WORKSHOP MEETING
TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NORTH EAST
JULY 5, 2012

Members Present:

Supervisor John Merwin
Councilman James Campbell
Councilman Ralph Fedele
Councilman George Kaye

Members Absent:

Councilman Steve Merwin

Supervisor Merwin introduced Doctor Gerald Benjamin of SUNY New Paltz Center for Research, Regional Education, and Outreach who is conducting a study of local towns and where they might economize operations.

Dr. Benjamin asked the Board what topics they wished to address and what was the neediest areas for an agenda.

Supervisor Merwin informed Dr. Benjamin that health care cost was of a great concern. Also, the matter of turning the Elementary School into Village and Town offices was discussed. Dr. Benjamin asked if the Board had contacted the New York State Secretary of State office for a collaboration grant.

Dr. Benjamin and the Board had a discussion concerning collaboration between the Highway Department and other municipalities.

Dr. Benjamin asked many questions about the Assessors office, the Village Summer recreation Program, the Water Department, the collection of trash , and various other services provided by municipalities.

The Board and Dr. Benjamin agreed that most topics concerning the Town of North East had been discussed and that they looked forward to conferring in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Owens
Deputy Town Clerk

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