

SPECIAL MEETING of the CORNWALL TOWN BOARD was held on May 27th 2009 in the Second Floor Conference Room, 183 Main Street, Cornwall, NY 12518

PRESENT: Supervisor
Councilpersons

D. KEVIN QUIGLEY
ALEXANDER MAZZOCCA
J. KERRY McGUINNESS
RANDOLPH CLARK
MARY BETH GREENE-KRAFFT

Also PRESENT: ATTORNEY, STEVE GABA, representing Attorney for Town, JAMES R. LOEB, Esq.

7:05 P.M. – Bid Opening – Pergola – As the Town did not receive any bids for tonight's meeting, a motion to waive the reading of the Public Notice regarding the aforementioned was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilwoman KRAFFT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Pledge

Public Comment on Agenda Items – None.

Special Guests:

Michael Knutson – Conservation Easement Manager for Scenic Hudson

Jacqueline L. Grant – Executive Director for the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum

Robert Mariani – Vice President of the Cornwall United Soccer Club

Todd MacLeod – Vice President of Fields – Cornwall United Soccer Club

Agenda Item #1 – Scenic Hudson – Attorney GABA advised that as we did not receive any bids for the pergola, the Board had the following options: choose to re-notice for this particular pergola; decide on a different design to put out for bid; or come up with a third plan. Attorney GABA opened a dialogue with Mr. Knutson regarding the pergola specifics. Mr. GABA questioned, given budgetary constraints: 1) Is it even necessary to build one? 2) Is there another option? or 3) Can it be put off? Mr. Knutson advised that although he would like to see something similar to the gazebo/pergola, he was open to other suggestions; Mr. Knutson did state that the priority for him was that the trails go in and maybe some benches (of natural materials) so that people have a place to stop. Another issue is asphalt vs. concrete for the pavilion, asphalt being the least expensive of the two. Mr. Knutson will get back to the Board on this. Councilwoman KRAFFT believes that asphalt was approved at one time. The Board questioned the status of the proposed soccer fields. Mr. Knutson advised that the easement allows for an informal athletic field, but it does not allow for permanent structures such as bleachers, back stops, or a permanent net. Mr. Knutson further explained that the Mid-Slope Zone allows for the pavilion, and provides for three permanent tennis courts and an informal field. Councilman CLARK asked what Scenic Hudson's position was on a possible Dog Park. Supervisor QUIGLEY explained that he has received a lot of calls from the residents of Cornwall requesting this. Mr. Knutson advised that if the community is really interested in this – then it

is something they would consider. There are some concerns that a dog park would be used fairly intensively, and they would not want that to overshadow other uses for the park -- the issues would be size and location, and how they might be managed. Attorney GABA suggested that it be modeled after the Thomas Bull Park, but on a smaller scale. Attorney GABA asked Ms. Grant about the temporary sign that was put up for the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum. Ms. Grant advised that they would like to keep that sign. The Board advised that the next step was for the Museum to apply for the zoning. Councilman MAZZOCCA asked if Scenic Hudson would like to buy the Town's share of the Park (at a good price). Scenic Hudson declined at this time. Councilman CLARK questioned Ms. Grant regarding the soccer fields that were negotiated between Seth (from the Museum) and the Cornwall Youth Soccer group (now known as Cornwall United Soccer). \$15,000.00 was donated towards this cause, and Councilman CLARK asked whether these soccer fields were now going to be pursued given that the prerequisites were that the main entrance be dedicated and the gate be up -- closing off the 9W entrance. Ms. Grant advised that the money was donated for the road. Councilman CLARK replied that it was donated to eventually get soccer fields. Ms. Grant explained that the soccer group is entitled to build the fields that they can use for soccer and she plans to meet with them to discuss it. Ms. Grant pointed out a restriction that there be no permanent goal posts. Supervisor QUIGLEY asked if the field could be striped and if the goal posts could be removed seasonally. Mr. Knutson recalled that that particular easement allowed for temporary goal posts and a movable snack bar that were to be removed at the end of the day. Councilman CLARK pointed out that he is mystified because if you look on the 1996 map of the Museum, it includes the term "soccer fields" on it. "Without goals, it's not a soccer field. You were planning to put soccer fields there, but over time now different easements have come to pass that prohibit permanent structures, i.e. goal posts, yet you're telling us you can put a soccer field in, but what do you call a soccer field without goal posts or striping?" Mr. Knutson advised that the ability exists to have two soccer fields here but they cannot have permanent structures. Councilman CLARK voiced his concern as to where we would put the goal posts at the end of the day. Both Councilman CLARK and Supervisor QUIGLEY requested that the goal posts be removed seasonally rather than daily. Mr. Mariani explained that a season has two sessions -- ten weeks in the spring and ten weeks in the fall. Mr. Mariani explained that movable posts are the only ones used today, they are manufactured with wheels and are moved all the time due to wear and tear on the fields. Striping can be done with a non-toxic paint or lime dust. Mr. Mariani further advised that the posts are designed with a slide on the bottom that puts the wheel up and is able to be used by children without any fear of it flipping over, and that spikes are used to affix the posts during a game. Councilman CLARK asked what level of difficulty there would be in removing the posts to store them when not in use. Mr. Mariani did state that a flatbed truck was required to haul away the goal posts and that he could move them to an arranged space. Councilman McGUINNESS requested to please keep the Board informed as the dialogues between Cornwall United Soccer and the Museum continue. The Board thanked all the special guests for attending the meeting.

Agenda Item #2 – Sign Locations – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that we currently do not have an ordinance regarding signs. There were some questions about signs located in the Town's right-of-way, and whether or not they had approval from a previous Board. Councilwoman

KRAFFT believes that the Library received Board approval for the placement of their sign and suggested that we do some research first as to the other signs before we craft the language to the proposed ordinance. Councilman CLARK asked if there was a way we could honor past state champions of the Town of Cornwall, perhaps when we do the Bonnie Blair plaque. Councilwoman KRAFFT will look into using the Blair plaque with add-ons.

Agenda Item #3 – Cornerstone Proposal – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that the proposal we received from Cornerstone would save the Town approximately \$7,300.00 over a three-year period. The Supervisor advised that he was informed that the system can switch over to FIOS. Councilman CLARK advised that the Village, Library and Cornwall School district are currently using Cornerstone. Councilman CLARK suggested that we switch to FIOS now and that if Cornerstone can't do that now, then we should approach Verizon.

Agenda Item #4 – Sewer Plant – Roof – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that the roof at the Sewer Plant is leaking into the office area and needs to be replaced. Quotes submitted were as follows:

Burns & Whalen --	\$10,200.00
Yankee Construction --	\$ 7,350.00

A motion to grant conditional approval to Yankee Construction provided that the materials used be the same as the competitor's. Authorization for the Supervisor to make the decision was made by Councilman MAZZOCCA, seconded by Councilman McGUINNESS.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Agenda Item #5 – Records Management – Supervisor QUIGLEY advised that the Town Clerk, Elaine Tilford Schmeer, requested that the Board support a resolution that is being sponsored by the Local Government Records Advisory Council. Elaine explained that throughout the years she has applied for and received grants awarded to the Town in excess of \$90,000.00, and that with all the cuts made by the State, we should adopt this resolution in order to continue to receive grants. Attorney GABA will re-write the resolution so that it reflects the Town of Cornwall. A motion to approve was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilman MAZZOCCA.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

Councilwoman KRAFFT requested a letter of support from the Town for The Henry Hudson Quadricentennial. This is for funding for events that go on throughout the year. Motion to have the Supervisor sign a letter of support was made by Councilwoman KRAFFT, seconded by Councilman CLARK.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Building & Grounds was made by Councilman CLARK, seconded by Councilwoman KRAFFT.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Unanimous Aye.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:30 P.M.

Renata McGee
Stenographer/Deputy Town Clerk

Elaine Tilford Schneer
Town Clerk