

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, County of Sullivan, was held at the Town Hall, White Lake, New York, and those present were Supervisor George Neuhaus, Councilman Betty Ann Brown, William Brey, Roy Van Fradenburg, and George King.

Meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

Building Inspector to Attend Seminar

Donald Clark has asked permission to attend a school session on fire prevention and Building Code Enforcement in New Paltz on October 10, 1984. Motion by Roy Van Fradenburg, seconded by Betty Ann Brown, Donald Clark attend school session at New Paltz and any fees be a town charge and carried 5-0.

Petition Presented on Woodstock Marker (Feldman)

26 pages of petition presented to the Clerk containing approximately 250 names reading as follows:

We the people of the Town of Bethel urge and request that you, without either expression of approval or disapproval, recognize the historical significance of the Woodstock Festival which event occurred in our town on August 15, 16, and 17, 1969, and that you cause to be erected a appropriate marker, plaque, monument or other commemorative device at that site, jointly with the County of Sullivan and the State of New York.

Motion to receive and file by William Brey, seconded by Roy Van Fradenburg, and copy be sent to all members for review, and carried 5-0. Be it noted that per telephone call of 9/5/84, Thomas Vloch as objects to a marker being created in the town.

Challengers of the Petition Presented on Woodstock Marker

Mr. Herm Reinshagen spoke in opposition to the Woodstock festival petition. He requested a copy of the list. The audience contributed the following statements:

I signed the petition but paid no attention to the issue presented;

Why don't we vote on the marker in November and give the public the choice to decide.

Supervisor stated that it may be to late for filing, but must be presented to the attorney for review;

There are still hard feelings from some of the town people. Why not let it die down. It was nothing but a drug bust;

I don't think a monument should be erected;

I was barricaded for 3 days in Smallwood with no way out;

Instead of a Woodstock, why not help to promote a memorial to the dead who served in the war for their country;

It is a point of history- the museum in Hurleyville should be the place for all the memorabilia concerning this event.

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Audit Meeting

The audit meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethel, Sullivan County, was held at the Town Hall, White Lake, New York, and those present were Supervisor George Neuhaus, Councilman Betty Ann Brown, William Brey, and George King. Absent was Councilman Roy Van Fradenburg. Present was Richard Crumley, Highway Supt.

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Correspondence- Petition on Woodstock Marker

Presentation of petition for additional 11 names to be added to the list submitted September 5, 1984, by Bert Feldman. This petition state the Town Board is not being asked to express an opinion of the Woodstock Festival of 1969 only to acknowledge the fact that such an event did occur. Motion to receive and file made by George King, seconded by William Brey, and copies to be sent to each board member, and carried 4-0.

Correspondence- Upper Delaware Heritage Alliance Workshop

Advertisement presented to Board for consideration to attend workshop on September 29, 1984 in Callicoon for the restoration of historic buildings and how to get tax breaks in regards to its restoring. Motion to receive and file, and copy be sent to each board member, and carried 4-0.

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Correspondence Letter of Thanks (Highway)

Marie Eck, Principal of the Duggan School, White Lake, expressed appreciation to the Highway Department for extending a step down from the sidewalk outside the school for a handicapped child attending the school and filling in a few poles on the sidewalk. This community service is appreciated. Motion to receive and file and copy to be sent to the Supt. of Highways, and carried 5-0.

Correspondence- Historical Marker Discussion (Woodstock Festival)

It was noted 2 previous petitions have been presented to the Board requesting the Board to erect an historical marker to mark the site of the Woodstock Music and Arts Festival of 1969. This is an event of historic significance and as such should be commemorated. This request in asking the Board to say whether the Board will not accede to the request of the people, or say you will agree on the historic significance of this event in Bethel. Motion to receive and file presented by William Brey, seconded by Betty Ann Brown, and carried 5-0.

Discussion held that an application presented to the Zoning Board still has not made a determination as to approval or disapproval of the sign. Attorney was asked to investigate avenue of approval for its proper prospective for legality. Motion by William Brey, a sign be constructed of comparable size and material as a state marker and placed at the site and permanent location to be made at a later date, and seconded by Betty Ann Brown, and carried 5-0. Historian Bea Schoch to be called regarding size and wording.