

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015**

The Supervisor 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 was also present.

Guests present were Brian Caza and Bruce Caza.

The Town Clerk read the Minutes of March 12th.

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

The Clerk then read the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held March 24th.

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

The Supervisor then went over his Financial Report as of March 31st, 2015, which reads as follows:

Checking Accounts:

General Fund (Due to Fire Dist. \$24,227)	0.10%	\$780,670.84
Highway Fund	0.10%	\$668,965.80
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$1,449,636.64

Mr. Moore said that he had placed a survey about the Employees' Handbook in the Board Members' packets. He asked that they look it over, fill it out and return them to him along with any other data they feel pertinent. When all are received he will then set a date for the next workshop.

Resolution #45 of 2015

Resolved to adopt the Town of North Hudson Computer Policy and it will become a new section of the Employee Handbook.

So moved by Laureen DeZalia and seconded by Donald Dresser. All voted "Aye".

Mr. Moore thanked Laurie DeZalia for her work on the Computer Policy.

On March 13th the initial meeting of the Grace Peak Celebration was held. The next meeting is tentatively set for April 17th at 1:00 PM.

The 2006 Ford pickup has had the transmission and truck bed replaced. When the bed was removed they found that the springs needed replacement, which was done and the truck is now back in service.

The Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent picked up the 2015 pickup on April 1st and it is scheduled to go to Arrowhead Equipment to be prepped for the snowplow.

Another meeting with the APA and the Five Towns is scheduled for April 28th in Ray Brook.

Mr. Moore said that he is trying to organize a trip to Otter Creek to once again look over their facility and this time he will take the Highway Superintendent with him. Marty Gibbons of the Grafton Riders will also go as well as other 5 Towns representatives.

The Supervisor then went over the contents of the Board Members' packets which included copies of Mr. Moore's e-mail to Essex County and Mr. Sage's letter to Essex County regarding the condemned building at Frontier Town.

The Highway Department continues to have problems with the new tandem. The regeneration light comes on causing the driver to pull over and shut down. There seems to be another leak that may cause the problem and Kevin and Ken took the truck back for repairs today. At the intersection of US Rte. 9 and Duntley Rd., as Mr. Duntley turned, the sand box tipped and caused the truck to roll on the driver's side. This was the 2011 pickup truck and luckily Mr. Duntley was not injured but the truck had damage to the driver's side window and the truck bed. The truck was delivered to Christopher Chevrolet and there will have to be an insurance claim. Mr. Duntley would like to bring Emmett Thompson on soon and it was decided that the week of April 13th would be the starting date. He will work the same as last year: 18 hours as the landfill attendant and 22 hours as laborer with the Highway Department.

The assessors will have the tentative roll and will be present to answer any questions about the assessments on May 13th from 4-8 PM; May 16th from 10 AM to 2 PM and May 20th and May 22nd from 4 - 8 PM.

On the County level discussion continues about the Occupancy Tax to include vacation rentals. Also there has been a lot of discussion as to official newspapers and the publication of tax foreclosure notices.

Thanks to Mrs. Laureen DeZalia the Town was able to get a copier that was being surplused, had been used in the County Attorney's office, is in very good condition, and we got it at no cost to the Town.

Resolution #46 of 2015

Resolved to amend Resolution #18 of 2015, changing the contract with the Schroon Lake Ambulance Squad for the Town of North Hudson Emergency Services for the year 2015 from Thirty-three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$33,750) to Forty-one Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$41,250).

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

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

Resolution #47 of 2015

Resolved to appoint Larry Koller to the BAR. The term is five years.

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

Resolution #48 of 2015

Resolved to contract with Martin Thompson to survey the west boundary line of the Town of North Hudson parcel bearing Tax Map #125.1-1-30.1. We may also want him to mark the northern boundary of the area where the Equestrian facility will be built.

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

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

Resolution #49 of 2015

Resolved to hereby authorize the Town of North Hudson to accept a grant in the amount of \$60,000 from the Adirondack Park Upper Hudson Recreation Hub Grant Program and administered by the Essex County for the North Hudson Equestrian /Multi-Use Staging Area and further authorizing the Supervisor to execute the same.

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

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

Resolution #50 of 2015

Resolved that the Town of North Hudson accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the State Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) and administered by the Dormitory Authority State of New York (DASNY) for the construction of an Equestrian Facility and further authorizing the Supervisor to execute the same.

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

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

Mr. Moore said that he would like to advertise for a second landfill attendant. Adam Venner is not always available to substitute for Emmett Thompson when he has to be absent and it is difficult for Kevin Duntley to provide coverage for the landfill when both Adam and Emmett are not available.

Resolution #51 of 2015

Resolved that the Supervisor advertise for a second substitute landfill attendant.

So moved by Laureen DeZalia and seconded by Donald Dresser. All voted "Aye".

Mr. Moore then said that the Summer Youth Program would again be funded this year and that he would like to advertise for interested youth to apply.

Resolution #52 of 2015

Resolved that the Supervisor advertise that the Summer Youth Program will run again this summer and that all interested youth should apply.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Robert Dobie. All voted "Aye".

Mark Carpenter came in regard to this year's insurance renewal and the Town will stay with Selective. The big change is that they will no longer insure vehicles over ten (10) years of age at replacement cost. They gave an estimated value of those vehicles. Mr. Moore felt that those estimates looked high and requested that Mr. Duntley review them. This might reduce our premium.

The Board of Education in Schroon Lake has passed a school exemption on primary residences of eligible veterans. This will result in a school exemption of \$602,165 from North Hudson.

Mr. Moore said that the electrodes in one of the AED's has expired and will need replacement. Adult electrodes cost \$32.54 and pediatric electrodes cost \$75.00 each.

The Town received notification that SLIC Network Solutions estimates it will start installation of cables in Schroon in June. We are hopeful to arrange a meeting soon.

The town received a renewal application for the beach and one of the questions was the expected opening and closing dates. Mr. Moore said that he indicated Monday, June 29th as the opening date and closing on September 6th, the day before Labor Day as the closing date. At the present time we do not know how long we will have the lifeguards and if we will have lifeguard on duty seven (7) days a week.

When our whole town lost both land and cell telephone service last month Mr. Moore said that he had much difficulty in contacting anyone at Verizon who could either give information or help. The same situation also happened last year. Therefore Mr. Moore contacted the County and reported our loss and also the County Board of Supervisors and Essex County Emergency Services who were very helpful in resolving our problem. On Tuesday, April 14 we will meet at the County to discuss a plan. Randy Douglas, Don Jaquish, Brian Caza, Homeland Security and probably Mr. Moore will attend.

Mr. Moore said that over the winter he had noticed increased deterioration of the former restaurant and warehouse buildings of the former Frontier Town property. He said that he had sent an email to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the County Attorney plus our Codes Enforcement Officer to provide them notice of our concerns about public health and safety in the vicinity of those buildings, and asked that those structures be demolished and the debris removed.

Resolution #53 of 2015

Resolved that \$6,000 (Six Thousand Dollars) be transferred from A1990.4 Contingent to A1420.4 Attorney Contractual.

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

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

General Fund	\$20,829.91
Highway Fund	\$61,719.20

The audit of the Judge's Financial Report was postponed as some information was missing.

During the Privilege of the Floor Mr. Bruce Caza asked if everyone is going to get a copy of the computer guidelines. The answer was yes.

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie to adjourn the Meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk