

State of New York  
County of Fulton  
Town of Caroga

Minutes of the Regular monthly Caroga Town Board meeting held Wednesday May 12, 2010 at the municipal building located at 1840 State Highway #10 at 7:00 pm with the following persons in attendance.

Supervisor Selmsler - Here  
Councilman Ralph Palcovic - Here  
Council Member Valerie Scribner - Here  
Councilman Robert Sullivan - Here  
Councilman Anthony Russitano - Here

Other town officials in attendance were Stephen Jennings – Golf Pro, Greenskeeper, Manager, and Katherine Hillock – Assessor. Wally Hart of the Fulton County Regional Chamber of Commerce was also in attendance as were 29 members of the public.

Supervisor Selmsler called the meeting to order at 7pm by asking for the roll call. The flag salute followed.

**Public:**

Wally Hart – Triathlon scheduled on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in the Peck Lake area that will affect the Town of Caroga. It will be a swim, run, and bike mini sprint triathlon. Mick Brenno put together information about the event, which includes a map. They will be going on route 29A for a brief time. An application has been put together for NYS DOT. One side of the road would be closed for a short amount of time between 8:30 am and 11 am. Mr. Hart stated that the town attorney should be notified of the event. He noted that the event does have a liability policy, which will name all the towns, fire departments, and any of the support staff as additional insured. Because it is an athletic event there is some assumed risk that participants will sign off on. A model letter was included in the packet for the board to submit back to the chamber on the town's letterhead. There is in an electronic version, which can be forwarded to the attorney. A good portion of the proceeds will be going to the Gloversville Boys and Girls Club. They hope this becomes an annual event. Individuals or teams can participate.

Tomorrow night the NYS Outdoor Writers Assoc. will be in the area. A welcome will be held at Vrooman's Hotel. There are 18 writers from across the state, who write on outdoor sports. The chambers hopes by showing them all Fulton County has to offer in terms of fishing and hunting etc. that they will promote our area across the country.

The Chamber of Commerce has been doing some fund raising to keep the Caroga Campsite open. He thinks it is very important to promote the whole town. He has commitments of donations that would put the amount close to \$5,000.00. It is a long way away from \$35,000.00. Mr. Hart spoke to Assemblyman Butler and Senator Farley they both have made funding commitments but there is no state budget. Assemblyman Butler has asked for his mail budget to be returned to him – he gave up \$35,000.00 for mailings throughout the year. There has not been a response from the leadership. He would give that money to the cause if he got it back. There are a number of people that have contacted Mr. Hart about fundraisers. Pine Lake Park is willing to host a number of bands for a fund raising concert for the benefit of Caroga. A date is being discussed. PIX106 – Uncle Veto has offered his assistance. At this point the chamber cannot

write back to DEC with a firm commitment of the needed money. There was a May 10<sup>th</sup> deadline to find the needed money to open the campsite. Assemblyman Butler did get an extended deadline but it is only until the morning of May 13<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Scribner noted that she has talked to our state representatives. They are willing to give the town the money if they get money (the budget passes). Council Member Scribner spoke to Christian Ballantyne of DEC today informing them of the \$5,000.00 already committed and asking that the rest of the money be handed over as it is raised. He said a resolution was needed tonight from the board transferring the funds immediately to DEC - \$35,543.00. The Council Member has thought of starting another face book page through which donations could be sought, she also thought about a golf tournament.

Council Member Scribner contacted the Comptrollers office. The town cannot solicit for donations that is why the chamber has to be involved. They have a 501C. Mr. Hart asked if the funds were raised could they be donated to the town? The councilwoman was not sure how the donated money could be put into the town budget. This will be figured out later.

Council Member Scribner was unsure if the town should be subsidizing the State of New York.

A resident asked how much the campsite generates through bookings. There is an operating budget at the campsite based on the historical data - on the usage of the campsite. The state says it is not at full capacity. There is a cost for the lifeguards, staff, and maintenance. There is a gap of \$58,000.00 but since they will reduce the days it is open in June the deficit is reduced to about \$25,000.00. The town has volunteered to have the highway dept. do the winter cleanup to get the site open. They did not include the offer in their counter offer, as they have to have staff there. It was asked if the problem exists from just last year, which was a cold rainy summer. That is not a fair comparison. If it not a just a one year example then why did they spend \$80,000.00 to improve the Caroga Campsite? Why was no one at DEC looking at this situation? Another issue that needs to be addressed is the Access Pass – for \$2.50 the holder can stay for 14 days.

Councilman Sullivan wanted to make sure the town could receive the donated money if it decides to use money from its budget to keep the campsite open. Supervisor Selmsler did not think it would not be a problem as both entities are non-profit.

There are 17 or 18 separate funds the Fulton Co. Chamber is operating through the foundation for other entities. The money coming in is being kept very close track of. If the goal is not met the money could go back to the donor or asked to be used to promote/market the Town of Caroga.

The public was then given a few minutes to express their concerns and ideas.

Stephen Putman addressed the board at last months meeting he will check on eliminating some unnecessary street lighting. Another issue he wanted to discuss was the dirt purchased by the town. He feels he is being short changed by the town when the highway department delivers dirt to residents from ditching. He approached the highway superintendent, to no avail. He has existing jobs in town and has seen the highway dept. deliver material while he is working on the job. This takes money out of his pocket, it is wrong. He noted the town's liability when their vehicle goes on private property. He asked the town to look into something he heard about topsoil being purchased and delivered out of town. He stated that employees are receiving loads at their homes. Mr. Putman indicated that town board members are directing where the dirt will be delivered. All board members deny this is happening. He noted that town owns a screening plant, which has been being used for the past 6 – 7 year by another town and by a personal owner - not even in town. He asked if the town was receiving revenue for that. If they are using it for free... he would like to use it for free. He did not advise selling the machinery. Supervisor Selmsler thought the issue was under control. When he last spoke to the Highway Superintendent there was a short list of people who wanted dirt. There is a policy in place to notify the board where there is access material. Town employees are not allowed to benefit.

## **Department Reports:**

*Highway* - Mr. Wager Deputy Hwy Superintendent reported the new lighting was installed in the shop. Fulton Co. Electric did the work. The ceiling was re-painted. They have been working on Pine Ave. back 100 years ago when the land was developed it was a swamp area. Trees were cut and placed crossways in the road. The frost has pushed the logs up. The road was not repairable. The road was dug out, cobble was placed in the wet spots, and then gravel was put down. New drains were put in.

*Code Enforcement & Sanitation* – Mr. Heberer submitted a written report – from April 14 to May 12, 2010 - 20 building permits were issued, two sanitation permits, and three ZBA Applications were processed. There were 29 junk vehicle/property maintenance issues, etc. - nine of the issues have been resolved.

*Dog Control* – Mr. Dutcher stated to the Town Clerk that he received 5 calls for the month. There was trial regarding a roaming dangerous dog, which resulted in a one hundred dollar fine. There was one dog bite case. On May 24 there is a pending dog issue which may result in jail time. The Supervisor asked about delinquent dog for this year. The clerk reported 14 dog owners were currently delinquent in renewing the dogs' license. There are still 6 dogs from 2009 whose licenses were not renewed. Only two of them don't have current rabies certificates. The owners have all received 2 if not 3 letters.

*Golf Course* – Mr. Jennings reported revenues to date as \$84,700.00 from greens fees and memberships. There are 184 members – down a few members from last year. It was noted there were 190 members last year. Some have not joined this year, as they are elderly. The green on #4 will be ready to go in the next month. He is putting ten inches of 50/50 mix on top and will purchase 5000 sq ft of sod. The cost will be \$2,750.00 for the sod – \$0.55 a sq ft delivered from Massachusetts. There is no one locally that has “green sod” specifically for a green. Councilman Russitano asked about the place in Saratoga but Mr. Jennings stated they did not have sod for greens and tees. He estimates the total cost to be less than \$10,000.00 – man hours, materials everything. A professionally spec'd out green are upward of \$50,000.00. The irrigation line is all hooked up. Two new sprinklers were installed. He is looking for a date to have a golf tournament to raise money for the campsite. The tournament will go through the chamber. Several people commented on how what good shape the course was in.

*BTI* – No Report

*Weeds* – Mr. DeWeese reported that the highway department delivered the harvester and the equipment in front of his house. They are ready to go. He will conduct an organizational meeting on May 25, 2010. He cruised around the lake and where harvesting was not done last year the weeds are abundant. Per the permit the teams will start on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

In addition there are several loons on the lake. Dr. Nina Schoch is from Ray Brook NY and Mr. DeWeese is looking to have her to give a talk on what to and what not to do around the loon population. He would like to use the municipal building in early July.

Councilman Sullivan noted there would be a second team of divers to be very aggressive toward the Eurasian Milfoil. Councilman Russitano asked about other methods of getting rid of milfoil. Mr. DeWeese noted the APA is experimenting in three lakes in the APA – no results have been posted yet. Nothing can be done until the stats come in. Sonar is out, but there is a new chemical that looks pretty good at this point. Saratoga Lake used it -it is very expensive they did a section on the north shore at a cost of \$120,000.00 but it only took three days to do it. Permits are

necessary. Residents are not allowed to try other methods without permits. The weed program has been allocated \$38,000.00.

### *Youth - No Report*

*Clerk/Registrar* – The clerk asked the board to accept the books from Tax Collection. The main topic at the annual NYSTCA Conference was the proposed changes in Ag. & Markets –The state is trying to get out the dog licensing business. Section T of the 2010 state budget would allow this to happen. The Assoc. was going to go along with the change at first but have decided to oppose it. The towns would have to purchase tags, mail out all the renewal notices, and the statewide database would no longer be available. The assoc. is also opposing several other pieces of Legislation the micro chipping of all dogs, allowing libraries, and shelters to license dogs. There is also legislation, which states all dog owners must attend dog obedience classes. The town clerk does need to file an oath of office with the board even though the town has blanket bonding. It is still necessary.

Assessor's Report – Katherine Hillock reported that the tentative roll was filed with the town clerk on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Grievance day will be Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 8 pm at town hall. So far she has given out eight applications. None have been returned. She would like to discuss the two pending cases with the board in an executive session.

### **Supervisor's Report**

Dr. Glenn – Health officer for the town spoke on issues that need to be addressed. He noted he gets involved in any type of nuisance things concerning public health. The code officer may come to him with a contaminated septic tank, unfit living conditions, or things that might potentially effect public health. He has been involved with complaints about this building, the town hall specifically. Over the last year/year and a half he received two verbal complaints and most recently a written complaint about the environmental conditions that exist within this building. He met with Councilman Russitano and Supervisor Selmser; he spoke with the Dept. of Health. The issue from his understanding is “the smell of mold, must and mildew within the building. There is a concern about spores, and molds that historically have been a problem in the old section (the white building) which has emanated into the auditorium.” Spectrum Environmental came up and did a study on air quality. They did find three different area of concern. One was under the stage, the other was in the auditorium itself, and the third was in the hallway. “Two of the three areas were addressed. A broken pipe was fixed – the stage was torn out.” The third thing that was not addressed was the molds in the hallway. “To date I do not think this has been addressed.” Dr. Glenn communicated with David Cruxt a senior sanitation inspector and was referred to his co-worker Greg Rys who is the mold guy from the Dept. of Health out of the regional office in Herkimer NY. They are willing to help in any way shape or form with any services or oversight and or evaluation of the situation. They recommended that Spectrum should be doing a repeat study within the next week. Supervisor Selmser stated it is scheduled for Monday. Dr. Glenn stated that they want the results. “If there is mold in this building it needs to be eradicated and people need to be out of this building until it is cleaned up.” The best case would be if they come in and they find the air quality is acceptable. Dr. Glenn put the board on notice that there have been some complaints and it needs to be addressed.

Mr. Fenzl is concerned with the employees that work in the building and who have experienced over the years breathing problems allergic reactions to what he thinks is this building. “It is obvious to them that is causing these health related issues in their life over a long term.” Dr. Glenn added “potentially.” He asked Dr. Glenn to gather some medically related data from the

people and pursue this. “We have canaries in the tunnel.” Dr. Glenn stated that their complaints stem from the medical conditions they experience. “We need to do a study on the air quality. If the air quality in this building on Monday is unacceptable the board needs to do something urgently. Urgent meaning within 24 hrs.” Councilman Sullivan responded – understood. “You can’t give 30 days, 60 days, 90 days. If this air is not acceptable you people need to get out of this building immediately.” Supervisor Selmsler stated it would probably take about a week to get the results back.

Mr. Fenzl stated the problem with air study is that it can vary from one week to another. Councilman Palcovic stated “not a mold trace.” The Councilman noted that CT Male did a comprehensive study 3 –4 years ago of the entire facility. The readings in the old section were so contaminated they couldn’t read it at all. There is no occupancy for that part. Then there was a new issue with the stage/auditorium problem. “You are still exactly right.”

Brian Correll Roofing will be up to look at the roof tomorrow. Councilman Sullivan wanted to supply him with some of the previous engineering reports. Councilman Russitano wanted fresh eyes to look at the roof problem. He is an experienced contractor. Councilman Palcovic noted part of the problem is the migration of contamination from the old structure. The board has been trying to get that torn down for the past five year. Councilman Russitano sent for information on remote offices. Supervisor Selmsler stated once the results are received the board may be forced to have another meeting. Councilman Palcovic stated the board did not want to spend the money four years ago for a new building. We could be condemned; it is the 11<sup>th</sup> hour for the building we’ve waited too long.

Campsite – Gary a resident of Pine Lake was at the rally a few weeks back. He asked if there had been a study of what the closing of the campsite would cost the Town of Caroga? He pondered the culture, and human spirit of having the campsite open for 81 years. Councilman Sullivan analogized that at one time there was an amusement park, golf course, and campsite, if the campground closes. There will only be a golf course. It would be devastating. The decision makers are only looking at the dollar and cents of it not the human impact of the stroke of their pens. The property cannot be sublet, sold, or donated to other entities. Mr. King thought the property was donated to the public – the people and must be kept open. Councilman Russitano thought the town attorney should be consulted on this.

Councilman Sullivan offered a resolution to have the town front the money to the state for the opening of the Caroga Lake Campsite for this year. Discussion ensued.

It was asked where the kids would go for summer recreation. It was asked if it is closed who will make sure the kids stay out of there? Since time is short and negotiations haven’t worked a legal avenue was suggested. It will be checked to see if the property was deeded to the people. Scott Horton – Chairman of the Planning Board reminded the board that in the Comprehensive Plan there are goals to “encourage vibrant community life by providing recreational amenities that meet the needs of residents and potentials tourists in a way that utilizes and protects our natural resources.” The plan specifically names the Caroga Campground.

Council Member Scribner questioned town support of other entities and business in town.

Councilman Palcovic seconded the resolution made by Councilman Sullivan. “That the town initiate a financial effort to support and come to some preliminary agreement with the State of New York.”

Council Member Scribner noted other expenses in the town. The need to do something about the moldy building. Another expense was the Garbage truck, which is currently down. She stated that the town might never recoup the money. In her heart she cannot commit taxpayer money.

Supervisor Selmsler would like a guaranteed outcome. The town has no control how money is spent at the state or wasted. Council Member Scribner was still in favor of conducting fund raising efforts. Councilman Sullivan stated that the board has to look forward or the town will become something read about on the pages of Adirondack Magazine of a town that no longer exists. He believes the town needs to do marketing for the future. The access pass need to be reevaluated Supervisor Selmsler stated. Many residents spoke in favor of spending taxpayer money to keep the campground open. One resident did question the boards legal standing to take taxpayer money and subsidize the state.

**RESOLUTION to transfer funds to the State of New York to open the Campsite in Caroga**  
**#2010-045**

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Offered by Councilman Sullivan

Seconded by Councilman Palcovic

**WHEREAS**, the Caroga Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on May12, 2010, and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New York has not passed it's 2010 Budget, and

**WHEREAS**, Governor David Paterson has closed several New York State Campgrounds and Historical State Parks throughout the state including the New York State Campground in Caroga Lake, and

**WHEREAS**, Council Member Scribner, and Supervisor Selmsler have had numerous meeting with DEC and our Elected Officials namely Senator Hugh T. Farley and Assemblymen Marc Butler to keep the park open, and

**WHEREAS**, the deadline to come up with funding to close an operating budget shortfall is tomorrow morning, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to allocate \$35,543.00 to the State of New York for the purpose of keeping the New York State Campground open in the town of Caroga for the year 2010 which shall be placed into a special account for this purpose.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Councilman Ralph Palcovic - Aye  
Council Member Valerie Scribner - Nay  
Councilman Robert Sullivan - Aye  
Councilman Anthony Russitano - Aye  
Supervisor Selmsler - Aye

**Committee Reports**

Buildings and Grounds – Councilman Sullivan asked how the new lights in the garage are. Deputy Supervisor Wager stated it is much improved and invited the board to stop down to the highway building to check them out.

Park Creation - Council Member Scribner met with Cornell Cooperative Extension staff at the Nick Stoner Seniors meeting. They gave her ideas on what to plant and where. They will also come up to help plant the four flowerbeds. The man who built the gazebo will bring some T111 to finish the peak on the structure.

Cell Service – Supervisor Selmsler stated the contract was signed and paperwork was submitted for a variance, which will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. He received a check from Independent Towers for the first payment under the contract for \$100.00. Councilman Russitano asked if the ZBA approves the tower what happens next. Supervisor Selmsler responded that the application would be reviewed by the APA at their next meeting.

**Old Business:**

Clean up days June 23, 25, & 26 regular hours of the Transfer Station. Supervisor Selmsler reminded everyone to tell their neighbors. “We’re going to have a lot of people coming here for fund raisers and we want to have a good image.”

**New Business:**

(1) Scott Horton –Chairman Planning Board he noted that at the last board meeting the town charged them with updating the Comprehensive Plan. He thinks communications is key both with the board and the residents. The Planning Board will be soliciting input from organizations, associations in town, and businesses. Public hearings will be held. He noted that in the current document section 4 reads “the land-use sub-committee determined that there currently in an adequate amount of land available for retail or commercial development in Caroga.” The Planning board takes exception to the statement. The board would like to look at some residential land to see if it can be suitable for commercial use. The board will get input from the community on this. He reminded the board that comprehensive plans are not stagnant documents – they are dynamic they change. It is recommended to revise the plan every 5 –10 years.

Mr. Horton noted the APA has been doing some research on the park lately. Who lives here, where is it going. The Adirondack Park is becoming a retirement community. Half of the park is owned by people who don’t reside in the park. The average age is over 42 years - second only to the west coast of Florida. There is an 11% decline in age group between 24 and 38 – the young families with school age children. He asked if the zoning districts in the town are supportive of a retirement community. Money – 1.2 Billion dollars comes into the park from the outside. The park is 6 million acres and 120,000 people live in the park. Warren and Essex County receive 76% of the 1.2 Billion Dollars – Lake George. 70% of the money coming into the park is spent on lodging, food service, and retail. He compared the availability of these services in Caroga. The current Comprehensive Plan focuses on the many outdoor activities, which do cost a lot of money but do use resources. He anticipates a lot of discussion with a lot of people and stated that the update won’t happen overnight. Jim Mraz of the Fulton County Planning Dept. will be at the June meeting. The Planning Board meets the first Wednesday of every month. The public is always welcome to attend their meetings.

(2) The Caroga Museum asks to borrow picnic table for July 17 – no resolution necessary.

(3) Waive fee for overnight camping for Caroga Fish & Game Club

(4) Independent Tower will publish legal notice per SHIPA – State Historical requirements

(5) Nick Stoner replica – authorization – The town clerk had a request from an individual who collects replicas to have an image of Nick Stoner produced. The Leddy & Slack Company of Mineola NY (516) 742-0960 has asked for a letter stating it was OK for them to create the image. The town historian has been asked to research this matter.

**Correspondence:**

Resolution from Fulton County in opposing closure of NYS Campground

Resume from John Swartz –seeking administrative management Position

Caroga Transfer Station Closed Memorial Day open on Tues June 1<sup>st</sup> 8 – 4  
NYMIR proposed rate adjustments for 2010 – the board was given information on rates  
April 23 letter to the board from clerk regarding mold in building  
Pine Lake Dam ongoing safety program – inspection report – the board was given a copy of a report on the Caroga also. There are some things the board may have to do in the future.

Supervisor Selmsler stated that at budget time the bookkeeper was looking at new software. Mrs. Hillier uses the same company for the other towns she works for. At this time she would like to move forward with the software purchase. There are some choices for financing the purchase. The initial cost was estimated at between \$7,000.00 & \$8,000.00. Some of the cost has come down it is now \$6700.00 and the training cost is to be split between 5 or 6 towns. A resolution is need for the supervisor to sign the contract. Not all towns use the same components of the program it was noted.

**Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION to purchase software for the Bookkeeper/budget director #2010 –046**

Councilman Sullivan

Seconded by Councilman Russitano

**WHEREAS**, the Caroga Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on May12, 2010, and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Hillier has indicated to the Supervisor that she would like to move forward with the upgrade to the software she is currently using, and

**WHEREAS**, the cost was discussed prior to adopting the 2010 Budget and that \$4,500.00 was included in the budget for the purchase as requested, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to commit to spending in the amount of \$6,780.00 for software for the Bookkeeper/Budget Director from Harris Computer System and that in year two the maintenance charge would be an expense.

Unanimously Carried

At 8:50 pm Supervisor Selmsler made a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss employees in a personnel issue and ongoing legal issues regarding Herms and 2 small claims cases. Council Member Scribner seconded the motion all board members were in favor of the motion.

At 9:22 pm Supervisor Selmsler made a motion to exit from the executive session, Councilman Palcovic seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

**RESOLUTION to waive cost for hearing and permits #2010-047**

Offered by Council Member Scribner

Seconded by Councilman Palcovic

**WHEREAS**, the Caroga Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on May 12, 2010, and

**WHEREAS**, the board discussed the request from the Caroga Fish and Game Club to waive the \$75.00 hearing fee and the \$25.00 per special event permit fee as the club promotes tourism and is a not for profit organization in the Town of Caroga, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the board does hereby move to waive the fees for 2010.

**Unanimously carried**

**RESOLUTION to accept Tax Collection books for 2010** **#2010-048**

Offered by Supervisor Selmsner

Seconded by Council Member Scribner

**WHEREAS**, the Caroga Town Board held it's regular monthly meeting on May 12, 2010, and

**WHEREAS**, Linda M. Gilbert – Tax Collector did present her books, (check book, paid & unpaid reports, daily receipt books from January 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1, 2010 and correspondence associated with the process) to the Town Board for review at the April Town Board meeting, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board did review the Fulton County Treasurer's Settlement with Collectors report at that meeting, and Supervisor Selmsner did examine the books, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Caroga Town Board does hereby move to accept the Collectors books as presented for audit.

**Unanimously adopted**

Council Member Scribner made a motion to pay the bills as presented for audit, accept the minutes of the April meeting and the May 4<sup>th</sup> emergency session. Councilman Sullivan seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Councilman Russitano made a motion to adjourn, Council Member Scribner seconded the motion.

Resident Steve Putman waited to speak to the town board. He is speaking from his heart – he sees a lot of stuff going on. He welcomed each board member to dig into the legality and code of ethics going on around town. He asked them to please look into things.

Mr. Putman did not think charging Mr. Taylor an additional amount to move the logs he bid on was enough to cover the fuel to load and move them. Supervisor Selmsner stated that was his decision. Mr. Putman has all the equipment to move the logs Mr. Taylor could have paid him. The town is taking money out of his pocket.

Mr. Putman thinks the screen plant is being misused. The town running it for free is not maintaining it. He offered \$35,000.00 for the unit. "It should not be down in Rockwood." The Town of Palatine is using it, and Bruce Gray a private owner is cashing in off of it. By not using it the town is loosing. The Town of Caroga is buying screened sand from another vendor. Mr. Putman does not recommend selling it. Council Member Scribner thought the Town of Palatine should be paying something to use it. This has been going on for 6 years. The Town of Palatine does allow the Town of Caroga to use some of their equipment. The town bulldozer is at that location also.

It was stated that topsoil is going down the road – out of town.

Mr. Putman thanked the board for testing his water. He has a report of the results. He believes there is a readable amount now of MTBE. He is very upset and concerned. “Those tanks leaked for years.” He worked for the golf course for 3 years back in the early 70’s. He remembers that gas was disappearing then – the tank had a hole in it. The compound he is concerned with is the benzenes. These help move the MTBE. He has not contaminated his own property he stated. He asked the town to conduct a test drill near the stream on their property. He did not think it was necessary to drill on his property. He is sorry the state had the town fill the Foster’s well. It would have been a good test point. He said the state only made the town clean up the ground contamination in front of the barns. Not across the road. The state must be happy because the equipment was removed Mr. Putman said. He is concerned for his daughter who just built a house and her well is only 100 ft deep.

Councilman Palcovic reviewed the report and stated that as he reads it – it is below detectable. Mr. Putman referred to the RL – reportable limit. The number is less than 0.5. Mr. Putman states it is there. Supervisor Selmsler reads from the front page of the testing lab report – “said it was .02 UG/L this is most likely instrumental noise – and not a real hit. So it’s like a false positive.” Mr. Putman will contact the NYS Dept. of Health. He would like the well tested for ethyl benzene, xylene, toluene and, benzene.

Supervisor Selmsler suggested waiting until Mr. Putman has results from the Dept. of Health and then work from that. He told the board he is very stressed. He is not currently drinking the water. He stated that legally he has to tell a prospective buyer the property next door is potentially contaminated. He stated he would continue commenting on things going on around town.

Councilman Palcovic stated they are investigating the other stuff. Mr. Putman urged ethics training. He asked the board to take a ride more often to see what is going on across the road at the highway barn. He recommended putting the dirt removed during ditching through the screen plant.

At 9:42 pm Council Member Scribner made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Sullivan seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Gilbert, RMC, CMC  
Town Clerk