

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014**

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM by the Supervisor, Ronald Moore, who led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

Board Members Donald Dresser, Robert Dobie, Marshall Gero and Laureen DeZalia were with the Supervisor as well as the Town Clerk, Sarah Vinkus.

Guests present were Mike Marsden, Will Plumstead and Philip and Grace Mirlino.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the February 13th Meeting.

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia to accept the Minutes as read. All voted "Aye".

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

The Financial Report ending February 28, 2014 is as follows:

CHECKING ACCOUNTS:

General Fund (due to Fire Dist. \$103,437)	.15%	\$925,889.20
Highway Fund	.15%	\$781,257.37
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$1,707,146.57

Mr. Moore stated that Paul Wagschal, President of SLIC Network Solutions, who was scheduled to speak to the Board tonight, cancelled due to the flu. He said that he hoped to come in the near future.

. Our attorney reviewed and wrote his comments on the CATV Franchise Agreement and these were forwarded to Paul Wagschal at SLIC, asking that he amend the agreement to reflect these changes. Mr. Moore is awaiting the amended agreement for review.

We have had only one response for the substitute landfill attendant position and that person lives in Ticonderoga.

The last day to order trees and shrubs from Essex County Soil and Water for the annual tree sale is March 17th.

The Five Towns will meet with DEC Commissioner Joe Martens in Albany on March 18th to discuss the UMP for the Essex Chain and Indian River Tracts as well as the most recent and future land acquisitions.

A reminder that the Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference is April 9th and 10th. If anyone wishes to attend registrations must be postmarked by March 26th.

The bridge replacement south of Pepper Hollow is scheduled to begin any time and go through November.

DOL reinspected our Workplace Violence Prevention Program and we are now in compliance.

The tax foreclosure sale is scheduled for April 30th for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008. All former Frontier towns' properties will be auctioned with the exception of the 132-acre woodlot that the BOS has agreed to transfer to North Hudson.

The 2012 truck went back to MA Jerry for a major antifreeze leak. Also the plow on the pickup had to be replaced as the old one was too expensive to repair.

The assessors have been working every Thursday starting around noon. Our equalization rate is 105.43%, which is too high to meet the State's requirement of staying at 100%. The Town is appealing. We need to be below 105%, which equates to lowering taxable state owned land by \$500K to \$600K.

The closing on the Horace Nye Nursing Home is still not completed.

Resolution #33 of 2014

Resolved to reappoint John King to a new five-year term to the Planning Board.

So moved by Marshall Gero and seconded by Robert Dobie. All voted "Aye".

Resolution #34 of 2014

Resolved to hire Nathan and Lucas Wilson as Lifeguards for the year 2014 at an hourly rate of \$10.00 per hour.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Marshall Gero. On Roll Call:

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

Mr. Moore said that he had received a request from Schroon Lake to purchase sand from North Hudson next winter. Mr. Moore said that he had spoken with Kevin Duntley and Robert Dobie and both thought it a good idea, perhaps as an inter-municipal agreement.

Mr. Moore said that he had inquired about the summer youth employment program and said that an advertisement would need to be placed in the newspaper.

The rabies clinic has been scheduled for September 23 in North Hudson.

CPR training will be held March 26th in the Schroon Lake Firehouse and First Aid Training will be held April 1st in the North Hudson Firehouse. CPR training will also be offered March 25th or 27th in the Schroon Lake Firehouse.

Carol Calabrese from IDA spoke to Mr. Moore about the possibility of the Schroon River being designated an inland waterway. To accomplish this is a process requiring an amendment to Executive Law. This designation would make North Hudson eligible for EPF funding and projects under the Local Waterfront Revitalization Act.

Applications for the next round of Creating Healthy Places Grants are due by the end of the month. Maximum amount is \$5,000 per applicant. We would find out if we were approved by mid April and the project would have to be completed by year-end.

American Power and Gas called asking if the Town would like to participate in a program called "Green Power". It has to do with renewable energy, in this case 100% wind. The rebates might be greater but it would cost us another \$0.03 per kilowatt-hour.

Mr. Moore received a call from NYCLASS asking the Town to agree to an amendment regarding their investment policy. At the present time we have no money invested with them, our account is open and if the market improves, it is possible we would invest with them again.

Resolution #35 of 2014 – Municipal Cooperation Resolution

Councilman Dresser offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o ("Section 119-o empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages] and districts to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative basis; and

WHEREAS, the Town of North Hudson wishes to invest certain of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to a municipal cooperation agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Town of North Hudson wishes to assure the safety and liquidity of its funds; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:

The Supervisor, Town of North Hudson is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Cooperative Investment Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the Town of North Hudson.

The resolution was duly seconded by Councilman Gero, and adopted, upon roll call vote as follows:

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

Governor Cuomo announced the latest of the States acquisition of former Finch /TNC land. Included is a 77-acre parcel just east of the Buffalo Farm. Also announced was the availability of \$875,000 in grants. \$500,000 is funded by TNC for projects for the Upper Hudson Recreational Hub (which is the Five Towns). It will include seasonal shuttle service for hikers, bikers and paddlers; trailhead parking and waterway access on municipal lands; local infrastructure that supports such recreation uses such as mountain biking, horse trail riding, snowmobiling and hiking; connector trails, hut-to-hut accommodations; guide services and visitor orientation signs, apps and brochures. These grants are being funded by TNC and will be awarded through a Request for Proposals (RFP) to be announced this week in the NYS Contract Reporter and also on the DEC, TNC and NHT websites.

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

General Fund	\$105,939.37
Highway Fund	\$ 64,397.17
TOTAL	\$170,336.54

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to accept the Judge's financial report. All voted "Aye".

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia for the Board to move into Executive Session at 7:30 PM for the purpose of personnel. All voted "Aye".

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie for the Board to move out of Executive Session at 7:45 PM. All voted "Aye".

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie for the Meeting to adjourn at 7:46 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk

