PROPOSED AGENDA
GHENT TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 20, 2022
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83980988313?pwd=TmZhbjNwWGFkd200d3E4L3RGcC9wdzO9

Meeting ID: 839 8098 8313
Passcode: 348328

1. Call to Order
2. Open Meeting for Public Comment
3. Accept Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Consent Agenda Approval
   - Building , Assessor , Clerk Reports, Correspondence
   - Historian Report
   - Dog Control Report
   - Food Pantry Report
   -
5. A. Planning , Zoning and Committees
   1. Climate Smart- Resolution # 15 –CSC Task Force
   2. Broadband
   3. Senior Advocate Report
   4.

   B. Parks and Recreation

   C. Highway
   1. Accept Highway Superintendents Report
6. Unfinished Business
   A.
7. New Business
   A. Resolution # 16 – Anti Hate
   B. BAR Appointment – Tara Groom
   C. ZBA Appointment- James Andrews
   D.
   E.

8. Payment of Bills and Acceptance of Monthly Budget Report
   General A $_____
   General B $_____
   Highway DB $_____
   Lighting $ _____
   TOTAL$_____
9. Public Comment limited to topics discussed at meeting
10. Executive Session (if needed)
11. Adjournment

TOWN OF GHENT
PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 16, 2021

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be three successive public hearings before the Ghent Town Board on December 16, 2021 at 6:45 p.m., 6:50 p.m., and 6:55 p.m. for the purpose of considering Resolutions authorizing the Town of Ghent to enter into contracts for fire protection services with the Ghent Volunteer Fire Company for the area known as the "Ghent Fire Protection District", the Village of Chatham for the area known as the "Chatham Fire Protection District No. 2", and the West Ghent Volunteer Fire Company for the area known as the "West Ghent Fire Protection District". The term of each agreement will be for one (1) year, commencing on January 1, 2022 and terminating on December 31, 2022. The public hearings will be held via the Zoom online meeting platform.

Supervisor Benvenuto opened the first Public hearing at 6:45pm for Ghent Fire District

No Comment
Supervisor Benvenuto closed the Public hearing at 6:48 pm and opened the second Public hearing for Chatham Fire District #2 at 6:50pm.

No comment.

Supervisor Benvenuto closed the Public hearing at 6:53 pm and opened the third Public hearing for West Ghent District at 6:55pm.

No comment.

Public Hearing closed at 6:58pm.

TOWN OF GHENT TOWN BOARD MEETING
December 16, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board was held December 16, 2021 via the Zoom platform. Supervisor Benvenuto opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Present were: Michael Benvenuto Supervisor
Charles Wood Councilman
Koethi Zan Councilwoman
Patti Matheney Councilwoman
Mallory Mort Councilman
Ben Perry Highway Superintendent
Matthew Cabral Attorney for Town

MOTION #1 TO OPEN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilwoman Zan and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Mort, Zan, Matheney
Nays: 0

Dave Berman- Thank you to all the board members for your service and wish you well in your next endeavors.

Gunner Worden- Wish you all luck in your next chapter, special thanks to Mal Mort who from day one has been there for the Town. Compassion for the Town and community whether with climate smart, or securing funding for the Town, he is a proven leader.

Sheldon Evans- Like to wish Mal the best of luck. Glad to have known him and know he will continue to do good things for the Town.

Carl Quinn- Mal, it was and honor and privilege to run the campaign with you. Few people in the town have your character and integrity. Wish you all the best. Climate smart and preserving the historical nature of the Town hall are legacies that will continue on.

Laurie Johnson- Thank you Mal, enjoyed running with you. Getting to know everyone and leaning all the wonderful things you have all. It was really great to know that the people who are leading us are doing the right thing. Mike, I sent you an email a few weeks back and yet to hear back from you. What is the process and procedure for members of the sub boards in regards to speaking to the public and who holds them accountable that those statements are factual?

Supervisor Benvenuto- We do not have a system in where we muzzle any board members from commenting or speaking to the public generally speaking. If a compliant was made to the Board regarding specifics we would go from there.

Laurie Johnson- is this not a liability issue for the Town.

Attorney Cabral- The meetings of the Boards of the Town or public, recorded and have minutes. Things said on private social media and discussions held about the meetings that is not under the purview of the town.

Beth Lenahan- Thank you everyone, kudos' and thanks to Chuck and Mike. To Mal and Karen thank you for your leadership, Mal you have been a great public servant , set a standard and look forward to the Town Board in similar vain.

MOTION #2 TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT AND OPEN THE MEETING made by Councilwoman Matheney Seconded by Councilwoman Zan and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Zan
Nays: 0

MOTION # 3 TO ACCEPT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON NOVEMBER 9, 2021 AND TOWN BOARD MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 18, 2021 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Zan, Mort
Nays: 0

MOTION # 4 TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA made by Councilman Wood, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Zan
Nays: 0

Food Pantry numbers- Families 77, Children 88, Adults 109, Seniors 44, a food order of 5299 pounds.

Planning Zoning and Committees:
Climate Smart- Councilman Mort reported he met with Bob Dandrew, David Newman and Karen to get Bob up to speed on the Climate smart activities.

Broadband- Attorney Cabral – An MOU between Ghent, Canaan, Austerlitz and New Lebanon in connection with broadband expansion funds that have been awarded in the amount of $329,524.00. This sets forth between parties that Ghent will be the primary applicant and will issue an RFP. The process will be the Towns will collaborate as they have now on a selection of a contractor and enter into a more formal agreement when things finalize. The board can approve the MOU and RFP and once all Towns do the same we can issue the RFP around December 30, 2021, with a response due by March 1, 2022.

MOTION # 5 TO APPOVE THE MOU AND GIVE PERMISSION FOR THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN ON THE TOWN'S BEHALF made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilwoman Zan and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Zan
Nays: 0

MOTION # 6 TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF THE RFP ONCE ITS HAS BEEN APPROVED IN FORM AND CONTENT BY THE OTHER TOWNS made by Councilwoman Zan, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Zan
Nays: 0

Senior Report- Laurie Johnson reports of a new pilot program called NewEver Home Columbia, they are looking for 400 participants at no cost to them to help the stay home with the use of technology and case management. This information has been added to the Town's website.

