

December 27, 2018

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Warwick was held on Thursday, December 27, 2018 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick.

Supervisor Sweeton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Michael Sweeton
Councilman James Gerstner
Councilman Mickey Shuback
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo
Councilman Russell Kowal

Attorney for the Town, Jay Myrow
Deputy DPW Commissioner Benjamin Astorino
Police Chief, Thomas F. McGovern, Jr. – Absent

PRESENTATION: Sophia Rodbell – Davey Resource Group – The sites that we were included in the inventory were trees, stops and vacant sites and they were located within town-maintained street right-of-way's, parks, public facilities as well as hazardous trees that were in the right-of-way. The data collected were locations, addresses with GPS, which is the X&Y coordination's, species, diagram at rest height, tree condition, primary maintenance needed, risk assessment, risk rating, further inspection, defects, whether or not it's a multi stem and the presence of utilities or hurricane damage. This inventory was completed in July of 2018. The inventory results were a total of 1,581 sites in these specified areas comprised of 1,440 trees, 42 stumps and 99 vacant sites. This was 76 species representing 37 different genera. The most genera in your inventory were maple at 38%, cherry at 11%, juniper at 9%, ash at 6% and honey locust at 4%. For genius we tried to stay in the low 10% threshold, so by having 38% maple in your population it's quite skewed at this time. For tree condition we had 23% of the total inventory being good to excellent and only 18% was considered poor to dead, which is a good distribution. We calculated the diameter class distribution aiming for a 40/30 20/10 split between age classes where young would represent 40% and the mature would represent 10%. You have 33% young which is close to that 40% goal, however you have 44% established which is the next size concept that is 9/17 diameter range and that's 14% above your goal. To fix the skewed ratio at this time we encourage planting younger trees and maintaining them as they mature. We did a maintenance need by calculation and a majority of the trees fell to the large tree crown queen ratio and that's because you have a majority of large trees in the Town. We delivered all of the data using Excel, Google Earth and Tree Keepers Software, it's currently during its promotional period so it's provided to the Town for a whole year. In the Tree Keepers Software, it can be used for maintenance, so if a homeowner calls in a dead tree it's easy to look up via their address where the tree is and scheduled with your contractors or with your DPW in the Town to maintain that tree, as well as add a billing amount, who called it in a homeowner, a neighbor or a police officer. For summery the next steps as mentioned before we suggest that Warwick diversify some distributions by suspending the plantings of maples and eliminating the use of cherries because that was at 11%. We encourage privatizing and managing mature tree population, pruning trees to improve structure and better form as they age. Theoretically it will help keep the costs down later if you can prune a good tree form when its young you won't have equated bark or other related issues

later on. We encourage using trekkie software to keep the inventory up to date once it's performed. Consider performing an annual level one inventory to identify new maintenance items that popped up since the inventory. We call this a window shield survey so two members of the DPW can drive around the town and look for hazardous trees in the ride-of-way. We also recommend before a complete re-inventory in 7 years or you can update once each year.

Supervisor Sweeton – So our ash numbers are not as high.

Sophia Rodbell – Your ash population is at 6%, so it's within the top 5 genera in the town. I believe we did find sign of EAB but not as dire as other towns at this time.

Supervisor Sweeton – We appreciate that. This was a grant from the DEC and Karen's Commission were the ones that secured that for us, that's great. Karen, I don't know if you have anything you want to share in terms of next steps.

Karen Emmerich – Chairperson, Town of Warwick Shade Tree Commission – The next steps come with the management plan that Davey has prepared and they outlined the 7-year strategy and what needs to be done in the town as far as maintenance. The Tree Commission has discussed the plans for next year and once we get the information together, we will make you aware of what our ideas are. We have been working closely with Bill Roe the Parks Superintendent who has had some good ideas. We are ready to move forward and the inventory is really valuable. We knew we had a very large population of maples in the town, so we are consciously trying to plant other varieties of trees and we'll continue to do that. It's helpful to have everything documented so that we can follow through with the management plan.

