

April 17, 2024

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday April 3, 2024

Present:	Arthur M. Merrill	Supervisor
	Janet L. Champlin	Councilwoman
	Gregory L. Lavorgna	Councilman
	Julie A. Markert	Councilwoman
	Daniel J. Pinner	Absent
Recording Secretary:	Allison R. Gill	Town Clerk

Others present: Rob Hafele, Officer Cawley, Pauline Bernardo, James Bernardo, Nate Homovich, and Elizabeth Defalco (The Reporter).

The Meeting was called to order at 5:02pm by Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill, and he led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the April 3, 2024 meeting had been distributed earlier, Greg Lavorgna made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:

James and Pauline Bernardo from Catskill Hot Dogs attended for the approval of their permit for Pepacton Park. They will be in the park as they can weather permitting and scheduling for them.

CORRESPONDENCE: CWT- Coalition of Watershed Towns is accepting nominations to sit on the Board. All nominations need to be handed in by the end of April 2024 for consideration. Supervisor Merrill asked if anyone was interested in being nominated and everyone declined at this time.

REPORTS: written reports on file at Town Clerk's office

- Cooks Falls Court- March 2024 Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- DWD- No new information
- Public Safety Building-
- NYCDEP -
- Park Paddle Project- will resume in the spring.

Parade Permits have been handed in from both the American Legion for the Memorial Day Parade and from Downsville Fire Department for a parade in July. Waiting for approval from the state for their permits.

Supervisor reported that we have received a Public Facility Permits for use of the Pepacton Park Board discussed.

NO:33-2024 04/17/24 Public Facility Permit No. 02-2024

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, James Bernardo, Catskill Hot Dogs, has applied for a Public Facility Permit to use Pepacton Park, 15500 State Hwy 30, Downsville, for selling food from his Hot Dog cart. He will be parked there any day, weather permitting, and if he doesn't have a prior engagement with his cart.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to issue Public Facility Permit No. 02-2024 to James Bernardo, Catskill Hot Dogs.

Resolution was seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

NO. 34-2024 04/17/24 Public Facility Permit No. 03-2024

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Colchester Senior Citizens , has applied for a Public Facility Permit to use Pepacton Park, 15500 State Hwy 30, Downsville, for parking of their vehicles on 06/18/24, 07/17/24, and 08/23/24 while on their bus trips. Approximately 25 cars will be parked there.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to issue Public Facility Permit No. 03-2024 to Colchester Senior Citizens.

Resolution was seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

NO:35-2024 04/17/24 Public Facility Permit No. 04-2024

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Sabra Wright has applied for a Public Facility Permit last year, 6/21/23 for this upcoming season, to use Pepacton Park, 15500 State Hwy 30, Downsville, for soft ice cream from her trailer. She will be parked from May 2024 until September 2024. She will use space for her trailer, parking of consumers, and picnic tables. Sabre will produce her proof of insurance before the beginning of May 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to issue Public Facility Permit No. 04-2024 to Sabre Wright.

Resolution was seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Merrill received applications from Alan Homovich and Olivia Brunner for summer employment on the cemetery crew. Olivia was a summer employee in the past. Board discussed.

NO. 36-2024 04/17/24 Appoint 2024 Seasonal Cemetery Laborer

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires Alan Homovich as a New Seasonal Cemetery Laborer at the rate of \$15.00 per hour with no benefits. The Town Board hereby hires Olivia Brunner, as a returning cemetery seasonal worker with the rate of \$16.00 per hour with no benefits

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves the hiring of these seasonal cemetery laborers.

Resolution seconded by Greg Lavorgna . Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, resolution adopted.

NO. 37-2024 04/17/24 Appoint Dog Control Officer

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires Amy Owmirin as the Dog Control Officer at the rate of \$16.00 per hour with no benefits plus mileage.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves the hiring of Amy Owmirin for Dog Control Officer.

Resolution seconded by Janet Champlin. Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, resolution adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pool Personnel and Pool Director needed. We will post in the Reporter for the Pool Director position. WSI class will be at the Walton Pool sometime in June 2024 if we have any guards that will need this training. Janet Champlin will also contact SUNY Delhi to see about their WSI course.

Julie Markert questioned what needs to be done to the pool this year? Ron MacDonald needs to be contacted to see what is needed at this time. There is a roof that needs replacing that

was never completed last season. Did we pay for the material already and the job not done? Supervisor Merrill will look in to this.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

The parking of the vehicles in the Pepacton Park from the New York State Power Authority was brought up to discuss. Supervisor Merrill was called and gave permission for use of the parking lot for a few days. A week or more has gone by. Supervisor Merrill will contact NYSPSA to see when they will move those vehicles.

Office Cawley suggested that we should look in to getting signs made up for both Pepacton Park and the Covered Bridge Park stating NO UNAUTHORIZED OVERNIGHT PARKING. Board discussed.

Nate Homovich, Cemetery Supervisor, has discussed in the past with Supervisor Merrill in regards to water draining off the high part in the cemetery and running on Don Reynolds property and eroding his property. Nate has discussed his plans with Superintendent Eck and other town employees. Burying so much pipe would be a risk. It is suggested that we hire an Engineer to do the plans for this project. Greg Lavorgna suggested that we get the Engineers plans and then see if our town highway personnel is capable of doing the work properly . If not we would have to hire the job out to a company. The Board discussed and will decide once the engineer has been hired and draws plans.

PERSONNEL:

Supervisor Merrill announced the need to go in to Executive Session due to personnel issues. Janet Champlin made a motion to go in to Executive Session, and Julie Markert seconded the motion.

Executive session began at 5:51PM

Executive session ended at 6:04PM.

Next regular meeting is Wednesday, May 1st.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES:

Julie Markert made the motion, seconded by Janet Champlin, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, and all bills paid, all in favor, aye, motion carried.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Allison R. Gill, Town Clerk