

The Town Board of the Town of Spafford assembled at the Spafford Town Hall, 1984 Route 174, Skaneateles, New York with Supervisor Webb Stevens presiding and the following Board members present: Councilor Merrill Clark, Councilor Jeff Ireland, and Councilor Chris Fesko.

The following Town Officer was present: Town Clerk Lisa Valletta, Assessor Kim Stone-Gridley. Supervisor Stevens called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**FINGERLAKES LAND TRUST**

FingerLakes Land Trust is suing the Town of Spafford over the denial of tax exempt status for property deeded to them on Skaneateles Lake. The full petition was received by the Town Supervisor yesterday, November 29, 2011. Assessor Kim Stone-Gridley provided background information regarding the FingerLakes Land Trust filing for property tax exemption and the issues supporting the denial.

On October 28, 2011 FingerLakes Land Trust filed a notice of petition with the Town of Spafford claiming access to the property in question via Skaneateles Lake. Mrs. Stone-Gridley consulted NYS Office of Real Property Services for a legal opinion and received support for her denial.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to enter executive session with Mrs. Stone-Gridley at 9:35 a.m. to discuss legal strategy was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Ireland. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

A motion to exit executive session at 9:55 a.m. was made by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

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A motion to pursue support of the assessor's decision was made by Councilor Fesko, seconded by Councilor Clark. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

**TRANSFER STATION ITEMS**

- The Town needs to dispose of the items collected at the Transfer Station that contain refrigerant/Freon. Supervisor Stevens will gather costs for the December 8, 2011 meeting.
- Transfer Station attendant Charles Lincoln has suggested opening the Transfer Station at 8 a.m. year-round. The reason for the later opening during the winter was to allow time for the plows to clear the roads and Transfer Station.

A motion to open the Transfer Station at 8 a.m. during the 2011-2012 winter season was made by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion PASSED. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. was made by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Fesko. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Next meeting to be held  
Thursday, December 8, 2011 @ 7 p.m.  
@ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta  
Town Clerk  
Town of Spafford