Supervisor Sweeton – Thank you Sophia for being here tonight we appreciate it

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, December 13, 2018

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Gerstner to accept the minutes as written from the Regular Meeting held on December 13, 2018.

Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays)

CORRESPONDENCE:

REUBEN KLINE – Haute Route, LLC., Gan Fondo Bicycle Event. Special Event Permit for a Bicycle Event on June 2, 2019.

LISA CULHANE – Strategic Partnerships, Orange & Rockland Utilities. Email to Town Clerk dated December 19, 2018 regarding Emergency Contact information.

LAURA BARCA - Planning Board Engineer, Town of Warwick. Letter to Supervisor dated December 21, 2018 regarding the release of Bonds to Allied Excavating, Inc. for the Jayne Street project.

MICHAEL M. GRANT – Manager, Reginal & Community Affairs, Orange & Rockland Utilities. Letter dated December 19, 2018 notifying of scheduled distribution system vegetation management work on or about January 2, 2019.

ROBERT WRIGHT -Resident, Town of Warwick. Request to serve Alcohol at Wickham Woodland Manor for a Family Party on January 27, 2019.

NICOLE ORTIZ -Resident, Town of Warwick. Request to serve Alcohol at Wickham Woodland Manor for a Family Party on May 25, 2019.

CYNTHIA HALLOCK -Resident, Town of Warwick. Request to serve Alcohol at Wickham Woodland Manor for a Family Party on December 29, 2018.

NATALIA DASRAJ - Resident, Orange County, NY. Email to Town Clerk dated December 11, 2018 regarding her concerns for CPV.

LORETTA LENIHAN – Speech Language Pathologist. Email dated June 17, 2018 regarding Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders Support Group of Warwick Meeting Reminder. The meetings are held the 3rd THURSDAY of each month from 1:30 – 3:00pm at the American Legion Hall located at 71 Forester Avenue in Warwick. For more information, please call 845-986-4980.

WRENEGADE SPORTS, LLC. – Application for a Special Event. Farm to Fork Fonda a noncompetitive cycling event on June 9, 2019 at the Warwick Valley Winery.

FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM- The Town of Warwick 2019 Advisory Board Meeting Dates. Meetings are held at the Town Hall of Warwick 132 Kings Highway at 10:00am in the large conference room. The meetings are as follows:

January 14, 2019	September 9, 2019
March 11, 2019	November 18, 2019 (3rd Monday due to Veteran’s Day 11/11)
May 13, 2019	December 9, 2019 Volunteer Appreciation Holiday Party
July 18, 2019	

THOMAS F. MCGOVERN - Police Chief, Town of Warwick. Memo dated December 21, 2018 to the Town Board regarding a check from Carfax Inc. in the amount of \$165.00 for accidents and deposit into the Police -Special Department line#466.

TODD LOY – ISSS-POC and Loan Specialist, Rural Development. Email dated December 18, 2018 regarding Technical assistance webinars available for Re-Connect Program.

THOMAS F. MCGOVERN - Police Chief, Town of Warwick. Memo dated December 21, 2018 to the Town Board regarding donations in the amount of \$100.00 and \$500.00 for accidents and deposit into the Police NARCO account.

BOARD’S DISCUSSION ON CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Sweeton – The schedule for the Friendly Visitor Advisory meeting are there, once again that’s a program to help seniors remain in their homes. You can call to seek

assistance by calling 986-1124 ext. 400 for the Friendly Visitor Program and someone will be in touch with you.

VISITING ELECTED OFFICIALS

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Catch Basins	Village Wide	Vac Basins	Village of GWL
Tree Work	Iron Mountain Rd.	Trim Roadsides	Town
	Wah Ta Wah	Trim Roadsides	Village of GWL
Pot Holes	Village Wide	Fill with Cold Patch	Village of GWL
	Town Wide	Fill with Cold Patch	Town
Sanding	Village wide	Sand all roads on 12/24/18	Village of GWL
	Town Wide	Sand all roads on 12/24/18	Town
Vehicle Maint.	As needed		Village of GWL
	As needed		Town
Emerg. Repairs	As needed		Village of GWL
	As needed		Town
Road Signs	Village wide	Repair as needed	Village of GWL
	Town wide	Repair as needed	Town
Haul Material	Village stockpile	Haul sand/salt mix	Village of GWL

PARKS DEPARTMENT

All Town Parks Open	Bathrooms Closed	Town
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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS REPORT

COUNCILMAN DE ANGELO REPORT

1. The Warwick Valley Humane Society said the Animal Shelter will be closed to the public on New Year’s Day and will reopen on January 2nd from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and will resume regular hours 7 days a week. The current list available for adoption is 18 dogs, 76 cats, 34 kittens, 9 rabbits, 2 parakeets, 1 guinea pig and 5 roosters. Their final fundraiser of the year was the gingerbread auction held at the Landmark Inn and raised over \$1,000 for their homeless pets. They would like me to give thanks to Michael and Rachel DiMartino for creating and donating the festive homemade gingerbread houses enjoyed by all. They also asked me to extend gratitude to the Town and Village Communities and Boards, our Police Departments, DPW and our residents for their support and generosity to their organization.

2. I would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year.

COUNCILMAN KOWAL REPORT

1. The skating rink is up and assembled in Pine Island Park, we have water in it and all we need now is cold weather and strap the skates on or play a couple of rounds of curling.

COUNCILMAN GERSTNER REPORT

1. I would like to wish everybody a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year and remind everybody on New Year's Eve, December 31st in the Village of Warwick it will be our Apple Eve from 10:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

2. This will be the start of our 150th year for the Warwick Fire Department and there will be events throughout the year for the 150th and I hope everybody comes out and enjoys the Apple Eve with us. One of the ladder trucks should be down there dropping the apple this year. I will keep everybody up to date throughout the year on the events that will take place.

Supervisor Sweeton – Congratulations to the Warwick Fire Department on that.

COUNCILMAN SHUBACK REPORT

1. In November the Highway Department came in at 7:30 a.m. What day of the week was it that you worked around the clock?

Deputy DPW Commissioner Astorino – For the snow, I'm not sure.

Councilman Shuback – It was just before thanksgiving.

Deputy DPW Commissioner Astorino – It was.

Councilman Shuback – They came in at 7:30 a.m. and worked around the clock and it was considerable overtime.

Supervisor Sweeton – We appreciate that too. People don't realize that our crews are there the whole length of the storm.

Councilman Shuback – They had 16 hours of time and a half.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1. Happy New Year to everyone.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

1. On Wednesday, January 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in this room we will have the Reorganization meeting of the Town Board and that is where we make all of our appointments and set our schedule for next year. Hopefully you can be in attendance or catch us on the internet.

2. O&R will be tree trimming in the Warwick area starting on or about January 2nd.

They will be in the area of Warwick Turnpike, 94, Route 17A, Bellvale Lakes Road, Blooms Corners Road, Pine Island Turnpike, Kings Highway, Belcher Road, Wisner Road, Cascade Road, Union Corners Road and East Ridge Road. It will be Nelson Tree Service and they will be going up and down making sure there are no hazards to the electric wires, so we can keep the power up during storms, which we will get this winter.

3. The recycling holiday schedule, I would like to remind residents on January 1st, New Year's Day it will be one day off, so if your day is Tuesday it will be Wednesday etc. until they catchup the following week. Just be aware of that.

4. I got a call from the Governor's office today and they issued a press release that the Governor announced the 35 million dollars in awards for farmland preservation from New York State Department of Ag and Markets. We are pleased to point out that our submission which is the Newport Bloom II Farm which is the last piece that will connect Will Brown's Farm, the Lowland Farms and will almost touch County Route 1. We were awarded \$989,700.00 to protect 145 acres. That's a great job and another feather in our cap. We put up our new plaque for the number of farms that are in preservation. There's been some news about dairy farms the dire straits that they are in. I would say that our farms which most of those are not dairy farms are still be productively farmed in some capacity. We hope that continues and the farmers who are very versatile will find new ways to farm on their land. Our hearts go out to the dairy farmers who have committed their life to it and unfortunately the economics in the Northeast through no fault of their own. We wish them the best in the new year.

5. I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and another Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year! I know a lot of the area restaurants like Yesterday's provide rides and Dana Distributors have the cab ride. Please don't drink and drive and have a great time and we look forward to a great new year.

6. All of our journal entries have been made and I've been working with the Comptroller to wrap up the yearend and things are all in order. I wish the Board the very best and all of our residents as well.

7. Supervisors Corner is published each week in the Warwick Dispatch, with excerpts printed in the Warwick Advertiser.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (AGENDA ITEMS)

There were no comments or questions on the agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS:

#R2018-364 SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – GRAN FONDO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES BICYCLING EVENT

Motion Councilman Gerstner, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt a resolution granting approval to authorize the use of the roads (not closure of roads) in the Town of Warwick for the Gran Fondo National Championship Series Bicycling Event to be held on June 2, 2019 pending approval from the Chief of Police and receipt of Certificate of Insurance.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2018-365 RELEASE PERFORMANCE BOND – ALLIED EXCAVATING, INC.

Motion Councilman Gerstner, seconded Councilman Shuback to adopt a resolution to authorize the release of Performance Bond #63736864 in the amount of \$96,660.00 for the Jayne Street project to Allied Excavating Inc. as per letter dated December 21, 2018 from the planning board engineer.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

Discussion: Supervisor Sweeton stated that project has been completed and has been signed off on and looks good.

#R2018-366 REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WICKHAM WOODLAND MANOR – ROBERTA WRIGHT

Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Kowal to adopt a resolution to grant Roberta Wright permission to serve alcoholic beverages at Wickham Woodland Manor on January 27, 2019 for a family party. A Certificate of Liquor Liability Insurance is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2018-367 REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WICKHAM WOODLAND MANOR – NICOLE ORTIZ

Motion Councilman Kowal, seconded Councilman Gerstner to adopt a resolution to grant Nicole Ortiz permission to serve alcoholic beverages at Wickham Woodland Manor on May 25, 2019 for a family party. A Certificate of Liquor Liability Insurance is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2018-368 REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WICKHAM WOODLAND MANOR – CYNTHIA HALLOCK

Motion Councilman Gerstner, seconded Councilman DeAngelo to adopt a resolution to grant Cynthia Hallock permission to serve alcoholic beverages at Wickham Woodland Manor on December 29, 2018 for a family party. A Certificate of Liquor Liability Insurance is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

#R2018-369 SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – FARM TO FORK FONDO

Motion Councilman Gerstner, seconded DeAngelo to adopt a resolution to authorize the use of the roads in the Town of Warwick by Wrenegade Sports, LLC for a Farm to Fork Cycling Charity Event to be held on June 9, 2019, 7:00am-5:00pm. at the Warwick Valley Winery. Application and Certificate of Insurance are on file in the Town Clerk's office. Pending payment of fees and approval from the Chief of Police.

Motion carried (5 Ayes, 0 Nays) Supervisor Sweeton declared this resolution duly adopted.

Discussion: Supervisor Sweeton stated that they have run this before and this is the second time at the winery and they did run it fairly well where they didn't cause a lot of issues on the roads and we want to stress to them when we do send the permit to make sure that happens. I know they have sheriffs and Troopers that manages the traffic because it is a County sponsored event.

BILLS: Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Gerstner to pay the bills as audited. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (GENERAL)

No comments were made under the privilege of the floor by the Town Board or the public.

ADJOURN: Motion Councilman DeAngelo, seconded Councilman Gerstner that the regular meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:49 p.m.

12-27-18 CP.

Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk