig motions to declare a Conditioned Negative Declaration pursuant to the SEQRA as per Resolution No. 100312-2 as written in concurrence with DEC's recommendations, DEP's concurrence with contaminated soil disposal, and add the condition that the Army Corps of Engineers accepts the USFWS/NYSDEC web based information confirming the absence of threatened and endangered species and approvals on Wells Brook Retrofit project, Trustee Boissonnault 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.
4. Tonetta & Wells Retrofit update – John Folchetti advised the board that the design is nearly complete and he hopes to have bid packages ready and the contract awarded before the end of 2012 by the East of Hudson Watershed

Corporation (EOHWC). EOHWC has agreed to take charge of the project once the design is complete. A secondary bonus might be the ability to use the excavation from the retrofits to fill the old WWTP site and thereby save some money. Mr. Folchetti is requesting a change order in the amount of \$55,000 for the multiple redesigns required by various regulatory agencies and unforeseen site conditions, conditional on the approval of EOHWC Resolution No. 100312-3 for the Wells and Tonetta Retrofits. Mayor Schoenig motions to approve the change order conditioned on the approval of EOHWC approval, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd all in favor 5 to 0.

5. Cell Phone Service –Consider Verizon Wireless – A brief description of current Nextel/Sprint reception problems experienced by the DPW and Police coupled with a cost savings from Verizon Wireless (who is on State contract) was relayed to the Board by Hansen. Mayor Schoenig motions to move cell phone service to Verizon Wireless, Trustee Stockburger 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.
6. Parking on Oak Street for Landmarks Preservation Event – Trustee Stockburger recuses herself and explains the event planned for Walter Brewster House on Sunday October 7, 2012 between 3:00PM and 5:00PM and the need for overflow parking beyond the allotted parking lot. Mayor Schoenig motions to give permission for Parking on Oak St. on the South side, not on the sidewalk, pending approval from Brewster PD and Brewster Fire Dept. Trustee Bryde 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 4 to 0.
7. Walter Brewster Birthday October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 195 years – Noted.
8. Budget Report – Treasurer Hansen provided an update on the budget noting concerns about future water and sewer revenue because the water production numbers are down 15% in September year over year. Other than that most budget lines are at or near target.
9. September 19, 2012 Minutes for Approval
  - 9.1. Trustee Bryde motions to approve the September 19<sup>th</sup> minutes with one change of date from October 5<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Mayor Piccini 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.
10. Vouchers Payable – Deputy Mayor Piccini reviewed the vouchers and found everything in order.

10.1. A	General	\$20,760.22
10.2. EN	Professional Fees	437.50
10.3. F	Water	6,025.09
10.4. G	Sewer	22,156.94
10.5. TA	Trust & Agency	1,041.88
<b>Total Vouchers Payable</b>		<b>\$50,421.63</b>

Mayor Schoenig motions to approve Vouchers Payable as listed, Trustee Stockburger 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.

11. Other Business
  - 11.1. Deputy Mayor Piccini
    - 11.1.1. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in November is on Thanksgiving eve. Do we want to move it or cancel it? The Board will make a decision at the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - 11.2. Trustee Stockburger
    - 11.2.1. Sprayed some rusty trash can rings to make them look better.
  - 11.3. Trustee Bryde
    - 11.3.1. Trustee Bryde asks about the meeting with the Board of Health over the outside village water users. Mayor Schoenig relates the essence of the conversation but there was no resolution or path to outcome. The Village has documentation dating back to the 1950s that shows this issue has been brought up before and the Village has a letter addressed to the Town attorney in 1979 from the NYS Comptroller’s office explaining the revenues received from outside users for water are compensation only and do not represent any contribution toward capital improvement. Therefore it is not the Village’s responsibility to maintain or replace the mains outside village limits. Supervisor Hay has been informed again that a special district or districts need to be formed for the outside users and those 50 to 100 year old mains need to be replaced at the outside users expense. The Town is uniquely equipped to administer the special district and the village’s authority outside the village limits is restricted. Therefore the Town needs to take the lead. This has been going on for decades and nothing has been done other than talk. Action is needed.
    - 11.3.2. Trustee Bryde asks if the letter notifying property owners to call the village office before having any work done have any effect. Hansen says yes indeed. There has been a marked increase in permit inquiries during the last few days since the letter went out.
    - 11.3.3. Trustee Bryde thanks DPW for painting the arrows at 208 Main so quickly after the request.

- 11.4. Mayor Schoenig told the Board about the meeting with DOT regarding Main Street closings. Basically they only need notice for Founders Day. DOT now has a list of all events during the year that affect Main Street and are not interested in short time period closings, only those that stretch into hours.

## 12. New Business

### 12.1. Trustee Stockburger

- 12.1.1. Asks if there is money to buy banners for street decorations. Hansen says the celebrations and banners lines are maxed out but there is about \$2,000 in the beautification budget line. Hansen advises that there will be other projects that will want to use this money between now and the end of the budget year so priorities need to be set.

### 12.2. Trustee Bryde

- 12.2.1. Asks about addressing modifications to the code definitions and additions to the Village code. Counsel will meet with Code Enforcement and Mayor Schoenig to hash out what is needed.
- 12.2.2. Trustee Bryde asks about the copier quotation received. Hansen explains that this copier has reached the end of its useful life and the scanning OCR software needs to be upgraded at a cost of approximately \$1,400. The copier is over 6 years old, the software is deficient, and the annual maintenance fee would be pro-rated back against the lease of a new copier. The proposed copier is color and black and white. It also scans in color which is an important feature. Looking at purchase and maintenance over the life of the copier it does not make sense to buy one. Hansen recommends the lease of a Toshiba 2550c copiers for 63 months at a cost of \$213 per month, maintenance and supplies included. Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to authorize the leasing of a Toshiba 2550c per the quote received on October 2, 2012, Trustee Bryde 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.
- 12.2.3. Trustee Bryde asks why we need to go to the Greenway meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Our presence would bring attention to the Village for future projects.

### 12.3. Mayor Schoenig

- 12.3.1. Discusses the use of tax exempt properties for commercial purposes but the end result is there would be some difficulty identifying specific non tax exempt income. Further study of alternatives to control commercial parking on private property will be ongoing.
- 12.3.2. There have been some complaints and a petition received complaining about the loudness of the train horn when arriving and passing through the station. Mayor Schoenig will call MTA to discuss.
- 12.3.3. Team Brewster is tomorrow at 10AM at Walter Brewster House
- 12.3.4. Founders Day was another great Village event. Mayor Schoenig thanks Trustee Stockburger; Erin Meagher and everyone else who helped make Founders Day a success.
- 12.3.5. Tom Lannon will provide an introduction and overview of NY Alert at our next Board meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

## 13. Public Comments

- 13.1. Rick Stockburger mentions the problems of taxicabs blocking the train station island and recommends painting the street. Mayor Schoenig will reach out to the County Highway Superintendent as this is a County road.

- 13.2. Erin Meagher complains about the bicycles on the sidewalks being a hazard to her health because of near misses. Ms. Meagher claims to have over 25 photos of people on bicycles riding on the sidewalk. She says this is a dangerous condition and needs to be addressed. Mayor Schoenig has asked Chief Del Gardo to strictly enforce the law. Mayor Schoenig recommends having Officer Caban mention the law against riding on sidewalks at the next Community Affairs meeting.

14. Mayor Schoenig motions to adjourn, Trustee Bryde 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.