

**Town of Morristown  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
May 11, 2010 7 PM**

**Present:** Frank Putman, Mark Blanchard, Gary Turner, Howard Warren, David Stout  
**Also Present:** Michael Bogart, Kay Davis, Peter Paquette, Joe Lightfoot

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Councilman Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Turner to approve the minutes of April 13, 2010 with a correction changing Depeyster to DeKalb under the motion to sell a surplus truck.

Vote: Putman-Aye, Turner-Aye, Blanchard-Aye, Stout-Aye, Warren-Aye

**Public Comment Period**

Steve White asked each Board member individually if they had had personal contact with any wind energy companies. All Board member responded no. He also asked what the process and timeline would be for adoption of the wind law once it was presented to the Board by the Wind Energy Committee. Supervisor Putman spoke on the process and timeline for bringing the wind law to a vote for adoption.

**Correspondence**

**Old Business**

**1. River Road East Sewer Project** – The clerk updated the Board on status of EFC short term financing application and the DASNY application for the SIP grant from Senator Aubertine.

**2. Town Hall Project** –No report

**3. Employee Handbook**-The next meetings were set for May 24th and May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

**4. Resolution #11-Standard Work Day Reporting** After a brief discussion on hours reported a motion was made by Supervisor Putman, and seconded by Councilman Warren to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to the work history of a particular town employee.

Vote: Putman-Aye, Turner-Aye, Blanchard-Aye, Stout-Aye, Warren-Aye The Board entered executive session at 7:30 PM. The Board left executive session at 8:35 PM. Supervisor Putman reported that no action was taken while in executive session. Action was tabled.

**New Business**

**1. County Wide Health District**-Tabled

**2. Municipal Co-Operative for the Provision of Health Insurance**- Tabled

3. **Cancer Prevention Education** –Don Hassig spoke to the Board about involving local government in educating town residents about the part pollution plays in causing cancer. Mr. Hassig mentioned that some towns are passing resolutions supporting cancer education. Michelle Reed asked the Board who regulates the burying of waste. The Board asked the Code Officer for an answer to that question. Kay Davis stated that the DEC regulated the burying of waste. A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Turner to move resolution 13 of 2010 as follows: Resolution # 13 of 2010

**SUPPORT OF A PUBLIC EDUCATION INITIATIVE OF CANCER ACTION NY**

**WHEREAS**, the incidence of cancer in Morristown is of great concern to the Town Board, and , the presence of dioxins in the food supply is a key contributor to the problem, and

**WHEREAS**, many citizens are unaware about steps that can be taken to lower the incidence, and

**WHEREAS**, the problem is not isolated to Morristown, but requires a regional or notional response,

**WHEREAS**, polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE's) are persistent hydrocarbon pollutants. Animal studies have shown that exposure to PBDE's imposes increased cancer risk. These chemical compounds are soluble in fat. Food sample analysis has demonstrated that these pollutants contaminate animal fat. Education of the general public concerning animal fat consumption exposure route for these pollutants is necessary as a cancer preventative measure, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council for the Town of Morristown, meeting on May 11, 2010, does hereby commend the organization CANCER ACTION NY for its efforts to raise awareness about the problem, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Morristown calls upon its elected officials at both the State and Federal level to use their influence to help warn Americans about the danger of dioxins in the food supply, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Morristown encourages its citizens to be mindful of these dangers and supports initiatives that will promote the health and happiness of its constituents.

Vote: Putman-Aye, Turner-Aye, Blanchard-Aye, Stout-Aye, Warren-Aye

4. **Gateway Museum Request** – A motion was made by Councilman Warren, seconded by Councilman Stout to authorize annual support for the Gateway museum for its summer program in the amount of \$500.  
Vote: Putman-Aye, Turner-Aye, Blanchard-Aye, Stout-Aye, Warren-Aye  
Councilman Warren made a motion to loan a painting owned by the Town to the Gateway Museum. After discussion it became clear that the painting is in need of conservation and archival framing before being loaned out. The motion was withdrawn and the clerk was directed to secure quotes for the work to bring back to the Board.
5. **Old Voting Machines**- The Board discussed how to proceed with disposing of the old voting machines currently housed at the Morristown and Brier Hill fire halls. The Board decided that they will scrap them. The clerk was directed to contact the St. Lawrence County Board of Elections for permission to do so.
6. **Land Use Code**-The Board discussed the procedure for bringing an amendment to public hearing. No action was taken.
7. **Other**-Councilman Warren stated that he would be in favor of requiring purchases or expenditures by the Town of 20,000 or more require a vote by the full Board present for approval. There was a short discussion but no consensus was arrived at nor was any action taken
8. **Other**- Councilman Warren brought up the idea of having an employee appreciation event for all employees and volunteer boards. Supervisor Putman made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Blanchard naming Councilman Warren as chairman of a recognition committee.  
Vote: Putman-Aye, Turner-Aye, Blanchard-Aye, Stout-Aye, Warren-Aye

#### Committee Reports

**Wind Energy**-Peter Paquette, chair of the Wind Energy Committee presented the final draft of the wind law to the Town Board. Supervisor Putman accepted the law on behalf of the Town of Morristown and extended his appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Paquette and the entire Wind Energy Committee.

**PDM** –Kay Davis reported that the chair of the PDM committee, Leslie Wilson is moving from the area and is no longer able to be on the committee.

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**Department Reports**

**Time Cards**-for information only

**Code Enforcement Officer**-The CEO handed out her monthly report. It was reported that cemetery cameras are now in place, also all variances from Black Lake have been approved by the State of New York.

**Assessor**-The assessor gave a oral report and stated that she is now sitting with the roll prior to grievance day.

**Highway Superintendent**-The Superintendent handed out his report and stated that the workplace violence policy needs updating as a result of an inspection by Public Employee Safety and Health. Superintendent Bogart also informed the Board that as a result of the sale of the old plow truck there are surplus tires that he wants to sell by sealed bid. A motion was made by Supervisor Putman, seconded by Councilman Stout to authorize the Highway Superintendent to advertise the 7 surplus tires with rims for sealed bid.

Vote: Putman-Aye, Turner-Aye, Blanchard-Aye, Stout-Aye, Warren-Aye

**Sewer District**-Kevin Crosby reported on overtime attributed to problems with vacuum valves. He also talked to the Board on installing amp meters on the motors to prevent them from running too long. He will report back on costs for installing them. Mr. Crosby also thanked the Town Highway Department for its assistance in relocating and straightening Hooker Street in the village. As fire chief, Mr. Crosby expressed the department's thanks for the loan of town equipment for work at fireman's field.

Supervisor Putman adjourned the meeting upon motion at 9:35 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by David Murray, Town Clerk