

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
September 20, 2021**

Meeting was held at Town Hall, 420 Route 209, Huguenot, New York 12746

Invocation: Al Schock

Pledge of Allegiance: Dave Dean

Call to Order: 7:34p.m.

Attendance:

Supervisor: Gary Spears

Councilmen: Art Trovei, Ken Smith, David Dean, Al Schock

Town Clerk: Flo Santini

Attorney: Glen Plotsky

Presentations/Communications:

Flo Santini- Our September 11th service was very moving. Around 125 people in attendance, it was awesome. I would just like to thank all who helped and donated. Walmart specifically gifted us a \$200 gift card, as well as a few other local businesses donating food or supplies.

Supervisor Spears- We are doing another cleanup month during the month of October. If you've got anything you want to get rid of, stop by the Town Hall and pick up your permit.

Motion to Approve September 7, 2021 Minutes

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Ken Smith

VOTES: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Ken Smith, Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

Supervisor Spears- One of our members' terms has expired on the Board of Assessment Review. She has sent us a letter saying that she would be interested in serving another term. I am searching for a motion to reapprove and appoint Board Member Michele Dean.

Motion to Reapprove and Appoint Michele Dean to the Board of Assessment Review as Chairman

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by Ken Smith

VOTES: 4 AYES (ROLL CALL): Arthur Trovei, Ken Smith, Alan Schock, Gary Spears

Recuse: David Dean

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Reschedule Public Hearings for Local Laws #3, 4, 5, 6 from October 4th to October 18th, 2021 at 7:15 p.m.

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Ken Smith

VOTES: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Arthur Trovei, Ken Smith, Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

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Supervisor Spears reads Resolution #11, on becoming a member of ESCNJ [Attached to Minutes]

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Motion to Join the ESCNJ

Motion by Ken Smith 2nd by David Dean

VOTES: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Arthur Trovei, Ken Smith, Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears
MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears- Next up we have Maryann Severino with a complaint on Old Plank Road

Maryann Severino reads letter of complaint about her neighbor [Attached to minutes]

Bills to pay:

General Fund Abstract #17	\$82,407.41
Highway Fund Abstract #17	\$441,538.25
Engineering Fund Abstract #6	\$8,725.00
Street Lighting Abstract #9	\$286.55
 Total	 \$524,319.46

Motion to Pay the Bills

Motion by Al Schock 2nd by Ken Smith to Pay the Bills

VOTES: 5 AYES (ROLL CALL): Arthur Trovei, Ken Smith, Al Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears
MOTION CARRIED

Closing:

Supervisor Spears: I would like to thank Flo Santini for putting together a beautiful 9/11 ceremony, as well as a thank you to all those who helped make the ceremony happen.

Also, a thank you to those who came in for the Police Commission Interviews.

Al Schock: Thank you Flo, and thank you everyone who came out tonight for interviews.

Ken Smith: Same here as what the Supervisor and Councilman Schock said.

David Dean: No Comment

Art Trovei: God bless all those on the front lines on 9/11 going in to save lives. And God bless the construction workers going in to cut people out of metal and save lives. All that to say, with the current state of our government and what just happened in Afghanistan, I am disgusted with our government and the Communists running our country.

Motion to go into Executive Session Following the Meeting in Regard to Matters of Litigation, and to invite the Town Attorney

Motion by Art Trovei 2nd by David Dean

VOTES: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Ken Smith, Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears
MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Re-enter Regular Session at 8:59 p.m.

Motion by David Dean 2nd by Art Trovei

VOTES: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Ken Smith, Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears
MOTION CARRIED

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Motion to Adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith 2nd by Al Schock

VOTES: 5 AYES: Arthur Trovei, Ken Smith, Alan Schock, David Dean, Gary Spears

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



My husband and I have lived at 87 Old Plank Road, Rio, for 26 years, having bought the property 30 years ago in 1991,

For several years we had spoken in person and over the phone to Mr. Spears regarding our concern that TreeTech Tree Service was operating a business on the road, only to be told that "he was not running a business". We respectfully disagree, as well as other neighbors, legislators Brabenec, Faggione, and a local attorney (who frequents the rec areas) in addition to visitors interested in the area. Keep in mind that this is a RR-rural residential-zone with a narrow road.

It is our opinion that this is bringing the neighborhood and property values on our street down, infringing on the quality of life, and hopefully, not chasing future homeowners/property owners out of the area.

Our concerns are as follows:

SIGHTS:

: 2 rows of logs brought in from his jobs are stacked 8'/10' high parallel to the road, (closely placed to the culvert ditch), running approximately the length of his property, creating an eyesore.

: Excessive number of work related vehicles and machines are parked on the property that include business vans with company name, 2 logging trucks, boom truck, skidder, excavator, loader, dump truck, box⁽²⁾ truck[?], trailer and chipper.

SOUNDS:

: Chainsaws, at times, are run as early as 6 or 6:30 AM, 7 days a week and even on holidays.

: Work related vehicles run as early as 6 AM for ½ hr, to "warm up".

SMELLS:

- : Diesel smell when previously mentioned work vehicles are warming up.
- : Strong smell when wood, stumps, debris are being burnt.
On hot, humid days this summer in July and August burning occurred 24 hrs a day for over a week, (several days were very windy). Residents on the street had to keep windows and doors closed. Ash flew onto vehicles, outdoor furniture and plants. When DEC came the fire was still smoldering with no one outside attending to it.

SAFETY: : Wear and tear ^{damage} on a narrow country road.

- : Runoff of tree debris occurs after rainstorms.
- : Force of snowplow on log "walls" and then spring thaw possibly overflowing culvert ditches.
- : Spills from 2 diesel tanks ^(possibly) causing contamination of ground water.
- : Sparks from burning fires or lightning strikes igniting the the logs and causing a possible forest fire.
- : Cascading fireworks, (which we believe to be illegal for NY homeowners to set off), were set off ^(for approx 50 minutes) after midnight July 4th with no police responding.

OTHER:

\$ The owner of Treotech is probably paying the residential rate of taxes on the property and not paying the business rate.

meaning, has it been/still is a loss of revenue for Deerpark? ^{the} School District ?

To summarize;

Deerpark has turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to our concerns for too long and enabled this to continue.

We ask - What does Deerpark intend to do about this problem?

We request these comments be officially added to this meeting's minutes.
Thank you.

Daniel H. S... Maryann Severino

DATE: 09/20/2021