

WORKSHOP CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 pm
PRESENT

Councilman Dennis Robinson
Councilman Jesse Hrycik
Councilman Patricia Zurbrick
Councilman Gerald Pietraszek
Supervisor James DePasquale

ALSO PRESENT

Highway Superintendent Lee Wohlhueter
Parks Worker Scott Kirby
CEO Tom Dziulko
Asst Recreation Supervisor Carrie DePasquale
Planning Board Chairman Walter Kammer
Approximately 1 resident

Supervisor DePasquale opened the workshop at 6:00 pm to discuss Mill St bridge removal and Kummer Park improvement projects.

Mill St Bridge Removal Project

Chairman Kammer described the proposed Nussbaumer and Clarke design project to eliminate the Mill St bridge by removing the bridge and backfilling and leveling the roadway. The estimated cost of the project is \$429,061 and construction would last 4-5 weeks. A temporary 2-lane access roadway for residents would be needed for the duration of the project and if left in place permanently, would lower the total project cost. Superintendent Wohlhueter requested the proposed roadbed paving material be changed from hot asphalt to cold mix, which would last longer and reduce the project cost. The bridge materials are likely hazardous but could possibly be disposed of by the railroad, also lowering the overall cost. An outside contractor would perform the work as the Town doesn't have the equipment, but the Highway Department may be able to assist with hauling some materials. Procurement would take at least 90 days to complete, however if the site is declared an emergency due to the potential red flagging of the bridge, the timeline could be expedited.

A meeting will be set up with G&W Railroad, the owner of the bridge, to present the proposed design. If they decide against doing the project, the NYDOT, Town of Colden, and Colden Fire Department will likely request they replace the bridge with one complying with current weight and safety standards.

Mill St resident Louise Krolkowski asked about road access during the project. Chairman Kammer said there might be one day with limited access during the bridge demolition and construction of the temporary access road. Supervisor DePasquale said the EMS services would have an ATV ready for emergencies.

Supervisor DePasquale paused the meeting at 6:50 pm and restarted the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Kummer Park Project

Planning Board Chairman Walt Kammer presented drawings showing Phase 1 of the Kummer Park Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), an improvement project including new playground and fitness equipment, ADA trail and parking areas, and improvements to the existing pavilion, baseball diamond and lower soccer fields. The design includes a plan to control runoff from the hill next to playground area. Bollards will be needed to secure the parking area near the baseball diamond. Those present discussed the route of the ADA trail. The next steps include removing existing playground equipment, installing the drainage, site work, and installation of the new playground and fitness equipment. Asst Rec Director Carrie DePasquale requested the playground work be finished before June 29, 2026, due to the start of Summer Camp. Supervisor DePasquale said there are many volunteers in Town that are willing to help once a start date is set. Councilwoman Zurbrick said the public should be informed that the playground will be under construction. Those present discussed removal of the existing playground equipment. The Town can save over \$50,000 by using in-house and volunteer labor during the project. Supervisor DePasquale will investigate disposal or/and resale of the playground equipment.

WORKSHOP ENDED AT 8:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Jusiak,
Town Clerk