

**June 2, 2008  
Town of Taghkanic  
Town Board Meeting**

**6:35 pm:** Public Hearing Comprehensive Plan Draft Plan:

- **Resolution # 6 – 2008: Lead Agency Designation:** Motion by Councilwoman Edwards, seconded by Councilman LaSalvia, that the Town Board of the Town of Taghkanic is, by way of this resolution, declaring Lead Agency status in Environmental Review for the proposed adoption of the Town of Taghkanic Comprehensive Plan.

**Approved:**   **5Aye**                   **(Young, Edwards, LaSalvia, Sammons, Skoda)**  
                  **0 Nays**  
                  **0 Absent**  
                  **0 Abstained**

- **Public Hearing:** Supervisor Young turned over the Hearing to Alice Platt CPC Chair and Kate Mance, representative for Elan.

**Questions and Comments:**

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| • Lisa Testa          | Alan Wilzig     |
| • Carolyn Sammons     | Dan Udell       |
| • Mary Udell          | Jeff Tallackson |
| • Anthony LaSalvia    | Erik Tyree      |
| • Debbie Schermerhorn | Moisha Blechman |
| • Barbara Hermance    | Scott Fuchs     |

**Approved**  
**July 7, 2008**

**7:35 pm:** Motion to adjourn and continue the **Public Hearing on July 11, 2008, 6:30 pm** at the Taghkanic Fire House if available, was made by Councilwoman Sammons, seconded by Councilman Skoda.

**Approved:**   **5 Ayes**                   **(Young, Edwards, LaSalvia, Sammons, Skoda)**  
                  **0 Nays**  
                  **0 Absent**

**Post cards and public notice:** Motion was made by Councilman LaSalvia, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons, that a post card will sent to all residents concerning the continuation of the Public Hearing by the CPC and a notice will be placed in the papers by the Clerk.

**Approved:**   **5 Ayes**                   **(Young, Edwards, LaSalvia, Sammons, Skoda)**  
                  **0 Nays**  
                  **0 Absent**

**Request For Proposal:** Supervisor Young felt Barbara Hermance would be qualified to draft the RFP for the re-zoning. Ms. Hermance replied she would have to think about that. Board decided to ask for advice from neighboring towns and to gather more information concerning this matter for next months meeting.

**7:40 pm:** The Town Board of the Town of Taghkanic held its Regular monthly meeting on the above date at the Taghkanic Firehouse. Supervisor Young opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silent Prayer.

**Present:** Elizabeth L. Young Supervisor  
Erin Edwards Councilwoman  
Anthony P. LaSalvia Councilman  
Carolyn Sammons Councilwoman  
Richard Skoda Councilman  
Robert Fitzsimmons Attorney  
Cheryl Rogers Clerk

**Absent:**

**Guest Speaker:** Matthew J. Griesemer, Freeman/Howard, PC representing Gene and Joan Dianda concerning the Park-n-Ride.

**Questions and Comments:**

Carolyn Sammons	Agnes LaSalvia	Ardith Truhan
Erin Edwards	Alice Platt	Debbie Shermerhorn
Elizabeth Young	Anthony LaSalvia	Kay Castelle
Mary Udell	Chris Tallackson	
Moisha Bleckman	Bernard Shur	
Dan Udell	Diane Rodreguez	
Liz Allen	Gene Dianda	
Alan Wilzig	Barbara Hermance	

**The minutes** of last month's Regular March 5, 2008 meeting, motion to accept as written was made by Councilman Skoda, seconded by Supervisor Young.

**Approved:** 3 Aye (Young, Sammons, Skoda)  
0 Nays  
0 Absent  
2 Abstain (Edwards, LaSalvia)

Motion to accept May 5, 2008 Regular Meeting minutes was made by Councilwoman Edwards, seconded by Councilman Skoda.

**Approved:** 4 Aye (Young, Edwards, LaSalvia, Skoda)  
0 Nays  
0 Absent  
1 Abstained (Sammons)

**The Correspondence consisted of:**

1. State of New York Dept. of State Committee on Open Government, opinion
2. NYS Office of Real Property Services; Certificate of Attendance for Tara Buffa
3. Freeman/Howard, Gene and Joan Dianda; Park-n-Ride
4. Planning and Zoning Summer Schools
5. Alvin B. Huehnel, letter of interest zoning regs
6. RBC Wealth Management; monthly statement
7. Defensive Driving Course; flier

8. Churchtown Fire House, Father's Day Breakfast-Brunch
9. Diane Rodriguez; letter of interest zoning regs
10. Robert Fitzsimmons; to David Seth Michaels, Esq.
11. Katherine Bainer; letter of interest for PB
12. Joyce Thompson, letter of interest for PB
13. James Alvarez, letter of interest for PB
14. Mark Stickles, letter of interest for PB
15. Raymond C. Keyser, JR, letter of interest for PB
16. James Romaine, letter of interest zoning regs
17. Ralph Gorgone, letter of interest PB
18. Glenda Stewart, UNISON, cell tower sites
19. Columbia County Planning Board, recommendations CPC Draft Plan
20. Roland Vosburgh, Director CCPD, recommendations for CPC Draft Plan
21. Robert Carricart, complaint
22. Alice Platt, emails CPC
23. State of NY State Board of Real Property Services, Tentative Rate
24. State of NY Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Michael J. Novack Clerk of the Court
25. State of NY Supreme Court, County of Columbia, Justice Christian F. Hummel

**Correspondence with discussion:**

1. (#1) Councilwoman Edwards questioned Clerk Rogers concerning her promptness of answering FOILS, Clerk Rogers informed Edwards that most FOILS are answered the same day but because of the size of some FOIL requests, the amount of information requested and the disagreement over procedures it has taken longer than usual.
2. (#10) Councilwoman Edwards questioned Clerk Rogers on why Attorney Fitzsimmons had to be involved with FOILS. Clerk Rogers informed Edwards that because of the size of the FOIL, and disagreement about procedure she asked for Attorney Fitzsimmons support and advise.
3. (#18) Councilwoman Edwards wanted know if anyone knew who UNISON was and what it was about. Clerk Rogers informed Edwards this was turned over to the ZEO/CEO Callahan and he is handling this communication.
4. (#9 from May Correspondence) Councilwoman Edwards reported that the County will have Assessment Rolls and Sales Report on the County Web site for the Town of Taghkanic.
5. (#24 and #25) on file at the request of Councilwoman Edwards.

**Then followed reports from the Boards:**

**ZBA:** James Romaine, Chair no report submitted.

**Planning Board:** John Roberts, Acting Chair reports submitted and read.

- **PB recommendation for chair:** Motion to approve the recommendation of the PB for John Roberts as Chair was made by Councilman LaSalvia, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons.

**Approved:** **5 Aye** (Young, Edwards, LaSalvia, Sammons, Skoda)

**0 Nays**

**0 Absent**

- **Escrow:** Motion to approve a refund be made to Hilscher/Weisner in the amount of \$415.00 recommended by the PB was made by Councilman Skoda, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons.

**Approved:** **5 Aye** (Young, Edwards, LaSalvia, Sammons, Skoda)

**0 Nays**

**0 Absent**

- **Computer:** PB recommends we should hold off on the purchase of the computer until such time as the PB is up to full membership and then see what the actual need is and what is intended for the use of it. All members of the Town Board agree with the PB's recommendation.

**Assessor:** Arthur Griffith report submitted and read.

**ZEO/CEO:** Dennis Callahan report submitted and read.

**Historian:** Nancy Griffith, no report submitted.

**Traffic Safety Board:** Linda Swartz, no report submitted.

**Cable Vision Committee:** Erin Edwards verbal report submitted.

**Environmental Management Council:** Anthony LaSalvia, no report submitted as the meeting was going on at the same time as our TB meeting.

**Comprehensive Plan Committee:** Erin Edwards, no report submitted, public hearing covered everything.

- Steve Winkley, NYS Rural Water Associates will be the Guest Speaker at July Meeting.

**Clerk/Collector:** Cheryl Rogers, reports were submitted to the Board.

**Bookkeeper:** Mark Fitzgerald, report submitted to the Board.

**Supervisor:** Elizabeth Young, no report submitted.

**L.O.S.A.P.:** Anthony LaSalvia no meeting.

**New Town Hall Committee:** Carolyn Sammons, verbal report submitted.

\*\*\*Board reports were accepted as submitted and read on a motion by Councilman LaSalvia, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons.

**Accepted:** 5 Ayes (Young, Edwards, LaSalvia, Sammons, Skoda)

0 Nays

0 Absent

**Public Comment – Ten Minutes** – Supervisor Young informed everyone the ten-minute comment session will be combined with the general open comment period.

The following people were signed up to speak.

- Christine Tallackson
- Jeff Tallackson
- Dan Udell
- Joanne Klein
- Ardith Truhan
- Alvin Huehnel
- Claude and Liz Allen
- Lisa Testa
- Moisha Blechman
- Barbara Hermance
- Paul Rauch
- Audrey Koran

## **Old Business:**

**A. Draft Resolution Interview Procedures of Candidates:** Motion to table for a special meeting to be held June 19, 2008 at 7 pm was made by Councilwoman Sammons, seconded by Councilwoman Edwards.

**Approved:** 5 Ayes (Young, Edwards, LaSalvia, Sammons, Skoda)

0 Nays

0 Absent

**B. Records Retention and Access Resolution:** : Motion to table for a special meeting to be held June 19, 2008 at 7 pm was made by Councilwoman Sammons, seconded by Councilwoman Edwards.

**Approved:** 5 Ayes (Young, Edwards, LaSalvia, Sammons, Skoda)

0 Nays

0 Absent

**C. Committee for Zoning regulations revisions:** Unanimous decision by the TB that they need more information to be able to make a knowledgeable decision for the make-up and establishment of this committee. Robert Rochler was advised by Tiffany from P.A.C.E. University that they usual recommend 2 members from PB, 2 members from ZBA and 3 Residents.

**D. Planning Board Appointments:** Interviews will be held July 7, 2008 at 6pm before the next regular meeting.

**New Business:**

1. **Park-n-ride:** Motion was made by Councilman LaSalvia, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons, that a new contract be drafted by the State with all concerns and requests, than be presented to the TB for their review.

**Approved:** 5 Aye (Young, Edwards, LaSalvia, Sammons, Skoda)  
0 Nays  
0 Absent

**The Bills were audited and approved for payment** on a motion by Councilwoman Sammons, seconded by Councilman LaSalvia.

General Fund Vouchers # 136 - 167 \$20,594.68  
Highway Fund Vouchers # 79 - 84 \$ 3,952.11

**Approved:** 5 Aye (Young, Edwards, LaSalvia, Sammons, Skoda)  
0 Nays  
0 Absent

**Supervisor Young then asked for comments from Board and floor.:** Supervisor Young went through the list from the ten-minute sign up sheet. Most who signed up had left or did not want to speak.

- Moisha Blechman, comment concerning qualifications for the zoning revision committee.
- Audrey Koran, Board Assessment Review should have appointments times with lawyers or other professionals who are handling more than one grievances.

**Executive Session:** None

**With no further business,** on a motion by Councilwoman Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Sammons, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm. carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **Monday July 7, 2008** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience:	Joseph Romaine	Jeff Tallackson	Chris Tallackson	Dennis Callahan
	Merridith Glabman	Kay Castelle	Scott Fuchs	Jean Feinberg
	Agnes LaSalvia	Ardith Truhan	Robert Fitzsimmons	Barbara Hermance
	Loretta Hoffman	Moisha Blechman	Dan Udell	Mary Udell
	Ralph Gorgone	Alice Platt	Erik Tyree	Diane Valden
	Melissa Skoda	Patricia Gravett	Joan Dianda	Gene Dianda
	Claude Allen	Liz Allen	Robert Tyler	Barbara Roemer
	Deb Schermerhorn	James Schermerhorn	Joanne Klien	James Carley
	Mr. Markowitz	Paul Rauch	Bernard Shur	Diane Rodriguez
	John Roberts	Jeff Browne	Alan Wilzig	Gary Stoller
	Beverly Wolf	Tom Kiely	Dennis Marino	Robert Rochler
	Erin Goldman	Lisa Testa	Anthony Concra	Catherine Concra
	Alvin Huehnel			