

Murray Town Board Work Meeting

June 10, 2021

Present: Supervisor Joseph Sidonio, Councilmen Randall Bower, Lloyd Christ, Paul Hendel and Michael Mele, Town Clerk Cindy Oliver, Highway Superintendent Dirk Lammes, Barbara Johnston of LaBella Associates, David Piedmonte, Elaine Berg, Kathy Lammes, Sam Lammes, Daniel Mawn.

Pledge to the American Flag.

Barbara Johnston of LaBella Associates presented the Town Board with a brief overview of the proposed Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Amendments including the zoning map. She explained the year long process, beginning with forming an official advisory committee. The plan sets goals for the Town's future and the Zoning should be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The committee held workshops and public hearings.

David Paul entered the meeting.

The Comprehensive Plan addresses all aspects of our Town such as land use, economic vitality, tourism and recreational businesses among others. Each zoning district lists permitted uses within that district. If a use is not listed, it is not permitted. Ms. Johnston stated that the zoning law should not repeat what is in the State Building Code.

Art Knab entered the meeting.

Councilman Paul Hendel thanked the committee for their work under Barbara's guidance.

Kerri Neale entered the meeting.

Questions from the Town Board included Section 436: setbacks, temporary signs and enforceability, property maintenance law.

Elaine Berg thinks that there is much opportunity for tourism and recreation in our town. There is a lot of untapped potential with our natural resources.

A public hearing on the proposed comprehensive plan and zoning amendments is scheduled for June 21st at 7:00 p.m. The Town Board will take resident's comments into consideration at that time.

Motion by Christ, Seconded by Mele approving payment of \$2,000 to Neal Muscarella for work done on the monument.

After being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously carried.

The balance of \$500.00 will be paid when the work is completed.

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Motion by Hendel, Seconded by Christ approving the gathering of people at the Fancher War Memorial for the rededication on August 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. or an alternate date/time to be determined.

After being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously adopted.

Discussion regarding Sandy Creek Cemetery and the Town taking responsibility of its operations. Beth spoke to the Town Board late last year about the transfer of responsibilities and that it would begin sometime in 2021. They were unaware that Supervisor Sidonio and Beth Schmidt had since met and discussed the transition process. The Town cannot do any work at the cemetery until there is an agreement in place stating that the Town will provide these services. Attorney Sansone will provide the Board with a draft agreement before July's meeting.

Supervisor Sidonio questioned Councilman Hendel about a conflict of interest with his wife serving on the Board of Assessment Review. Councilman Hendel removed himself from the meeting as he and his family were being discussed. Discussion regarding conflicts of interest, work meeting and monthly meeting protocol.

Motion by Bower, Seconded by Mele that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

After being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Oliver