

TOWN BOARD
March 11, 2009

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem was held on the above date at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY. The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: John H. Cunningham, Supervisor
Samuel Messina, Councilman
Kyle Kotary, Councilman
Joann V. Dawson, Councilman
Mark Hennessey, Councilman
Kathleen A. Newkirk, Town Clerk
James T. Potter, Esq., Town Attorney

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Supervisor Cunningham welcomed everyone to a regular meeting of the Bethlehem Town Board. He asked Nan Lanahan to lead the pledge of allegiance and invited everyone to join them.

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The Supervisor asked if there were any comments on agenda items. Mrs. Marie Capone said at the beginning of the agenda if you look, there is a request from the Supervisor to rename the Simmons Road property to the Mo He Con Nuck Nature Preserve. She asked what that was. Supervisor Cunningham noted he would get into that when he gets to that item.

Mrs. Capone said this is an election year and we have all painfully seen that government without transparency results in government without accountability. She asked what is that that you want with the Quadricentennial Committee. The Supervisor said he will talk about it when he gets to the item. Mrs. Capone said he is spending the money and they do not want to hear about it 6 months later, commenting don't forget it is an election year.

Mrs. Capone next addressed the issue of the Block Grant opportunities. Supervisor Cunningham said that was just setting a public hearing. Like the Governor, Mrs. Capone asked, if the Supervisor was going to give back some of his salary. Mr. Cunningham said no.

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Mr. Robert Jasinski said he hopes he will be sure to address these items because he loves the 1 or 2 liners. He said he is looking especially on the price for the Titus Enterprises because he understands Parker Mathusa was in on this originally. He said he was looking forward to it and unfortunately he passed away. He said he did not think he ever saw that there was going to be a consultant. Supervisor Cunningham said he would be explaining it.

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Supervisor Cunningham asked if there were any other comments on agenda items. There were none.

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The Supervisor noted the first item was a presentation on the Simmons Road property Master Plan, indicating Cathy Simmons from Clough Harbour was here tonight to explain what the plans are for this project. He said as an overview, about 15 or 16 years ago the Federal Government deeded the land over to the Town of Bethlehem under the agreement that this would be opened up for public access. He said to date that has not happened and noted the Department of the Interior has contacted the Town and advised that work is needed to be done on this project. He said some grant money was obtained from Scenic Hudson and also there is work being done to get some grant money from Assemblyman Tim Gordon to do this project. He said the first stage is the plan and the introduction of the plan is here.

Administrator Lanahan of the Parks and Recreation Department noted he said most of what she was going to say. She said to date there have been 2 public meetings which Scenic Hudson had recommended that they do. She said they gave some guidelines along the way as to things they look for especially in river front

type property. Since the plan has been developed, Mrs. Lanahan said, they have gone back to the National Park Service and Scenic Hudson for their comments and review. She said they have all been favorable and they have come to a lot of resolve over any issues that may have arisen which were very few. She said the intent is to provide the plan tonight and then moving forward they hope to get started with some implementation this year, as far as, DOT permits needed to access the property from Route 144; doing some wetland delineation; making some signs; doing some trail clearing; and just getting started. She turned it over to Ms. Simmons.

Ms. Simmons thanked Mrs. Lanahan. She said she is a Senior Landscape Architect with Clough Harbour and Associates. She said this project began last fall when they walked the property with the staff from the Town and a couple of the neighbors to get a site analysis plan together. Supervisor Cunningham asked Ms. Simmons to identify the borders of the land for the attendees. Ms. Simmons said the site is bordered by River Road along the western edge; residential properties along the northern side; the Hudson River along the eastern side; and the Job Corps property along the southern side. She said the parcel is approximately 53 acres in size and was conveyed to the Town from the Department of the Interior.

Ms. Simmons noted when they did the site visit back in the fall, one of the things they wanted to do was to get a rough idea of where there were wetlands on the site. She said there are several pockets of wetlands out along River Road, in other areas and around Frothingham Lake which is located in the area but bisected by the Town property line. She said the other thing they wanted to look at, at that point in time, was the types of vegetation cover that were available on the site; what kind of manmade intrusions were there; and it turns out there is a power line and utility poles that pretty much bisect the site right down the middle; the topography is very significant in some areas, noting there is a very large knoll right about the center of the site; and there is a very steep slope that goes down to the river before you can get to the river access. She said there is about 130 feet in grade change between the high point of the site and the river's edge.

Ms. Simmons said they completed the site walk and the areas that they thought were significant were Frothingham Lake, possible parking area on River Road, the high point of the property and then the access and the views from the river. She said the next slide showed the existing conditions on the site including a bench dedicated to the Korn family and then a bird house that has been erected there to the Korn family. She said there are shots taken out by River Road in the relatively open area with a sign that says it was conveyed from the Department of the Interior to the Town and you can see it is kind of an open area. She said in the vicinity of the high spot on the site, there is a stand of evergreen trees that has been planted over the years that are now 60 or 70 feet tall. She said there is some open areas and then you can see that it has started to fill in with some underbrush and some deciduous vegetation as well. She said down by the river gives a nice view although it is quite a hike to get down there. She said the other thing that she should mention is that while the parcel itself is 53 acres in size, it is bisected by a strip of land believed to still be held by the Job Corps property. Ms. Simmons said they are in the process of trying to figure out if the Town has access rights over this piece of land to actually get to the river.

Ms. Simmons said based on their site analysis plan, they offered up 5 or 6 different concepts for review by the Town staff and after meeting with them, they narrowed it down to 2 concepts to present at the public meeting that was held on December 9th. She said the first concept proposed as Phase I, the development of a parking lot out on River Road and the development of a loop trail system just kind of circling on itself. She said the Phase 2 involved the cleaning of the perimeter of Frothingham Lake. She noted it is very filled with weeds right now and at that at this point in time, the intent was to have non-motorized boat usage on the lake, canoes and kayaks. She said 2A was to provide an access road from the parking lot over to Simmons Road so that if someone was going to come and launch a kayak they would not have to carry it through the woods but be able to park in a small parking area and have access to the lake.

Ms. Simmons said Phase 3 was to incorporate the high point of the site and further extend the trail network and then Phase 4 continued the trail down to the river with water access in Phase 5 and then possibly at some point down the line extensions to the north and south of the site and there is already a trail that is pretty well defined that could may be a connection to the south at some point in time.

Ms. Simmons said concept number 2 incorporated using Simmons Road for access to the park to reduce the overall project costs at the kick-off stage. She said they thought if they used Simmons Road and had a small parking area, and then provide the loop system as Phase I, it would cut down on the cost with the idea that Phase 2 would then put the parking lot on River Road and we would just have a trail connecting the 2 parking lots together. Again, she said the loop system for both trails and then 3, 4 and 5 are the same as what they showed in Concept I. She said they are kind of far out into the future. She said obviously they would try and progress their development from River Road to the east towards the river as time and money allowed.

Ms. Simmons said the input they received at the December 9th meeting which was very well attended saw all of the adjoining neighbors within 200 feet being invited, as well as, Scenic Hudson and some other agencies that have an interest in the property. She said generally speaking, the people at the meeting felt that Concept I was preferable over Concept 2 because of the access to the lake which has turtles and things of that nature and it is shallow. She said they preferred the parking come off River Road and not Simmons Road to reduce the amount of traffic coming down that narrow driveway. She said the general sentiment of the people was that it should be a nature preserve and have minimal intrusion on the existing environment. She noted they also wanted it to be an educational area where people could come and have identifying signage of the plants and wildlife in the area and bring people into the environment.

Ms. Simmons noted ADA access was raised as a concern and for security reasons the sentiment about having direct access to the river was not strongly supported either. She said because of the steep slopes there was a concern about having to get an ambulance in there or something of that nature and it would be almost impossible to get a vehicle in there. She said there was not a lot of support for having the trail system go down to the river and the gist of it was that they wanted to have non-motorist human activity.

Ms. Simmons said subsequent to the meeting held on December 9, they went back to the drawing board and revised the plans and held a second meeting on February 10 and there was a good turnout at that meeting as well. She said generally speaking everybody was very supportive of the revised plan. She said Administrator Lanahan then took the plan and submitted it to Scenic Hudson and DOI and they both responded back. She said the plan that was presented in February and has now become the final master plan.

Ms. Simmons said the final plan is a phased approach. She said Phase I will incorporate a gravel parking lot off of River Road and it is identified with the green trail system. She said they have consolidated the wetland crossings to have just 1 crossing point indicating its location. She said they have to get a curb cut permit from DOT to have the access on River Road and as part of Phase I they will install a viewing station which she envisions as a clearing in the woods with some picnic tables and that is where the signage would go talking about the history of the parcel or the wildlife in the area or something.

Ms. Simmons said Phase 2 continues easterly in the orange loop again with a trail about 2700 feet long and for this one they are proposing a viewing station which will either be like a raised platform or something built into the high spot knoll where people would have views further into the trees and also views down to the river. They are calling now for a visual access to the river, according to Ms. Simmons, and to achieve that they would do some selective clearing in the area and people would be able to see the river from the middle of the site.

Ms. Simmons said Phase 3 is again a loop and basically the trail is called to

stop right at the top of the real steep terrain on the site. She said they are no longer going to have physical access down to the river. She said there would be an interpretive station with picnic tables. She said to back-up a second, another part of Phase I would be to provide signage down on the river frontage for people that wanted to canoe or kayak up from Henry Hudson Park which is about 1 ½ miles to the south so they would tie a water trail together.

Ms. Simmons said the last phase would be a single trail of about 1,000 feet to the site of Frothingham Lake. She noted the benches and the birdhouse are located on the side and access to the other side would keep a separation from the park users and the residential development. She said there would be another interpretive station in that location.

Ms. Simmons said this is where this stands right now. She asked if there were any comments. Councilman Kotary asked Ms. Simmons to talk about the timing of the proposed phases in Concept 2. Ms. Simmons said it is her understanding that Phase I is going to be done during this construction season. She said she thinks Phase 2 will be held off until next year. Administrator Lanahan said yes, a lot of it will depend on the financial resources and what is available for development. She said the plan is to get going on Phase I this year, noting she has talked to the Job Corps and they are willing to work with the Town on providing some crews and having a cooperative effort on doing some trail clearing and developing the parking lot. She said in that way they can get the preliminary areas open and accessible to the public.

Councilman Kotary asked about the little piece of Job Corps property and if we are looking to get access rights through it, will it be purchased or do we know any of the answers. Mrs. Lanahan said they have met with the Job Corps and they are totally unaware of what the property issues are there. She said part of the process moving forward will be to do a title search and determine who owns it and what the exact parcel is. She said the Director did indicate that if, in fact, it is Job Corps property to let him know and he would look into anything needing to be done to gain access through an easement or property exchange.

Councilman Kotary asked how much water frontage there is. Ms. Simmons said about 400 feet.

Supervisor Cunningham asked if there were any other questions. Councilman Dawson said mention was made that this was sent to Scenic Hudson, asking what their reaction or feedback was. Administrator Lanahan noted they were very pleased with it, indicating their interest is property along the river and providing people different means of access to the river whether it is visual or through boats or trails.

Mrs. Dawson asked if the connecting property between Henry Hudson Park and this land was owned by Job Corps. Administrator Lanahan noted Job Corps does own all the way down to the river and there are other private homes between Job Corps and Barent Winnie Road with various land owners back there. She said immediately adjacent from the road to the river is Job Corps. Mrs. Dawson thanked Mrs. Lanahan.

Councilman Messina said just one question and comment. He asked if some of this work of development of trails and things like that could be done in-house. Mrs. Lanahan said absolutely they hope to do a lot of it and even with some cooperation with Job Corps folks. She said maybe Eagle Scout projects or anyone they can get to help.

Councilman Messina said the one part of the movement here was because of the Federal Government expectations on access and how the land would be used, asking if this meets their tests of whether or not doing this work, incurring some costs that the Federal Government is happy with it. Mrs. Lanahan said we want them to be happy and indicated they have bought into the plan as well. She noted they had a long telephone conference call with them a week or so ago after having sent the plans.

Supervisor Cunningham said there was an issue relative to the water access because we are not planning water access but the understanding from the conversation was that we are going to put a sign up at Henry Hudson Park indicating to people they can get up to use this shoreline by boat. He said that satisfied the concerns. Administrator Lanahan said they will try to put some property markers or something down there at each end of the river property so if people do come up there, there will be indication as to where they would actually be on Town of Bethlehem park property so there are no problems with neighbors. She noted it is beautiful there with a sandy beach.

Councilman Hennessey asked beside hiking and trails, what other kind of recreation opportunities are foreseen. Administrator Lanahan said probably not many. She said they are looking at a pretty passive area and that was the intent 15 years ago. She said the trails are pretty strategic in their design, as far as, ADA accessibility and they hope they can draw senior citizens out and any other nature lovers. She said there are various ecosystems throughout the property which are vast noting there is all kinds of vegetation and wildlife there.

Councilman Hennessey asked if there is a possibility for nature type studies for kids or things like that. Mrs. Lanahan said we certainly can encourage school groups if they want to come, snowshoeing and other activities. She said picnic tables and benches will be along the trails so people can walk and sit. She said with the loop system they can go as far as they want. She said they could do a short loop or make a longer loop.

Councilman Kotary said anytime that there is an opportunity to preserve 50 to 54 acres is great and fortunately we are able to do it with a grant from Assemblyman Gordon and he thanked him for that. He asked in terms of additional Federal or State or perhaps Scenic Hudson and other types of funding, are the phases in the master plan designed to coincide with certain types of potential grant funding that is out there. He said does it make sense the way this is categorized the phases in terms of trying to get funding at each one of the stages. Administrator Lanahan said she did not know if that was taken into account, it was more or less breaking it up into reasonable length of trail that could be accomplished in a reasonable amount of time. Ms. Simmons said one of the things they will be providing after this is a report with an estimate of costs for each phase so the Board will have a ballpark number to work from when it is time to pursue funding opportunities. She said they are in the process of working that up right now.

Supervisor Cunningham said he anticipates there will be some funding to get this started but certainly not enough to get the whole project completed. He said they have already extended an invitation to Eagle scouts as a project and the Highway Department has taken a look at this to see if there is any way they can support it, as well as, Administrator Lanahan's staff is available. Mrs. Lanahan said she has walked out there twice and it is really a great piece of property.

Councilman Hennessey said he wanted to thank Administrator Lanahan because he thinks this is a remarkable achievement and terrific to be bringing this open space into use for people to enjoy throughout the Town. He said he knows a lot of work went into this and they all appreciate it. Mrs. Lanahan thanked Mr. Hennessey and thanked the Engineering Department for all their help too. Supervisor Cunningham thanked everyone.

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Supervisor Cunningham said in conjunction with that, the next issue is the naming of this nature preserve. He said back in October before Parker Mathusa passed away, he discussed this with him and one of the names was the Cedar Ridge area but he insisted that this not be used. He wanted some historical perspective but also accurate. He said he had an opportunity to meet with the tribal historical officer for the Mohican Indians. He noted the Mohicans occupied a lot of area along the Hudson River and where they first met Henry Hudson when he sailed up the river. With this in mind, according to Supervisor Cunningham, they came up with the name MohHeConNuck Nature Preserve. He said the phrase means

'people of waters that are never still'. He said it still exists today and they go by Stockridge Munci Indian Tribe residing in Wisconsin. He said they were originally moved from this area to Stockbridge, Massachusetts and then moved further out to Wisconsin. He proposed this name.

The motion was made by Mr. Kotary, seconded by Mrs. Dawson to name the Simmons Road property The MohHeConNuck Nature Preserve. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Thomas Cotrofeld, Chairman of the Quadricentennial Committee, to authorize the Supervisor to execute a consulting agreement with Titus Enterprises LLC for Event Planning for the Bethlehem Voyage 400 Quadricentennial celebration. Supervisor Cunningham said the committee, again a Parker Mathusa initiative, has been working for 4 years to come up with a plan to celebrate the anniversary of the 400th navigation by Henry Hudson of the Hudson River. He said there will be events throughout New York State and we are going to be holding some here in Bethlehem. He said the committee held a fundraiser in September and raised some funds to initiate this project, noting the initial funds will be used to pay for this consultant. He said the fees are \$600 to initiate which come from those funds. He said there is an additional \$600 payment which also comes from the funds and then in addition the consultant is going to be working with corporate sponsors to raise additional money, noting her payment comes from the money she raises. He noted the Town does not have any out-of-pocket expenses for this project. He said the consultant gets 5 percent of the money that she raises and it is capped at \$2500.

The motion was made by Mr. Kotary and seconded by Mr. Hennessey to approve the Supervisor executing a consulting agreement with Titus Enterprises, LLC for event planning for the Bethlehem Voyage 400 Quadricentennial celebration. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The next item was a request from the Town Supervisor to schedule two (2) public hearings relative to the Community Development Block Grant opportunities for April 8, 2009 and April 22, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Supervisor Cunningham explained in order to be able to apply for some grant opportunities particularly for some Department of Public Works projects that will be initiated, there is a need to hold 2 public hearings.

The motion was made by Mr. Messina and seconded by Mrs. Dawson to approve setting two (2) public hearings relative to the Community Development Block Grant opportunities for April 8 and April 22, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. as requested by Town Supervisor, John H. Cunningham. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Director of Economic and Planning to accept an application from Russell Road Partners for a Planned Development District for the 11.53 acre parcel located at 572 Russell Road for further review and consideration; to refer the application to the Town Planning Board for review and recommendation; and to recognize the project as a Type I action in accordance with

SEQR and declare itself as Lead Agency. Supervisor Cunningham said Stewart's have come to the Town and proposed a new store and in order to accomplish that the first thing that has to happen is the area would have to be rezoned. He said in order to do that there is a need to accept the application and refer the application to the Planning Board.

The motion was made by Mr. Kotary and seconded by Mrs. Dawson to accept the application of Russell Road Partners for a Planned Development District for the 11.53 acre parcel located at 572 Russell Road for further review and consideration; to refer the application to the Town Planning Board for review and recommendation; and to recognize the project as a Type I action in accordance with SEQR and declare itself as Lead Agency.

Supervisor Cunningham asked if there were any questions. Councilman Messina said he noticed that this is in land currently residential A and asked in terms with compliance with the Comprehensive Plan if this is found to be consistent with respect to the rezoning request. Director of Economic Development and Planning, Michael Morelli, said it is appropriate to be considered. He said during the Comp Plan process there was some discussion about whether or not that area should be zoned for hamlet zoning. He said it was decided not to proceed at that point in time but again, where the proposed Stewart's store is proposed is adjacent to a couple of churches, next door to the North Bethlehem Fire Department and then again with the proposed condominium units which would access only off of Russell Road is adjacent to the Town park so as indicated in the Memo to the Board in the last 20 or so years, there has been a lot of development that has occurred in North Bethlehem. He said most of it has been primarily residential and single family homes with no neighborhood commercial scale type operations there. He said in that respect and the Planned Development District does allow for the Board to consider neighborhood scale commercial as part of a PDD. He said the proposed condominium units would provide some diversity in the type of housing -- another stated goal in the Comprehensive Plan. He said they think it is worth further review.

Councilman Messina said he looked at the layouts and the schematics that were shown of the units and once again, the notion of wherever possible and economically viable to consider condominium units that are smaller than typically developed for diversity and the opportunity to accommodate seniors is something that he wanted to request the Planning Board consider as it moves to them. He said they think in 1300 to 1500 square feet sizes all over the nation, they are building 900 to 1200 and they are doing a good job of it. He said they are marketable and asked for this to be considered. He thanked Mr. Morelli.

Supervisor Cunningham asked if there were any other questions.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

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The following resolution was presented for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 10

**TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPLICATION
AND
SEQR LEAD AGENCY COORDINATION
RUSSELL ROAD PARTNERS
572 RUSSELL ROAD
MARCH 11, 2009
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Russell Road Partners (the Applicant) seeks approval from the Town of Bethlehem Town Board for a Planned Development District ("PDD")

to allow for the construction of 56 units of residential condominium units and a 2,990+/- sq. ft. Stewart's convenience store with gas pumps. This 11.53+/- acre site located at the northwest corner of Krumkill and Russell Roads, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 128-44(C) of the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Law, the Applicant has submitted the requisite application materials (the "Application"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is considered an Unlisted Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (ECL, Article 8) and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) (collectively "SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has requested that the Town Board take the following actions with respect to the Project:

1. In accordance with Section 128-44 of the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Law, to accept the Application from Russell Road Partners for further review and consideration by the Town Board;
2. In accordance with Section 128-44 (C)(3) of the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Law, to refer the Application to the Town Planning Board for review and recommendation; and
3. In accordance with SEQRA and Section 128-44(C)(3) of the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Law, to recognize the Project as a Type I Action and declare itself lead agency with respect to the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby accepts the Application from Russell Road Partners, determines that it shall consider the Application and in accordance with the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Law hereby refers the Application to the Town Planning Board for review and recommendation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in accordance with SEQRA and with the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Law, the Town Board hereby declares the Project to constitute a Type I Action and hereby declares its intent to be Lead Agency with respect to the Project. The Town Board directs the Town Staff to undertake the necessary coordinated review with other involved agencies to establish the Town Board as lead agency pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.6.

On a motion by Mr. Kotary, seconded by Mrs. Dawson and a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstention and 0 absent, this RESOLUTION was adopted on March 11, 2009.

The following item was a request from Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, Erik Deyoe, to accept the map, plan and report for the South Albany Sewer District and schedule a public hearing for funding of Sanitary Improvements for the South Albany Sewer District for April 8, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Supervisor Cunningham said this is an ongoing project and a grant is to be applied for. He asked Mr. Deyoe if that was correct and Mr. Deyoe said that was correct.

Mr. Deyoe said we are accepting the map, plan and report that addresses the improvements in that district which mainly are the replacement of existing sand filter with a recirculating sand filter. He said in order to make the improvements and put that burden on the district, they need to have a public hearing and have the public be heard.

The motion was made by Mr. Hennessey and seconded by Mr. Kotary to accept the map, plan and report for the South Albany Sewer District and schedule a public hearing for funding of Sanitary Improvements for the South Albany Sewer District for April 8, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. as requested by Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, Erik Deyoe.

Councilman Dawson asked if this was going to be separate from the public hearing up top. Supervisor Cunningham said he schedules them at the same time because if they are scheduled for 6 p.m. if they go through quickly, the Board does not have to wait for the time.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.

Noes: None.
Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Commissioner of Public Works, Joseph Cansler, for award of bid for the purchase of various water purification chemicals used in the ongoing operation of the Town's Water Treatment Plants.

The motion was made by Mr. Messina and seconded by Mr. Kotary to approve the award of bid for the purchase of various water purification chemicals used in the ongoing operation of the Town's Water Treatment Plants as outlined in the Memorandum from Joseph Cansler, Commissioner of Public Works, to the vendors indicated at the bid prices submitted. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

The following item was a request from Administrator, Nan Lanahan, Parks and Recreation Department to award the bid for portable toilet rentals for the Parks, Highway, and Public Works Departments to Stone Industries.

The motion was made by Mrs. Dawson and seconded by Mr. Hennessey to approve the award of bid for portable toilet rentals for the Parks, Highway, and Public Works departments to Stone Industries as requested by Nan Lanahan, Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department at the bid prices submitted. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Administrator, Nan Lanahan, Parks and Recreation Department, for approval of seasonal personnel.

The motion was made by Mr. Messina and seconded by Mr. Kotary to approve the appointment of seasonal personnel as requested by Nan Lanahan, Administrator, Parks and Recreation Department, as listed in the Memorandum dated March 11, 2009 at the titles and salaries indicated. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

The next item was a request from Highway Superintendent, Gregg Sagendorph, for award of bids for various commodities used for ongoing operations.

The motion was made by Mrs. Dawson and seconded by Mr. Kotary to approve the award of various bids for commodities used for ongoing operations as requested by Gregg Sagendorph, Highway Superintendent, to the various bidders at the bid prices submitted. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.

Supervisor Cunningham next asked if there was any new business from the

Board. There was none.

The Supervisor made the following announcements:

- March 12, 2009 is the 216 anniversary of the founding of the Town of Bethlehem and is Judge Donovan's birthday.
- March 13, Friday, both Selkirk Fire Department and Elsmere Fire Department will be holding their annual fish fry.
- Bethlehem 20/20 will be meeting on March 20, 2009 at the Elsmere Fire Department on the second floor at 7:45 a.m.
- First day of spring clean-up will be March 21, 2009.
- Maple sugaring open house will be held March 21, 22, 28 and 29, 2009 and April 4 and 5, 2009 at Five Rivers Environmental Center from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- Chief Louis Corsi was appointed by Governor Patterson to the Accreditation Counsel committee, noting it is his 3rd term. He congratulated the Chief.
- Department of Public Works under the leadership of Erik Deyoe has been awarded the American Public Works 2008 Project of the year award for our \$5.2 million aeration improvement project done at the wastewater plant. Mr. Deyoe said this project was initiated last summer and went out to bid to install a variable speed compressor to supplement the existing constant speed blowers that are at the plant. He said basically it allows the Town to on demand adjust how much air is put in the system. He said by doing so, we will save about \$50,000 in energy costs. He said it is a significant savings from an energy standpoint. He said it is a real good win and it was a great project. He noted he was pleased the Public Works Association is recognizing it that way. The Supervisor congratulated Mr. Deyoe.
- Jake Platel, son of Building Inspector Mark Platel was awarded 1st place in pole vault in the New York State Indoor Track and Field competition. Supervisor Cunningham congratulated him.
- Delmar Dash will be held April 4, 2009.
- April 18, 2009 will be the first community clean-up day. He said volunteers are needed and they are held the 3rd Saturday each month with an identified site indicated. He said they spend 2 to 3 hours picking up trash and the April date will coincide with Earth Day.

Councilman Kotary said going back to the Quadricentennial, he wanted to remind everybody the full event schedule is on the Town website and noted there is lots of informational pieces on the library and the Chamber of Commerce websites also. He said there will be more trolley tours, fishing tournament in May and a portion of the Memorial Day parade will focus on the Quadricentennial and then June 14, 2009 is the opening day or kick-off of a summer full of activities at the Bethlehem Historical Association at the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse with an ice cream social and Bethlehem Art Association show and sale. He noted the culminating event will be on August 16, 2009 at the Henry Hudson Park celebrating the Voyage 400 and a family day at Cherry Hill on August 22, 2009.

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Supervisor Cunningham asked if there were any comments on non-agenda items. There were none.

The motion was made by Mr. Kotary and seconded by Mr. Messina to adjourn the regular Town Board meeting at 6:43 p.m. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Messina, Mr. Kotary, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Hennessey.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Town Clerk

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