

PRESENT: Supervisor Newlin; Councilmembers Bax, Edwards, Johnson and Palmer; Town Attorney Leone; Deputy Attorney Boniello; Building Inspector Masters; WPC Chief Operator Lockhart; Town Engineer Britton; 3 Press; 1 resident and Clerk Donna Garfinkel

Supervisor called meeting to order – 5:50 p.m.

Supervisor asked Britton for an update on Big Vista Drive lighting. Britton went to Big Vista Drive to review where it would be appropriate to locate the street lights. Britton would like to consult with Lannon and present it to the Board.

The Mountain View Drive waterline project is moving along well.

Supervisor asked Leone to address the assessment on cell towers. Leone would like to give a private opinion in executive session. It has been questioned if the Assessor has been assessing cell towers as improved property. Leone spoke to Town Assessor Virtuoso and he assured Leone that he does assess the property once the tower is complete.

Johnson said the Tower Committee was looking at the income bases on the property owner. Leone said the Town requests a copy of the lease, but financial terms are stricken.

Newlin meet with the Greenway Coalition. The Power Authority seems to insist upon unanimity or consensus for all projects. The Power Coalition, all though willing to strive for unanimity, believes that if government had to wait for consensus a lot of good things would not happen. The key cornerstones of why a greenway was put forward was to turn things around and help make things better for this area.

The Power Coalition is looking at the proper role of the Coalition, now that the agreement has been signed with the Power Authority. A subcommittee has been formed to put forth a future plan.

The Power Coalition has two legacy issues that need to be dealt with. The ongoing litigation with Mr. Zito, and the ongoing consensus with the Power Authority in regards to the greenway consensus manner.

Development Information. Newlin will be inviting various people from various communities to speak to the Town Board, Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals in regards to development in the Town.

Newlin and Johnson attended a presentation, given by the Fire Companies, in regards to the County Wide Emergency Services. Thanks to New York States Home Rule Law, it will be up to the local jurisdiction, the Town Board, to determine what services, in regards to emergency response, are designate to which entities.

Palmer said several Board members attended the New York State Association of Towns meeting. It was a good opportunity to network with other council members from around the State.

Edwards said Masters has created an identification card for plumbers. The Town would need to purchase a digital camera and a laminator to allow this to be done in house.

Bax announced a CAC meeting on March 3 at 5:00 p.m. Staff from the DEC will be in attendance to give an air quality presentation.

The Tower/Wind Energy Research Committee will meet on March 6 at 4:30 p.m. The Committee is very close to proposing an updated law to the Town Board.

Bax received several calls from residents and plumbers, in regards to the Plumbing Board. It has been mentioned that this is a way for the Town to fall into the same mold as other jurisdictions, where this is kind of a closed shop. Some people think this may be a motivation for Edwards to hire his own employees/members. Bax said the only incentive here to make sure the residents of the Town of Lewiston are protected.

Edwards thanked Bax for that. The unknown is what maybe frightening the contractors. This in not designed to exclude anyone. Edwards wants competent and insured people in the households of the residents.

Newlin said plumbing invokes a special Town interest. Residents plumbing, in the end, is hooked up to Town plants. Whether it is water that goes to the houses or the wastewater that goes out of the house. Therefore the Town does have a special interest in plumbing.

Johnson MOVED to enter into Executive Session in regards to Personnel – Drainage, Contract with the SPCA and Cell Tower discussion, Seconded by Palmer and Carried Unan.

(6:05 p.m.)

PRESENT: Supervisor Newlin; Councilmembers Bax, Edwards, Johnson and Palmer; Town Attorney Leone; Deputy Attorney Boniello; Deputy Supervisor Elgin and Building Inspector Masters (partial)

No actions taken.

Edwards MOVED to exit Executive Session, reconvene the Worksession and Adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Bax and Carried Unan. (6:49 p.m.)

Transcribed and respectfully submitted by,

Donna Garfinkel
Deputy Town Clerk