HIGHWAY:
Earlier this month we finished setting up our snow fence around town. We have had a little inclement weather we had to deal with scraping and treating roads along with some down trees due to high winds. Since we have had no frost in the ground we went ahead and changed 3 cross pipes out for anticipation for next year paving process. We have fully completed our rebuild of our 1998 International Plow truck which I am very happy with the way the unit came out it is back in service as of this morning 100%. We are doing tree work on roads for the upcoming paving season. We will be swapping mowers and will be getting out with the boom mower to cut back over grown foliage and give some more attention to sight visibility issues around town. The State DOT has sent us a letter regarding Winter Hill and Ostrander. They have determined that these roads do not meet the conditions that would consider a lower speed reduction. I attend last month Traffic Safety Board Meeting in which we were notified that the State DOT has denied over 12 speed reductions out of 22 requests. We set our new speed sign out and where able to sit down with the company who walked us through all of the programs in which we can choose multiple ways to set up documenting and receiving info in which we are trying to obtain for whatever the interests may be. I would like to take a minute to thank Chuck, Mal, and Michael for the hand and hand working relationship in making my job as Highway Superintendent go as smoothly as it has for the past 8 years. Each one of you have played an important role in helping me in many ways from understanding what I needed to run the Highway Department to just lending a ear when needing a sounding board to bounce questions off of. I would just like to thank each of you personally for your assistance throughout the years in helping me make the town of Ghent Highway Department what it is today and I will truly miss each of you.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MOTION # 7 TO APPROVE THE CHATHAM RESCUE CONTRACT FOR 2022 made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Zan
Nays: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION # 8 TO APPROVE THE FIRE CONTRACTS FOR 2022 FOR GHENT, CHATHAM AND WEST GHENT made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Zan, Mort
Nays: 0

Ghent Chatham Senior Contract- a brief discussion was had between board members with regards to the group their ideas on events, budget for the year, and calendar of events, liability insurance and moving forward to keep the town informed of upcoming trips and income and expenses in a quarterly fashion.

MOTION # 9 TO APPROVE AN AMENDED CONTRACT FOR THE GHENT CHATHAM SENIORS FOR SIX MONTHS WITH THE AMOUNTY OF $1250.00 made by Councilwoman Zan, seconded by Councilman Mort and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Zan
Nays: 0

MOTION # 10 TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR 2022 WITH THE MORRIS MEMORIAL made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilwoman Zan and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Zan
Nays: 0

MOTION #11 ACCEPT THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PREVIOUSLY GIVEN made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Zan
Nays: 0

PAYMENT OF AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT: AUDITED BILLS:
General A $73885.00
S.L. $1148.96
General B $15324.23
Highway DB $20152.07
TOTAL: $110,480.26

MOTION #12 TO PAY ALL AUDITED BILLS AND ACCEPT THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT made by Councilman Mort, seconded by Councilman Wood and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Zan, Matheney, Mort
Nays: 0

MOTION # 14 TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8 PM made by Councilwoman Wood, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Matheney, Mort, Zan
Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Radley Town Clerk

Town of Ghent
Organizational Meeting
January 4, 2022

The Organizational Meeting of the Town Board was held January 4, 2022 via zoom at 4:00pm
Supervisor Simmons opened the meeting at 4:00pm

Present were:	Craig Simmons	Supervisor
	Wally Engel	Councilman
	Patti Matheney	Councilwoman
	Scott Myers	Councilman (no audio)
	Koethi Zan	Councilwoman
	Ben Perry	Highway Superintendent

RESOLUTION #1 TO SET THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR THE 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 PM. INFORMATIONAL PLANNING AND WORK SESSIONS AT 6PM ON THE 3rd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

MOTION # 1 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #1 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilman Engel and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Simmons, Engel, Zan, Matheney,
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #2 FIXING THE SALARIES OF ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICALS, RATES OF WAGES OF HOURLY EMPLOYEES AND TO SET PAYMENT SCHEDULE OF SAID EMPLOYEES.

MOTION #2 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #2 made by Councilwoman Matheney seconded by Councilwoman Zan and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Simmons, Engel, Zan, Matheney,
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #3-AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF MILEAGE. THE RATE WILL BE .58.5 CENTS PER MILE FOR THE USE OF THEIR OWN AUTOMOBILES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES, .18 CENTS PER MILE DRIVEN FOR MEDICAL OR MOVING PURPOSES AND .18 CENTS PER MILE DRIVEN IN SERVICE OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

MOTION #3 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #3 made by Councilman Engel, seconded by Councilwoman Zan and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Simmons, Engel, Zan, Matheney,
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION#4 DESIGNATING THE OFFICAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE TOWN OF GHENT AS THE REGISTER STAR. ALTERNATEWILL BE THE COLUMBIA PAPER.

MOTION #4 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #4 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilwoman Zan and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Simmons, Engel, Zan, Matheney,
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION#5 DESIGNATING THE BANK OF GREENE COUNTY CHATHAM BRANCH AS THE OFFICAL DEPOSITORY FOR THE TOWN FUNDS AND THE COMMUNITY BANK, CHATHAM BRANCH AS ALTERNATE DEPOSITORIES.

MOTION #5 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #5 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilwoman Zan and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Simmons, Engel, Zan, Matheney,
Nays: 0
RESOLUTION #6 AUTHORIZING THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO MAKE PURCHASES WITHOUT TOWN BOARD APPROVAL NOT TO EXCEED $5,000 EACH.

MOTION #6 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #6 made by Councilman Engel, seconded by Councilwoman Zan and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Simmons, Engel, Zan, Matheney,
Nays: 0
RESOLUTION #7 TO EMPOWER THE SUPERVISOR TO MAKE EARLY PAYMENT OF UTILTY, POSTAGE, ACCOUNTING BILLS AND MEDICAL INSURANCE PREMIUM.

MOTION #7 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #7 made by Councilwoman Zan, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Simmons, Engel, Zan, Matheney,
Nays: 0
RESOLUTION #8 AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICERS TO ENDORSE CHECKS.

MOTION #8 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #8 made by Councilwoman Zan, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Simmons, Engel, Zan, Matheney,
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #9 TO ESTABLISH AN INVESTMENT POLICY
MOTION #9 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #9 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilwoman Zan and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Simmons, Engel, Zan, Matheney,
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #10 NAMING ANY INTERESTED TOWN BOARD OFFICAL AS DELGATE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS ANNUAL MEETING AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF HIS ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES.

MOTION #10 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #10 made by Councilwoman Zan, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Simmons, Engel, Zan, Matheney,
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #11 ESTABLISHING A PETTY CASH FUND OF $200.00 FOR THE CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR.

MOTION# 11 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #11 made by Councilwoman Zan, seconded by Councilman Engel and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Simmons, Engel, Zan, Matheney,
Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #12 AUTHORIZING A $2.00 SERVICE CHARGE TO COVER THE EXPENSE OF MAILING OUT A NOTICE OF DELIQUENCY TO TAXPAYERS.

MOTION# 12 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION # 12 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilwoman Zan and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Simmons, Engel, Zan, Matheney,
Nays: 0
RESOLUTION #13 TO MAKE VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2022 RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN BOARD

MOTION #13 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION # 13 made by Councilwoman Matheney, seconded by Councilwoman Z a n and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Simmons, Engel, Zan, Matheney,
Nays: 0
RESOLUTION #14 THE TOWN BOARD HAS AUTHORIZATION AND DISCRETION TO APPOINT ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE TOWN OF GHENT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND TOWN OF GHENT PLANNNING BOARD. APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AS ALTERNATES ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN, PLANNING BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN. APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GHENT AS ALTERNATES ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, ZONING BOARD CHAIRMAN , ZONING BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN.

MOTION #14 TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION #14 made by Councilwoman Zan, seconded by Councilwoman Matheney and approved unanimously.
Ayes: 5 Benvenuto, Wood, Zan, Matheney, Mort
Nays: 0

MOTION #15 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:17 PM made by Councilman Engel, seconded by Councilwoman Zan, approved unanimously.
Ayes: 4 Simmons, Engel, Zan, Matheney,
Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Radley

Town of Ghent

Inspection Schedule

12/01/2021 - 12/31/2021

Inspection Date/Time	Inspection Type	Inspector	Location	Identifier	Permit Type	Permit #
12/7/2021 12:00 PM	Final	Christopher Keefe	1845 State Route 66	84.-2-12.1	Roof	2021-121
12/7/2021 12:00 PM	Final	Christopher Keefe	1845 State Route 66	84.-2-12.1	Window	2021-150
12/7/2021 1:33 PM	Plumbing	Christopher Keefe	131 May Hill Rd	104.-1-40.12	Single-Family	2020-119
12/10/2021 1:00 PM	Framing	Christopher Keefe	259 Fowler Lake Rd	64.-1-25.1	Renovation Single-	2021-197
12/10/2021 1:00 PM	Final	Christopher Keefe	259 Fowler Lake Rd	64.-1-25.1	Swimming Pool	2020-098
12/10/2021 1:30 PM	Insulation	Christopher Keefe	323 Fowler Lake Rd	64.-1-18	Renovation Single-	2020-117
12/14/2021 1:00 PM	Site Visit	Christopher Keefe	8 Roxbury Rd	65.-1-62	Woodstove	2021-233
12/14/2021 2:00 PM	Final	Christopher Keefe	County Route 21C	104.-1-11	Demolition -	2021-192
12/14/2021 2:00 PM	Final	Christopher Keefe	County Route 21C	104.-1-11	Demolition -	2021-193
12/14/2021 2:00 PM	Final	Christopher Keefe	County Route 21C	104.-1-11	Demolition -	2021-194
12/14/2021 2:00 PM	Final	Christopher Keefe	1185 State Route 66	92.-2-1	Renovation Single-	2020-058
12/16/2021 2:05 PM	Final	Christopher Keefe	247 Schnackenberg Rd	103.-1-6	Roof - Shingles	2021-216
12/20/2021 1:33 PM	Final	Christopher Keefe	118 Stop 3 Connacher	83.-3-1.4	Single-Family	2020-086
12/20/2021 4:24 PM	Final	Christopher Keefe	1925 State Route 66	84.-3-16	Single-Family	2020-013
12/21/2021 11:33 AM	Framing	Christopher Keefe	20 Petty Dr	92.-1-76	Single-Family	2021-149
12/21/2021 11:39 AM	Insulation	Christopher Keefe	20 Petty Dr	92.-1-76	Single-Family	2021-149
12/30/2021 3:00 PM	Final	Christopher Keefe	1131 State Route 9H	91.-1-33.110	Renov./Non-	2021-024

Total Inspections: 17

Town of Ghent

Completion Issued Report

12/01/2021 - 12/31/2021

Contact Type: Manager

Permit #	SBL	Completion Type	Completion Number	Manager	Location	Completion Date
2021-170	84.-1-27	Certificate of Compliance		None	61 Snyder Rd	12/03/2021

Deck # of CC/CO :Issued : 1

Permit #	SBL	Completion Type	Completion Number	Manager	Location	Completion Date
2021-182	93.01-1-4.3	Certificate of Occupancy		None	Metz Rd	12/03/2021

Barn # of CC/CO :Issued : 1

Permit #	SBL	Completion Type	Completion Number	Manager	Location	Completion Date
2020-068	92.-2-29.122	Certificate of Occupancy		None	43 German Church Rd	12/03/2021

Garage # of CC/CO :Issued : 1

Permit #	SBL	Completion Type	Completion Number	Manager	Location	Completion Date
CO2021-067	73.-3-78	CO Search Completed	CO2021-067	None	1871 State Route 9H	12/06/2021
CO2021-068	93.-1-63	CO Search Completed	CO2021-068	None	23 West View Dr	12/13/2021

1 - CO Search # of CC/CO :Issued : 2

Permit #	SBL	Completion Type	Completion Number	Manager	Location	Completion Date
2020-153	85.-1-53	Certificate of Compliance		None	1651 Harlemville Rd	12/13/2021

Roof - Shingles # of CC/CO :Issued : 1

Permit #	SBL	Completion Type	Completion Number	Manager	Location	Completion Date
2021-041	85.-1-53	Certificate of Occupancy		None	1651 Harlemville Rd	12/13/2021

Renovation Single-Family # of CC/CO :Issued : 1

Permit #	SBL	Completion Type	Completion Number	Manager	Location	Completion Date
CO2021-069	102.-1-8	CO Search Completed	CO2021-069	None	116 Tipple Rd	12/14/2021

1 - CO Search # of CC/CO :Issued : 1

Permit #	SBL	Completion Type	Completion Number	Manager	Location	Completion Date
2021-018	85.-1-53	Certificate of Compliance		None	1651 Harlemville Rd	12/16/2021

Renovation Acc structure # of CC/CO :Issued : 1

Permit #	SBL	Completion Type	Completion Number	Manager	Location	Completion Date
CO2021-071	74.-1-13	CO Search Completed	CO2021-071	None	122 Letter S Rd	12/16/2021

1 - CO Search # of CC/CO :Issued : 1

Permit #	SBL	Completion Type	Completion Number	Manager	Location	Completion Date

2021-121	84.-2-12.1	Certificate of Compliance		None	1845 State Route 66	12/16/2021
					Roof # of CC/CO :Issued :	**1**

Permit #	SBL	Completion Type	Completion Number	Manager	Location	Completion Date
2021-150	84.-2-12.1	Certificate of Compliance		None	1845 State Route 66	12/16/2021
					Window replacement # of CC/CO :Issued :	**1**

Permit #	SBL	Completion Type	Completion Number	Manager	Location	Completion Date
CO2021-072	84.-2-12.1	CO Search Completed	CO2021-072	None	1845 State Route 66	12/16/2021
CO2021-073	75.4-1-1.2	CO Search Completed	CO2021-073	None	1425 County Route 21	12/17/2021
CO2021-070	83.-1-18.200	CO Search Completed	CO2021-070	None	225 Schmidt Rd	12/17/2021
					1 - CO Search # of CC/CO :Issued :	**3**

Permit #	SBL	Completion Type	Completion Number	Manager	Location	Completion Date
2021-227	75.4-1-93	Zoning Board Approval		None	25 Garage Place Rd	12/21/2021
					2 - AREA VARIANCE # of CC/CO :Issued :	**1**

Permit #	SBL	Completion Type	Completion Number	Manager	Location	Completion Date
2020-013	84.-3-16	Certificate of Occupancy		None	1925 State Route 66	12/27/2021
					Single-Family Dwelling # of CC/CO :Issued :	**1**

Permit #	SBL	Completion Type	Completion Number	Manager	Location	Completion Date
2021-133	102.-1-14.111	Certificate of Compliance		None	52 Winters Hill Rd	12/28/2021
					Agricultural Structure # of CC/CO :Issued :	**1**

Permit #	SBL	Completion Type	Completion Number	Manager	Location	Completion Date
CO2021-075	75.4-1-10	CO Search Completed	CO2021-075	None	51 Garage Place Rd	12/30/2021
CO2021-076	82.-1-39	CO Search Completed	CO2021-076	None	259 Gilligan Rd	12/30/2021
					1 - CO Search # of CC/CO :Issued :	**2**

Permit #	SBL	Completion Type	Completion Number	Manager	Location	Completion Date
2021-192	104.-1-11	Certificate of Compliance		None	County Route 21C	12/30/2021
2021-193	104.-1-11	Certificate of Compliance		None	County Route 21C	12/30/2021
2021-194	104.-1-11	CO Search Completed	2021-194	None	County Route 21C	12/30/2021
					Demolition - Commercial # of CC/CO :Issued :	**3**
					Grand Total:	**23**

Town of Ghent

Inspections Report

Start Date: 12/01/2021 End Date: 12/31/2021

Inspectors: < All >

Identifier	Address	Primary Contact	Date	Type	Inspector	Result
75.-1-18	2542 State Route 66	Camphill Ghent, Inc.	12/28/2021	Annual Fire Safety	Christopher Keefe	Passed

Total Inspections: 1

Town of Ghent

Permit Monthly Report

12/01/2021 - 12/31/2021

Permit #	Issue Date	Manager	Permit Type	Property Location	Valuation	Amount
December	**2021**					
2021-221	12/03/2021		Addition Business	47 Old Post Rd **SBL#:** 82.-1-48		$400.00
2021-218	12/16/2021		Renovation Single-Family	60 Leggett Rd **SBL#:** 74.-1-41		$186.80
CO2021-066	12/06/2021		1 - CO Search	1325 County Route 21 **SBL#:** 75.4-1-22		$75.00
2021-231	12/06/2021		Garage	155 Soller Heights Rd **SBL#:** 92.-2-98		$540.00
CO2021-067	12/06/2021		1 - CO Search	1871 State Route 9H **SBL#:** 73.-3-78		$75.00
2021-232	12/09/2021		Fence	63 Soller Heights Rd **SBL#:** 92.-2-33		$20.00
CO2021-068	12/13/2021		1 - CO Search	23 West View Dr **SBL#:** 93.-1-63		$75.00
2021-233	12/13/2021		Woodstove	8 Roxbury Rd **SBL#:** 65.-1-62		$25.00
CO2021-069	12/14/2021		1 - CO Search	116 Tipple Rd **SBL#:** 102.-1-8		$75.00
CO2021-070	12/16/2021		1 - CO Search	225 Schmidt Rd **SBL#:** 83.-1-18.200		$75.00
CO2021-071	12/16/2021		1 - CO Search	122 Letter S Rd **SBL#:** 74.-1-13		$75.00
CO2021-072	12/16/2021		1 - CO Search	1845 State Route 66 **SBL#:** 84.-2-12.1		$75.00
CO2021-073	12/17/2021		1 - CO Search	1425 County Route 21 **SBL#:** 75.4-1-1.2		$75.00
2021-239	12/23/2021		Accessory Dwelling	56 Dean Rd **SBL#:** 75.-1-36.3		$120.00
2021-240	12/23/2021		Renovation Acc structure	56 Dean Rd **SBL#:** 75.-1-36.3		$288.00

Town of Ghent

Permit Monthly Report

Permit #	Issue Date	Manager	Permit Type	Property Location	Valuation	Amount
2021-241	12/24/2021		Accessory Structure	95 Metz Rd **SBL#:** 93.01-1-4.5		$121.00
2021-242	12/27/2021		Accessory Structure	23 Van Tassel Mnr **SBL#:** 75.4-1-9.200		$50.00
CO2021-074	12/27/2021		1 - CO Search	165 Falls Rd **SBL#:** 73.-1-21		$75.00
2021-235	12/28/2021		Foundation	55 Scannell Rd **SBL#:** 85.-1-20.3		$225.80
CO2021-075	12/30/2021		1 - CO Search	51 Garage Place Rd **SBL#:** 75.4-1-10		$75.00
2021-236	12/30/2021		Renovation Acc structure	381 County Route 9 **SBL#:** 102.-1-29.2		$50.00
CO2021-076	12/30/2021		1 - CO Search	259 Gilligan Rd **SBL#:** 82.-1-39		$75.00
2021-227	12/21/2021		2 - AREA VARIANCE	25 Garage Place Rd **SBL#:** 75.4-1-93		$200.00
				December 2021 Total:	**$0.00**	**$3,051.60**
				Reporting Period Total:	**$0.00**	**$3,051.60**

Town Clerk Monthly Report
December 01, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A 1255	Town Clerk Fees	Death Certificate	36	360.00
			Sub-Total:	**$360.00**
A1255	15 Gal.Garbage Bag	15 Gal. Garbage Bag	65	6.50
	30 Gal. Garbage Bag	30 Gal Garbage Bags	35	7.00
	Conservation	Conservation	1	0.28
	Large Trash Tags	Large Trash Tags	5	2.00
	Medium Trash Tag	Medium Trash Tag	75	15.00
	Resident Recycle Permit	Resident Recycle Permit	1	5.00
	Resident Recycle Permit- Senior	Resident Recycle Permit- Senior	16	80.00
	Small Trash Tag	Small Trash Tag	5	0.00
			Sub-Total:	**$115.78**
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	9	54.00
		Male, Neutered	6	36.00
	Senior	Senior	3	-10.50
			Sub-Total:	**$79.50**
B 2110	Building Permits	Building Permits	14	41,793.00
		Cert. Of Occupancy	4	300.00
			Sub-Total:	**$42,093.00**
B2115	Planning/zoning	Variance Fees	2	400.00
			Sub-Total:	**$400.00**
			Total Local Shares Remitted:	**$43,048.28**

Amount paid to:	Columbia County Treasuer	480.00
Amount paid to:	Columbia County Treasurer	499.50
Amount paid to:	Columbia County Treasures Office	5.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program	15.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation	4.72

Total State, County & Local Revenues: $44,052.50

Total Non-Local Revenues: $1,004.22

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Michelle Radley, Town Clerk, Town of Ghent during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Supervisor _____ Date _____ Town Clerk _____ Date _____

RECEIVED
JAN 10 2022
BY

Town of Ghent Planning Board Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2021

Meeting called to order by Chairman French at 7:01pm.

Present were Planning Board members Jen Stoner, Larry Machiz, Dan Barufaldi, Aaron Groom, Stephanie Lazar, Fern Fleckman, Chris Keefe, Code Enforcement Officer, and Matthew Cabral, Town Attorney.

Members of the public in attendance include Patrick Prendergast, Lynne Rose, Conrad Coon, Richard Coon, Allie Catalino, Craig Simmons, Patti Matheney, Jon Rose, Beth Hover and Austin Coon.

Public Hearing:

John Hartnett – Minor Subdivision – 123 Westview Drive, Ghent, NY – Tax ID# 93.1-63

Motion made to open public hearing by Larry Machiz and seconded by Dan Barufaldi.

All were in favor 7, opposed 0, motion carried.

Motion made to close public hearing by Larry Machiz and seconded by Jen Stoner.

All were in favor 7, opposed 0, motion carried.

Motion made to re-open public hearing by Dan Barufaldi and seconded by Larry Machiz.

All were in favor 7, opposed 0, motion carried.

Public Comments by:

Beth Hover of 199 Westview Drive, wanted to understand what the subdivision entailed. Chairman French indicated the parcel will be divided into two parcels.

Motion made to close public hearing by Larry Machiz and seconded by Fern Fleckman.

All were in favor 7, opposed 0, motion carried.

The Board completed the SEQR Part 2 Impact Assessment. Motion to declare negative declaration for SEQR by Chairman French.

All were in favor 7, opposed 0, motion carried.

Motion made to approve the application as it both complies with the town's Comprehensive Plan and the town's Zoning Code, and it's a relatively low impact as it was originally two lots instead of one. Also, the board is cognizant of the typo of "leech", should be "leach", as it appears on the map, by Dan Barufaldi and seconded by Larry Machiz.

All were in favor 7, opposed 0, motion carried.

New Business:

Richard Coon – First Fuel/SBT Enterprises, LLC – 1840 Rte. 9H, Ghent, NY – Tax ID# 73.-2-65.2 – Request for Restamp of previous Site Plan per 190-24 (I) Limited Review

Chairman French explained the applicant is looking to comply with and complete a previously approved and partially constructed site plan from 2014, which expired due to a code change included in Local Law No. 1 of 2017.

Chairman French reviewed the previously approved site plan. Mr. Prendergast indicated the remaining items on the site plan that need to be built are the truck & tank storage building and the office building.

Stephanie Lazar indicated the application states there are to be three buildings, referencing the truck storage, tank storage, and the office, but it appears the truck and tank storage is one building. Chairman French confirmed there was an earlier plan where those buildings were split into two buildings, totaling three on the site.

Jen Stoner asked if the office has moved or plans to be moved, as it previously stated in the former meeting minutes. She also asked if the office is currently constructed. Mr. Prendergast indicated Mr. Coon would like to construct the office where the 2014 site plan indicates.

Chairman French indicated the lighting on the 2014 site plan is within the town's standards.

Dan Barufaldi asked when the building permit was issued for the tanks. Code Enforcement Officer, Chris Keefe, indicated May 6th, 2014.

Fern Fleckman asked if there had been any changes in the fire safety regulations since 2014. Chairman French stated the NFPA 58 is the standard Mr. Coon must comply with.

Larry Machiz asked if the intention was to build everything on the 2014 site plan that is not yet built. Mr. Prendergast indicated this includes the office, truck and tank storage, the shop, and the septic system.

Stephanie Lazar asked, from the previous meeting minutes, if there was supposed to be a 3-sided structure over the 4 tanks. Code Enforcement Officer, Chris Keefe, indicated the previous minutes were referring to a series of smaller empty tanks on the site that were a violation because they were not a part of the approved site plan, so Walt Simonsmeier (previous Code Enforcement Officer) asked that the empty smaller tanks be stored in a 3-sided structure. Dan Barufaldi confirmed this was the action that brought the applicant to the Board in 2018.

Chris Keefe indicated the site plan was approved in 2014, a building permit was issued for the tanks in May 2014, and that permit was later closed out with the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. In 2017 the law changed causing the remainder of the 2014 site plan to expire.

Dan Barufaldi asked whether the application has been reviewed by Ray Jurkowski, the Town's Engineer, since 2014. Town Attorney, Matthew Cabral, confirmed Mr. Jurkowski's last review was in 2014.

Mr. Cabral explained that discussion in the previous minutes from 2018 pertained to a modification the applicant is no longer seeking. The applicant is currently seeking approval to build exactly what is shown on the 2014 approval without modification.

Aaron Groom asked if the site plan is compliant, excluding the buildings. Chris Keefe stated there is a split rail fence on premises that is not shown on the plan.

Chairman French indicated there are newly planted small trees to either side of the entrance where the previous plan indicated small trees were to be removed. Mr. Prendergast indicated the board asked for all the large trees along the road to remain and the applicant did so, but they were later removed by National Grid.

