

Town of Denning – Town Business Meeting

Held on Tuesday, January 8th, 2013 at the Denning Town Hall.

Called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Supervisor Bruning

Minute book signed prior to the opening of the meeting.

The Town Clerk presented to the Board a copy of the agenda, Resolution No. 33 and 34 of 2013 and an updated 911 telephone directory list. The Supervisor submitted the proposed 2013-2014 insurance policy from Mike Pries, Inc. for review and acceptance.

Present: Supervisor Bruning

Councilmen: Mike Dean, Paul Schoonmaker, Kevin Smith,
and David Brooks

Also present: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers

Guest: Karen Rauter the Stream Program Coordinator.

- She submits to the Town Board a copy of the results of a public survey for Priority Recommendations to the Town Board to review.
- Discussion follows on the guidance document.
- Councilman Mike Dean asks Karen Rauter if she knows how to do a SEQR.
- Mrs. Rauter responds that Brian in her office knows how to do a long form SEQR.
- Mrs. Rauter reviews each section for the Board and remarks that she would like to set up a highway group meeting in March, that is when they will have more information on their funding.
- Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers inquires if the Program would pay for engineering? (In regards to a culvert replacement project by the firehouse.)
- Mrs. Rauter responds they cannot keep using a consulting engineer due to cost considerations.
- Supervisor Bruning ask if they would need an engineer?
- Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers responds he doesn't think so.
- Mrs. Rauter inquires as to the status of the landowner's permission?
- Councilman Mike Dean says we have them all but 1.
- Supervisor Bruning asks if Woodard's has an engineer?
- Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers responds they will design and draw.
- Mrs. Rauter inquires as to the status of permitting?
- Supervisor Bruning responds that are non are necessary, as it is dry, it is not a year round watercourse.
- Discussion opened on the Round Pond outlet.
- Mrs. Rauter remarks the DEP was offering possible designs and payments under a flood emergency plan.
- Discussion returns to the former filled in bridge by the firehouse and costs to repair, with Karen Rauter asking if we need to wait?
- Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers responds he wouldn't wait.
- Supervisor Bruning cost for pipe by Straus was \$39,000. Plus installation, he believes the project can be done for under \$50,000.
- Karen Rauter will put in a call to Mark Vian.
- Age of the old bridge is discussed; it was a bridge in the 50's, it has gradually filled in.
- Karen Rauter asks if the Town had to go out for bid?

- Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers for the culvert yes but not the installation that should be under the Procurement Policy threshold.
- Supervisor Bruning informs Karen Rauter the Town has no money and has loaned the highway fund from the general fund.

Resolution No. 33 of 2013

RESOLUTION MAKING NEGATIVE DECLARATION UNDER SEQR FOLLOWING COORDINATED REVIEW OF THE STREAM MANAGEMENT PLAN

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Denning (“Town”), Ulster County, New York held at the Town of Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, New York 12725, in said Town, on the 12th day of February, 2013.

The following resolution was read by Supervisor Bruning;

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District (“SCSWCD”) and NYCDEP-Stream Management Program (“NYCDEP-SMP”) have worked with watershed stakeholders in the Upper Neversink River watershed to study and assess the current and predicted conditions of the Upper Neversink River stream; and

WHEREAS, the SCSWCD and NYCDEP-SMP have used the data and information collected during their investigations of the Upper Neversink River stream to develop a comprehensive Stream Management Plan for the Upper Neversink River; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Neversink River Stream Management Plan addresses many of the concerns shared by SCSWCD, NYCDEP, local municipalities and watershed landowners; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Neversink River Stream Management Plan sets forth many recommendations for local, city, state, and federal cooperation to maintain, preserve, restore or otherwise manage the Upper Neversink River; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Denning, Ulster County and the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County support the Stream Management Plan and seek to formally adopt said plan as a guidance document for stream related activities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended, and the adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively, the “SEQR Act”), a determination as to the potential environmental significance of the Project is required to be made; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Denning, Ulster County and Town of Neversink, Sullivan County have jointly agreed that a single SEQRA review, coordinated by the Town of Denning is an effective way to

insure compliance with SEQRA in regards to local adoption of the Upper Neversink River Stream Management Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Denning has determined that the adoption of the Upper Neversink River Stream Management Plan is a Type 1 Action under SEQRA, and the Town seeks to serve as Lead Agency on behalf of the Town of Denning, Ulster County and Town of Neversink, Sullivan County under a coordinated review. The Town has identified the Town of Neversink to be an interested party which may have approval responsibilities associated with the Project.

Roll Call Vote:	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Councilman Mike Dean	X		
Councilman Paul Schoonmaker	X		
Councilman Kevin Smith	X		
Councilman David	X		
Supervisor Bruning	X		

Vote to adopt and approve is unanimous following a roll call vote

Resolution No. 34 of 2013

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE STREAM MANAGEMENT PLAN

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Denning (“Town”), Ulster County, New York held at the Town of Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, New York 12725, in said Town, on the 12th day of February 2013.

The following resolution was read by Supervisor Bruning;

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District (“SCSWCD”) and the Town recognize that the Neversink River is a key element of the identity of the Town, and provides many environmental and economic benefits to the residents and businesses of Denning; and

WHEREAS, the SCSWCD and the Town have worked cooperatively on stream management issues relevant to both public and private interests for many years; and

WHEREAS, the SCSWCD, in partnership with the NYCDEP Stream Management Program have worked cooperatively since 2008 to develop a comprehensive Stream Management Plan (“SMP”) for the upper Neversink River; and

WHEREAS, the SCSWCD and NYCDEP have worked closely with a local Project Advisory Committee, the Town and other watershed stakeholders to develop the Upper Neversink River SMP

which takes a science based, long-term management approach to the stream; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Neversink River SMP provides guidance on protecting the safety and welfare of the citizens of Denning and the public investment in Town infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the SCSWCD and the Town desire to work cooperatively to implement the Upper Neversink River SMP for the common benefit of both parties, protection of the natural resources and the interests of the broader watershed stakeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Denning recognizes and adopts the Upper Neversink River SMP as a guidance document that can assist the Town and its landowners with addressing long term management of the Neversink River in a manner that is consistent with the protection of public and private property, the protection of natural resources, and in a way that will provide the Town, its landowners and visitors with multiple benefits.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on role call, resulting as follows:

Roll Call Vote:	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Councilman Mike Dean	X		
Councilman Paul Schoonmaker	X		
Councilman Kevin Smith	X		
Councilman David Brooks	X		
Supervisor Bruning	X		

Vote to adopt and approve is unanimous following a roll call vote.

Highway Vouchers presented (see Warrant # 1, voucher (#8-34))

- Councilman Kevin Smith remarks the price of the tow from Prestige was reasonable.
- Councilman David Brooks inquires if the 550 is back and just what is wrong with it?
- Highway Superintendent Van Sadlers responds that M&M Ford has the truck and is working on the problem but there hasn't been a determination yet.

Motion to approve and pay highway fund vouchers by Councilman David Brooks, 2nd by Councilman Mike Dean, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 4 to 0 Roll Call vote.

The warrant is in the amount of \$

General Vouchers presented, (see Warrant # 1, voucher (#11-49))

- Discussion on the increased electric usage at the highway.

Motion to approve and pay general fund vouchers by Councilman Kevin Smith, 2nd by Councilman Paul Schoonmaker, All in favor. Motion carried by a unanimous 4 to 0 Roll Call vote.

The warrant is in the amount of \$

Supervisor Bruning opens a discussion on the truck replacement insurance; due to the age of one truck, the Town would not get a full replacement. He asks Superintendent Van Saders to come up with a replacement cost value.

The Town Clerk left the meeting at 8:42 Pm for a family matter.
The meeting briefly continue unrecorded.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

February 13th, 2012

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 5th, 2013 at the Denning Town Hall.