

Minutes of the Town of Chesterfield Regular Town Board Meeting Held on Tuesday, May 17th, 2022 at the Town of Chesterfield Offices ,1 Vine Street, in Keeseville, County of Essex, State of New York, Pursuant to Due Notice.

Supervisor Barber called the Town Board Meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those Present:

Supervisor	Clayton Barber
Town Clerk	Bruce Bourgeois
Councilman	David Gload (Excused)
Councilman	Richard Klages (Excused)
Councilman	Patrick “Bill” Mitchell
Councilman	John Casey
Town Attorney	Michael McCormick (Excused)
Supt. Of Highways	John “Jay”Champine

Guests Present:

Walter Chmura	Joanna D’Ascoli	Allegra Mussen
Wendy Murnane	MaryBeth Gillen	Scott Racette
Garth Houde	Eric Horstmeyer	Steve Bullis

Upon a motion by Councilman Casey and seconded by Councilman Mitchell and unanimously carried it was

#67 Resolved: That the reading of the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of April 12th, 2022 be dispensed with.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Barber and unanimously seconded by the Board it was

#68 Whereas, Richard A. Garcia of Keeseville, New York passed away unexpectedly on April 6,2022 while he was wintering in Florida; and

Whereas, Richard A. Garcia was born in New Braunfels, Texas, the son of Paul V. Garcia and Beatrice Anderson; and

Whereas Richard A. Garcia graduated from Keeseville High School, attended SUNY Plattsburgh and, in 1970, graduated from the New York State Police Academy where he had a fulfilling career for 30 years; and

Whereas, during his employment with the NYSP, he taught the Instructor Development Course at the NYSP Academy and was the Public Information Officer and Recruiter; at the latter part of his career, Richard was one of the originators of the Step Away for Safety Program that was taught throughout the schools of the North Country; and

Whereas, upon retiring from The New York State police, Richard worked for the Essex County Court System for six years; and

Whereas, in the 1960s, Richard was a member of the Keeseville Volunteer Fire Department; a member of the Keeseville Masonic Lodge 149; and a lifetime member of the Keeseville Elks Lodge 2072; and

Whereas, throughout his life, Richard spent his free time hunting, fishing and he especially enjoyed cooking for his family and friends; and

Whereas, Richard is survived by his wife, Ann, of 58 years, his daughters, Leigh Olcott and her husband, Timothy and Allison Hoff and her Husband, Richard; two grandchildren, Ashley Olcott and Cody Olcott (Jane), great granddaughter, Carley; his brother, Arthur Garcia and his wife, Dianne; and many nieces and nephews; and

Whereas, Richard A. Garcia was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who will be sorely missed but not forgotten.

Be It Resolved, that the Supervisor and Town Board of the Town of Chesterfield hereby express and extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Richard A. Garcia; and

Be It Further Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Town Board of Chesterfield.

Supervisor opened the floor to public discussion, welcoming everyone in attendance, and announcing a 5-minute time limit going forward for individual commentary per speaker.

Walter Chmura addressed the Board on a FOIL request, asked if the assessment of everyone was going up and suggested a letter be sent to all residents concerning COVID funds being spent in the Town of Chesterfield.

Allegra Mussen addressed the Board on assessments and real property concerns.

A lively discussion ensued on the fate of the ferry docks, the railroad stop and the beach, all Port Kent concerns but out of the realm of the Town of Chesterfield's sphere of influence.

A handout was distributed for National EMS week suggesting getting house numbers, visible from both sides at the end of driveways to help first responders render aid quickly.

Supervisor Barber requested a motion from the Board against passage of Conservation Subdivision Design Bill S1145/A4074.

Upon a motion by Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Casey and unanimously carried it was

#69 Whereas, the Adirondack Park Agency adopted a large subdivision permit application that incorporated many of the action items in the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill

Whereas, implementation of the Adirondack Park Agency Large Subdivision Permit is possibly more protective of the environment than the Conservation Subdivision allows for,

Whereas, Conservation Design laws are seldom mandatory, and are a tool to keep open space in urban areas,

Whereas, the State of New York as of March 20, 2018, owned 2,505,802 or 44.6 percent of the Adirondack park in fee, the State as of November 12, 2018 also owns 785,434 acres of Conservation Easements, where development and subdivision rights have been extinguished,

Whereas, this means there are more than 3.3 million acres of a 5.9 million acre Adirondack Park that will never be developed or subdivided,

Whereas, of the remaining 2.6 million acres of private land, existing development, roads, lakes, rivers, streams, steep slopes, wetlands and high elevations are not suitable for development, and

Whereas, the proposed legislation would amend the existing Adirondack Park Agency Act which has been in effect for 50 years, and

Whereas, before major Adirondack Park Agency permit application processes are changed, a public hearing process needs to be implemented so that the property owners have an opportunity to understand and comment on how this proposed law will affect their property values, and

Whereas, this change would require private property owners to incur undue burden to hire external consultants to complete additional ecological assessments that will add significant time to proceed with proposed developments, and

Whereas, this proposed law will effectively eliminate the potential for development on certain land use classifications, which are already protected and regulated by the Adirondack Park Agency, and

Whereas, the proposed bill places additional burden on property owners that is not necessary to protect environmental and ecological systems and is not beneficial to the well-being of the Adirondack Park and its residents.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Chesterfield does not approve of the proposed bill, and

Be It Further Resolved the Town Board of the Town of Chesterfield insists that the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill (S1145/A4074) be withdrawn

Be It Further Resolved, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Hochul, Senate Majority Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie

Supervisor Barber informed the Board there were 2 quotes for a security system at the new water plant from Northeast Security for \$5397.55 and Total Security Solutions for \$3750.49.

Upon a motion by Councilman Casey and seconded by Councilman Mitchell and unanimously carried it was

#70 Resolved: To accept the bid of \$3750.49 from Total Security Solutions for security systems at the Town of Chesterfield Water Plant

Upon a motion by Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Casey and unanimously carried it was

#71 Resolved: To accept the Supervisor's Report for the month of April 2022, copies of which can be found in the Town Clerk's Office.

Upon a motion by Councilman Casey and seconded by Councilman Mitchell and unanimously carried it was

#72 Resolved: That all audited bills presented to the Town Board be paid. Bills in the amount of \$87294.59 were audited and paid from the General Fund. Bills in the amount of \$36205.26 were audited and paid from the Highway Fund. Bills in the amount of \$20340.17 were audited and paid from the Town of Chesterfield Water Department. Bills in the amount of \$3639.15 were audited and paid from the Port Kent Water Departments. Bills in the amount of \$3387.70 were audited and paid from the Village Debt. Bills in the amount of \$199.02 were audited and paid to Trust & Agency for employee supplementary insurance. Bills in the amount of \$426.40 were audited and paid from the Port Kent Light District. Bills in the amount of \$5.88 were audited and paid from the Ausable Chasm Light District. Bills in the amount of \$41482.62 were audited and paid from the Town Water Project.

Upon a motion by Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Casey and unanimously carried it was

#73 Resolved: That all letters brought before the Town be filed.

Supervisor Barber offered the courtesy of the floor to Town Clerk Bourgeois.

Town Clerk Bourgeois informed the Board the Rabies Clinic was a success and thanked Councilmen Mitchell and Casey and Shelley Davis for their help. He also recognized the death of Gerard Houde, father of Garth Houde and expressed his condolences.

Upon a motion by Councilman Casey and seconded by Councilman Mitchell and unanimously carried it was

#74 Resolved: To enter into executive session at 7:35 to discuss personnel matters.

The Town Board exited the executive session at 7:56 with no decision being made.

Upon a motion by Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Casey and unanimously carried it was

#75 Resolved: To require an unnamed employee who failed a drug test to go through 6-month drug testing at the employee's expense with no positive drug test results to maintain their position in the Town.

Upon a motion by Councilman Casey and seconded by Councilman Mitchell and unanimously carried it was

#76 Resolved: That with no further business to come before this Town Board meeting, this meeting could be adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Bruce Bourgeois

Town Clerk

I. Open issues

- a) Open issue/summary of discussion
- b) Open issue/summary of discussion
- c) Open issue/summary of discussion

II. New business

- a) New business/summary of discussion
- b) New business/summary of discussion

c) New business/summary of discussion

III. Adjournment

Supervisor Barber adjourned the meeting at time.

Minutes submitted by: Name

Minutes approved by: Name