

Weather: the winter is making up for its slow start ! The snow has been persistent, with some accumulation on a daily basis. The majority of the department's work has been plowing and sanding.

Sander Conversion: Within the next few days, we should be able to test our new hydraulic system on our small sander #8. We have converted its power source from a 4 cycle Briggs and Stratton gas motor to hydraulic system powered by the truck's diesel engine. The gas motors just do not hold up in the salt and sand environment. The environment will not be an issue with the hydraulic power source.

Winter Problem Truck #25: On December 16th, around 3:30 pm, we lost truck #25, in a ditch on the steepest part of Quaker Hill. Conditions were extremely slippery and it just kept snowing. We tried to get it out with our loader and another loaded truck, but to no avail. Eventually, we had to call in a big wrecker and even with professional help it took 5 ½ hours to get our loaded truck out and back on the road. The good news is that, no one was injured and after a complete inspection of the truck, there was no damage.

Equipment Repair: Our major break downs were just a few hydraulic hose issues and some brake work on Truck #16. The department was able to keep up our normal scheduled maintenance, servicing both loaders. We also put new tires on Truck #25. Other than some light issues (bulbs), all equipment seems to be holding together.

Long Hill Road: We have the same agreement in place with the Town of Lee for them to plow Long Hill Road and we will plow the lower part of Sly Hill Road, in the Town of Lee.

10-22 Motion: to accept the Highway Superintendent's report.

Made by:	Veronica Murphy	Second	Leonard Charney
Motion carried	5 Ayes	0 Nays	
Ayes:	Leonard Charney, Edward Mader, Andrew Mierek, Veronica Murphy, Robin Davis		

OLD BUSINESS:

Standish Street: T/A Engelbrecht advised the Board that the Appellate Court's decision on the Article 78 Appeal filed by Mr. McLeish has been received. The Court's decision nullified the Supreme Court's decision to have requested variance be issued by the ZBA without a public hearing. The Appellate Court stated that the issue of the requested variance should be heard by the T/W Zoning Board of Appeals at a public hearing and a new decision made.

- ZBA Chairman stated that the ZBA will hold a public hearing on January 25, 2010 to consider the variance request by McLeish.

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- Mr. McLeish re-stated why he feels that his request for the variances needed on his property on Standish Street be granted by the ZBA. He requested that T/A Engelbrecht attend this meeting, so all issues will be covered.
- T/A Engelbrecht stated that the Town Board would need to pass a motion to have him attend this meeting. He felt that the ZBA Chairman could handle the situation and that it was not necessary for him to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting Association of Towns: Supervisor Davis stated that the Board needs to appoint a delegate to represent the Town at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns in New York City. A short discussion followed and C/M Charney will be attending the meeting.

10-23 Motion: to appoint C/M Leonard Charney as the delegate to represent the Town of Western at the annual business meeting of the Association of Towns to be held in February 2010 in New York City.

Made by: Veronica Murphy Second Andrew Mierek
Motion carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
Ayes: Leonard Charney, Edward Mader, Andrew Mierek, Veronica Murphy, Robin Davis

NYS Local Retirement System: Supervisor Davis stated that the NYS Retirement System has instituted new rules concerning the hours worked by system members. For elected members, they must keep a three month record of the time they spend on their duties and then report to New York State. They are forms to be used for record keeping.

NYSERDA Energy Grant: Supervisor Davis stated that in the upcoming week she will be meeting with a representative of NYSERDA and Gerry Ritter concerning an energy grant for the Town Hall. A new furnace, storm windows and winterization are needed at the Hall.

Annual Audits: The Audit Committee (C/M Mader, C/M Mierek) decided that they will audit the books of the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk and Town Justice on Saturday January 23, 2010 at 9:00 am.

Financial Checks & Balances: Following a discussion by the Board it was decided that they should set up a system of certain checks and balances concerning the financial accounts of the Town. They were not saying there was anything amiss, with the accounts, but do to problems in other towns, they felt it was a good idea.

- Harlan Moonan (NOCCOG) stated that there will be a seminar 'Fiscal Oversight/Red Flags for Fraud' to be held on January 28, 2010 in Boonville at the Municipal Building.

Dog Control Officer: Supervisor Davis thanked Jason Centro for taking over as Dog Control Officer.

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09-28 Motion: to adjourn the January 04, 2010 Town Board meeting at 8:30 pm.

Made by: Andrew Mierek Second Edward Mader
Motion carried: 5 Ayes 0 Nays
Ayes: Leonard Charney, Edward Mader, Andrew Mierek, Veronica Murphy, Robin Davis

Mary J. Centro, RMC Town Clerk

Next Regular Town Board Meeting

February 08, 2010 @ 7:00 pm

