

**February 1, 2021 Work Session**

**The Work Session of the Town of Dickinson Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Michael A. Marinaccio at 5:30 PM on Monday, February 1, 2021 via Zoom teleconferencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

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**The members of the Town Board present via Zoom were:**

**Michael A. Marinaccio, Supervisor**

**Stephen M. Gardner, Councilman**

**Sharon M. Exley, Councilwoman**

**Danny F. Morabito, Councilman**

**Thomas J. Burns, Councilman**

**Also attending:**

**Nathan D. VanWhy, Esq., Attorney for the Town**

**Susan Cerretani, Town Clerk**

**Also in attendance:**

**Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie, Code Enforcement Officer**

**Stephen Rafferty, Town Engineer Ron Lake, Planning Board Chair**

**Jerome Ford, Zoning Board Chair Jeanne Compton**

**CHAIR**

**Supervisor's Work Session Report  
February 2021**

- Regarding the **Annual Prospect Terrace Oath of Office Ceremony**, there are no plans as of today for conducting the **Oath of Office** for the Fire Department. I have offered to setup a **ZOOM** meeting for them if they choose to move forward with the ceremony.
- Reminder that the Annual training school for the **NY Association of Towns** starts on Sunday, Feb. 14 through the 17<sup>th</sup>. You must register online, and all classes are being held virtually. Cost is \$100 per person.
- Another reminder that I would like submissions for the **Town 2021 Newsletter** sent to me via email.
- As many of you are aware, the **COVID** vaccine injections are in process at both **SUNY Broome** and **SUNY Binghamton** (press building in Johnson City) I would appreciate it if all appointed and elected officials of the town let us know if and when you have been vaccinated.
- The issue with **Norfolk Railroad** blocking Phelps St. crossing has been addressed by our contact person at the **NYS Department of Transportation**. The railroad will communicate with our **Emergency Services** if they anticipate blockage over 5 minutes.

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- The Planning Board held a meeting on Monday, January 25 at 6 pm. They went through the entire plans for the Fairview Recovery Center project. Jerry is here to introduce the plan tonight.

### PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Chair Jerry Ford reported that the Planning Board met on January 25<sup>th</sup> to review the submission of information for the proposed conversion of the old St. Ann's School to the Fairview Recovery Center with 15 apartments and one office. Mr. Ford commented that the information seemed preliminary in that they were trying to see if the project would be approved before proceeding. They have applied for Grants.....

The Planning Board reviewed the site plan and Mr. Ford offered some suggestions:

- Entrance facing Adams Street be an emergency exit only
- Install a fence – 3 foot high with some shrubs on residential side
- Landscaping on Adams Street side of building which would satisfy landscape requirement and eliminate the variance requirement
- Provide an outdoor patio on south side of building
- 3 parking spots be designated on site plan per 239 County review – variance required for reduced parking

Code Enforcement Officer Rafferty explained the proposed schedule for the project:

The Town Board approves the preliminary development plan at next Monday's meeting subject to the issuance of the variance. The **ZBA** will hold a public hearing February 16<sup>th</sup> for parking variance. The Planning Board gives **PUD** final approval.

Mr. Rafferty will write a recommendation letter to the Board for next week and he will check with Attorney Sarah Grace Campbell on lighting and signs.

### ATTORNEY

Attorney VanWhy reported that he has been working with the Town Court on the Town's policies and procedures for non-moving violations.

Attorney VanWhy stated that the Spectrum contract is ready to move forward but we are still waiting on a sign off from Spectrum's higher up.

### PUBLIC WORKS

- Public Works Commissioner Kie reported that Terry Carroll from **NYSERDA** will be meeting with him and Steve Rafferty via Zoom to discuss some new grants that are out.

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**CODE**

Supervisor Marinaccio reported that the property owner of 47 Adams Street and her two sons removed 3 ½ pickup truck loads of garbage from the house that has accumulated by the tenants.

Councilwoman Exley has been investigating grant opportunities for the Town. Ms. Exley referenced **AARP** aging communities' programs and suggested the Town might want to look into making provisions in our laws and code for future backyard housing "granny-pod" options. The Town might also want to look into New York State Community Homes and Community Renewal – Community Development Block Grants next year.

On motion by Supervisor Marinaccio, the work session was adjourned on a motion from Councilman Gardner and seconded by Councilman Burns at 5:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cerretani, RMC  
Town Clerk