

The July 25, 2012 Town Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Daniel Sturm at 7:30 p.m. at the Dr. Duggan Community Center Meeting Room.

Council members present: Robert Blais  
Vicky Simpson  
Bernard Cohen

Absent: Denise Frangipane

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentation – Sullivan County Partnership, Allan Scott, President**

Sullivan County Partnership President Allan Scott gave a presentation on area projects and services the Partnership offers to new, existing and proposed businesses. Mr. Scott explained the Millennium Revolving Loan Fund for new businesses, loans, and expansion. The Partnership also collaborates with the NYS Small Business Development Corp. that prepares business plans at no cost.

**Glenn Smith report on Useoff Property**

Report has been received from Glenn Smith, P.E. on the Useoff property located at Lakeview Road and Hart Lane, known as Section Block and Lot #28-5-90. The report has 2 options. Mr. Lilley suggested option 2. Mr. Sturm indicated that there was no approval necessary.

**2012 Cornell Municipal Clerks Institute Report**

Town Clerk Rita Sheehan reported on her attendance as a send year student at the 2012 Cornell Municipal Clerks Institute. There were 42 Clerks from across the State and Pennsylvania and seventeen 2<sup>nd</sup> year clerks. She attended a total of 4 ½ days with 42 hours of premium educational by Cornell professors. She has set goals for the coming year as part of her ongoing Learning Action Plan to become a Certified Municipal Clerk.

**Community Youth Input Meeting 7/31 at 7 p.m.**

Mrs. Simpson announced that the Community Youth Input meeting will be held on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Bethel Youth Center. All are encouraged to attend.

**Notice of Work Zone – 35 mph - C.R. 73 to C.R. 75**

Notice of work zone has been received from the County Dept. of Public Works for the intersection of Crumley VanVactor & Gale Roads) north to the intersection of C.R. 75 fopr a distance of 2.78 miles. Traffic will be maintained for a period beginning on July 12, 2012 for 20 days subject to the following regulations: 35 MPH in work zone.

Motion by Mr. Blais to receive and file seconded by Mrs. Simpson, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

**Rural Sullivan County Housing pre-application survey for residents**

Town Clerk Rita Sheehan announced her office has received a pre-application survey for County resident on their housing needs. The survey is for a Rural Sullivan County Housing grant. Ms Sheehan is distributing the surveys at her office and at tonight's meeting and encouraged everyone to complete the survey. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Blais, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

**Notice of Public Hearing for the Smallwood MV Fire District Extension**

Notice of Public Hearing from the Town of Lumberland has been received for the expansion of the Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire District into the Town of Lumberland. Motion by Mrs. Simpson to receive and file, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

**Resolution to accept FGEIS as Final for the Local Road Use and Preservation Law**

Mr. Sturm announced that after adoption of this resolution the Bethel Zoning Review Committee (Vicky Simpson, Karen London, Dan Sturm, and Jim Crowley) will meet and go over the Road Preservation and Restoration Law.

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL TOWN BOARD AS A MEMBER OF THE MULTI-MUNICIPAL TASK FORCE TO ACCEPT THE FINAL GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AS FINAL FOR THE LOCAL ROAD USE AND PRESEVATION LAW**

Resolution Moved by Bernard Cohen, seconded by Victoria Simpson:

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel is a participating member of The Multi-Municipal Task Force, which Task Force consists of the Towns of Tusten, Cocheton, Bethel, Callicoon, Delaware, Highland, Lumberland and Rockland (collectively, "the MMTF"), all being located in Sullivan County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the MMTF has engaged Delta Engineers & Architects, P.C. ("Delta") and Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, LLP ("WOH") to develop a proposed local law and permitting program to be considered for enactment and administration in each of the MMTF member Towns for the purpose of preserving local roads; and

WHEREAS, enactment and administration of any such local law would be considered an Unlisted Action for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the member Towns determined to act as Co-Lead Agencies for the SEQRA review of the proposes road preservation and restoration program and determined that the adoption of laws for the preservation and restoration of roads may have a significant effect on the environment requiring the preparation of a DGEIS and, thereafter, published notice of its positive declaration in the Environmental News Bulletin; and

WHEREAS, the member Towns intended to assess the potentially adverse environmental impacts which may be attributable to any such law through the preparation of a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement ("DGEIS"); and

WHEREAS, the MMTF, with the assistance of Delta and WOH prepared and submitted to each of the MMTF and each member Towns a draft Scope to guide the preparation of the DGEIS; and

WHEREAS, notice of scoping was published in The River Reporter, the Sullivan County Democrat and the Environmental Notice Bulletin, and public comment on the draft Scope was accepted in person at a public scoping session held on July 22, 2010, and in written form through August 2, 2010; and

WHEREAS, no involved or interested agency comments, or public comments were received by the MMTF or member Towns on the draft Scope; and

WHEREAS, each of the member Towns of the MMTF received a copy of the Final Scope for the DGEIS and adopted the same; and

WHEREAS, the MMTF and the member Towns have been advised by Delta and WOH that the DGEIS has been prepared and is adequate with respect to its scope and content for the purpose of commencing public review, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.9;

WHEREAS, the member Towns as Co- Lead agencies accepted the DGEIS as complete in June 2011 and held a public hearing thereon on June 30, 2011 to hear comments from all members of the public for and against the proposed Local Road Preservation Program;

WHEREAS, the member Town Boards and their experts Delta and WOH, based on the comments from the public and involved and interested agencies, prepared a Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (“FGEIS”); and

WHEREAS, the member Town Board have also reviewed the FGEIS and find it to be complete.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Town of Bethel hereby determines that:

1. The Town Board, after due deliberation and based upon the recommendation of its consultants, Delta and WOH, hereby determine that the FGEIS for the Project is complete and hereby accepts the FGEIS in accordance with SEQRA; and
2. A Notice of Completion of the FGEIS and shall be filed with involved and interested agencies and published in accordance with the requirements of 6 NYCRR §617.12 and the member Towns’ local laws; and
3. The Town Clerk of each Town is directed to file, publish and distribute the FGEIS as required by 6 NYCRR §617.12.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Duly adopted upon a roll call vote as follows:

Bernard Cohen	aye
Daniel Sturm	aye
Victoria Simpson	aye
Robert Blais	aye

**Comments**

Mr. Sturm suggested sending letter of thanks to BPAC for their help with the installation of the banners at the Kauneonga Lake Community Park.

**Gabriel Road Discussion**

Warren Brey asked if Glenn Smith drew up a new plan for the Gabriel Road dam. Mr. Sturm - we need to get road open. Mr. Brey wants his water back in his pond, does not care about road. Mr. Blais 1) open road; 2) work with Mr. Brey on getting water in pond. Mr. Blais stated the Town can’t even get road open because of eagles nest ½ mile away. Mr. Sturm asked who’s paying for dredging. Mr. Brey – the Town of Bethel. Mr. Sturm there are no permits for dam; no permits money to dredge.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mrs. Simpson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Cohen, put to a vote and carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rita J. Sheehan, Town Clerk