

**THE TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013**

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

Present with the Supervisor were Board Members Laureen DeZalia, Marshall Gero, Ronald Moore, Jean Gokey and Donald Dresser. The Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus, was also present.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the February 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Jean Gokey to accept the Minutes as read. All voted "Aye".

The Supervisor then went over the contents of the Board Members packets.

The Supervisors Financial Report as of February 28, 2013 is as follows:

**Checking Accounts**

General Fund (Due to Fire Dist. \$25,614)	.2%	\$662,920.38
Highway Fund	.2%	\$689,813.01
<b>Total All Funds</b>		<b>\$1,352,733.39</b>

On March 7<sup>th</sup> the Civil War Re-enactment Committee met. All activities will begin at 9:00 AM, Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and continue throughout the day. There are still tentative plans for a breakfast on Saturday, having the concession stand open in the afternoon and a chicken barbecue in the evening following a Veterans' Memorial Service.

On March 20<sup>th</sup> a third strategy meeting will be held at the SUNY ESF Adirondack Ecological Center in Newcomb at 8:30 AM. The purpose of these meetings is the creation and maximization of recreational opportunities with the aim of boosting tourism thus increasing the economies in our Towns.

The grant for the barbecue pit was denied. However, the Town could get four (4), six (6) foot benches, brown with a black frame. Perhaps two (2) could be placed at the Veterans' Memorial and one (1) each at the Park and the Trails area.

The Attorney for the Town has submitted his draft of the "Proposed Law Regarding Unsafe Buildings". The Buildings and Code Enforcement Officer, Don Sage made some suggestions and Mr. Moore sent them to our attorney. If the Attorney for the Town recommends changes to the proposed law and the Board is agreeable to them, then at the April Board Meeting, a resolution could be passed.

Mr. Moore said that thanks to efforts of Senator Betty Little and Assemblyman Dan Stec the Town will get a temporary bridge while the bridge on Route 9 is being replaced. They have been sent letters of thanks.

On Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>, the argument for the AMR suit is being held. The attorney will send us a brief report on how he thinks it went.

Mr. Moore called David Holland of the Board of Health to discuss our water issues once again. With the re-enactment plans for a breakfast and a chicken barbecue, we need to be issued a permit.

The DEC has once again told Mr. Moore no, as to the state retaining control over the Palmer's Pond Dam if a land exchange was to happen.

The Highway Department continues to work hard keeping the roads clear and safe and are hopefully preparing for a spring cleanup soon.

The assessors continue to work on the annual maintenance of properties.

The Court, Town Clerk and the Code Enforcement Officer all report things are going well.

Bill Merrill of Unison offered to buy our cell tower for \$126,500 and possibly adding another \$15,000. Right now the Town receives \$1100 per month or \$13,200 per year which will increase to \$1,350.61 in 2015 which equals \$16,207.32 per year.

The town received an offer from American Power & Gas that would lower our electrical bill and Mr. Moore has accepted. The new supplier will give us a rebate of 25% on all accounts if we remain with them for 12 months.

Gareth resigned his position as landfill attendant. Matt Keller has been chosen to fill the position of landfill attendant.

**Resolution #30 of 2013**

Resolved that Matt Keller is appointed landfill attendant, replacing Gareth Moses.

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

Mr. Moore called Nathan and Lucas Wilson and they have agreed to return as our lifeguards for the season.

**Resolution #31 of 2013**

Resolved that Nathan and Lucas Wilson be hired as lifeguards for the upcoming season.

So moved by Marshall Gero and seconded by Donald Dresser. On roll call:  
Laureen DeZalia.....Abstained due to family ties  
Marshall Gero.....Aye  
Ronald Moore.....Aye  
Jean Gokey.....Aye  
Donald Dresser.....Aye

**Resolution #32 of 2013**

Resolved that the Supervisor sign the contract with Essex County regarding the summer youth employment program.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Laureen DeZalia. All voted “Aye”.

**Resolution #33 of 2013**

Resolved that Larry Koller will be hereby appointed to the North Hudson Planning Board.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Jean Gokey. All voted “Aye”.

**Resolution #34 of 2013**

**OPPOSING AND CALLING FOR REPEAL OF THE NY SAFE ACT**

Councilman Dresser offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**Whereas**, the right of the people to keep and bear arms is guaranteed as an individual right under the second amendment of the United States Constitution and that this right is regarded as an inalienable right of the people of the Town of North Hudson; and

**Whereas**, the lawful ownership of firearms is, and has been, a valued tradition in the Town of North Hudson, and the rights protected by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution are exercised by many of our residents; and

**Whereas**, the people of the Town of North Hudson derive economic and environmental benefits from all safe forms of recreation involving firearms, including, but not limited to, hunting and target shooting while utilizing all types of firearms available under the Constitution of the United States; and

**Whereas**, the NY SAFE ACT was adopted by the New York State Legislature and signed into law in an unprecedented expedited fashion and completely devoid of any opportunity for our elected State Legislators to study, review and debate the legislation and without any opportunity for the public to comment upon the legislation or to have any input whatsoever upon the legislation; and

**Whereas**, requiring law-abiding gun owners to verify ownership of certain types of firearms every 5 years, in addition to registering them on their permits, , which

now also must be renewed every 5 years, does not increase the safety of the public and is unnecessarily burdensome to the residents of New York State; and

**Whereas**, the only persons who will comply with the new high-capacity magazines are law-abiding citizens, leaving the same high-capacity magazine ban in the hands of those who choose not to obey the law; and

**Whereas**, requiring documentation of all ammunition sales in New York State, as provided for in this legislation is a significant unfunded mandate on businesses; and

**Whereas**, the legislation fails to offer any meaningful solutions to gun violence and places burdens squarely on the backs of law-abiding citizens; and

**Whereas**, while there are some areas of the legislation that the Town board of the Town of North Hudson finds encouraging, such as addressing the glaring shortcomings in the mental health system, the strengthening of Kendra's law and Mark's law, as well as privacy protections for certain permit holders, by-and-large, we find the legislation does little more than negatively impact gun ownership;

**Now, Therefore Be It resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of North Hudson does hereby oppose, and requests the repeal of, any legislation, including the sections of the NY SAFE ACT (Chapter 1 of the laws of 2013) which infringe upon the right of the people to keep and bear arms; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of North Hudson strongly encourages the members of the New York State Legislature to hold public hearings to address the issue of gun violence in a way that will produce meaningful results; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Clerk of the Town Board of the Town of North Hudson be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward copies of this resolution to the New York State Association of Counties; the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks; Governor Andrew Cuomo; Senator Charles Schumer; Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand; Congressman William Owens; Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little and Assemblymen Daniel G. Stec.

Seconded by Councilman Gero

Roll Call Vote

Councilman Gero Aye

Councilman Dresser Aye

Supervisor Moore Aye

Councilman Gokey Noe

Councilman DeZaliaNoe

**Resolution #35 of 2013**  
**In Opposition To Proposed Legislation Requiring Gun Owners Obtain**  
**Liability insurance**

Councilman Dresser offered the following resolution and moved its adoption

**Whereas**, there is currently pending in the NYS Assembly Bill No. A3908-2013 and NYS Senate Bill No. S3853-2013 which will require owners of firearms to obtain liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1 million dollars; and

**Whereas**, said proposed legislation has been referred to the Assembly Legislative Committee on Insurance; and

**Whereas**, the proposed legislation constitutes nothing more than a back door attempt to prohibit legal gun ownership; and

**Whereas**, such mandatory insurance coverage would accomplish nothing more than to burden responsible, law-abiding taxpayers while doing nothing to prevent the perpetrators of criminal acts involving guns; and

**Whereas**, it is constitutionally impermissible to require citizens to obtain liability insurance to exercise their rights under the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment; and

**Whereas**, the only predictable outcome of the passage of this bill is an increase in profits to insurance companies; and

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of North Hudson hereby strongly opposes any attempt to mandate gun owners to buy liability insurance; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of North Hudson requests the members of the New York State Senate and Assembly who represent all, or part of, the Town of North Hudson to reply, in writing, with their views on, and actions taken, in support of, or in opposition to the proposed gun insurance bill; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Elizabeth O’C. Littleand Assemblyman Daniel G. Stec and the New York Association of Counties.

Seconded by Councilwoman DeZalia

On Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Dresser	Aye	Councilwoman DeZalia	Aye
Councilwoman Gokey	Aye	Councilman Gero	Aye
Supervisor Moore	Aye		

The Town of North Hudson is part of \$2.2 million broadband grant.

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the Post Office will be open for window service on weekdays from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon; the lobby will be open from 8:00 Am to 5:00 PM. On Saturday window service will be open 8:00 AM to 11:45 AM and the lobby will be open 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

A burn ban has been issued effective March 16<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Therefore the Town Clerk will issue no burning permits.

**Resolution #36 of 2013**

Resolved that the Supervisor sign the landfill post-closure contract.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Laureen DeZalia, on roll call:

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

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

General Fund Total.....	\$32,230.03
Highway Fund Total.....	\$54,183.87
TOTAL.....	\$86,313.90

A rabid raccoon has been reported in North Hudson.

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Jean Gokey to accept the Judge's report . All voted "Aye".

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Jean Gokey to adjourn the Meeting at 8:18 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk

