TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF DOVER REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 12, 2011

The Town of Dover Town Board held a regular meeting at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at the Dover Town Hall, 126 East Duncan Hill Road, Dover Plains, New York with the following members present:

Supervisor Ryan Courtien
Present: Councilman Christopher Galayda
        Councilwoman Lorraine O’Neill
        Councilwoman Kathleen Surman
Absent: Councilwoman Catherine Frame

Others present: Caroline Reichenberg, Dover Town Clerk; Thomas Jacobellis, Counsel for the Town; and about sixteen (16) interested citizens.

I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE
Supervisor Courtien called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS / QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS
There were no comments or questions.

III. RESOLUTIONS

a. RESOLUTION #2412011
RESOLUTION TO APPEAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS
The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Galayda, seconded by Councilwoman O’Neill, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Dover hereby authorizes Town Counsel to appeal the determination of the State of New York, entitling former employees unemployment insurance benefits, including the incurrence of costs, if any, in connection therewith.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

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b. RESOLUTION #2422011
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO PURSUE NEW YORK STATE CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION
The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman O’Neill, seconded by Councilman Galayda, to wit:

WHEREAS, New York State is currently accepting applications for its Consolidated Funding Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dover desires to make application to the New York State Consolidated Funding Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Dover hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign and execute any necessary documents in connection with the New York State Consolidated Funding Application.

Discussion:
Supervisor Courtien spoke about pursuing a NYS Consolidated Funding application for work to be done on the Tabor Wing house, and mentioned a 50/50 match is required for this funding.

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RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO ACQUIRE LANDS FROM DUTCHESS LAND CONSERVANCY, INC. FOR PURPOSES OF ENHANCING THE DOVER STONE CHURCH PRESERVE

WHEREAS, the Dutchess Land Conservancy is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund; and

WHEREAS, the grant would fund acquisition of land for a park project to be located on Route 22 adjacent to the Dover Stone Church Preserve, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of the Town of Dover; and

WHEREAS, the property is 51 acres of unimproved land, directly adjacent to the Stone Church Preserve and identified by the following section-block-lot number 7063-00-377243. The property has no road frontage but has a deeded right-of-way access to State Route 22; and

WHEREAS, contingent upon acquisition of this property the Dutchess Land Conservancy intends to place a conservation easement on the property restricting development; and

WHEREAS, the Dutchess Land Conservancy proposes to transfer title of the property to the Town of Dover subject to the conservation easement as an addition to the Stone Church Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the Stone Church Preserve is a park open to the public, owned by the Town of Dover, of which 109 acres is under a conservation easement held by the Dutchess Land Conservancy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Town of Dover hereby does approve and endorse the acquisition of land by Dutchess Land Conservancy, Inc., contingent upon Dutchess Land Conservancy’s receipt of necessary grant and other acquisition funds, for transfer to the Town as an addition of holdings of Stone Church Preserve.

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d. RESOLUTION #2442011
RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO ACQUIRE LANDS FROM DUTCHESS LAND CONSERVANCY, INC. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO ACQUIRE LANDS TO ENHANCE THE DOVER STONE CHURCH PRESERVE

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman O'Neil, seconded by Councilman Galayda, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Dutchess Land Conservancy, Inc. is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund; and

WHEREAS, the grant would fund acquisition of land for a park project to be located on Route 22 adjacent to the Dover Stone Church Preserve, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of the Town of Dover; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of this funding program, Dutchess Land Conservancy, Inc. must obtain the “approval of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located”; and

WHEREAS, the Dover Stone Church Preserve is a park open to the public, owned by the Town of Dover a majority of which is under a conversation easement held by the Dutchess Land Conservancy; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Dover hereby does approve and endorse the application of Dutchess Land Conservancy, Inc. for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund for a park project known as Dover Stone Church Vincent Property and located within this community.

