

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
Wednesday, February 22, 2012
Executive Session 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION per MRSA, Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405 (6) (A) Personnel, entered at 6:30 p.m., motion made by Councilor Johnston, second by Councilor Holmes to discuss the process of City Manager's Annual review. Unanimous Vote. Session ended 6:49 p.m

ROLL CALL – All councilors present

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, & PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Comment for items not on the Agenda

Public Hearing on PACE Energy Ordinance – no comment

Public Hearing on Special Event Ordinance – no comment

Public Hearing on Sewer Ordinance – no comment

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of Minutes 12/21 and 12/28 – motion made by Councilor Johnston, second by Councilor Pat Hart. Unanimous Vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on DOT Rt 126 Project- Ernie Martin explained the process included the public hearing held 2/15. The will be a sidewalk from West Hill Road to Middle School, but lack of funding for any more on West Hill Road. The project will be begin and complete while school is out. Pipe will be replaced by New Mills Market. The road will be closed for trucks. Chuck Applebee will send a note explaining the opportunity for people to connect to sewer.

Consideration of Acceptance of Bench Gift – Leslie Webster and her sister Betsey, daughters of a past city councilor, Michael Webster, said they would like to donate a \$1200 bench on the waterfront inscribed “Although from away, he felt home”. They also suggested that the council consider a donation program to purchase more benches. Councilor Johnston made a motion to accept a gift of a bench, second by Councilor Hart. Unanimous Vote. Councilor Harnett thanked the family for the generous donation.

First Reading of Pace Ordinance – Councilor Johnston moved approval of the PACE Energy Ordinance and would like to this promoted on the web site; second by Councilor Phil Hart. Unanimous Vote.

First Reading of Special Events Ordinance – Councilor Harnett made a motion to approve the ordinance; second by Councilor Williams. Unanimous Vote.

Sewer Ordinance – Chuck Applebee said there will be a resolve in March with the details of the billing process. Motion to approve by Councilor Holmes, second by Councilor Harnett. Unanimous Vote.

Discussion of FY 13 Goals

Councilor Leak would like to support Orton, rezone Brunswick Ave, Highland Ave, use the website to feature property of the month, complete waterfront, and advertise on 295 for Libby Hill Lots. Councilor Johnston thinks we need to support Orton. Councilor Pat Hart would like to see a housing committee. Council discussed the concerns of Brunswick Ave. Councilor Phil Hart would like to see investments made

to save money—i.e., wastewater plant heat. Councilor Pat Hart would like to take advantage of pipes for natural gas. City Manager Scott Morelli asked if there are any obvious services that we are or are not providing. Council did not comment. Councilor Johnston does not want the tax bill to cover the school side. They need to figure out their own budget. Councilor Holmes would like to keep the tax rate the same—no higher tax rate, no services cut. Mayor MacLean would like to maintain current services.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE Scott handed out budget time line. He also said Council would be asked to come to an agreement with the Farmingdale town line and gave an update of the tax acquired property.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE Councilor Leake said he had the privilege of using the library on Saturday and that the Saturday crew does a great job. Councilor Harnett said that the school is doing some really good things—sports, drama, etc.

ADJOURNMENT 8:45 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Berglund