**WORKSHOP/REGULAR MEETING**

**TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN**

**NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

A Workshop/Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Elizabethtown, County of Essex in the State of New York was held at the Town Hall 4563 Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY on November 5, 2024, and the public was welcome to attend.

PRESENT: Cathleen Reusser-Supervisor

Adam Bailey-Councilperson

GUESTS: Hanna Neilly, Greg Swart, Matt Fuller and Leslie Karasin.

Start time: 1:30 PM

-Supervisor Reusser said she had met with Alison Webbinaro to distribute the plan information that Leslie and Adam had done up. Two weeks ago, Senator Dan Stec stopped at the Town Hall and the Supervisor felt they had had a good meeting. Ms. Webbinaro called the Supervisor last Friday and suggested that the Town meet with Assemblyman Billy Jones. He does have some territory in Essex County.

-Mr. Swart said that they did river sampling every week in October and are waiting for test results to come in. Might show impact from septic systems. They got mixed results from the human DNA sampling. Should do more test sampling but it’s expensive so he recommends seeing what the results are before doing more. He spoke more on the sampling that should be done. He also would like to sit down with the various groups involved to get more formal support.

-Working on septic inspections and discussed the dye they can put in the tanks to see if it is leaching to the river. This will be done next week.

-Councilperson Bailey asked when a Public Meeting should be held to present the data and findings up to this point.

-Supervisor Reusser read a letter from BRASS about river discharging.

-Leslie Karasin asked about the dye testing.

-2 test pits were done last week at the Cobble Hill Golf Course site. One by the Maintenance shed and one closer to the woods. The results weren’t great. The recommendation from the Engineering firm is that ground water discharge is probably not the way to go. It’s possible that it will work but is risky. A decision needs to be made soon if going ground or river discharge.

-Need to check the impact on the SEQR and Bond and talk to DEC.

-If using river discharge will need to figure out a route to reach the Boquet River.

-Mr. Swart felt that at this point they have pretty much all the information that can be gathered without spending significantly more money.

-Ms. Neilly said to do a Bond Resolution you have to have SEQR done. She explained more about this.

-Will do a presentation at the November 19th Board meeting.

-Going to figure out where the piping might go, talk to the landowners.

-The Supervisor asked Atty. Fuller how to present this to the landowners. Discussed easements and eminent domain.

-Mr. Swart will follow up with APA and SHIPO.

-Ms. Karasin asked if there was any resolution to the IEP scoring and was told no as Mr. Swart must follow up with EFC.

-Discussed the Census and unemployment rate.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Cross,

Town Clerk