

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
TOWN OF MOUNT HOPE, JUNE 6, 2013
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The **PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** for the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope was held at Town Hall, 1706 Route 211 West, Otisville, NY, June 6, 2013 at 7:00pm with the following present: Supervisor William Novak Jr., Councilman Gary Ketcham, Councilwoman Janet Sutherland, Councilman Ed Fairweather and Town Clerk Kathleen Myers.

NOT PRESENT: Councilman Mike Bell.

PUBLIC PRESENT: B. Rebman, L. Dodd, T. Damiani, J. Myers & Attorney Z. Kelson.

Supervisor Novak called the Public Hearing to order following the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00PM. At this time, Councilman Ed Fairweather asked for a moment of silence for today being D-DAY.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM at 7:00PM:

Supervisor Novak called the Public Hearing to order for the ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM @ 7:00PM. The public hearing notice was read by Kathleen. Copy of the notice is on the desk. Supervisor Novak explained that he spoke with Joanne Fazzino at the OC Ofc. Of Community Development regarding this proposed project & that this would be a project which would possibly create 20-25 jobs in conjunction with the Cornell Cooperative Extension. The application was submitted and any work done there at the park becomes property of the Town. They put in for infrastructure. He asked if anyone in the audience had any other suggestions? He opened up the hearing for public comment. Mr. Damiani asked how many acres are involved with this? Supervisor Novak stated approx. 14 acres would be designated for Cornell Coop. Extension. Mr. Damiani stated that this would be a great facility for the town.. He asked if they were a not-for-profit? Atty. Kelson stated they are an arm of the State of New York. Councilman Fairweather stated that the 4H program is the largest program in New York State. Mr. Myers asked how many kids are involved and would come? Councilman Fairweather added that any/all the Orange County 4H kids can. 4H – this group makes kids better. He also stated that this is a big opportunity for us.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Ketcham to close the public hearing at 7:15pm. All in favor – Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

RESOLUTION FOR LEAD AGENT:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Ketcham that the Town of Mount Hope Town Board designates itself “lead agent” for the purpose of SEQR and declares it to be an unlisted action. All in favor – Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

Councilman Ketcham asked what the time frame is for completion on this project? Supervisor Novak stated that if approved the money would be available on February 2014. Councilman Fairweather added that the County Legislature is very supportive of this. Supervisor Novak added that typically the only grant we usually get is for anything for the seniors and handicap accessibility.

RESOLUTION FOR NEGATIVE DECLARATION:

MOTION offered by Councilman Fairweather seconded by Councilman Ketcham that be it resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Mount Hope is making a “negative declaration” as defined by Part 617 of the New York Environmental Law and the SEQR review process and declares that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. All in favor – Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather, carried.

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**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR A GRANT:**

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Ketcham to authorize the Town of Mount Hope to submit an application to the Orange County Community Development Program for a grant for \$125,000.00 for public improvement with the Cornell Cooperative 4H as a sub-recipient. All in favor – Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN:

MOTION offered by Councilwoman Sutherland seconded by Councilman Ketcham to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm. All in favor – Ketcham, Novak, Sutherland, Fairweather. Carried.

The next meeting is June 10, 2013 at 7:30pm at the Mount Hope Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Myers
Town Clerk