

**TOWN OF CANTON BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING**

July 30, 2019

6:30 pm

PUBLIC HEARING

7:00 pm

Minutes

Present: Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley, Council members Bob Washo, James Smith, Phil LaMarche, Tim Danehy

Also, in Attendance: Canton Town Clerk Lisa Hammond, Town Attorney Dan Ramsey, Canton Village Mayor Mike Dalton, Trustees Klaus Proemm, Carol Pynchon and Beth Larrabee, Canton Village Clerk Sally Noble and Deputy Cara Adams. Canton Village Attorney Gerald Dusharme. Rensselaer Falls Village Mayor Michael Hammond, Trustees Charles Fifield, Jolene LaSieve and Stacy Gushea.

Also, in Attendance: Susan Huntley, Adam Akinson and Kenny Moore and Sue Mende.

Absent: Canton Village Trustee Sean O'Brien and Rensselaer Falls Village Trustee Connie McAllister

A 6:30 p.m. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending and thanked the committee for all of their hard work on behalf of the Town of Canton

B. 6:30 p.m. Joint Municipal Boards Acceptance of Comprehensive Plan (Town of Canton/Village of Canton/Village of Rensselaer Falls)

Supervisor Ashley stated that each board needs to take a separate vote on the acceptance of the comprehensive plan in its draft form. This acceptance will initiate a ninety-day time period when each of the boards will hold their own public hearings. A draft copy of the accepted Comprehensive Plan will be forwarded to St. Lawrence County for review.

Council member Jim Smith made a motion to accept the draft Comprehensive Plan presented by the Comprehensive committee upon acceptance and forward a copy of the draft to St. Lawrence County to review. Seconded by Council member Tim Danehy. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Canton Village Trustee Carol Pynchon made a motion to accept the draft Comprehensive Plan presented by the Comprehensive committee upon acceptance and forward a draft to the county to start the ninety-day time period and set a public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Klaus Proemm. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Rensselaer Falls Trustee Charles Fifield made a motion to accept the draft Comprehensive Plan presented and forward to the County for review and start the ninety-day time period and set a public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Stacy Gushea. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Town Council member Tim Danehy stated that he would like to see joint Public Hearings held with both the Village of Canton and the Village of Rensselaer Falls. After discussion it was decided that the Town of Canton Board will jointly hold with the Village of Rensselaer Falls on September 9th, 2019 6 p.m. a Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan. A week later the Town of Canton Board will jointly hold with the Village of Canton on September 16th, 2019 6 p.m. a Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan.

Canton Town Council member Jim Smith made a motion to be lead on SEQR for the Comprehensive Plan process. Seconded by Council member Bob Washo. All voted in favor. Motion carries. Council member Tim Danehy added to the motion that August 14th is the official public hearing date on said SEQR.

Trustee Carol Pynchon made a motion to defer lead agency on SEQR to the Town of Canton Seconded by Trustee Beth Larrabee. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley stated as Chief Financial Officer for the Town of Canton two payments were made in 2018 toward the cost of the plan. Noting that the Village of Canton has a Memorandum of Understanding to share the cost with the Town of Canton. Council member Bob Washo suggested discussing financial contributions for the Comprehensive Plan while the three boards are together. Rensselaer Falls Village Mayor Michael Hammond stated that the board will discuss it at their regular August Board meeting for details of their share of the costs. Hammond noted that this item was not on tonight's agenda.

Discussion was held on the Village and Town of Canton holding a joint Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan on September 16th 2019

Discussion was held on the Village of Rensselaer Falls holding their own Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan on September 9th 2019 with the Town of Canton Board joining them.

6:58pm motion made by Rensselaer Falls Trustee Stacy Gushea to adjourn. Seconded by Mayor Michael Hammond. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

C. 7:00 p.m. Joint Public Hearing – (Town of Canton/Village of Canton)
Annexation of Argent Developments

7:00 p.m. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley opened the Public Hearing for the Argent Development Annexation.

Ashley read the Legal Notice. No Public comment was given.

Mayor Michael Dalton stated that this process began in 2014

Discussion was held on the SEQR process. It was decided that the Village will take the lead on the SEQR.

Kenny Moore stated that further developing ideas are on hold awaiting zoning changes after the annex process is complete. Kenny would like to work with what's already there whether it's a single family or a duplex. Discussion was held on the possibility of holding a possible election to allow the residents to vote. Council member Tim Danehy expressed his concern about what a Special Election could cost the residents. Village and Town will each hold their own Public Hearing and action will have to take place within 90 days. Council member asked if the Planning Board has been involved in the plan. Attorney Dusharme stated that when the zoning portion begins the County and Village Planning boards will be involved.

7:28 p.m. Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley closed the Public Hearing

Village Trustee Carol Pyncheon made a motion to intend lead on the SEQR, seconded by Trustee Beth Larrabee. All Village Trustees voted in favor. Motion carries.

Council member Jim Smith made a motion to allow the Village of Canton to take the lead on the SEQR process. Seconded by Trustee Bob Washo. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Village Trustee Carol Pyncheon made a motion to take lead on the SEQR process. Seconded by Trustee Klaus Proem. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

D. Joint Ethics Code Discussion (Town of Canton/Village of Canton)

Village Trustee Carol Pyncheon stated that she sent out the Ethics draft and sample disclosure statement to the committee on July 22, 2019 asking them to add a Canton version to the statement and is awaiting a reply.

This matter will come back to the boards on September 16th, 2019 at which time Pyncheon stated that she is willing to take on the task if the committee is done working with the boards going forward. Council member Tim Danehy volunteered to help after the Town Supervisor and Village Mayor reach out to the committee.

E. Executive Session: Upon a majority vote upon a motion that identifies the general area or subject to be considered, the Council may conduct an executive session to discuss the issues identified as proper by Public Officers Law (105).

7:36 p.m. Council member Phil LaMarche made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of Public Law 105 (f) and (H), seconded by Council member Bob Washo. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

8:52 p.m. Council member Phil LaMarche made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Council member Bob Washo. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

F: Adjourn:

8:53 p.m. Council member Jim Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council member Tim Danehy. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted, Lisa A. Hammond, Canton Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lisa A. Hammond". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.