

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2013**

The Supervisor, Ronald Moore, opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM and led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

Present with the Supervisor were Board members Laureen DeZalia, Marshall Gero, Jean Gokey and Donald Dresser. Also present was the Deputy Town Clerk, Gail Fiore.

The only guest present was Robert Dobie.

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Jean Gokey to accept the minutes of November 14th, as amended. All voted "Aye".

The APA has a preferred alternative on the classification of the Essex chain of Lakes and Indian River Tracts. No one group got everything they wanted. Mr. Moore felt it was a good compromise that will allow a fair and balanced unit management plan to be developed. As this is only one step in the process, the UMP will now be worked on by the DEC.

Mr. Moore attended the AATV membership meeting in Lake George. There were discussions on invasive species, a new portal web for towns in the Adirondack Park and a new idea called the Adirondack 103 project in which people would visit and document such visits in all 103 towns.

The Supervisor's Financial Report as of November 30, 2013.

Checking Accounts:

General Fund (Due to Fire dist. \$15,937)	.15%	\$606,318.60
Highway Fund	.15%	\$683,643.20
Total All Funds		\$1,289,961.80

At the County level, the Supervisors are working on the County Budget which must be adopted no later than December 20th. They are also in the process of awarding a bid to install mobile radios in emergency vehicles throughout the County.

The last meeting of the year for the North Hudson Town Board will be held on Monday, December 30th at 6:30 PM. All newly elected or re-elected officials must sign the "Oath of Office" book.

Resolution #77 of 2013

Resolved that the Supervisor sign the contract for the Black Fly Control Program for 2014 in the amount of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$9,995).

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call

Donald Dresser	Aye
Jean Gokey	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Laureen DeZalia	Aye

Resolution #78 of 2013

Resolved to transfer Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) from supervisor's Contractual A1220.4 to Town Clerk's Contractual, A1410.4.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Laureen DeZalia. On roll call vote:

Laureen DeZalia	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Jean Gokey	Aye
Donald Dresser	Aye

Resolution #79

Resolved that the Code Enforcement Officer attend Code Enforcement Officials training in March 2014. The Registration fee is Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$240).

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Jean Gokey. On roll call:

Donald Dresser	Aye
Jean Gokey	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Laureen DeZalia	Aye

Resolution #80 of 2013

Resolved to request that the Essex County Board of Supervisors transfer titles, in consideration of taxes owed, to properties 125.1-1-21.000, 125.1-1-24.000, 125.1-127.000 and 125.1-1-30.100 to the Town of North Hudson.

And authorizes the County Chairman or County Manager to execute all necessary deeds and other documentation required to transfer the property from Essex County to the Town of North Hudson.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call:

Donald Dresser	Aye
Jean Gokey	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Laureen DeZalia	Nay

Resolution #81 of 2013

Resolved that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to negotiate the transfer of title to property 125.1-1-21.00, without consideration, from Sunrise Land Development.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Marshall Gero.

Donald Dresser	Aye
Jean Gokey	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Laureen DeZalia	Nay

The Association of Towns is again holding their training schools in New York City on February 16th to 19th. We need to know who will attend and need bus reservations.

January 15th to 17th training for newly elected official will be held in Albany.

There were only two (2) applicants for the landfill attendant position. Both had interviews and Mr. Moore would like to offer the second interviewee the position of substitute landfill attendant. Also Mr. Moore made up a form for Emmet (the landfill attendant) to fill out and return at the end of the month. One of the items is for the name and address of any one he does not know to be a resident of North Hudson.

Mr. Moore brought up that the Board should start considering whether the town should continue with having an Elected Board of Assessors or a sole appointed assessor. Historically the Town has had difficulty in getting anyone to run for the position, leaving the Board short of three or new members who either did not get certified or left before they did. If Mike Marsden opts not to run in two years we will have no one of experience in that office and maybe no one at all. Mr. Moore concluded that he would like the Board to start thinking about a one person appointed assessor. We should make a decision by March, and hold Public Hearings to educate the public so that the town is prepared by the November elections.

Mr. Moore stated that he would like the Board to change the times of the meeting and the compromise seems to be 6:30 PM. Also he would like to change

the day from Thursday to Tuesday. The Board agreed to change the time but the day will remain Thursday.

There is work being done on Palmer Pond. Tom Martin thinks it is about dam safety. The proposed snowmobile bridge will not happen over the dam.

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Jean Gokey to pay the audited vouchers. All voted "Aye".

General Fund	\$21,225.68
Highway Fund	\$22,194.89
Total Both Funds	\$43,420.57

Jean Gokey moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia for the Board to move into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel and possible land transactions at 8:00 PM. All voted "Aye".

Jean Gokey moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia for the Board to come out of Executive Session at 8:17 PM. All voted "Aye".

Laureen DeZalia asked about the status of the demolition of Frontier Town buildings. Mr. Moore said that at the present the property is in the hands of the county as the taxes have not been paid since 2006.

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to accept the Judge's financial report as submitted. All voted "Aye".

Mr. Moore said that he had a letter from Schroon Lake Supervisor, Mike Marnell, in regard to the Food Pantry and the fact that usage by North Hudson residents has increased and therefore their costs have increased.

Mr. Dresser said the chairs in the Town Hall should have plastic on the bottoms of the legs to protect the carpeting. Mr. Gero said that they could get them at Curtis lumber.

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Jean Gokey to adjourn the Meeting at 8:32 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk

