

December 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clifton Park was held in the Town Office Building at 7:00 p.m., Supervisor Barrett presiding.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Present: Supervisor Barrett  
Councilman Whalen  
Councilwoman Standaert  
Councilman Romano  
Councilwoman Walowit  
Town Clerk O'Donnell

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy  
Dahn S. Bull, Superintendent of Highways  
Mark Heggen, Comptroller  
Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs  
Steven Myers, Director of Building and Zoning  
Louis Pasquarell, Director of Safety and Security

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Supervisor Barrett announced the town Blood Drive will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> from noon to 6:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Standaert reported NY Solar Energy Society and National Grid will be holding a public meeting in the Library on December 16<sup>th</sup> regarding "smart metering".

Supervisor Barrett congratulated Ed and Francine Rodger, recipients of the Laureate Award from the Shenendehowa/ Halfmoon Library noting almost 50 years of service.

**PRESENTATION TO SENATOR HUGH FARLEY**

Senator-elect Jim Tedisco introduced Senator Farley, commending him on his outstanding career, stating Senator Farley embodies what public service is all about.

Resolution No. 271 of 2016, a resolution honoring Senator Hugh T. Farley and thanking him for outstanding service to Clifton Park and to the People of the State of New York.

Introduced by Supervisor Barrett, who moved its adoption, seconded by the entire Town Board.

WHEREAS, Hugh T. Farley became Clifton Park's representative in the New York State Senate in January of 2013, as a result of the 2012 re-districting throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, the People of Clifton Park then received a representative who brought a remarkable combination of experience and expertise, and a statewide reputation for diligence on behalf of his constituents and the people throughout the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, Senator Hugh Farley is a World War II Veteran, a former high school teacher and college professor, Town Board member and Council Majority Leader, who rose to be the Majority Whip in the Senate, Chair of the Senate, and Chairman of the Senate Majority Program Development Committee and Vice President Pro Tempore and Senator Farley has been an integral part of the Senate's leadership for many years, and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Senator Farley has been a champion of personal privacy rights, and was among the first to take legislative steps to protect the privacy of social security numbers, and promote government efficiency, he has chaired the Senate Committee on

Environmental Conservation, the Senate Banks Committees, as well as the Committee on General Government, the Local Assistance Budget Conferencing Committee, and was the Senate's First Chair on the Committee on Aging, and

WHEREAS, the Senator is known for sponsoring major legislation in all areas under the jurisdiction of his committees, including the revitalization of the State Superfund Program, the 1986 Environmental Quality Board Act, the elimination of income tax on the first \$20,000 of pensions and retirement annuities, banking laws attacking money laundering, the nation's first Hospice law, and the prohibition of mandatory retirement policies, and

WHEREAS, the Senator has chaired the Senate Subcommittee on Libraries, sponsoring every piece of major library legislation since 1978, and was an elected delegate to The White House Conference on Libraries in 1979 and 1991, and

WHEREAS, Senator Farley and his staff have been particularly responsive to the needs of the residents of Clifton Park in his time as our Senator, and has helped bring statewide attention to the under-funding of municipal infrastructure, sponsored Home Rule Legislation to support the town's growing hospitality industry, the transfer of Kinns Road Park to town ownership, as well as legislation authorizing the wireless communication facilities at the Clifton Common, and has fought for Clifton Park's fair share of grant funds for parks and trails; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board pauses in its deliberations to honor Senator Farley's 46 years of public service, and thank him for representing Clifton Park in the New York State Senate.

Supervisor Barrett presented a plaque to Senator Farley expressing appreciation for his dedication and service.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

**PRESENTATION TO ROCCO FERRARO**

Supervisor Barrett presented the following resolution to Rocky Ferraro in honor of his retirement from the Capital District Planning Commission and in appreciation of his service to the Clifton Park Planning Board, noting he tackles the job with passion study and hard work.

Resolution No. 272 of 2016, a resolution honoring Rocco Ferraro for 40 years of contributions as a Professional Planner, upon his retirement from the Capital District Planning Commission.

Introduced by Supervisor Barrett, who moved its adoption, seconded by the entire Town Board.

WHEREAS, Rocco Ferraro earned his degree as a Master of City and Regional Planning from Ohio State University in 1975, and has dedicated his career to serving the residents of New York State and the Capital District as a Professional Planner ever since, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferraro has been a part of the Capital District Planning Commission since 1985, serving as the Executive Director since 2003, and

WHEREAS, in these roles, Rocco Ferraro has over 40 years of experience ranging from neighborhood to regional planning, and has been responsible for the preparation and supervision of numerous reports and comprehensive plans, regional sustainability grown management strategies, fiscal impact analysis, economic development, and housing affordability studies,

groundwater protection and water quality management activities, population and employment projections, and data analysis, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferraro has been a teacher, serving as an Adjunct Professor in Geography and Planning at the State University at Albany receiving The President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, and The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching, and

WHEREAS, Rocco Ferraro assumed the leadership of the town's Planning Board as its Chairman on January 3, 2011 and has reviewed numerous land use applications within the town, earning a reputation as a consummate professional, known for fairness and transparency, providing all who wish to come before the Planning Board with an opportunity to make views known and is recognized by developers and applicants, residents and the public, alike, as being open to hearing all sides of the complex issues to come before the board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board pauses in its deliberations to recognize Mr. Rocco Ferraro for his 40 years of dedication to the advancement of Professional Planning, and for his service to the People of the Capital District, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Board expresses its appreciation as a Board, and on behalf of the People of Clifton Park, for his service to the People of the Clifton Park as Planning Board Chair.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

**PRESENTATION TO CLIFTON PARK COBRAS SOCCER CLUB**

Supervisor Barrett introduced Cassidy Jones, Coach of the Clifton Park Cobras, and commended him, his coaching staff and team on their outstanding season.

Resolution No. 273 of 2016, a resolution recognizing the Clifton Park Cobras of the Clifton Park Soccer Club organization and its 2015-2016 team on its successful season as Eastern New York State Champions.

Introduced by Supervisor Barrett, who moved its adoption, seconded by the entire Town Board.

WHEREAS, the Clifton Park Soccer Club program has a strong record of success, built upon commitment, hard work, team work, preparation, coaching and sportsmanship, and

WHEREAS, the 2015-2016 U12 Boys' A level team known as the Clifton Park Cobras consisting of 14 boys selected from greater Clifton Park/Halfmoon succeeded this season through a combination of team work, faith in each other, their program and coaching staff, as well as individual excellence, and

WHEREAS, the team played in the U12 small-sided division and beat teams from the Capital District and New York City area on route to winning the Eastern New York State Youth Soccer Association Championships, and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Head Coach Cassidy Jones and assistants Jesse Carpenter, Eric Romero and Kenny Salvi, the team displayed exceptional skill and team work and were awarded the Howard Rubenstein Sportsmanship Award, an honor determined by game officials, and

WHEREAS, the team ultimately advanced to the Youth Soccer Region I Championships winning against a nationally ranked team before facing their toughest competition, the eventual Champions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Town Board pauses to recognize Coach Cassidy Jones and the entire Clifton Park Cobras Team for their display of sportsmanship and for achieving the state championship.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Coach Cassidy Jones introduced the team and reviewed his team’s accomplishments. Senator – elect Tedisco presented Coach Jones and the team with an Assembly resolution, stating he is proud to have the Shenendehowa School District and athletic teams in his district.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 274 of 2016, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign a five year contract with MassMutual Life Insurance Company in conjunction with Reliance Trust Company as Trustee.

Introduced by Councilman Whalen, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilwoman Standaert.

WHEREAS, the Town of Clifton Park is a local public employer which has adopted a deferred compensation plan pursuant to Section 5 of the New York State Finance Law, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of such plan is to provide employees with a convenient and tax-favored method of saving on a regular and long-term basis, and thereby provide for their retirement, and

WHEREAS this plan is now due for renewal under procedures set forth by the New York State Deferred Compensation Board, and

WHEREAS, this process resulted in the receipt of four proposals, and

WHEREAS, the proposals were reviewed by a Deferred Compensation Committee which recommended that the contract be awarded to MassMutual; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign and renew a 5 year contract with MassMutual Life Insurance Company in conjunction with Reliance Trust Company as Trustee.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 275 of 2016, a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to sign contracts with 2017 subcontract hires per Schedule "A".

Introduced by Councilwoman Standaert, who moved its adoption, seconded by Councilman Whalen.

WHEREAS, Myla Kramer, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs, has requested that the Town Board authorize certain updated contracts for certain recreation programs, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board supports continuation of the listed recreation programs with the subcontractors listed on the attached Schedule "A"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign contracts with 2017 Recreation Subcontractors, per Schedule "A".

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Whalen, Councilwoman Standaert, Councilman Romano, Councilwoman Walowit, Supervisor Barrett

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

Bill Connor, Vista Court, speaking with regard to the bid of the 34 acres the School Board awarded to BBL, explained signatures are being gathered on a petition asking the School Board to reconsider their vote and asking for a public referendum.

Jim Baisley, Barkwood Drive, asked how much property the town owns south of the Public Safety building. Supervisor Barrett responded just under five acres. He said it does join the school property but drainage and wetlands are in that area. Mr. Baisley said he hopes the town doesn't sell the property south of the building. Supervisor Barrett, noting he has stated this publicly over the years, said the town is definitely interested in selling the Public Safety building if the town can get good value as this property is becoming more and more valuable. He stated a municipal building does not need to be on a very valuable corner.

MOTION by Councilwoman Walowit, seconded by Councilman Whalen, to adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting or any other meeting necessary for the conduct of Town business.

Motion carried at 7:58 p.m.

Patricia O'Donnell  
Town Clerk