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e. RESOLUTION #2452011
RESOLUTION APPROVING REIMBURSEMENT TO LIBRARY
The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Galayda, seconded by Councilwoman O’Neill, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Town of Dover Library has paid for the repair of plumbing and filters at a cost of $1,221.03; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of a Lease Agreement, the Town of Dover is responsible for the cost of such repair.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Dover hereby authorizes the reimbursement to the Dover Plains Library in the amount of $1,221.03.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Ryan Courtien            Voting  Aye
Christopher Galayda              Voting  Aye
Lorraine Perri-O’Neill         Voting  Aye
Catherine Frame           Voting  Absent
Kathleen Surman           Voting  Absent

The Resolution was thereupon adopted on October 12, 2011.

f. RESOLUTION #2462011
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE ORDER AGREEMENT WITH KONICA MINOLTA
The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman O’Neill, seconded by Councilman Galayda, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Town of Dover currently contracts with Konica Minolta for copier machines; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dover can upgrade its current copier machines at no additional cost to the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Dover hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute three (3) Order Agreements with Konica Minolta for the three (3) copier machines for use by the Town of Dover.

Discussion:
Councilwoman O’Neill mentioned this will save the town $3,000 per year.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Ryan Courtien            Voting  Aye
Christopher Galayda              Voting  Aye
Lorraine Perri-O’Neill         Voting  Aye
Catherine Frame           Voting  Absent
Kathleen Surman           Voting  Absent

The Resolution was thereupon adopted on October 12, 2011.

IV. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET
The Supervisor presented the tentative budget to the Town Board and all accounts were discussed. The Town of Dover Highway Superintendent, J.H. Ketcham Fire Company Lead Budget Officer, and Town of Dover Recreation Director addressed their particular concerns with the Tentative Budget.

V. SET PUBLIC MEETINGS
a. Public Hearing & Regular Meeting - October 26, 2011
b. Public Hearing & Regular Meeting - November 9, 2011
c. Special Meeting - November 16, 2011
d. Regular Meeting - November 30, 2011
e. Regular Meeting - December 14, 2011
f. Regular Meeting - December 28, 2011

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS / QUESTIONS
Laurie Bonavenia, resident on Old Pawling Rd., asked the Town Board about the possibility of the Town of Dover working with the Town of Pawling to resolve the matter regarding the closing of a bridge on Old Pawling Road. She mentioned there are many more Dover residents living on the road than Pawling residents and spoke about her interest in the two towns working together on this issue. She also spoke about her concern of this being a safety issue in the case of an emergency.

Supervisor Courtien mentioned he would have to speak to the Counsel for the Town regarding Ms. Bonavenia’s suggestion of forming a special district to help fund the bridge. He reported that Town of Pawling Supervisor Kelly spoke of an expense of about $300,000. The Supervisor spoke of looking into the possibility of proposing an agreement where the Town of Dover would help fund the cost of a Pawling bridge, and the Town of Pawling help fund the cost of a Dover bridge in the future.

Thomas Jacobellis, Counsel for the Town, mentioned the formation of a special district in this matter would be an extremely unique situation with a lot of legal issues and he will look into it and report to the Town Board.
PUBLIC COMMENTS / QUESTIONS CONTINUED:

Alan Surman spoke about a change in the format of an upcoming debate regarding the Dutchess County Legislator. Linda French, representative for Citizens for a Better Dover, remarked the upcoming debate will be two hours long and they are in the process of setting the timeline for all candidates, which will be submitted to both the Republican and Democratic parties. Tyler Davis, resident, asked for an update on the Town Board interviewing of an independent expert for the Cricket Valley Energy project. Supervisor Courtien reported the Town Board conducted an interview two weeks prior to this meeting and interviews are still ongoing.

Mr. Davis asked about positions slated for increase in salary in the tentative budget. Supervisor Courtien mentioned all positions except the Supervisor and budget officer position were given a 1 1/2% increase on their hourly rate, and the number of hours may have increased or decreased in the tentative budget. He continued to comment the Local 456 will have a definite increase due to their contract, and an increase from 40 to 45 dollars is proposed in the tentative budget for members of other boards of the town. This amount is what a member gets paid per meeting and has not increased in four years. Mr. Davis asked about the status of the Nellie Hill Rd. bridge repair issue. Supervisor Courtien mentioned the Town Engineer is working with the NYSDOT on this matter.

VII. ADJOURN MEETING

RESOLUTION #2472011
ADJOURN

The following Resolution was offered by Supervisor Courtien seconded by Councilwoman O’Neill, to wit: BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Dover adjourned the regular meeting at 9:35 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Reichenberg
Dover Town Clerk