

Minutes of the Community Development Agency Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead at Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Sean Walter	Chairman
John Dunleavy	Member
James Wooten	Member
George Gabrielsen	Member
Jodi Giglio	Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Diane Wilhelm	Town Clerk
Robert Kozakiewicz	Town Attorney

Resolution #7

Christina Kempner: “Community Development Resolution #7 Approves Drawdown of Funds Regarding Rail Access Grant.”

Member Dunleavy: “So moved.”

Member Wooten: “Seconded.”

Chairman Walter: “Moved and seconded. Please vote.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes, Gabrielsen, yes, Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes.”

Christina Kempner: “The Resolution is therefore duly declared adopted.”

Resolution #8

Christina Kemper: “CDA Resolution #8 Awards Bid for New York State Licensed Real Estate Broker for Marketing, Sale or Lease of Property at EPCAL.”

Member Wooten: “So moved”

Member Gabrielsen: “And seconded.”

Chairman Walter: “Moved and Seconded. Vote please.

The Vote: “Giglio.”

Member Giglio: “I thought that both firms were reputable firms that could assist us doing the marketing and the sales for EPCAL but the Board seems to be leaning towards Cushman & Wakefield so I will support the rest of my colleagues on the Board and vote yes.”

Vote Continued: “Gabrielsen.”

Member Gabrielsen: “I think Cushman & Wakefield had an excellent presentation, had a very good (inaudible) level. I think they’re very professional about it. I think the Town moving forward would absolutely be the right pick so I vote yes.”

Vote Continued: “Wooten”

Member Wooten: “Yes I support the Board’s decision as well, yes.”

Vote Continued: “Dunleavy, no; Walter yes.”

Christina Kempner: “And the Resolution is therefore duly declared adopted.”

Christina Kemper: “CDA Resolution #9 Authorizes the Chairman to Authorize a License Agreement with Manorville Fire District.

Member Dunleavy: “That’s coming off the floor. We don’t have #9 but I understand were supposed to have it.”

Chairman Walter: “How many Resolutions are we taking off the floor? This is a license agreement with Manorville Fire District to use their stump jumpers. Everybody familiar with this one? Anyone want to talk to me about this?”

Member Dunleavy: “Yes this is the one, what they want to do is they want to call all the fire departments that have brush trucks to come to EPCAL. It’s the area north of where the benches were piled up between that and the woods.”

Chairman Walter: “All the brush trucks or just Manorville.”

Member Dunleavy: “No the ones that help them.”

Chairman Walter: “John then this cannot go forward today. This is going to be; the Pine Barrens Commission is working on this through Chief Bancroft and the Wildfire Task Force. They have stump jumper training. I spoke to the, the Chief who was here I spoke to them about it, Manorville. This is not something; we should not do this like this. The Pine Barrens Commission is going to try and coordinate all the stump jumping training. I don’t think it would be appropriate for us to let all the fire districts come in without some sort of oversight in the Pine Barrens.”

(Inaudible)

Member Dunleavy: “There, no they’re not going to do it in the Pine Barrens; north and south where they have the mud races and all that. All they’re teaching these guys is to drive up.”

Member Gabrielsen: “But it’s outside of our park, our recreation park.”

Member Dunleavy: “Right”

Member Gabrielsen: “It’s not in the recreation park, just south of that field.”

Member Dunleavy: “All they want to do is teach these guys to drive up hills.”

Chairman Walter: “I have no problem with Manorville doing it. I have a real problem with Manorville inviting everybody up to EPCAL to do this. This is something that the Pine Barrens Commission is working on through the Wildfire Task Force and Chief Bancroft. We didn’t discuss this.”

Member Dunleavy: “Flanders is cutting the trees so their trucks can go into their fire district. They’re not doing that. They’re going to let EPCAL, the Pine Barrens do their thing; what they just want to do is teach the drivers how to drive into mud, up and down hills.”

Chairman Walter: “Manorville only.”

Member Dunleavy: “No, when there’s a brush fire they’re called mutual aide agreements and mutual aide comes. They want to train in mutual aide.”

Chairman Walter: “Can we put this on for work session please?”

Member Dunleavy: “Well you can. I know you don’t like Manorville Fire District but that’s why we always fight with them to do something. It’s for the safety of our residents.”

Chairman Walter: “John this has nothing to do with that. That’s why we want to do it correctly John. That’s why I said.”

Member Dunleavy: “That’s why Flanders is going and cutting because the Pine Barrens will take years to do what they’re doing.”

Chairman Walter: “John, that’s why we try to set this up in an organized fashion. I don’t have a problem.”

Member Dunleavy: “They’re organized.”

Supervisor Walter: “I don’t know anything about it except that you and Jill created a map and I thought it was just for Manorville. You’re telling me all of Long Island.”

Member Dunleavy: “Not all of Long Island, the ones that come out. The eight fire departments that come out when they have a brush fire; that automatically come out when they have a brush fire.”

Chairman Walter: “Ok so out of respect for me.”

Member Dunleavy: “Just Riverhead, Flanders, Ridge.”

Chairman Walter: “Good. Out of respect for me and the Pine Barrens Commissioner who’s been working on this issue with the Pine Barrens can we not take this Resolution up and coordinate it through the Wild Fire Task Force? This is what they’re doing. “

Member Dunleavy: “Ok. I’m putting this up for a vote if I’ve got a second. If I don’t have a second then I will go back and report that to the Manorville Fire Department.”

Chairman Walter: “There’s nothing to report.”

Member Dunleavy: “Yes there is. They want to do this next month so I have to go back to them and say you can’t do it next month.”

Someone: “(inaudible) there’s going to be their first meeting in June, June 2nd.”

Member Dunleavy: “Right but he wants to coordinate this through the Pine Barrens.”

Someone: “Then I’m saying.”

Member Giglio: “I think he...”

Chairman Walter: “I would like to have.”

Member Giglio: “I have no problem; I don’t have a problem with it because they do call in all of these brush trucks from all these departments. If we should have a fire at EPCAL we’re going to get all these brush trucks from the other agencies that are going to assist that should know how to drive the trucks and how to deal with the terrain. We just don’t know how many trucks and I respect the Supervisor’s knowing how many trucks are going to be there any given time and just to be totally informed.”

Member Wooten: “I thought this was Manorville training with their own guys and maybe Riverhead. I didn’t realize it was going to.”

Member Dunleavy: “It’s East Moriches, its Ridge, its Wading River, Riverhead, Flanders.”

Chairman Walter: “John do you know that the?”

Member Dunleavy: “Vote it down, I don’t care.”

Chairman Walter: “But John you don’t know all the information.”

Member Dunleavy: “I do know. I just gave you all the information.”

Chairman Walter: “Who trains the truck drivers now? Who trains them?”

Member Wooten: “Suffolk County Firematic.”

Member Dunleavy: “Firematic trains the.” But do you know something? The problem that they had was that the trees in the Pine Barrens fell down across fire lanes, they couldn’t get through.”

Chairman Walter: “I understand that.”

Member Dunleavy: “When they had a fire they cut trees, they had stumps. They tried to drive over the stumps because they couldn’t see them and that got the trucks stuck.”

Chairman Walter: “And do you know who did the map of all this?”

Member Dunleavy: “You’re going to have these bureaucrats tell these firemen how to drive. They know how to drive.”

(Inaudible)

Member Gabrielsen: “Let me, in respect for my colleagues, we’ve done this before with different Council people, let’s just put it off. We have a work session tomorrow, am I correct? Can we?”

Chairman Walter: “I don’t know if I can get John Pavosick or somebody from the Pine Barrens Commission to come in. It’s really Chief Bancroft and the guys who do the stump jumping for training. What I had suggested is the Pine Barrens Commission and what I suggest here at a work session when Chief Bancroft was here was that the Pine Barrens Commission was going and you were sitting here is why I guess you caught onto this idea>”

Member Dunleavy: “I didn’t contact them; the Manorville Fire Department came to me. I didn’t catch on to nothing.”

Chairman Walter: “You were here when I said it. The last time we were here when Chief Bancroft was here I said we’re trying to coordinate with the Pine Barrens Commission and the crew that does the stump jumping for training to create a training program as EPCAL for all of the firemen, all of the fire roads in EPCAL and hopefully when they do the training there instead of at the (inaudible) up in Yaphank they can clear out all of the overgrown trails. So that’s.”

Member Dunleavy: “Well this is fire season now.”

Chairman Walter: “I got that John. You’re not clearing out any trails here. All you’re doing is riding around in a circle. I have a map that John (inaudible) prepared of all the trails.”

Member Dunleavy: “That’s what you decided to take care of. We’re not taking care of the trails. All they’re teaching these guys is how to drive a stump jumper. That’s all they’re doing.”

Member Wooten: “This actually could be more intensive than Manorville. Do you think the date might work? You may have to reach out to this Chief you’re talking about.”

(Inaudible)

Supervisor Walter: “We don’t do anything in an organized fashion. Go ahead, vote on it.”

Member Wooten: “Maybe the Chief can take the lead on this.”

(Inaudible)

Chairman Walter: “No it’s not. Nobody had any conversations.”

Member Dunleavy: “I had a conversation with you. Don’t tell me nobody had any conversations. I went in and spoke to you about this. I did.”

Chairman Walter: “I understood we were going to let Manorville for their firefighters come into our.”

Member Dunleavy: “I said it was regional the one’s that assist them. But no, fire season is starting so let’s wait until October. If anything happens to any of these firemen it’s on your shoulders. That’s all I’m saying.”

Chairman Walter: “Don’t be ridiculous John.”

Member Wooten: “Who said October?”

Member Dunleavy: “Wait and see.”

Member Wooten: “Who said October.”

Member Dunleavy: “I said October.”

Member Wooten: “You made it up?”

Member Dunleavy: “I made I made it up yes because everything takes a year to do.”

Member Gabrielsen: “What’s the date on there?”

Member Giglio: “June 10th I think.”

(Inaudible)

Member Gabrielsen: “We still can bring it to a work session and have a special meeting right after. I think that’s a compromise.”

Chairman Walter: “Can’t bring it tomorrow John.”

Member Gabrielsen: “No a week from tomorrow.”

Chairman Walter: “Who’s calling the people in that do this? We have a whole group of people that do this.”

Member Dunleavy: “Well wait a minute. You knew last month that we were talking about this. Did you make any phone calls? No you didn’t.”

Chairman Walter: “John, do whatever you want. You always do, you don’t pay attention to anyone else, do whatever you want.”

Member Wooten: “Actually John (inaudible) contacted me and then I contacted you but truth be told Manorville wanted to take the lead on this but I’ll be honest with you John unless something happened since the initial conversation when we decided they didn’t need a Chapter 90 they just needed an agreement and you walked it down to the Town Attorney I was under the impression that it was for their department. I didn’t realize that it was a bigger plan.”

Member Dunleavy: “You didn’t stay for the meeting. You didn’t stay when he said regional.”

Chairman Walter: “That’s why we discuss these things at work sessions and try not to take them off the floor.”

Member Giglio: “What is next Thursday’s date? Jill do you have a calendar; next Thursday’s date?”

Jill: “The 28th.”

Member Giglio: “And then the next Board meeting after that is June 2nd and the date for this to happen is June 7th so.”

Member: “He wants the Pine Barren to get involved.

Member Giglio: “No I think he just wants somebody from the Pine Barrens.”

Chairman Walter: “John the Pine Barrens Commission runs this training on a regular basis. In fact they probably taught the Manorville people. So why wouldn’t it be a good idea to have the people that run the training for all of Suffolk County come out here and talk to us? Why is that a bad idea?”

Member Dunleavy: “They can come out and talk to us but they want to do this on June 10th. I’ll tell them they can’t do it on June 10th that they have to cancel it. That’s all I’m saying.”

Member Giglio: “We don’t know that yet John.”

Chairman Walter: “Why is there alcohol in here?”

Member Dunleavy: “Because anything the fire department does after they do it they sit down, they have a few.”

(Inaudible)

Member Giglio: “John, whatever you want to do. I think it’s for a good cause, good intent. You have the fire department come.”

Member Dunleavy: “You have to attend fire department functions, which nobody here does, when you go to a fire department meeting you eat first and then you have a drink after the meeting, that’s it.”

Member Giglio: “John do you want to call it for a vote tonight?”

Member Dunleavy: “It doesn’t have a second.”

Member Giglio: “First we have to pull it off the floor.”

Chairman Walter: “It doesn’t say anything about other fire departments because I’m reading this now.”

Member Dunleavy: “What we’re doing, we’re only licensing Manorville, that’s all we’re doing.”

Chairman Walter: “So then they’re not bringing in other trucks?”

Member Dunleavy: “We’re licensing.”

Chairman Walter: “Then it should say that in here.”

Member Dunleavy: “We could amend it.”

Christine Kempner: “You could (inaudible) tomorrow and then do a special meeting next Thursday if you have it done.”

Chairman Walter: “I just.”

Member Dunleavy: “You’ve got to do what you’ve got to do, that’s all. I think it’s good for the tax payer.”

Chairman Walter: “And I think it’s good too John but considering that I’m trying to get this done with the training program that the Pine Barrens Commission does that all of Suffolk County benefits from I think it would be a good idea to get the Wild Fire Task Force, those people who do this training program with Manorville maybe they co-run it. But the point was to get all of EPCAL open and I don’t necessarily like the idea that they’re going to drink afterwards.”

Member Dunleavy: “They don’t want to go into the woods. All they want to do is teach a twenty year old how to drive these brush trucks.”

Chairman Walter: “If this is limited to the Manorville fire district I have no issue and (inaudible)”

Member Dunleavy: “It’s not limited.”

Chairman Walter: “Well it doesn’t say any other fire district in here.”

Member Dunleavy: “We’re licensing Manorville to use it. If they want to invite Wading River, if they want to invite Riverhead they can. It’s there insurance that’s covering this.”

Member Giglio: “John I appreciate all your work on this because I know why you did it. I think it’s a good thing but I don’t think we have three votes right now. I would support it but I don’t think we have three votes right now so would it be alright to have Sean call these people and make it for the 28th and then we can either have a special Town Board meeting right after or adopt it on June 2nd? I think that by June 2nd everybody will be comfortable with adopting it and then they can have it on June 7th.”

Member Dunleavy: “I’m at your mercy; whatever you guys want to do. You want to make a motion to table it, make the motion.”

Chairman Walter: “It didn’t come off the floor.”

Member Gabrielsen: “It didn’t come off the floor so.”

Member Giglio: “I’ll second to take it off the floor John but I don’t think we have the three votes for it. We’ll be better off just waiting until we have the vote.”

Member Dunleavy: “Ok, I’ll go along.”

Member Gabrielsen: “Ok, good.”

Chairman Walter: “We won’t take it off the floor; we’ll discuss it on the 20th.”

Christine Kempner: “Ok and that completes the business of the CDA.”

Member Dunleavy: “I make a motion that we close the Community Development Agency meeting and reopen the Town Board meeting, so moved.”

Member Wooten: “Seconded.”

Chairman Walter: “Moved and seconded. Vote please.”

The Vote: “Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes.. The Town Board meeting is now reopened.

Meeting Adjourned