

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

The Supervisor, Ronald Moore, opened the Meeting at 6:00 PM. With the Supervisor were Board Members Stephanie DeZalia, Marshall Gero, Robert Dobie and Maureen Marsden. Also present was the Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus.

One guest, Will Plumstead, was present.

The Town Clerk read the Minutes of July 19th. Stephanie DeZalia moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden to accept the Minutes as amended. All voted "Aye".

The Town Clerk then read the Minutes of August 16th. Stephanie DeZalia moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden to approve the July 19th Minutes as amended. All voted "Aye".

The Supervisor then went over the contents of the Boards Packets.

The Supervisor's Financial Report ending August 31st is as follows:

Checking Accounts:

General Fund	0.10%	\$ 636,614.55
(General Fund \$602,387.55, Fire Dist. \$34,227.00)		
Highway Fund	0.10%	\$ 567,585.81
Total All Funds		\$1,204,200.36

The Senior Citizens will be holding a picnic on September 28th. There is another scheduled for the 12th of October.

The work on the bridge over Palmer Pond/Branch River should be done before snow flies.

The Highway Department has completed the 5 new parking lots that will be used for accessing the newly acquired state land.

The Board of Assessors filed a complaint with the state over the assessed value of state owned land. The State Board made a final decision on August 25 in Albany. Our Equalization Rate remains at 113.36%.

Slic has submitted the applications to make ready for North Hudson and they hope to begin construction before the end of the year.

Now that the parking lots at the Boreas Ponds Tracts are completed the next project for the Highway Department is to cut wood for the winter.

The Town Clerk received a request for cemetery plots from a non-resident. After discussion it was decided that single plots could be sold at a price of \$100.00 per single plot.

Don Sage has informed the Supervisor that he will not return next year. A search for a replacement needs to be started.

The NYSDEC has announced the Interim Access Plan for the Boreas Ponds Tract. Essentially you can drive in 3.2 miles along the Gulf Brook Rd. to a gate and park. Then you can bicycle or walk, ride horseback or use horse and wagon to the dam at the ponds. Also hiking, hunting and fishing are allowed.

There are also access areas on the Elk Lake Rd, the road into Ragged Mountain and the Sand Pond Rd.

The town Justice is requesting permission to apply for a New York State Office of Court Administration Justice Court Assistance Program Grant for the replacement of office furniture.

Resolution #43 of 2016

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A JCAP GRANT APPLICATION

This resolution was offered by Councilman Gero, who moved its adoption.

WHEREAS, the Town Justice requests to submit a New York State Office of Court Administration Justice Court Assistance Program Grant Application; and

WHEREAS, the Town Justice asserts said grant application shall prioritize the replacement of worn office furniture; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of North Hudson authorizes the Town Justice to apply and accept said grant application.

This resolution was duly seconded by Councilwoman DeZalia, and adopted on a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: 5 votes

Noes: 0 votes

Absent: 0 votes

Resolution #44 of 2016

Resolved that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign the Life Flight contract for the Budget Year 2017 for the amount of \$1,000.

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded by Maureen Marsden. On Roll call all voted "Aye".

Resolution #45 of 2016

ACCESS ADIRONDACKS

A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING RECREATIONAL ACCESS TO ADIRONDACK LANDS.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to describe an understanding among the diverse undersigned organizations representing municipal governments, landowners, recreational

organizations, sportsmen's organizations, conservation groups, chambers of commerce, citizens and businesses to be known as "Access Adirondacks" documenting their commitment to the goal of increasing access and recreational opportunities on state lands. This MOU is not a binding commitment, but is a statement of the intent of undersigned parties to work together in good faith to increase access and recreational opportunities on Adirondack state lands, that recognize the following:

- The Adirondack region possesses one of the largest natural assemblages of valuable lands and waterways in the Eastern United States that represents the region's chief economic asset; and
- Adirondack municipalities, businesses, and residents are dependent on the region's natural resources for their economic well-being; and
- Recreational organizations are dependent on the Adirondack's natural resources and reasonable access to these resources for the benefit of their members; and
- The undersigned are dedicated to the protection and wise use of the natural resources of the Adirondacks; and
- The undersigned support the allocation of sufficient resources to the Department of Environmental Conservation to enable it to properly manage the use and protection of the natural resources of the Adirondacks; and
- The undersigned support a balanced approach to the classification and management of newly acquired Adirondack state lands that protects the resources and residents economies;
- The undersigned support a balanced approach to the creation of unit management plans for the newly acquired state lands and the amendment of unit management plans for existing state lands; and
- The undersigned support the protection of historic and natural resources of the Adirondacks; and
- The undersigned support the preservation of the culture of the Adirondacks, the continuation of traditional uses of the resources of the Adirondacks, and the creation of opportunities for families to enjoy the recreational opportunities in the Adirondacks; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

AGREED that the undersigned public and private entities representing concerned citizens throughout the region and beyond, support reasonable access and recreational opportunities on existing and newly acquired state lands and state conservation easement lands; and it further

AGREED. that the said entities support an approach to state land classification and unit management planning that respects the culture and traditional uses of the Adirondacks, protects the natural resources, and respects the need of Adirondack residents and businesses for a healthy and sustainable economy; and it is further

AGREED that said entities intend to work constructively with state agencies and with each other to achieve balance in Adirondack decision-making affecting access to and use of Adirondack state lands by residents and visitors; and it is further

AGREED that the said entities intend to cooperate with each other, to analyze the natural resources and relevant road and trail infrastructure, of newly acquired and existing state lands and to support reasonable recreational access to those lands for all, including the elderly, the disabled, the physically challenged and veterans; and it is further

AGREED that said entities intend to work with appropriate authorities to provide information regarding traditional and historic uses of state lands and ways that traditional uses may continue, and it is further

AGREED that the said entities intend to prepare additional Memorandums of Understanding as the need arises to support amendments of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan and unit management plans to achieve balanced state land policy and reasonable access while protecting natural resources; and it is further

AGREED that the undersigned call upon the State of New York to partner with them to improve access to state lands and to improve the economies of the municipalities which depend upon

access to state lands for their economic well being; and it is further

AGREED that this Memorandum of Understanding may be signed in counterparts.

So moved by Maureen Marsden and seconded by Marshall Gero. All voted "Aye".

There is an Adirondack 102 Club dinner being held on Thursday, October 6th at 6:00 PM at the Whiteface Mountain Inn in Wilmington,

Notification has been received as to our status in the Fiscal Stress Management System from the Comptroller. We received a designation of "no designation" which means the State Comptroller has determined that we are not under either fiscal or environmental stress, and in fact, not even in the category of susceptible to stress.

The tentative schedule for the Public Hearings regarding the Boreas Ponds Tract classification is as follows: November 9th – Ray Brook; November 14th – Northville; November 16th – Newcomb; November 28th – Rochester; November 29th – Canton; December 6th – NYC; December 7th – Albany.

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

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Stephanie DeZalia to accept the audited judges report. All voted "Aye".

Mike Marsden spoke and said the State denied our complaint over taxes on state land.

Stephanie DeZalia moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk

