

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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 Mr. Moore were Board Members Donald Dresser, Jean Gokey, Marshall Gero and Laureen DeZalia. The Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus, was also present.

Guests present were Dan Hogue and Brian Caza.

Brian Caza spoke, thanking the Town for the support given to the Fire Department. He went on to say the County is going digital and that includes both the Fire Department and the Town Highway Department. Since both groups are using the same equipment, Brian asked if the Fire Department could use the Highway Departments frequency in the case of emergency, as members of the Fire Department are also employees of the Highway Department.

Resolution #64 of 2013

Resolved that in cases of emergency the Fire Department is authorized to use the same frequency as the Town Highway Department.

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

The Town Clerk then read the Minutes of the September 12, 2013, Board Meeting.

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

The Supervisor went over the contents of the Board Members' packets and read the Supervisors Financial report for September 31, 2013, which is as follows:

Checking Accounts:

General Fund (Due to Fire Dist. \$15,937)	.15%	\$641,831.50
Highway Fund	.15%	\$670,126.17
Total All Funds		\$1,311,957.67

On Friday and Saturday, October 4th and 5th, a group of approximately 20 Grafton Horse Trail Riders visited to explore our trails and determine if they are suitable for riding on a regular basis. DEC Natural Resources Planner for Region 5, Corrie O'Dea, visited on Saturday and toured the Town's facilities. A chicken bar-be-cue was hosted by the Fire department on Saturday evening. Further

discussions will take place. A trip to the State Site at Otter Creek is planned tentatively for October 25th.

The wood furnace has been shipped and should arrive soon.

A Department audit for the Supervisor's office was completed and all record keeping practices were excellent.

The 5 Town Upper Hudson Recreation Hub continues to meet and recently met with the Governor and DEC Commissioner Joe Martens in regard to the classification and use of the newly acquired lands in the Essex Chain of Lakes and Indian River Tracts.

The spring on Blue Ridge Road is to be tested soon.

The 2014 Budget process began with a workshop held earlier before this Board Meeting.

The Department of Labor inspected the Highway Department but the town has heard nothing thus far.

The Supervisor watched the DVD about the life of Grace Hudowalski and came away with a new perspective and would reopen discussion of renaming East Dix in her honor if the Board so chose.

Mr. Moore met with Meg Parker in regard to the Creating Healthy Places Grant and they discussed possible ways to improve the trails as well as the possibility of using the trails for horseback riding. She thought a crosswalk would be advisable.

The new Executive Director of the Adirondack Council, Willie Janeway, met with Mr. Moore on September 24th. They discussed land classification and usage of the Boreas Pond Tract in North Hudson. The group favors wilderness and we favor less restriction and greater access and recreational opportunity that wild forest would provide.

Mr. Moore attended his first Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board meeting. Issues throughout the Park were discussed including the land classification of the Essex Chain of Lakes and the Indian River Tract.

In general things are going well in all departments.

The road leading to Steve Thompson's place needs to be given a name.

Resolution #65 of 2013

Resolved that the road leading to the residence of Steve Thompson shall henceforth be known as Walker Way.

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

Resolution #66 of 2013

Resolved that the Supervisor, Ronald Moore, sign the Life Flight Contract for the budget year 2014 in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

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

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

Resolution #67 of 2013

Resolved that the Supervisor, Ronald Moore, sign the contract with the North Country SPCA in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300).

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

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

Resolution #68 of 2013 – A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2013 ENTITLED “ A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C”

The following resolution was offered by Donald Dresser who moved its adoption.

Upon the passage of a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Hudson Town Board hereby introduces proposed Local Law #2 of 2013 entitled “a LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENEREL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-c” reading and provided as Follows:

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
 LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2013
 “A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL
 MUNICIPAL LAW 3-c”**

BE IT ENACTED by the North Hudson Town Board as Follows:

Section 1. Legislative intent

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of North Hudson pursuant to General Municipal Law 3-c, and to allow the Town of North Hudson to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2014 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law 3-c.

Section 2. Authority.

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law 3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override – Budget Authorization

The Town Board of the Town of North Hudson hereby overrides the tax levy limit for the Town of North Hudson for 2014 and authorizes the Town of North Hudson, after completing all required procedures for the adoption of a budget, to adopt a budget for 2014 that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit calculated for 2014 pursuant to 3-c of the General Municipal Law.

Section 4. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm, or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation, or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of North Hudson shall hold and conduct a public hearing on the foregoing proposed local law on the 14th day of November, 2013 at 6:30 PM in the evening of that day, to hear any and all persons concerning the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk of the Town of North Hudson will publish a notice of such hearing in the designated Town newspaper at least five (5) days prior to said hearing.

`This resolution was duly seconded by Jean Gokey and adopted upon roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
Absent: 0

There will be two (2) Public Hearings held on November 14th. The one at 6:30 PM, as mentioned previously, will be in regard to Town Law #2 of 2013. The second Public Hearing will take place at 6:45 PM for the purpose of the town Budget for 2014. Immediately after the Public Hearings the Regular Meeting of the North Hudson Town board will be held.

Mr. Moore said that he would be attending a Rural Communities Broadband Roundtable at the Wild Center at Tupper Lake on October 24th.

Tish Biesemeyer will be at the North Hudson Town Hall on October 17th to go over the health care plan for the town and discuss any changes that have come about due to the health care reform law.

Resolution #69 of 2013

Resolved to transfer Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) from Zoning and Building Codes Contractual, A8010.4, to Zoning and Building Codes Personal Services, A8010.1.

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

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

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

General Fund.....\$8,198.51
Highway Fund.....\$ 5, 048.96
Total Both Funds.....\$13,247.47

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

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Lauren DeZalia to adjourn the Meeting at 8:28 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk

