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Below please find my recap. I have not included my comments but would be happy to forward them on request. Let me know-

Hi All,

Below please find my recap of the Town Board Work Session held last Thursday night.

I have to say that I love the service the town provides in e-mailing the agenda out early. What drives me nuts though, is when changes are made and NOT e-mailed. The high speed exchange of information is, after all, the beauty of the internet.

One added item was the Peach Lake Proposal which may have drawn a few interested parties. In future I'd ask that the Town try to e-mail revised agendas- Gosh, it's only a click away.

Yeah, it's time for my snippy disclaimer. As always the notes below are only my own kooky take on life in Southeast. And as this was a Work Session no official notes were taken- although I'm guessing the meeting was surreptitiously taped.

Work Session:

1. Speed Limit- Route 124

Residents on Route 124 have asked for the speed limit to be reduced to 45 miles per hour. The North Salem portion of 124 already limits speed to 45 MPH. The Town will pass a resolution lowering the limit which will then be passed on to the County (Route 124 is a county road) and finally to the DOT.

Several residents spoke in favor of the speed reduction.

2. Independent Sewer Works

This was deferred until Town Attorney, Willis Stephens, showed up. The Town Board has received a petition from Home Depot and Linens 'n Things challenging the sewer rates set by the Town Board. Supervisor Dunford mentioned that Home Depot was in court over several violations and he 'would like leverage'. Independent stores in 'The Highlands' were unaware of this petition.

3. Performance Bond Reduction- Brewster Sports

Mrs. Mitts mentioned that there were problems with a 'swale'. A Public Hearing date will be set on July 21st.

4. Performance Bond Establishment- Campus at Fields Corner

This will be on the July 21st agenda.

5. Zimmer Road

International Blvd. is to be connected to Zimmer Road. Jim Lawler explained that the grade would have to be lowered by 8' (cutting and filling will be required) and will cost up to \$76,000. This money was not in the budget so a bond anticipation note will need to be passed.

6. Copier- Town Hall

Due to flooding the machine was ruined and will need replacement.

7. Tax Certiorari Settlement- Ninth Jam Development, LLC

This is the green glass building on Route 312. A settlement on their tax assessment has been reached. An independent appraiser, Don McGrath, and Town Assessor, Bill Ford agree with the settlement assessment and have 'signed off'. Town Counsel Stephens agreed. Mr. Stephens said that the school district would owe the largest portion of the overcharge, next the County with the Town owing the smallest portion.

8. Hahn Engineering- Peach Lake Proposal-Map, Plan & Report

The Peach Lake Proposal is estimated to cost \$60,000 (\$30,000 for Southeast and \$30,000 for North Salem). All costs will be paid for by the residents of the proposed Peach Lake Sewer District. Councilman Bonanno felt that the costs could be as high as \$100,000 and Councilwoman Mitts was concerned as well. Mr. Stephens added that a 'very vocal majority were for the sewers'.

9. Revised Recreation Rules and Regulations for Town Parks

This discussion centered around proof of residency to join programs and Town Parks.

New Business:

Historic Sites:

Supervisor Dunford and Lorraine Mitts met with Kathleen Abels (Historic Sites- Chair), Michelle Powers (Historic Sites), Graham Trelstead and his colleague (Town Planner) to discuss Historic Sites. They are 85 to 90% done compiling data and photos. Also working with Amy Campanero, of the Southeast Museum. Supervisor Dunford will meet with Eleanor Fitchen to identify 5 'unknowns' from the 30 year old list. Supervisor Dunford feels that the list will be complete by September.

Whew, that's it from my desk,
Lynne Eckardt



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