

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015**

The Supervisor, Ronald Moore, opened the Meeting, at 6:30 PM and led the Assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

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

Guests were Bruce Caza, Brian Caza, Stephanie DeZalia and Claire Moore

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

The Supervisor's Financial Report as of April 30, 2015, is as follows:

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

General Fund (Due to Fire Dist. \$24,227)	0.10%	\$ 722,888.75
Highway fund	0.10%	\$ 637,497.95
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$1,360,386.70

The Town Clerk read the Minutes of the April 9th Meeting.

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to accept the Minutes as amended. All voted "Aye".

There will be an Employee Handbook workshop on Monday, June 1st, at 5:30 PM.

Marshall Gero has requested Medicare reimbursement and single health care coverage. Mr. Moore said that as in Bruce Caza's case Mr. Moore feels that as the Handbook is written, he is not eligible. Dan Manning, the County Attorney, felt that if a grandfather provision was not included then prior employees would not be covered. Also State Law says that no one can receive Town insurance unless they activate or retire under NYS Retirement. Added to that the Town policy states that you must be covered at the time of retirement.

The Town of Schroon held a Public Meeting in regard to their proposed Town-Wide Ambulance district. Mr. Moore was unable to attend but Laureen DeZalia, Donald Dresser and Marshall Gero did. Mr. Moore has written to the Town of Schroon Supervisor, Town Board and the Fire Department stating our Town's desire to enter into contract negotiations soon so we will be on the same page when it comes time to prepare next year's budget. Mr. Moore continued that he has also contacted Elizabethtown –Lewis as to their ability to provide services.

The Grace Peak Celebration plans continue. Mr. Moore could not attend a couple of the meetings but Mr. Dobie was able to step in and oversee the meetings. There has been talk about hut to hut camping. Mr. Moore said that he has been invited to go to Maine June 18th and 19th to see one of the systems there. Perhaps this is something that we could do with our community trail system. Two of the Five Towns will go – Mr. Moore and Brian Wells of Indian Lake. Mr. Moore said that he thought that Fred Monroe of Chester and Jim McKenna of ROOST may also go. The down side is that Mr. Moore will not be here when the 46'ers arrive, so he asked that some of the Board Members be available to assist them. Some will be camping in the park. Mr. Moore expects to be back early in the morning of June 20th.

Another visit to the Otter Creek horse facility is planned for May 27th. Mr. Moore asked that Mr. Dobie and Mr. Duntley, the Highway superintendent, also attend. Mr. Duntley will be able to see it personally, which is important, as he will oversee our building of it here.

On April 30th another meeting with the APA and other stakeholders was held. These meetings have to do with review and possible amendments to the State Land Master Plan which basically have to do with land classification and what activities are permitted in each classification as well as what was agreed to in the Essex Chain and Indian River negotiations. This will have a big impact on what happens with the Boreas Tract when its classification is determined, which will be followed by the DEC's Unit Management Plan.

The 5 Towns met with MJ Engineering in Indian Lake last Friday and were given draft concept plans. Discussions followed and some changes were made. The final conceptual plans should be ready the middle to the end of June.

Mr. Moore was informed and received written notification that the business signs at the exit ramps must be taken down. Having spoken with and written to both Senator Betty Little and Assemblyman Dan Stec last week when they assured him that they would keep working on it.

Resolution #54 of 2015

Resolved to repair Greenough Rd. for a price not to exceed \$50,000.00.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Robert Dobie. On roll call:

Laureen DeZalia	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Donald Dresser	Aye

The Highway Department continues with troubles with the new tandem. The 2011 truck is back and running well. It was necessary to repair and replace sander parts on the 2003 tandem. Mr. Duntley is in the process of getting estimates for some of the roadwork/repairs we hope get done. On Monday night Mr. Moore got a call from the Troopers that there was some washout on Pepper Hollow Road. Mr. Duntley and Mr. Caza responded and were able to fill it in.

The assessors had meetings scheduled to discuss tentative assessment questions several times in May with the Board of Assessment Review scheduled to meet on May 26th. Also the assessors were notified that we are at 100% equalization rate. Many thanks to them for their hard work. Beginning the week of May 25th they will be collecting data for the 2016 update along with Essex County data collectors who will assist them. At the County Randy Douglas is stepping down as Chairman of the Essex county Board of Supervisors and also as Supervisor of the town of Jay. Bill Ferebee, Vice-Chairman, is likely to be elected to fill the vacant seat and there will be another election to fill his vacant seat.

Resolution # 55 of 2015

Resolved that the Supervisor, Ronald Moore, is hereby authorized to sign the Recreational Park and Beach Agreement in the amount of \$800.00 for the calendar year 2015 and will be paid in two installments of \$400 each- the first in May 2015 and the second in October, 2015.

So moved by Laureen DeZalia and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call:

Laureen DeZalia	Aye
Marshall Gero	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Donald Dresser	Aye

Resolution #56 of 2015

Resolved that the Town of North Hudson hereby adopt a "Resolution of Commitment" to "complete Streets" which are identified as facilities that are designed and operated to be safe for all users.

So moved by Laureen DeZalia and seconded by Marshall Gero. All voted "Aye".

The annual spring cleanup will begin Monday, May 18th. As in prior years paint cans, batteries, tires, concrete, construction debris, household trash, and propane tanks will not be picked up. Brush must be piled butt end out and wood and metal separated.

The Supervisor has received a request from one of the Underwood residents in regard to the rumble strips and the speed limit in that area. He believes that the rumble strips are a “quality of life” issue and the speed limit needs to be made lower. Mr. Moore spoke to Mark Bonfey, the top DOT Supervisor for the area and he suggested a letter be sent that would be forwarded to a group that would look at the traffic patterns in the area and make a recommendation.

We posted ads for (a) a substitute landfill attendant and received one application from Anthony Venner; and (b) for the Summer Youth Program and received letters of interest from Malahkie Thompson and Cole Plumstead. There was no response to the ad for life guards. The Town Clerk was instructed to run the ad again for two more weeks. Mr. Moore said that he would like an interview committee Chaired by Laureen DeZalia and composed of Donald Dresser and Marshall Gero to meet with the applicants and make their recommendations to the Board at the June Meeting.

Resolution #57 of 2015

Resolved that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to attend the May 31 – June 1 annual AATV Membership in Lake Placid.

So moved by Marshall Gero and seconded by Donald Dresser. All voted “Aye”.

Consolidated Funding Applications have been announced and are due July 31, 2015. Mr. Moore spoke with Mike Mascarenas about them as some of the programs announced are for Park Development, Acquisition, and Planning, Local Waterfront Revitalization and Recreational Trails. Mr. Moore said that he asked about resubmitting again for the Pavilion at the Beach and survey work and other trail prep objects as well as trail maintenance. Mr. Moore said that he would be speaking with him about all these things in the next week or two.

Last summer or fall Jake Parent found that the beach sign had rotted and of the retainers had broken loose. He offered to repair it have his daughter Danial repaint or touchup the scene and he was told that if this was done, they would be reimbursed for parts and labor. It is almost complete and they want to know if we want a river running through it and do we want a clear poly put on it.

Resolution #58 of 2015

Resolved that Kelly DeZalia is hereby granted an Unpaid Leave of Absence for a period not to exceed one year.

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

Laureen DeZalia

Abstained (due to kinship)

Marshall Gero	Aye
Ronald Moore	Aye
Robert Dobie	Aye
Donald Dresser	Aye

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie to pay the audited vouchers. All voted "Aye".

General Fund	\$15,725.29
Highway Fund	\$26,186.67
TOTAL	\$41,911.96

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to accept the Judge's Financial Report as audited. All voted "Aye".

The Supervisor then opened the Meeting to the Privilege of the Floor but no one wished to speak.

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie adjourn the Meeting at 7:28 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk