

A special meeting was held by the Town Board of the Town of Ballston on Thursday evening, April 26, 2012 at the Town Hall on Charlton Road. Members present were Supervisor Patricia Southworth, Councilwoman Mary Beth Hynes, Councilman Jeremy Knight, Councilman Timothy Szczepaniak and Councilman William Goslin. Also present were Town Attorney Murry Brower and Town Clerk Carol Shemo.

Supervisor Southworth called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Carl Utter from The Paul Revere Life Insurance Company gave a presentation concerning Colonial Voluntary Benefits.

### **RESOLUTION 12-67**

#### **AUDIT OF CLAIMS**

A motion was made by Councilman Knight and seconded by Councilman Szczepaniak to approve the payment of bills on the April Abstract in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 154 through 210	\$ 74,300.12
Highway Fund	No. 106 through 159	205,201.47
Gravel Pit Fund	No. 3 through 5	1,218.22
Park Fund	No. 5 through 7	337.96
Water Fund	No. 42 through 56	10,541.93

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Supervisor Southworth, Councilwoman Hynes, Councilman Szczepaniak, Councilman Knight and Councilman Goslin

Nays 0

The Town Board reviewed the items to be placed on the agenda for the May 1, 2012 Town Board meeting.

#### **Mass Gathering**

Councilman Goslin gave the Board a side by side comparison of the present law and the future proposal law. The Board is not ready to vote at this time.

#### **Solar Systems Legislation**

Councilman Goslin would like to receive additional input from the community. The Board has their bullet points from the workshop and Town Attorney Brower will draft a clean copy of the notes from the workshop and send to the Board. This information concerning possible solar system legislation will be posted on the web for all to review.

#### **Anchor Diamond Park**

Councilman Szczepaniak stated that Dan Russell will give a presentation on Anchor Diamond Park at the May 1, 2012 Town Board Meeting.

#### **Industrial Zoning**

Councilman Goslin would like to vote at the May 1, 2012 Town Board meeting for the Board to have the intent to move forward with zoning changes. He asked the Town Attorney the best way to proceed. Attorney Brower stated the Board would pass a resolution to study the issue, engage outside vendors or the Town engineer to complete the study, propose specific legislation and do the SEQRA process.

#### **Spring Pick-up**

County Waste will not be doing a junk pick-up for the Town this Spring. We are talking to County Waste about the possibility of a Fall pick-up. Ideas were considered to raise money to offset the cost of this pick-up. The Board would like Town residents to give their input on a possible way to raise funds for this pick-up by website email or call the Town Supervisor.

#### **Status of 14 Lakehill Road Property**

Councilman Szczepaniak asked the status of the property at 14 Lakehill Road. Building Inspector Thomas Johnson answered that the property owner was served with a violation notice and has thirty to 60 days to fix his property or then be taken to Supreme Court.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Paul Simpson asked when the solar zoning bullet points would be put on the website. He shared his concerns about Anchor Diamond Park. Since the parcel has changed the residents should have input on the park. The Town should not put itself in a situation where we contribute to the maintenance of the park.

Lisa Doan spoke concerning the possibility of having a Town community-wide program for collecting metal for a certain period of time as a Town fundraiser to offset the cost of a junk pick-up.

Polly Windels voiced her concerns about Anchor Diamond Park. She spoke with a person from the Department of State concerning a referendum on the park. The official said we can have a referendum since the Town will be receiving money from the sale of the stocks. She asked if the previous land owners had been consulted.

Councilman Szczepaniak stated Mr. Lang is the only property owner who is involved in the park.

Robert Pustolka asked the Board if Mr. Lang is the only candidate we are looking to buy land for the park. He asked where the money for the park will be held.

Supervisor Southworth stated that there is a Trust and Agency account solely for the purpose of this park money.

Richard Voehringer stated that there is a lot of money involved in this park issue. He feels it should go for a public referendum vote. Anchor Diamond Park should go to the Planning Board and go through the subdivision process.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hynes and seconded by Councilman Szczepaniak to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol R. Shemo  
Town Clerk