

October 15, 2019

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.

Present: Supervisor Barrett  
Councilman Whalen  
Councilwoman Standaert  
Councilman Romano  
Councilwoman Walowit  
Deputy Town Clerk Brobston

Also Present: Town Attorney McCarthy  
Dahn Bull, Superintendent of Highways  
Mark Heggen, Comptroller  
Daniel Clemens, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds  
John Scavo, Director of Planning

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Standaert announced training sessions for Youth Court will be starting. Anyone interested in joining the teams can sign-up through the town website.

Supervisor Barrett thanked Councilwoman Standaert and the Youth Court volunteers.

Councilman Romano announced the event “Things that Go Bump in the Night” guided nature walk, to be held October 19 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park.

Councilman Whalen gave a presentation on Cyber Security. See attached.

Supervisor Barrett thanked the Town Historian John Scherer, the Historic Preservation Commission and liaison Councilman Whalen for their efforts.

Councilman Whalen explained the efforts and duties of the Historic Preservation Commission and thanked the homeowners for adding their homes to the historic registry.

Town Historian John Scherer gave descriptions and history of the Vischer House and Baker House being placed on the Clifton Park Town Register of Historic Places. He stated the historic registry now has 66 places on the registry.

#### PRESENTATIONS

Historic plaques recognizing the Vischer House and Baker House were presented to the owners.

#### PUBLIC PRIVILEGE ON RESOLUTIONS

No one wished to be heard.

Resolution No. 236 of 2019, a resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Highways to install STOP signs on Lincoln Town Drive at its “T” intersection with Berkshire Drive.

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

WHEREAS, the Highway Safety Committee reviewed existing conditions of the intersection under guidelines contained within the current New York State Supplemental to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and

WHEREAS, the MUTCD provides guidance on the installation of STOP or YIELD signs at intersections where restricted view exists due to topographic features and horizontal curvatures of Berkshire Drives approach to the intersection from both travel lane directions, and

WHEREAS, visual observation and field analysis by town staff and Highway Safety Committee representatives at the intersection have confirmed limited sight distance at the intersection justifying the placement of a double posting of R1-1 "STOP" control signs identified at Lincoln Town Drive with its intersection of Berkshire Drive.

WHEREAS, the Highway Safety Committee has recommended the placement of a STOP sign at this location; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Highways is hereby authorized to install STOP signs for motorists as outlined above.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

#### DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 237 of 2019, a resolution recognizing October 2019 as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

Introduced by Councilman Whalen, who moved its adoption, seconded by the entire Town Board.

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cyber threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective security and privacy, and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems, and

WHEREAS, the STOP. THINK. CONNECT. <sup>TM</sup> campaign serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, as well as academic institutions working together to increase the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online, and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework has been developed as a free resource to help organizations, large and small, both public and private, improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing evolving threats and challenges, and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of Clifton Park's information, infrastructure, and economy, and

WHEREAS, multiple federal and state agencies, including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS DHSES), and the National Cyber Security Alliance ([www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)), all recognize October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month; OWN IT. SECURE IT. PROTECT IT. is the theme for 2019 and employees and residents alike are encouraged to visit these websites: (<https://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect> or <https://www.stopthinkconnect.org/>) to learn about cybersecurity to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools,

workplaces, and businesses and #BeCyberSmart, #CyberAware today, and every day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby proclaims that the Town of Clifton Park is officially supporting National Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 238 of 2019, a resolution designating the Vischer House to be placed on the Clifton Park Town Register of Historic Places.

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

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission has recommended that the Nanning and Phebe Vischer House, 393 Vischer Ferry Road, Clifton Park, (SBL 277.5-5-1), be added to the Town Register of Historic Places, and

WHEREAS, the Vischer House was built around 1828 on land owned by Nicholas Vischer, his son Nanning N. Vischer lived there with his wife Phebe perhaps as early as 1828, and raised 12 children there until 1856, when they sold their 100-acre farm which has been subdivided and developed over the years, until the 2-acre lot containing the home itself was purchased by its present owner, Melanie Stackewicz, and

WHEREAS, the home retains some of its original features including the original paneling surrounding the dining room fireplace, an original stairway and center gabled dormer from an 1840's remodeling of the house, early doors and woodwork, as well as an original early fireplace footing in the cellar which helps to establish the c.1828 date of the house, and

WHEREAS, structures placed on this register will be given historic status for purposes of town-wide recognition and as such shall be provided with appropriate marker and inclusion in a town brochure identifying all sites so designated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adds the Nanning and Phebe Vischer House, 393 Vischer Ferry Road, Clifton Park, to the Town Register of Historic Places.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 239 of 2019, a resolution designating the Baker House to be placed on the Clifton Park Town Register of Historic Places.

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

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission has recommended that the Henry and Hannah Baker House, 91 English Road, Clifton Park, (SBL 250.-2-3.22), be added to the Town Register of Historic Places, and

WHEREAS, the Baker House is on land acquired by Henry Baker from Janet Smith, widow of Honorable William Smith, Esq., who was the Chief Justice of the Province of Lower Canada, on September 13, 1797, and

WHEREAS, the house was constructed in 1797, with Henry Baker and his wife Hannah in residence until 1819 when they sold their 126-acre farm, and the house has been passed down through a number of others until it was purchased by its present owners, Sue Thompson and Tom Schweder, and

WHEREAS, the home retains some of its original features including the original front doorway, a full second floor which has never been finished off, some of the original floorplan, and the house bears a steeply pitched gable roof which is evidence of its late 18<sup>th</sup> century origin, and

WHEREAS, structures placed on this register will be given historic status for purposes of town-wide recognition and as such shall be provided with appropriate marker and inclusion in a town brochure identifying all sites so designated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby adds the Henry and Hannah Baker House, 91 English Road, Clifton Park, to the Town Register of Historic Places.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 240 of 2019, a resolution appointing James Harding Jr. and Patricia Howland as part-time seasonal clerks in the office of the Receiver of Taxes & Assessments.

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

WHEREAS, openings exist for two part-time clerks in the office of the Receiver of Taxes & Assessments, and

WHEREAS, Rose Savallo, Receiver of Taxes, recommends that James Harding, Jr. 19 Casablanca Court, Clifton Park, and Patricia Howland, 60 Stoney Creek Drive, Clifton Park, be hired to fill the positions, providing part-time seasonal service to the Receiver of Taxes & Assessment office for the tax season; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that James Harding Jr., 19 Casablanca Court, Clifton Park, be appointed as a part-time seasonal clerk in the Receiver of Taxes and Assessments Office, at Grade 4, Step 1, \$20.68 per hour, to be paid from A-1330-E4000 (Tax Collector - Part-time), and be it further

RESOLVED, that Patricia Howland, 60 Stoney Creek Drive, Clifton Park, be appointed as a part-time clerk in the Receiver of Taxes and Assessments Office, at Grade 4 Step 1, \$20.68 per hour, to be paid from A-1330-E4000 (Tax Collector - Part-time); and be it further

RESOLVED, that James Harding and Patricia Howland are hired effective immediately, duties to include paid training and the organizing and mailing of 2020 property tax bills in December.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

Resolution No. 241 of 2019, a resolution authorizing Straight Line Industries to install pavement markings along portions of roads in Clifton Park.

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

WHEREAS, Superintendent of Highways Dahn Bull solicited quotes for street striping along portions of Van Vranken Road, Waite Road and Appleton Road, consisting of 0.51mm wide white paint reflective pavement stripes and yellow paint reflective pavement stripes, and

WHEREAS, Straight Line Industries submitted the sole quote to stripe the above referenced roads, at the cost of \$0.25 per linear foot in a total amount not to exceed \$23,000, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways recommends that Straight Line Industries, 5 Arrowhead Lane, Cohoes, be authorized to install the pavement markings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Straight Line Industries, Cohoes, is authorized to stripe Van Vranken Road, portions of Waite Road and Appleton Road at a cost not to exceed \$23,000, to be paid from DA-5110-215 (Highway-General Repairs-Traffic Safety).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Noes: None

DECLARED ADOPTED

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE

No one wished to be heard.

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

Motion carried at 7:45 p.m.

Teresa Brobston  
Deputy Town Clerk