

March 28, 2018

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**TOWN BOARD MEETING
2795 EAST CHURCH STREET
EDEN, NEW YORK
MARCH 28, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was video-taped by a private citizen.

TOWN BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

MELISSA HARTMAN	-	SUPERVISOR
RICHARD VENTRY	-	COUNCILPERSON
MICHAEL BYRNES	-	COUNCILPERSON
SUSAN WILHELM	-	COUNCILPERSON
GARY SAM	-	COUNCILPERSON

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mary Jo Hultquist	-	Town Clerk
Janet Cunfer	-	Deputy Town Clerk
Debbie Gregoire	-	Administrative Assistant

Call To Order:

Supervisor Hartman called the Work Session of the Eden Town Board to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Supervisor Hartman led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to close the Regular Meeting of the Town Board and open the Public Hearing; seconded by Councilperson Ventry; All "Ayes"; Opposed? – None; Abstain? – None; Motion carried.

Public Hearing:

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF EDEN, NEW YORK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
The Town Council for the Town of Eden will hold a public hearing on
Eden's Draft Comprehensive Plan on
Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Eden Town Hall.**

**The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to solicit comments from
Town of Eden residents and property owners regarding the Town's Comprehensive
Plan. The Draft Comprehensive Plan will be available for review to the public at
the Eden Town Hall, 2795 East Church Street, the Eden Library, 2901 East Church
Street and the Towns web-site: www.edenny.gov.**

Dated: February 14, 2018

7:00 pm – Town of Eden Master Plan

Supervisor Hartman began the Hearing by thanking all Steering Committee Members for their great efforts putting the Comprehensive Plan together. The Committee Members are: Kevin Zittel (Committee Chair/Agriculture Rep.); Melissa Hartman (Eden Supervisor); Richard Ventry (Town Board); Bill Mahoney (Planning Board); Andrew Romanowski (Planning Board); Kristin Kent (Zoning Board); Lamont Beers

(Conservation Board); Ed Krycia (Chamber of Commerce); Sandy Anzalone (Eden Central School District); Bill Laing (Local business owner/EMS Rep.); Mark Clark (Resident/past CEO); Angeleah Lograsso (Student); Mark Lee (Erie Co. Planning); Amy Porter (Eden Parks & Recreation Executive Director). She informed the assembly that public comments should be prefaced with the speaker's name and address and be held to a three-minute maximum. A reminder was made that the proceedings were being videotaped

The Hearing began with a brief presentation from Kristen Kent, Bill Mahoney, and Kevin Zittel. Kristen Kent led by mentioning that the last Comprehensive Plan was developed in 2000. The new version is driven by community wants and current land-use policies such as Right to Farm and Conservation. The update is encouraged by both County and State governments because it will enable Eden to be more proactive when new situations arise.

Bill Mahoney continued the presentation by mentioning the great job Clark Patterson Lee (CPL) did in gathering data. Existing plans were used to make a list of Town assets. A broad format vision statement was created which led to the identification of core values. These core values are the foundation for the 12 -15 objectives and action items included in the Comprehensive Plan. The overall plan is for Eden to remain a farming community.

Kevin Zittel completed the presentation by listing some of the suggested action items. He emphasized that the community wants to retain its agricultural character. At the same time, revitalizing Main Street, creating a multi-generational Community Center, developing a Croop's Mill Park, and increasing the number and variety of housing units were all mentioned as possible priority items on the action plan. Access to various funding sources will be made easier when the Town can refer to an updated Comprehensive Plan in place.

Supervisor Hartman thanked Clark Patterson Lee for all the work done, including extra projects such as grant writing. She then opened the floor to public comments.

The following persons made comments:

John Henrich asked whether the value and quality of the school system was considered during the development of the Plan. Kristen Kent responded that the school system needs new students. In order for that to happen, affordable housing for young families must be available. Supervisor Hartman added that Eden must find ways to use the school district to promote the Town.

Glenn Cowdrick commented that the school district was a factor in his decision to stay in Eden and raise his family. He moved to the area in 1994 and has loved the area ever since. He appreciated that a new Comprehensive Plan is being developed.

Carl Modica wanted to know if railroad use for possible commuter service to the city had been considered. Kevin Zittel responded that it is included in the Plan as one of the priorities. Supervisor Hartman added that this issue comes up frequently in regional planning sessions.

Wayne Schacher asked about Rails to Trails if the trains were no longer in use. Supervisor Hartman responded that new ideas were included but none that would replace the railroad right-of-way.

Dave Schreiber was concerned about traffic patterns on Main Street in front of the school. Supervisor Hartman responded that a lot of consideration had been given to updating Main Street. DOT projects are referenced in the Plan. Any changes require a feasibility study and coordination with DOT. Eden is not on any current list for changes but an updated Plan will help to achieve that.

Pat O'Brien asked about funding and upkeep on a Community Center. Kevin Zittel responded that the Community Center is strictly conceptual at this time. There is a

lot of community interest in a Center. A feasibility study for grants and site analysis would need to be completed. Again, a current Plan will improve access to grants and other forms of funding such as Senator Gallivan and the Community Development Block Grant.

Supervisor Hartman thanked everyone for coming and asked that the assembly share the information with friends and neighbors.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Supervisor Hartman closed the Public Hearing at 7:45 pm.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to close the Public Hearing and return to the Regular Meeting of the Eden Town Board; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; All “Ayes”; Opposed? - None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Amend November 8, 2017 Minutes of the Town Board Meeting in regards to the East Eden Fire Truck.

Supervisor Hartman read the following correction to the November 8, 2017 Town Board Meeting minutes:

CORRECTION:

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to authorize the East Eden Fire Department to move forward with preparing the bid specifications for the vacuum tanker; seconded by Councilperson Byrnes. The roll call vote remains the same as stated above.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to amend the Meeting minutes of November 8, 2017; seconded by Councilperson Byrnes; “Ayes”? Hartman, Ventry, Sam and Brynes; Opposed? - None; Abstain? - Councilperson Wilhelm; Motion carried.

New Business:

2. Action on East Eden Fire Truck purchase.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to set a bid opening date of April 30, 2018 at 10:00 am in the Town Clerk's office at Eden Town Hall; seconded by Councilperson Wilhelm; “Ayes”? Ventry, Wilhelm, Byrnes, Sam; Opposed? - Hartman; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

3. Resolution confirming lead agency under SEQRA for adoption of the Town of Eden Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Hartman read the following Resolution:

**SEQRA LEAD AGENCY CONFIRMATION
FOR TOWN OF EDEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

Whereas, the Board is proposing an update to their existing Comprehensive Plan, adopted on October 11, 2000; and

Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQRA), the Board adopted a resolution on February 28, 2018 declaring its intent to act as Lead Agency for SEQRA review of this Type 1 Action and circulated said intent to all Involved Agencies; and

Whereas, no Involved Agencies challenged the intent of the Board to act as Lead

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Agency.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board hereby designates itself as Lead Agency for the proposed action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 and intends to make a determination of significance at a subsequent meeting following further examination of the project.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to accept this resolution; seconded by Councilperson Byrnes; All “Ayes”; Opposed? - None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

Hearing of Visitors:

Arthur Sadowski mentioned concerns that garbage is frequently discarded on his property along Carpenter Road. He wanted to know who is responsible to pick this up. Supervisor Hartman responded that Waste Management takes care of it. Mr. Sadowski feels it is not being addressed properly. He will no longer take care of it himself.

Supervisor’s Comments:

- Councilperson Wilhelm stated that Kelly’s Place is completely full.
- Councilperson Sam recognized the Eden Emergency Squad for handling 6 calls today and 1 mutual aid.
- Councilperson Wilhelm added that brainstorming is being done to encourage new volunteers to join the Emergency Squad.

Adjournment:

MOTION was made by Supervisor Hartman to adjourn the Work Session Meeting and move into Executive Session for personnel issues; seconded by Councilperson Byrnes; All “Ayes”; Opposed? - None; Abstain? - None; Motion carried.

Supervisor Hartman adjourned the Work Session Meeting of the Eden Town Board at 7:55 P.M.

Executive Session:

Supervisor Hartman adjourned the Executive Session of the Eden Town Board Meeting at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Jo Hultquist
Town Clerk