Fern Fleckman mentioned requirements for the water level in the pond. Code Enforcement Officer, Chris Keefe, indicated this was to ensure the pond would never run out of water in case of a fire, which to Mr. Keefe's knowledge, has never happened. Mr. Prendergast indicated the north pond is for fire protection and the south pond is for water treatment and clarification before it is discharged and remains relatively dry.

Town Attorney, Matthew Cabral, stated the Planning Board dealt with that concern with its conditions of approval and the requirement for a verification from the engineer indicating that the pond will on a year round basis hold no less than the minimum fire pond storage volume.

Code Enforcement Officer, Chris Keefe, confirmed he would do a yearly inspection once the buildings were erected.

Jen Stoner asked if the onsite water and wastewater system needs to be reapproved. Mr. Prendergast indicated in Columbia County if the standards were previously met there will be no need for an additional approval. However, a final inspection would still need to occur. Town Attorney, Matthew Cabral, indicated the Columbia County Department of Health approval is a condition of the Board's approval.

Town Attorney, Matthew Cabral, explained that the board has discretionary authority under the Limited Review provisions to waive any requirements for site plan approval that it determines are not requisite in the interest of public health, safety or general welfare, or that it finds to by inappropriate to a particular site plan, provided such a waiver does not circumvent the purposes and intent of the zoning law. The applicant is requesting its previously approved 2014 site plan be restamped and reapproved with no modifications. The site plan was thoroughly reviewed in 2014, subjected to public hearing and Columbia County Planning review, and received a negative declaration for purposes of SEQR. There are conditions that exist under the 2014 approval, including DOH approval and NFPA 58 fire plan requirements. If the board is satisfied, then it has discretion to waive additional site plan review requirements. if the board does not believe such a limited review is appropriate under the new circumstances, then a new application can be requested.

Chairman French indicated he would vote to restamp the maps.

Larry Machiz agrees that in 2014 the board did a good job, but due to the number of years in between, Mr. Machiz would vote to give the application the limited approval, subject to the receipt of a letter from the Town Engineer stating there is nothing material from a reviewing engineer's standpoint to add to the board's current review.

Dan Barufaldi stated if this were a new application there would be tighter constraints on screening, lighting and building elevations, but he would vote to waive substantial review and full application, contingent on an engineer review.

Fern Fleckman agrees with Larry Machiz.

Aaron Groom understands the site plan meets our current standards. Doesn't believe it needs an engineer's review.

Jen Stoner agrees this is as close to a perfect example for limited review, and that it wouldn't take too long to obtain a letter from Mr. Jurkowski's (the Town Engineer) office. She would be in favor of approval.

Stephanie Lazar is comfortable with limited review if the engineer reviews again.

Dan Barufaldi wanted confirmation on the meaning of the limited review and if this would bypass SEQR and a public hearing. Town Attorney, Matthew Cabral, confirmed that because this is a restamping without modification, and not a new application, there would be no additional SEQR or public hearing requirements.

Chairman French confirmed the majority of the board prefer the Town Engineer review the approved site plan from 2014 and confirm his previous findings.

Mr. Prendergast confirmed the SWPPP permit is still active for the site.

Town Attorney, Matthew Cabral, explained that limited review requires the Planning Board to state in writing the grounds for conducting a less intensive review and to file such statement with the site plan application and supporting documents.

Motion made to reapprove the 2014 site plan with the condition that the board receive a letter from the Town Engineer, Ray Jurkowski, stating that the 2014 plan remains compliant with current engineering standards and all applicable rules and regulations and the conditions of the 2014 site plan are reinstated, by Larry Machiz and seconded by Dan Barufaldi.

All were in favor 7, opposed 0, motion carried.

Motion to authorize Chairman French and Town Attorney, Matthew Cabral, to develop a written statement for the board's review summarizing the grounds for electing to conduct a limited review, based on the discussion the board had tonight, to be filed with the site plan application and supporting documents, by Dan Barufaldi and seconded Jen Stoner.

All were in favor 6, opposed 1, motion carried.

Old Business:

Training – Attestation Form Submission Reminder

All members to send the Attestation Forms to Chairman French.

Review of Minutes

Motion made on November 2021 minutes by Larry Machiz and seconded by Fern Fleckman.

In favor 6, opposed 0, absent 1, Aaron Groom abstained due to absence from the previous meeting, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Dan Barufaldi, Second by Stephanie Lazar, All in favor – 7

Town of Ghent Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2021

RECEIVED
DEC 20 2021
TOWN OF GHENT

Meeting called to order by Chairman Streeter at 7:05 pm and second by Jack Fenn. All were in favor 5, opposed 0, motion carried.

Present were ZBA members Beth Lenahan, Jack Fenn, Jim Andrews and Lyle Trued. Chris Keefe, Code Enforcement Officer, was also present.

Members of the public in attendance include, Peter Buckbee, David Nolan, Michael Lebow, Luis Castro and Craig Simmons.

Review of Minutes

Motion made to accept the November 2021 minutes by Chairman Streeter and seconded by Beth Lenahan.

Jack, Beth and Lew were in favor, motion carried. Lyle and Jim abstained as they did not attend the November meeting.

New Business:

Area Variance, 25 Garage Place, Luis Castro

Mr. Castro is asking for a variance for a bathroom addition of 63.7 SF to the first floor of the existing home.

Mr. Fenn asked if the proposed addition falls within the original footprint of the home. Mr. Castro indicated it is relatively close.

Chairmen Streeter asked if the house can be expanded up to 50%. Chris Keefe, Code Enforcement Officer, explained that the house can be expanded up to 50% beyond its current size, and it does not have to happen in one action.

Motion to accept the application and conduct a public hearing for January 12th by Jim Andrews and Seconded by Jack Fenn.

All were in favor 5, opposed 0, motion carried.

Mr. Castro asked if the public hearing can be moved to an earlier date, due to personal circumstances.

Motion to accept the application as complete and conduct a public hearing for Tuesday, December 21st at 7pm by Chairmen Streeter and seconded by Jack Fenn.

All were in favor 5, opposed 0, motion carried.

Area Variance, 152 Garner Rd., Michael Lebow representing Judith and Alan Fishman

Mr. Lebow is asking for a variance for the proposed covered pool to the northern side of the existing home. The pool is 60 foot in length. He explained the deisgn is in kind to existing buildings on the property and the same architect is being used for this proposed project. The neighbors to Mr. & Mrs. Fishman sent a letter of support.

Chairmen Streeter confirmed the applicant is asking for a ~15' variance.

Chairmen Streeter asked the applicant why the setback cannot be met. Mr. Lebow explained due to the topography and the existing home's location in relation to the road.

Mr. Lebow indicated construction has started and footings were placed on site.

Mr. Fenn asked the applicant if the existing berm would remain in its natural state. Mr. Lebow indicate this would remain as is.

Mr. Fenn asked the applicant if the construction driveway would remain after the completion of the project. Mr. Lebow indicated this would no longer remain once the project is complete.

Motion to accept the application as complete and conduct a public hearing for January 12th with the condition to provide the board with a map showing the dimension from the road and a corrected page 2 on the application by Friday, December 10th by Chairmen Streeter and seconded by Jim Andrews.

All were in favor 5, opposed 0, motion carried. Mr. Lebow stated the map and revised application would be submitted by the 10th.

Area Variance, 1209 Route 217, Peter Buckbee

Mr. Buckbee is looking for a variance to subdivide his property. The parcel is currently 8.05 acres, and to legally subdivide in this area, there needs to be at least 5 acres on each lot.

Chairmen Streeter asked if Mr. Buckbee looked into two residences on the same lot. Mr. Buckbee confirmed he did, and it is permitted, however, he stated his funding would not align with this approach. The preferred option, for multiple reasons, would be to subdivide the current parcel.

Mr. Trued asked how the applicant would intend to subdivide the existing parcel. Mr. Buckbee explained the driveway would be shared and the ideal scenario would be for the first two acres on the right-hand side of the existing home would become the proposed parcel.

Chris Keefe, Code Enforcement Officer, stated the applicant is applying for the minimum density per lot variance. In the RA2 zone, there is a minimum density lot is 5 acres. Therefore, the variance is to change the 5 acres to 4.025 acres. The minimum lot size in the RA2 district is 2 acres, according to Appendix B.

Motion to accept the application as complete and conduct a public hearing for January 12th by Jim Andrews and seconded by Jack Fenn.

All were in favor 5, opposed 0, motion carried.

Area Variance, 16 Town Hall Place, David Nolan, representing Jesse and Jason DeLuca

Mr. Nolan is looking for a variance for an 82 SF deck to be built off of the existing home. Mr. Nolan thought this was exempt from review due to the proposed height being below 30" from the ground.

Chairmen Streeter confirmed the applicant is asking for a 13.5' variance from the 55' requirement.

Mr. Nolan stated the helical posts are installed on the site. Mr. Andrews indicated some of the framing and decking is installed.

Motion to accept the application as complete and conduct a public hearing for January 12th by Jim Andrews and seconded by Jack Fenn.

All were in favor 5, opposed 0, motion carried.

Chairmen Streeter reminded the board to complete their training requirements and attestation forms.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Andrews, Second by Jack Fenn, All in favor – 5 @8:13pm

Respectfully submitted
Katie Walker

Town of Ghent Historian
December 2021 Report

- maintained our Facebook page for the 1,258 people who follow and many more who lurk there
- with my New Baltimore counterpart Ted Hilscher, I revisited Bill Kuzmiak, one of the last people in Ghent who worked fields with horses - Ted is working on a book about farm history in the upper Hudson Valley - no doubt Ghent will be well represented in the book
- visited Susan Barnes and Oliver Helden's Louden Rd. home and house barn (oddest barn in Ghent) - as they embark on a major restoration project; I offered historical context and learned a great deal myself about this most unusual property
- edited transcript of Doris Witthoft interview - professionally transcribed by Gotranscript
- read Joseph Amato's thought provoking and inspirational book Rethinking Home: A Case for Writing Local History
- began reading Sung Bok Kim's thorough book Landlord and Tenant in Colonial New York: Manorial Society. 1664-1775; Kim's extensive study of the Hudson Valley during the English period is filling in the biggest gap in my knowledge of Ghent history, and its thorough footnoting will lead me to sources on specifics of life in the Van Rensselaer lower manor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregg Berninger
Town of Ghent Historian

Michelle Radley

From: Craig Simmons <csimmons@townofghent.org>
Sent: Friday, January 07, 2022 4:29 PM
To: Gregg Berninger
Cc: pmatheney@townofghent.org; smyers@townofghent.org; kzan@townofghent.org; wengel@townofghent.org; mradley@townofghent.org
Subject: RE: Ghent Band 2021

Hello Gregg,

Thank you so much for this. It is always such a pleasure hearing and supporting our Ghent Town Band throughout my life. I look forward to many more great concerts.

Craig Simmons

-----Original Message-----
From: "Gregg Berninger" <greggb148@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 4:17pm
To: "csimmons@townofghent.org" <csimmons@townofghent.org>, "pmatheney@townofghent.org" <pmatheney@townofghent.org>, "smyers@townofghent.org" <smyers@townofghent.org>, "kzan@townofghent.org" <kzan@townofghent.org>, "wengel@townofghent.org" <wengel@townofghent.org>
Cc: "mradley@townofghent.org" <mradley@townofghent.org>
Subject: Ghent Band 2021

Hello Members of the Ghent Town Council,

On behalf of the Ghent Band, I express deep appreciation for the many ways the Town of Ghent supports the band.

In 2020, the Ghent Band did not play a single note.

In 2021, we made a resounding comeback. At one of our Ghent concerts we had forty musicians on the gazebo, possibly the most the band has ever had at one performance. On another evening in Ghent, we had one-hundred and eighty-five audience members, a record since I began taking audience attendance several years ago.

We continue to be Ghent's finest ambassadors. At one of our Kinderhook concerts we had one hundred and fifty-four audience members, another record since I began taking attendance.

In September we made our annual appearance at the Fireman's Home. Sixty-nine year Ghent Fire Department member Jimmy Moore, now a resident of the home, was in the front row to hear us. Later that day he told his daughter that hearing the band made him "proud to be from Ghent". One our way home from that job, we stopped and played a few

marches on the front lawn of our former conductor and life member of seventy-three years, Ray Ringer. We also brought him a cake for his ninetieth birthday. He enjoyed it very much.

The age range of the band this past year was twelve through ninety-five.

We wouldn't be marching into our 123rd year without the support of the Town, the Ghent Fire Department, and the Ghent VFW.

With Appreciation,

Gregg Berninger
President of the Ghent Band

Michelle Radley

From: Annie Scibienski <annie.deguerls@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 6:19 AM
To: Michelle Radley
Subject: Pantry Report - December 2021

Hi Shelly,
In December, the Pantry served:

75 Households
85 Childrens
111 Adults
79 Seniors

We ordered 2,558 pounds of food / household supplies from the Regional Food Bank in December.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best, Annie
845-235-7084

TOWN OF GHENT
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

YEAR: 2022
RESOLUTION NO. 15

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ghent, Columbia County, New York, duly held via the Zoom online meeting platform on the 20th day of January, 2022, the following Resolution came before the Board:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 21 of the year 2015, passed by unanimous consent of the Ghent Town Board on May 19, 2016, the Town of Ghent joined the Climate Smart Community ("CSC") program administered by the NYS Department of Conservation's Office of Climate Change and pledged to become a Climate Smart Community; and

WHEREAS, the CSC program requires the creation of a CSC Task Force within the Town to serve as the central body to promote and support climate mitigation, adaptation, and education in the community, and advise the Town Board on plans, programs, and activities that are part of the CSC program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to establish a CSC Task Force for the Town of Ghent to serve as an advisory committee composed of community members, municipal representatives (i.e., staff persons and/or elected and appointed officials), and representatives from relevant local boards, organizations, and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ghent, that the Town of Ghent CSC Task Force is hereby established for the purpose of promoting and supporting climate mitigation, adaptation, and education in the community, and advising the Ghent Town Board on plans, programs, and activities that are part of the CSC program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ghent, that the Town of Ghent CSC Task Force shall be initially composed of the following members: Robert Dandrew (Chair); Mallory Mort; Karen Mort; Patti Matheney (Town Board Member); and Koethi Zan (Town Board Member).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ghent, that the Town of Ghent CSC Task Force shall be initially chaired by Robert Dandrew, shall meet regularly, at the discretion of the Chair, and shall initially develop a proposed roadmap work plan for the Task Force to be presented to the Town Board for review and approval.

Upon question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution:

_____;

_____;

_____;

_____; and

_____.

The following Town Board Members voted "No" in opposition thereto:

_____; and

_____.

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Town Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of Ghent.

Dated: January 20, 2022

_____
Michelle Radley
Town Clerk, Town of Ghent

TOWN OF GHENT
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

YEAR: 2022
RESOLUTION NO. 16

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ghent, Columbia County, New York, duly held via the Zoom online meeting platform on the 20th day of January, 2022, the following Resolution came before the Board:

WHEREAS, recently as a nation we have witnessed an increase in violence based upon a person's religion, race, gender identities, sexual orientation, nationalities, economic status, and political affiliation; and

WHEREAS, here in the United States communities that have been built with the guidance, assistance, and leadership that is inclusive of peoples of all races, religions, nationalities, gender identities, sexual orientations, economic status, and political affiliation are more successful; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ghent continues to maintain that all people in our community have the right to feel safe and be treated equally and with respect and dignity regardless of their race, religion, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic status, and political affiliation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ghent, that the Town of Ghent reaffirms our commitment to a status of inclusion for all races, religions, nationalities, gender identities, sexual orientations, economic statuses, and political affiliations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ghent, that on behalf of all residents of the Town of Ghent we maintain our position that violence of any kind is unacceptable and condemn any act of aggression, hostility, or violence against any member of our community based upon race, religion, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic status, or political affiliation.

Upon question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution:

_____;

_____;

_____;

_____; and

_____.

The following Town Board Members voted "No" in opposition thereto:

_____; and

_____.

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Town Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of Ghent.

Dated: January 20, 2022

_____
Michelle Radley
Town Clerk, Town of Ghent

STATE OF NEW YORK
Office of Real Property Tax Services - Educational Services
November 4, 2021

SWIS Code
103800

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW MEMBER LISTING

Clerk's Name: _____ **Daytime Phone** ( )

Town of Ghent / Columbia County

Please use the area on the right to update/correct or add any information pertinent to the current BAR members listed.

Current term ended: 09/30/2021 **Reappointed?** ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO** **Term: 10/01/2021 - 09/30/26**

Initial Date: 03/15/2018 Term Begins: 10/01/2016 Term Ends: 09/30/2021 Last Training: 04/24/2018	Ms. Tara Groom 14 Maple Avenue Ghent, NY 12075 Day Phone: (518) 669-8901	Name: Address: Town/Zip: Day Phone:	Appointment Date:

Initial Date: 03/15/2018 Term Begins: 10/01/2017 Term Ends: 09/30/2022 Last Training: 04/24/2018	Ms. Elizabeth Acciani 17 Elm Street Chatham, NY 12037 Day Phone: (518) 392-1990	Name: Address: Town/Zip: Day Phone:	Appointment Date:

Initial Date: 04/19/2007 Term Begins: 10/01/2018 Term Ends: 09/30/2023 Last Training: 05/10/2021	Mr. Bruce Alpart 276 Arch Bridge Road Ghent, NY 12075 Day Phone: (518) 852-3475	Name: Address: Town/Zip: Day Phone:	Appointment Date:

Initial Date: 05/21/2009 Term Begins: 10/01/2019 Term Ends: 09/30/2024 Last Training: 04/30/2020	Mr. Thomas Messina 390 Old Post Road Ghent, NY 12075 Day Phone: (518) 828-6393	Name: Address: Town/Zip: Day Phone:	Appointment Date:

Initial Date: 03/18/2021 Term Begins: 10/01/2020 Term Ends: 09/30/2025 Last Training: 05/12/2021	Mr. David Berman 36 Metz Road Ghent, NY 12075 Day Phone: (917) 209-9287	Name: Address: Town/Zip: Day Phone:	Appointment Date:

Columbia County
REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICE AGENCY

Suzette M. Booy, Director
Judith A. Bender, Deputy Director

To: Supervisor, Town of Ghent

From: Suzette M. Booy, CCD

Date: December 22, 2021

Subject: Board of Assessment Review

According to our records the term of **Tara Groom**, member of your Board of Assessment Review (BAR) expired on 9/30/2021. Please advise our office, by returning the attached BAR member listing as soon as possible, if she has been reappointed. We are planning our training session for the end of April/early May 2022 (will most likely be virtual), and are required to notify the New York State Dept of Tax & Finance of any resignations and newly appointed members.

Attached is a memo from New York State Tax & Finance which outlines questions and answers pertaining to BAR reappointment/appointments. When BAR members are reappointed and/or new members appointed, they need to be reminded of their **mandatory training, participation on Grievance Day and participation in all deliberations**. Required members will receive an official notification of the training in March, 2022. Grievance Day for many municipalities is not just a one day event. It could take several days to hold the hearings and to deliberate, especially in the year of a Revaluation. **If a BAR member accepts appointment to that board, he or she should refrain from scheduling any event (e.g. vacation) which might occur during the time period when the BAR must meet and deliberate.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank You.

Cc: Town Clerk