

**TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017**

The Supervisor opened the Meeting at 6:00 PM and led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

With the Supervisor were Board Members Stephanie DeZalia, Marshall Gero, Robert Dobie and Maureen Marsden. Also present was the Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus.

The guest was Laura Benedict of the Essex County Soil and Water Department.

Laura spoke first in regard to the 130 acres across from "Bell's Place" as well as two other 30 acre plots, what species of trees could be found there, the cost of managing the forest and what amount of money could the Town expect after the trees are harvested and the county is paid for the forester's services.

The Town Clerk read the Minutes of the September 19, 2017 Meeting.

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero to approve the Minutes as amended. All voted "Aye".

The Clerk then read the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 26, 2017.

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden to accept the Minutes as amended. All voted "Aye".

The Clerk then read the Minutes of the October 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

Stephanie DeZalia moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden to accept the Minutes as amended. All voted "Aye".

Mr. Moore said that he expected the Highway Garage would have the Pellet Boiler installed by the first or second week of December.

The County IT Department has delivered and set up the new lap top computer for the Tax Collector. When the tax program for 2018 is complete, they will install it on the new computer.

Tish Biesemeyer told Mr. Moore that she would like to schedule an employee/retiree meeting to go over any changes and to review the plan. The Meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at noon.

There will be a seniors' dinner at the fire house on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November.

Mr. Moore announced that the Adirondack Community Action Program has sent their Holiday for Sharing applications for families that may need help with toys

at Christmas time. Mr. Moore said that he left some at the Post Office and also at the table in the back to the conference room.

Mr. Moore said that he thought that the Board had come to an agreement about the Court Clerks hours but some thought it should be discussed some more. Mr. Moore said he was open to further discussion on this matter and said that there was a letter from the Judge in the Boards packets.

The Supervisor's Financial Report as of October 31<sup>st</sup> is as follows:

Checking Accounts

|                 |              |       |                |
|-----------------|--------------|-------|----------------|
| General Fund    | \$655,850.31 |       |                |
| Fire Dist.      | \$ 28,165.70 | 0.10% | \$684,015.31   |
| Highway Dept.   |              | 0.10% | \$442,188.70   |
| Total All Funds |              |       | \$1,126,204.01 |

Mr. Moore continued reading the titles of the balance of the contents of the packets.

The Highway Department has picked up the 2003 tandem with the new dump body replaced.

On the County side an agreement with the county union general unit has been approved and a meeting with the sheriff's unit is scheduled for later this month.

Resolution #66 of 2017

Resolved to adopt Local Law #1 of 2017 entitled "A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-C".

So moved by Marshall Gero and seconded by Stephanie DeZalia. On roll call vote: 5-Ayes; 0-Noes; 0-Absent

Resolution #67 of 2017

Resolved to adopt the 2018 Budget as presented.

So moved by Marshall Gero and seconded by Stephanie DeZalia. The Board voted unanimously "Aye". On roll call 5-Ayes; 0-Noes; 0-Absent.

Resolution #68 of 2017

Resolved that the Supervisor and other elected officials may attend the AATV Membership Meeting on December 3-4, 2017, in Lake George.

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded by Stephanie DeZalia. All voted "Aye".

Resolution #69 of 2017

Resolved to introduce proposed Local Law #2 of 2017 entitled "A Local Law Establishing The Property Tax Exemption for Cold War Veterans". A Public Hearing on this will be held at 6:00 PM, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

So moved by Marshall Gero and seconded by Robert Dobie. All voted "Aye".  
On roll call vote: 5-Ayes; 0-Noes; 0-Absent.

Mr. Moore said that in reviewing various towns' Building Codes Permit Fee Schedule he found that it can be very high for non-residential buildings. Minerva and Schroon Lake both charge \$15.00 for each 100 square foot. Ticonderoga charges \$0.25 for each square foot.

The next tax foreclosure sale is scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Transportation information for those attending the Association of Towns Annual Meeting is in the Board Members Packets.

After discussion it was decided not to apply for the Restore NY grant right now.

Resolution #70 of 2017

Resolved that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the Physical Examination Agreement Renewal with the Hudson Headwaters Health Network for the year 2018.

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded by Maureen Marsden. On roll call vote:5-Ayes; 0-Noes; 0-Absent.

The plans for the combination of County and Town lands into one holding for the Conservation Easement have been changed. There are many questions that need to be answered and Mr. Moore has contacted our Attorney for the Town who is researching this and also Tom Martin, Regional Natural Resource Supervisor and asked him to meet with the Board to explain the Conservation Easement process.

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

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

The Board will hold its End of Year Meeting on December 28<sup>th</sup>.

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie for the Board to move into Executive Session at 8:05 PM for personnel. All voted "Aye".

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero for the Board to moved out of Executive Session at 8:20 PM. All voted "Aye".

Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden to adjourn the Meeting as 8:21 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk  
Town of North Hudson