

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
2 SEPTEMBER 2015  
7:30PM  
PUBLIC HEARING &  
REGULAR MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster held a Public Hearing on September 2, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. followed by a Regular Meeting at 7:33 P.M., at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509.

Attendees:

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

Absent:

John Folchetti

Pledge to flag.

Notation of Exits

**Public Hearing - Interim Development Local Law Extension**

For the purpose of obtaining public input in regard to amending Chapter 150 of the Village Code extending the Interim Development Local Law for 3 months.

Mayor Schoenig motions to open the Public Hearing, Trustee Stockburger 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.

Renee Diaz says the moratorium does not seem to have any effect either way since it seems the Planning Board always recommends the waiver.

Mayor Schoenig motions to close the Public Hearing, Trustee Boissonnault 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.

**Regular Meeting**

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

1. St. Andrews Harvest Bazaar & parking rules & temporary signs - Stephanie Fiorentino – The Annual Harvest Bazaar is on Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> and requests suspension of the parking rules as in years past and requests permission to put up temporary signs for the day. 7:30 to 4 (the fair is 9-3) vendor signs in the vehicle window, Deputy Mayor Piccini asks if it will conflict with St. Lawrence evening mass. Ms. Fiorentino says it did not interfere last year. Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to approve the request to suspend parking rules, Trustee Bryde 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.
2. Budget report Year to Date FY 2015
  - 2.1. Treasurer Hansen provides the budget report year to date. The Water Supply expenditures remain a concern but we have not yet approached the budgeted amount.
3. Assemblyman Katz food drive participation
  - 3.1. Trustee Bryde asks if the food drive will affect Putnam CAP, Clerk Hansen was told by Assemblyman Katz's office that they intend to donate 50% of the collected food to Putnam CAP and the other 50% will go to food pantries in northern Westchester communities. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks if this might negatively impact local giving. Clerk Hansen says he does not believe there will be an adverse impact. The Village Board is in consensus to use Village Hall as a drop off point.
4. Westchester Community College ESL course, use of Village Hall and designated available computers
  - 4.1. The class assessment is scheduled for Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 1 and the first class would need to be Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> not the 13<sup>th</sup> as Founders Day Street Fair is that day. Clerk Hansen will advise Westchester Community College and advise them of the date change. Trustee Bryde asks about the request for a guard to be posted during the class. Clerk Hansen says he told them we did not use a guard for the last class and do not expect to provide one this time. The Village Board is in consensus allowing WCCC to use Village Hall on Sundays for the class with the exception of September 13<sup>th</sup>.
5. 1986 Bolens Tractor Intermunicipal transfer asset disposal resolution

- 5.1. Trustee Stockburger motions to approve Resolution No. 090215-1 as written, transferring the Bolens Tractor to the Town of Southeast, Trustee Bryde 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.
6. 2002 Tahoe asset disposal – Mayor Schoenig says the 2002 Tahoe K-9 is in disrepair, the 4 wheel drive does not work the air conditioning cuts in and out, and the vehicle is not worth fixing. Additionally, this is a K-9 vehicle and has no rear seats. We received this vehicle as a donation from Metro North police. We have an offer of \$2,000 for the vehicle which seems like a fair price given the work that needs to be done, the age and mileage of the vehicle. Mayor Schoenig motions to authorize the Clerk to dispose of the 2002 Tahoe for \$2,000, Trustee Boissonnault 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.
7. Water Tank Cleaning Bids
  - 7.1. DPW Water Superintendent Dan Crawford received some bids for cleaning out the accumulated sediment from the water tank. It is not known what level of sediment exists at this time and each bidder assumed a certain number of inches in depth and priced it based on that assumption. Mr. Crawford and Engineer Folchetti both recommend Underwater Solutions for \$4,270 up to 6 inches of sedimentation as the best value. Mayor Schoenig motions to approve the expenditure of \$4,270 to Underwater Solutions for water storage tank cleaning, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.
8. Interim Development Local Law Extension – consideration for adoption
  - 8.1. Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to approve Local Law 3 of 2015 extending for a period of 3 months the Chapter 150 interim development law as written, Trustee Boissonnault 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 4 to 1.
  - 8.2. Roll-call vote:
    - 8.2.1. Mayor Schoenig – AYE
    - 8.2.2. Deputy Mayor Piccini – AYE
    - 8.2.3. Trustee Bryde – AYE
    - 8.2.4. Trustee Boissonnault – AYE
    - 8.2.5. Trustee Stockburger – NO
      - 8.2.5.1. Motion carries 4 to 1.
9. Minutes for approval;
  - 9.1. August 19, 2015 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting – Trustee Bryde motions to approve the August 19, 2015 minutes, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 4 to 0. Trustee Boissonnault abstains due to absence.
10. Vouchers Payable – Trustee Bryde reviewed the vouchers and found everything in order.
 

10.1.	A - GENERAL FUND	\$15,294.36
10.2.	C - REFUSE & GARBAGE	1,435.62
10.3.	EN - ENGINEERING FEES ESCROW	2,980.00
10.4.	F - WATER FUND	47,509.75
10.5.	G - SEWER FUND	89,667.31
10.6.	H10 - WASTE WATER TREATMENT CAPITAL	1,080.00
10.7.	T - TRUST & AGENCY	2,036.29
Total Vouchers Payable		\$160,003.33

Mayor Schoenig motions to approve the vouchers as written, Trustee Stockburger 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.

11. Other Business
  - 11.1. Deputy Mayor Piccini
    - 11.1.1. Verdin Clock repair – Deputy Mayor Piccini asks about the two different options. Clerk Hansen says option 1 is replacing the device as it was originally installed with new parts to make it function for \$1,200. The 2<sup>nd</sup> option is newer technology, a greater selection of music, and a thermostatically control housing for \$3,400. Trustee Boissonnault wants to replace the device with the newer technology at the higher price. Deputy Mayor Piccini suggests seeking funds from alternate sources such as Putnam County as pulling funds from contractual and beautification lines will impact our ability to present the village in the best light. Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to move forward with the newer technology at \$3,400 seeking funds from alternate sources, Trustee Stockburger 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.
    - 11.1.2. Zoning Revisions Worksession scheduled from 7 to 8:30 on September 9, 2015 to examine the institutional uses, review definitions, special exception use permit review, and parking. Deputy Mayor Piccini proposes two additional work sessions for the revised zoning, one on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and one on September 30<sup>th</sup> 7 to 9 PM each, Trustee Stockburger 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.
    - 11.1.3. Deputy Mayor Piccini says the work sessions are in preparation for the time line for adoption of Zoning Revisions. Deputy Mayor Piccini says we should be able to set the public hearing for November 4<sup>th</sup> with regard to the final version of Zoning, the Urban Renewal Plan, and potential local laws considered for

modification and extraction from Chapter 263 and to stand separately in the Village Code as their own chapters. The sections for review and consideration for removal from Chapter 263 are Stormwater, Site Plan, Subdivision and Planning Board - pending review and recommendations by the Planning Board. All this work needs to be complete by the end of September in order to meet the required reviews prior to the November 4<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing. Deputy Mayor Piccini motions to set the public hearing for Zoning Code Revisions, the Urban Renewal Plan, and local laws relating to Chapter 263 revisions, for November 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 P.M. at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509, and Trustee Bryde 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.

11.1.4. Deputy Mayor Piccini says the water rates public hearing might best be put off until after the zoning code etc. Mayor Schoenig does not want to wait on the water rate change as we stand to take more substantial repair costs during the winter season. Mayor Schoenig motions to set a work session for 6:45 P.M. September 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss water rates. Trustee Stockburger 2<sup>nd</sup>, Trustee Boissonnault wants to postpone, Deputy Mayor Piccini will not be able to make the work session on September 16<sup>th</sup>, and motion fails 2 in favor 3 against. Trustee Stockburger motions to hold a work session on water rates on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30, Trustee Boissonnault 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.

11.1.5. Deputy Mayor Piccini said there was no noise in the middle of the night from garbage pickups. It seems that at least some of it was resolved. Trustee Bryde asked about the meeting with Suburban Carting last Thursday. Mayor Schoenig said that we met with the President of Suburban Carting and they want to alleviate this problem. After the meeting they were to tour the Village and look at the different circumstances to better understand and address the problem.

#### 11.2. Trustee Stockburger

11.2.1. Trustee Stockburger is still looking at liners and lids for Main Street trash cans and asks DPW Superintendent Crawford how many new liners and lids we need. Mr. Crawford says it depends on how many cans need to be added to Main Street. Trustee Stockburger suggests putting a 2<sup>nd</sup> trash can next to those that are usually overfilled. Mayor Schoenig suggests looking into holding the store-owners accountable for the cleanliness of their sidewalks just as they are for maintaining the sidewalk free from ice and snow.

#### 11.3. Trustee Bryde

11.3.1. Trustee Bryde asks about the Burke Fuel parking complaint. DPW Superintendent Crawford had asked for a copy of the survey but has not yet received it. He will ask again.

11.3.2. Trustee Bryde asks about the status of water meter replacements. Mayor Schoenig says DPW Superintendent Crawford and he are surveying the market to evaluate technologies before issuing a solicitation for bids.

11.3.3. Trustee Bryde asks about the benches at 208 Main, Mr. Gress says the benches are not worth fixing.

11.3.4. Trustee Bryde reminds everyone about the film festival this weekend and Founders Day on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### 11.4. Trustee Boissonnault

11.4.1. Trustee Boissonnault says Wells Park is progressing very nicely. The amphitheater is finished, the stage is done including wiring for sound and lighting, bathrooms have been painted and renewed, and the Garden Street School play set is in the process of relocation. Trustee Boissonnault thanks Trustee Bryde, Superintendent Crawford, Mayor Schoenig and everyone else for their help managing the project while he was out of town on an extended vacation. Trustee Boissonnault said we would be reseeding again in the fall as the weather has not cooperated to establish a good lawn. Trustee Bryde says the yellow strap is being left off on occasion and has heard it may be Town recreation volunteers who are disregarding the replacement of the strap.

### 12. New Business

#### 12.1. Trustee Bryde

12.1.1. Trustee Bryde asks Mr. Gress about the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall schedule. Mr. Gress plans to line Main Street with flags and is using the Southeast Seniors to help. The Traveling Wall will be coming through the Village on September 23<sup>rd</sup> between 3 and 5 P.M. and the wall will open to the public on September 24<sup>th</sup> at Putnam County Veteran's Park, the closing ceremony is scheduled for Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup>.

12.1.2. Trustee Bryde reminds all of Team Brewster tomorrow, Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10AM. Trustee Stockburger will chair the meeting as Mayor Schoenig will be absent.

#### 12.2. Mayor Schoenig

12.2.1. Mayor Schoenig says that Friday September 11 at 8:30 AM the annual patriot day ceremony at Jack Gress' Someday Park will be held honoring those that fell on September 11, 2001. Mayor Schoenig encourages anyone who can attend to attend as it is a wonderful event.

### 13. Public Comment

- 13.1. Robert Leggett says he has been following a thread on FaceBook and wanted to see first-hand the situation in the Village. Mr. Leggett does not believe we are as in bad condition as some would have us believe. Additionally, it appears the political season is encouraging people to speak badly about other people and attributes much of the negative comments to this cause. Mr. Leggett also says he was surprised to hear about the planned development. Mayor Schoenig said we could not have advertised our plans any more than we did.
- 13.2. Maura Purtill said the Village used to be a nicer place than it is today. Since the negative post she put on FaceBook she has noticed that the Walter Brewster House sidewalk on Main Street has been cleaned up. For the last three years the Walter Brewster House has become overgrown with weeds and hedges and had a generally unkempt appearance. Prior to 3 years ago the property was kept in good shape but she is happy to see some good come out of her thread. Ms. Purtill says there are too many drunks on Main Street and the conditions are deteriorating.
- 13.3. Robert Leggett says the people who live in the Village should be educated to take pride in their community.
- 13.4. Joe Lambert says people need to be held to the same standards and follow the laws that are on the books.
- 13.5. Maura Purtill says the police are not enforcing the public intoxication laws and we need to step up enforcement.
- 13.6. Joe Lambert says he thinks of himself as a model citizen and wants everyone else to do the same.
- 13.7. Rick Stockburger says to call the police if you see something and follow up with a complaint. If the police do not witness the incident first-hand there is little that they can do unless a complainant comes forward.
- 13.8. Mayor Schoenig says our Police Chief provides monthly reports at the second meeting of the month and there are many citations and arrests during the month so the police are enforcing the laws but they can't be everywhere at once.
- 13.9. Robert Leggett suggests we start with education of the business owners
- 13.10. Mayor Schoenig says we will start up the community relations meetings now that summer is over.
- 13.11. Rick Stockburger suggests putting the flags out on Main Street on 9/22 or the morning of 9/23 in preparation of the Traveling Wall.
- 13.12. Rick Stockburger says that the stormwater regulations are too technical for Planning Board and believes the engineer should review and advise. Deputy Mayor Piccini says if the Planning Board needs professional advice then the Engineer is the resource that should be used. Counsel Molé says that Planning Board has the resources that should be reviewing these documents along with the Planning Board.
- 13.13. Joe Lambert suggests strengthening police presence 3 hours before and 3 hours after midnight on a regular basis as that seems to be a good practice.
- 13.14. Karen Saunders asks about the County plan to consolidate police and says it would not benefit the Village as it would delay response times and lessen enforcement of local quality of life enforcement. Mayor Schoenig says the Village is under home rule so we will have final say in any future plans.
- 13.15. Robert Leggett says the response time will be delayed and the local touch will be lost if the police were to be county-wide.
- 13.16. Mayor Schoenig says we are aware of the potential impact of consolidating police and as yet have not seen a plan we would buy into.
- 13.17. Erin Meagher asks about the community meetings conducted by the Police that used to be held at La Guadalupana. Mayor Schoenig says the meetings will be starting up again shortly.
- 13.18. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks about the on call pick up. Is the on-call per apartment or by building? Mayor Schoenig says it is by apartment and Suburban Carting will track each call.
- 13.19. Karen Saunders talks about flyers that could be used to educate retail establishments and constituents on housekeeping. Mayor Schoenig says that is one way of reaching out.
- 13.20. Robert Leggett asks if the churches can be contacted to spread the word. Mayor Schoenig said they absolutely can and if some come to Team Brewster tomorrow we can ask for their help.

14. Mayor Schoenig motions to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.
15. Mayor Schoenig motions to come out of executive session resume the regular meeting and adjourn, Trustee Stockburger 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor 5 to 0.