

Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Yorktown held on March 9, 2016 at the Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598.

Present: Michael J. Grace, Supervisor
Greg Bernard, Councilman
Thomas Diana, Councilman
Edward Lachterman, Councilman
Vishnu V. Patel, Councilman

Also Present: Maura Weissleder, Deputy Town Clerk
Michael McDermott, Town Attorney
Margaret Gspurning, Human Resources

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Michael J. Grace called the meeting to order.

JOINT DISCUSSION WITH PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AND PLANNING BOARD

Supervisor Grace expressed his appreciation for the attendance of the boards and their participation in the open discussion process and its usefulness in establishing communication among the decision-making boards.

After much discussion of current projects, it was decided that the Parks & Recreation Commission will come up with a “wish list” of projects that they would like to see accomplished so that when the Planning Board is working with their applicants, they can refer to the list to see where recreational opportunities exist within the town.

There was a discussion regarding the Open Space Fund and if the money in that fund could be used for other projects. The answer is no because the per capita fee that is collected can only be used to acquire more open space.

The Planning Board stated they must consider that what an applicant wants to do will suit the property’s needs. It is possible to suggest that what a developer wants to do can be done in a location the Town Board feels is more appropriate. This may be a good idea, as the town may be able to save money on prevailing rates for labor that the town would have spent doing the work themselves.

Diana Quast, Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission, presented a list of projects and accomplishments that were completed by the Parks and Recreation Department over the last few years. A comprehensive presentation will be done at the May 17th Town Board Meeting.

Both boards agreed that communication between the boards is important and to get on the same page regarding future projects. Richard Fon, Chair of the Planning Board, restated the desire to work with Parks & Recreation but also stated how it is also important that legal assistance regarding direction from the Town Board is needed, as well.

Michael McDermott, Town Attorney has been tasked by the Town Board to look at the open space law and wants the Town Board to know he is also available and willing to help the Planning Board and Parks & Recreation Commission.

ADJOURN

Upon motion made by Supervisor Grace, seconded by Councilman Diana, the Town Board meeting was adjourned.

Maura Weissleder, Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Yorktown