

DRAFT
A Town Board Workshop Meeting was held
May 2, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
at the Town Hall

Presiding: Supervisor McKnight

Attending: Councilmember Humphries, Councilmember Boms, Councilmember Martin, Councilmember Simpson, and members of the public.

Open Public Hearing at 7:00

1. Public Comments

- Meg Carey stated that the draft of the Comprehensive Plan is excellent, noting the especially the Conceptional Land Use Plan, protect, respect, and connect. She encouraged everyone to read it.
- Gary Graff thanked the Board for service to the town and expressed concerns about several sections of the draft Comprehensive Plan. He asked the Board to consider the rights of landowners as they review the plan.
- Tobe Carey expressed appreciation for the closed landfill/leachate report presentation to see what has happened since the last report in July, thanked Councilmember Humphries for his diligent work and follow through on the leachate system.
- David Wittick read his statement regarding his ongoing drainage problems and requested action
- John Perry requested that there be public comment after the leachate presentation

Motion to close public comment by Councilmember Simpson. Seconded by Councilmember Simpson.
All in favor

2. Landfill Monitoring Services Presentation by Ryan Labs and Kimberly Hunchar of Crawford & Associates

- Landfill situated on 1960 rock quarry, fractured bedrock
- Landfill is unlined which is not the typical standard
- Areas of focus; DEC notice of violation dated 1/6/22 and the site characterization (PFAS investigation)
- DEC notice of violation actions handled by Crawford & Associates
 - Repair and activation of leachate collection alarm system, new meters to be installed
 - Evaluation of leachate collection system, reestablished berms around the leachate collection system
 - Annual ground and water surface monitoring, new alarm system installed with communication between the tanks, pumps, and the town should risk of overflow occur
 - Crawford & Associates has been in regular communication with the DEC regarding the work being done, DEC is in agreement with Crawford's assessment and work
- Next phase
 - Data collection, Continue with the PFAS investigation

- Crawford has been monitoring the landfill this year, the last monitoring records are from 2013
- DEC violation was satisfied in 2022
- Councilmember Humphries has been collecting and reporting data to Crawford to help determine the impact of the leachate system on groundwater
- System will continue to be monitored
- Proposed improvements – some completed
 - New meters installed, 10,000 tank and sub-pump
 - Covers over the leachate, which is open to rain
- PFAS Investigation – site Characterization
 - The site has tested positive for PFAS, as have 77% of NYS inactive landfills
 - Crawford analyzed soil samples and found they matched DEC records from 2017
 - April 2023 Site Characterization submitted to DEC, waiting for review
- Grant funding possibilities
- Crawford recommends informed the board that there is grant money available once the DEC review is completed and recommend the town apply for funds to complete the next step in this work, specifically a feasibility study
- Questions and comments
 - Councilmember Boms asked if the lack of leachate pulls in 2019-2021 contributed to the contamination of area wells. Crawford & Associates Engineer Kimberly Puchar stated that the problem of the site being bedrock was unfortunate. The Engineers stated that the closed landfill tested positive for PFAS in 2017 before the time period in question.
 - The general discussion revolved around multiple problems with the site geology, the pumps, the electric sensors have contributed and that remediation will require applying for grant money through the state

Motion to close presentation by Crawford and Associates by Councilmember Simpson. Seconded by Councilwoman Martin.

All in favor

3. Comprehensive Plan

- Current Plan is a working DRAFT, there will be revisions,
- Planners are working on a survey that will be sent to all town residents
- There will be a public workshop at the June 6th Town board meeting at Town Hall, conducted by the Planners
- There will also be focus groups and interviews with various groups and individuals
- It's the plan of all residents of the town and it is the intention of the Town Board for robust Public Comment

4. Moratorium Update –

- Supervisor McKnight requested a discussion from the Town Board on how to proceed based on feedback from community members
- Councilmember Humphries recognized and thanked the community members who came to the Public Hearing and those who spoke
- The Planners suggested that the following exemptions be included; agriculture exemption, minor subdivision exemption, lot line adjustment exemption, visual assessment exemption, certificate of appropriateness exemption, sign exemption, and conditional approval resulting in zoning permits, also unlisted actions or Type 2 actions

under SEQR could continue (SEQR must be complete) and application must be deemed complete by the Planning Board

- Councilmember Martin explained that the moratorium is merely a pause to make sure that what is set out in the Comprehensive Plan is reflected in planning and zoning policies. The goal is to get public input in defining what the Town of Hurley will be

Councilmember Simpson made a motion to instruct the town attorney to redraft the moratorium to include the exemption recommendations by the Planners, Councilwoman Martin seconded the motion. *All in favor*

5. New Business

- New request from the Highway Department for a new trailer that is large enough to accommodate the larger bobcat recently purchased by the Highway Department
- The Highway Superintendent has requested to purchase the trailer locally to avoid the wait time from other vendors
- Councilmember Humphries suggested that under the circumstances of being unable to move the large bobcat to job sites the Town Board should approve the purchase, he also suggested that the Highway Department NOT put the smaller bobcat up for bid but allow the Town to have it for other uses
- The Highway superintendent will need to submit proof of other bids
- Attorney Lessig will draft a resolution for the purchase of the trailer, the Board will revisit the issue at the May 16th Town board meeting

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Martin, Seconded by Councilmember simpson
All in Favor

Respectfully submitted by
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