

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY JUNE 13, 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 the Supervisor were Board Members Laureen DeZalia, Marshall Gero, Jean Gokey and Donald Dresser. The Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus, was also present.

The Clerk read the minutes of the May 9th Meeting.

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia to accept the minutes as read.

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

The Supervisor's Financial Report as of May 31st is as follows:

CHECKING ACCOUNTS:

General Fund (due to Fire Dist: \$15,937)	.2% int.	\$719,824.47
Highway Fund	.2% int.	\$706,814.54
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$1,426,639.01

The Civil War Re-enactment Committees met on May 16th and June 6th. The next scheduled meeting is June 20th at 7:00 PM in the Firehouse.

The hardware arrived for the benches. They have been assembled and two(2) are at the Veterans' Memorial and two (2) are at the Beach. As they are ground type benches they have been placed in concrete.

The final draft of Local Law #1 of 2013 has been received from Attorney John Silvestri and has been filed with the Secretary of State. It will go into effect when the Office of the Secretary of State notifies the Town of its acceptance. Danial Parent has begun working at the court and is scheduled to wok there Monday to Thursday and Fridays with the Town Clerk.

The results of the water samples taken at the firehouse have not been received yet and may not be for another month.

The Town did participate in the County's on-line auction but was not successful.

The Town's clean-up was held and all went well. The Highway Superintendent said it appeared to be less and credits that with the container at the landfill and suggests that the Town continues to have it there.

The Schroon Lake VFW and the American Legion held a very nice Memorial Day Service here and it was well attended. It was followed by refreshments served in the Firehouse by the Ladies Auxiliary.

The Five Towns of the Upper Hudson Recreational Hub held another meeting on May 31 in North Hudson. A number of subjects were covered including the APA process, public hearing dates, and locations, economic impact, marketing and grants. It was decided that two (2) maps were needed: one showing recreational opportunities and one showing our modifications to the APA alternative maps.

Mr. Moore attended the AATV membership meeting in Lake Placid on June 3rd. There was a presentation on changes coming for the Affordable Care Act. There doesn't seem to be any great changes for our Town as we already carry insurance for full-time employees and have less than 50 employees. There was also a chance to discuss the upcoming land classification and our proposals. The AATV passed a resolution supporting our request for maximum access to those unclassified lands.

The Highway Department is busy with lawn, cemetery and park maintenance. The double gate at the tennis court is locked due to someone driving on the court. The outdoor faucet at the Town Hall had to be replaced. The outdoor furnace should be sent out for repair very soon. The work on Lazy Street and Liberty Road will hopefully start soon also. As soon as things dry up, they will start to bring in the winter wood.

The Court seems to be doing well and Jan is back to work. The assessors had their grievance days and only a couple of people came in. The Board of Assessment Review met on May 28th and only one person appeared and that issue was resolved with the assessors that night.

The Town Clerk and the Code Enforcement Officer both report things going well and no problems.

Two (2) new tables were purchased. The old ones will be offered to other departments and if they are not wanted they will be discarded.

The hazardous waste cleanup days will August 17th in North Elba and August 24th in North Hudson.

The NY State DOH required a new Beach Safety Plan from the Town and it has been sent and approved.

The outdoor water valve at the Town Hall was broken and the hoses could not be used for several days. It could not be repaired and so was replaced. Well done to Kevin and the Highway crew.

The wood furnace will be taken to Keeseville and shipped to the manufacturer. We will have to pay Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for shipping and if it is determined that the crack is our fault we will have to pay Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for return shipping.

Mr. Moore requested authorization to attend the Seventh Annual Common Ground Alliance.

Resolution #48 of 2013

Resolved that the Supervisor, Ronald Moore, attend the Seventh Annual Common Ground Alliance in Newcomb on July 18th for a fee of \$20.00.

So moved by Lauren DeZalia and seconded by Donald Dresser. Mr. Dresser, Ms. Gokey, Mr. Gero and Ms. DeZalia voted "Aye". Mr. Moore abstained.

Resolution #49 of 2013

RESOLUTION REALIZING THAT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE GREATEST ECONOMIC BENEFIT FROM THE STATE'S ACQUISITION OF 69,000 ACRES OF THE FORMER FINCH PRUYN AND OTHER NATURE CONSERVANCY LANDS, THAT THE UPPER HUDSON RECREATION HUB VEHEMENTLY OPPOSES ANY LAND USE AND CLASSIFICATION THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR MAXIMUM ACCESS TO THE PONDS, LAKES, RIVERS, STREAMS AND TRAILS BY ALL CITIZENS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ELDERLY, HANDICAPPED, DISABLED AND PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED.

Council Marshall Gero offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has announced the State's acquisition of 69,000 acres of former Finch Pruyn and other Nature Conservancy Lands; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has stated that this agreement will make the Adirondack Park one of the most sought after destinations for paddlers, hikers, hunters, sports people and snowmobilers, and that opening these lands to public use and enjoyment for the first time in 150 years will provide extraordinary new outdoor recreational opportunities, increase the number of visitors to the North Country and generate additional tourism revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Town of North Hudson is affected by this acquisition and wishes to realize the maximum economic benefit of increased tourism revenue; and

WHEREAS, these tracts of land have an extensive network of maintained roads formerly used as logging and access roads; and

WHEREAS, the Town of North Hudson realizes that the only path to achieve the maximum economic benefit of the land acquisition is to provide the utmost

access to the public to the ponds, lakes, rivers, streams and trails and that access should be provided to all citizens including the elderly, handicapped, disabled and physically challenged; and

WHEREAS, the Town of North Hudson steadfastly supports all forms of recreational activities to include, but not be limited to, hiking, canoeing, camping, skiing, snowmobiling, mountain biking, horseback riding, dog sledding and the use of ATV's be permitted; and

WHEREAS, the Town of North Hudson is of the opinion that the "Gooley Historical Society" be permitted to preserve and maintain the Outer Gooley Farmhouse, a building of historical significance that would be a learning tool for current and future generations and the loss of this valuable asset would be truly disrespectful to our Adirondack Ancestors; and

WHEREAS, the Town of North Hudson is adamantly opposed to the proposal to surplus the Boreas Pond Lodge and support buildings and feels it would be a complete waste of a valuable asset that could be used for many purposes such as training and education, as an information center, an outpost or as lodging; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of North Hudson, realizing that in order to achieve the greatest economic benefit from this purchase we must have maximum use of those lands, vehemently opposes any land use and classification that does not provide for the maximum access to the ponds, lakes, rivers, streams and trails by all citizens, including the elderly, handicapped, disabled and physically challenged; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of North Hudson does strongly oppose any land use and classification that does not allow for all forms of recreational activities to include, but not be limited to, hiking, canoeing, camping, snowmobiling, skiing, mountain biking, horseback riding, dog sledding and the use of ATV's; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of North Hudson fully supports the continued maintenance and preservation of the Outer Gooley Farm House, a place of historical significance where early settlers tried to farm and run a sporting camp, where there was a discovery of hand dugout canoes, where heavyweight boxer Gene Tunney trained, and where Bobby Kennedy launched from as he rafted the Hudson River, and, if not preserved, would be the loss of an invaluable asset that could be used as a learning center for present and future generations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of North Hudson fully supports the continued use of Boreas Pond Lodge and support buildings that could be used for

many purposes such as training and education, as an information center, an outpost or as lodging; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Commissioner Joe Martens, Senator Elizabeth O’C. Little, Assemblyman Daniel G. Stec, Chairwoman Leilani Ulrich, Adirondack Park Agency, Robert Stegman, DEC Region 5 Regional Director, Thomas Martin, DEC Region 5 Regional Natural Resource Supervisor, Randall Douglas, Chairman, Essex County Board of Supervisors

This motion was seconded by Council Donald Dresser. All voted “Aye”.

Tish Biesmeyer of Burnham Benefit Advisors gave an update covering health insurance changes due to the Affordable Care Act. There will be cost increases and most likely we will have to make changes in our present plan to help control cost. I will factor in an increase of 20% when calculating the budget.

There have been complaints that people, although they live here, are bringing in garbage from their properties in other towns.

There was an instance when the beach gate was not opened on a weekend day. A plan is needed to insure that gate is opened every morning. After discussion it was decided that Tracey Parent would open the gate at the beach on Saturday and Sunday.

The Supervisor noted that his computer and email have been a constant problem since the middle of May. So far there are no answers to why the email was disabled or why the computer has been a problem in getting emails on line.

Public Health has approved having the Schroon Lake Senior Citizens having a monthly picnic at our park. No dates have yet been set.

There were two complaints of a residence in town having a quantity of junk in their front yard. The opinion is that it is unsightly and will only get worse.

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Jean Gokey for the Board to move into Executive Session at 7:55 PM for the purpose of personnel. All voted “Aye”.

Jean Gokey moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia for the Board to move out of Executive Session at 8:15 PM. All voted “Aye”.

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to pay the audited vouchers. All voted “Aye”.

Donald Dresser moved and was seconded by Jean Gokey to accept the Judge’s report. All voted “Aye”.

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Jean Gokey to adjourn the Meeting at 8:40 PM. All voted “Aye”.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk