

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016**

The Supervisor, Ronald Moore, called the Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

With the Supervisor were Board Members Marshall Gero, Robert Dobie and Maureen Marsden. Stephanie DeZalia was excused due to illness. Also present was the Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus.

The sole guest attending the Meeting was the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, Michael Marsden.

Mr. Marsden gave the Board an update on the Black Fly Control Program. The company that the Town had used in the past, Adirondax Service is no longer in the business. Mr. Marsden is a certified commercial pesticide applicator for the program and has agreed to continue the program for the Town but the Town will have to submit a Pesticide Business or Agency Application. Mr. Marsden pointed out that the pesticides must be kept in a lock box and that only Mr. Moore and he would have the key to the box.

Mr. Moore thanked Mr. Marsden and his fellow assessors for all the hard work they have been doing.

The Town Clerk read the Minutes of the January Organizational and Regular Town Board Meeting of January 19, 2016.

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden to accept the Minutes as amended. All voted "Aye".

The Town Clerk then read the Minutes of the February 16 Town Board Meeting.

Marshall Gero move and was seconded by Maureen Marsden to accept the Minutes as amended. All voted "Aye".

The Supervisor's Financial Report as of February 29<sup>th</sup> is as follows:

**CHECKING ACCOUNTS:**

General Fund (Due to Fire Dist\$34,227).	.10%	\$793,826.68
Highway Fund	.10%	\$681,205.67

TOTAL ALL FUNDS

\$1,475,032.35

Mr. Moore said that he had signed the gravel pit easements on the Boreas Tract lands. Mr. Moore also said that he had received a call from Tom Martin, DEC Regional Natural Resource Supervisor for Region 5. He asked if the Town was interested in contracting to put in some parking lots on Elk Lake Road and in the Boreas Ponds Tract, including the one we discussed last year for the Hoffman Notch Trailhead. Mr. Moore spoke to the Highway Superintendent, Kevin Duntley, who said that he would like to do it but it would involve renting an excavator for a longer period of time than in the past.

Mr. Moore, along with the other 5 Town Supervisors and Essex and Hamilton County personnel, attended meetings on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> in Albany with the DEC Commissioner and his staff and the Assistant Secretary of the Environment and her staff to discuss the Boreas Tract Classification and recreational opportunities there.

DEC personnel again visited Frontier Town property last Friday and then met with the 5 Towns in the North Hudson Town Hall.

There were no responses to the ads for lifeguards. The Clerk was instructed to run the ad again in April for three weeks. Mr. Moore and Mrs. Marsden attended the Adirondack Destination Summit in Lake Placid on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Moore found it interesting and it had some good points on building a good web site and the use of social media in marketing strategies.

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

There is a lot of work to be done by the Highway Department this summer. They will be doing some work for the County on Ensign Pond Road, including replacing a number of culverts as well as ditching, which is to be completed by May. The Town was told that hopefully Greenough Road will also be done in May. It is hoped that Elk Lake Road will be done in June. The Highway Superintendent would also like to tack coat some areas on Duntley road. In addition to all of this DEC

has asked us to build a number of parking areas on Elk lake Road, Gulf Brook Road and at the Hoffman Notch Trail. This is in addition to stockpiling sand, bringing in winter wood, ditching our roads and maintenance of the trail system and the beach area. Therefore we will not be extending the trail system, just maintaining it.

The critical situation with the EMS shortage and rising costs in providing that service was again discussed at the county. Some feel that the best solution would be to go to a county-wide system.

The Essex County Animal Cruelty Task Force will be making a recommendation to the full Board of Supervisors at a future meeting in regard to advocating a County Law prohibiting or regulating the continuously tethering of dogs to porch posts, trees, etc.

Due to the Presidential Primary being held on Tuesday, April 19 (the regular day of the monthly Board Meeting), the Meeting will be instead held on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Moore attended an APA meeting which was, in part, to discuss and vote on SLMP amendments. One of those had to do with bicycling in all areas with a Primitive Classification and another only in the Essex Chain of Lakes and Indian River Tracts, which turned out to be the preferred recommendation. The 5 Towns had advocated for cycling to be permitted in all primitive areas, and actually in all classifications where road infrastructure could sustain it.

Hazardous Waste Days have been tentatively set for June 1<sup>st</sup> in Lake Placid and July 30<sup>th</sup> in North Hudson.

Meg Parker, who directed the "Creating Healthy Places" program, had recommended that we request crosswalks and markings in town locations on Route 9 where our multi-use trails systems cross. Mr. Moore requested from DOT that the crosswalks be placed in those two locations and last week he received a letter that they will arrange to have the appropriate warning signs installed at each crossing.

Resolution #32 of 2016

Resolved that the Highway Superintendent is hereby authorized to rent an excavator at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.

So moved by Marshall Gero and seconded by Robert Dobie. On roll call:

Marshall Gero	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Maureen Marsden	Aye

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to approve the audited vouchers. All voted "Aye".

General Fund	\$30,317.33
Highway Fund	\$ 6,904.79
TOTAL	\$ 37,222.12

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden to accept the Judge's Financial Report. All voted "Aye".

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden to adjourn the Meeting at 7:35 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Vinkus, Town Clerk