

TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JULY 16, 2019

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

Together with the Supervisor were Board Members Maureen Marsden, Robert Dobie, Marshall Gero and Ronald Moore. Also present was the Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus.

Guests present were Tina and William Plumstead, Jake and Tracy Parent, Tony Venner, the Landfill Attendant and Jon Senecal, the Building Codes Officer.

The Clerk read the Minutes of the June 19, 2019, Meeting.

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

The Supervisor then went over the Financial Report as of June 30, 2019.

It was decided that the Pepper Hollow Rd. would be done after Duntley Road work is completed.

We have not yet received the North Hudson Hamlet Revitalization Grant contracts from DEC but Dylan Walrath sent us an email that we can start the bid or estimate process and start the pavilion, sign and water projects. We are beginning the work of refining the documents for the approximately \$80,000+/- that will be available for the Local Main Street Revitalization Grant program. There will be Brochure explaining the process and we will have an announcement of the available funding that will include guidelines, an Application Form that will include evaluation and selection worksheets, landowner grant agreement and a NYS DEC Main Street Administration Plan. It will provide Private For-Profit, non-profit and residential property owners along the program area with funding for exterior facade and storefront

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renovations and/or interior renovations for commercial or residential units and related construction activity.

The next item is the old safe that is in the old Town Highway garage. After some discussion it was decided that the safe should be surplused.

Resolution #67 of 2019

Resolved that the old safe in the old Highway Garage is hereby declared surplus and requests for bids for the safe is to be published in the newspaper.

So moved by Marshall Gero and seconded by Maureen Marsden. On roll call vote: Ayes -5; Noes -0; Absentees -0.

We are waiting a call back from Todd Story as into which account we can put the funds from the cemetery association.

Pepper Hollow cemetery needs to be plotted. John Kelly, when asked, said that he does not plot out cemeteries and suggested we contact a surveyor and said to make sure there is an accessible road for a hearse to get in and out easily. Marshall Gero is going to talk to Martin Thompson about doing this.

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

The Highway Department has been busy getting ready for the paving of Duntley Rd. They have done some chipping and cutting along Frontier Town Road. They removed the Belles' Place sign and our trail kiosk. The kiosk is being reused here at the Town Hall at the end of the parking lot for information and brochure purposes.

The Supervisor said that she had asked the Highway Superintendent, Kevin Duntley, for specs for a new 1 ton pickup so we can go to bid. He told the Supervisor to use the specs that the Town Clerk had for the 2015 pickup.

The Supervisor continued that she would be meeting with Mr. Duntley to see what part or parts of the three projects for the grant his department will be handling at this point.

On September 18, 2018 we resolved to authorize the Highway Superintendent to surplus and transport the 2003 Ford pickup for recycling. We discussed the wheel loader also but that was not in the resolution.

Resolution #68 of 2019

Resolved that the Highway Superintendent surplus and scrap the old wheel loader and the 2003 Ford pickup to the highest bidder.

So moved by Marshall Gero and seconded by Robert Dobie. On roll call vote: Ayes -5; Noes -0; Absentees -0.

Last month the Codes Enforcing Officer, Jon Senecal, gave the Board a report that pertained to a complaint at 2941 US Rte. 9. The Supervisor said that she asked the Board to thoroughly review it and come prepared to make a determination as to enforcement. Added to this month's packets are documents brought in by the land owner and a copy of some code complaint procedures and some Department of State BSC section on complaints. The nature of the complaint was neglect of property, junk accumulated on lawn and porch, unlicensed cars on both sides of the road, old, painted tires on lawn and complaints from visitors that there is a junkyard in the middle of town.

The Supervisor said that she must start by saying that she feels that it is unfortunate that it has come to this and she hopes that all can come to an agreement that is agreeable to all parties. She continued that she would participate in discussion but would need to abstain from the decision making or voting, as she is related to both the complainant and the owners of the property.

The Supervisor continued that she felt it best to take one section at a time rather than treating it as one complaint with one decision. She continued that it was clear to her that some of the issues had already been remedied.

- 1 Neglect of property maintenance: Rubbish on lawn and around buildings. Deals with items on porches near entries which could restrict egress or attract rodents or insects.

- 2 Cars unlicensed on both sides of road. There are specifics as to how many cars you can have and how many spaces to be provided. For the size of this shop – 6 spaces would be allowed. The residence is allowed a minimum of 2. It appears by the document provided that it is the minimum parking standards. Some of the vehicles in question may or may not fit the definition of junk vehicles.
The Supervisor continued that it seemed to her that part of this section has been remedied already to this date as she does not see any vehicles parked at the site across from the repair shop. She would like to mark that area off as to prevent any further use of that area by anyone such as court attendees, the plowing of snow or for roadside pull off. She said that she would like to simply put a couple of stumps with orange flag tape.
- 3 Old painted tires. It appears according to the code report that this may not be in violation if they are used for decorative purposes. Code only concerns with discarded or burying of tires.
- 4 Junk yard in the middle of town statement – Code does not cover opinions. However, if it appears to be a junkyard, by definition of some of the above then a proper Junk Yard permit would need to be had. By report of CEO property needs to be cleaned up.
- 5 Junk wastes, discarded parts, portions of vehicles shall be in an enclosed area, out of sight of adjacent properties.
- 6 Keeping of Junk: No junk as defined shall be located as to be visible from any public road or from any neighboring residential property.
- 7 No person shall establish or maintain a junkyard as defined within the Town of North Hudson unless a license has been first issued for such junkyard pursuant to the law.

8 International Property Maintenance Code - owner is responsible for maintaining structures

-exterior of property must be clean, safe and sanitary

-weeds must be kept mowed

-accessory structures must be well-maintained

-provide inside space for repairs

-property will be free of garbage and rubbish.

The CEO chose to have a dialog with the landowners involved in hopes toward a voluntary compliance. After much discussion between Mr. Plumstead, Ms. DeZalia and Mr. Senecal, the parties were given 60 days to reach a compliance.

SUPERVISOR'S CLERK: The Youth Committee held the 1st annual end of summer beach bash and it was a great success. It is something they will try again next year. They are working on another upcoming event.

COURTS: THE Court still needs to go to bid for a chimney.

TOWN CLERK: Looking for a desktop computer through the County IT Dept. for approximately \$510.00.

B. COUNTY REPORTS:

1. Essex County Soil and Water will be applying for a Water Quality Improvement Project Program Grant. The areas they will be focused on will be Stabilization of 400 feet of stream bank up near the bridge; improve the North Hudson Swimming Beach and protect the infrastructure of Park road. The Supervisor said that she has provided a letter of support to Alice Halloran to include in the grant application that is due on July 26th. It is a competitive grant and this will be the 3rd year applying for this for these projects. They would be for the 2020 – 2023 project term.

2. Essex County Board of Elections has set their schedule for the upcoming General Election. The Board was instructed to see the copy of this schedule in their packets. The

Supervisor said that she was also putting this information in her next newsletter as well.

3. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Essex County presented The Power of Produce Club. They will be at the Lake Placid Farmers Market and Saranac Lake Farmers Markets. . You can join them as they explore local farmer's markets for cooking demos, taste testing, story time, crafts and more. Activities are geared for children ages 4 – 10. Kids will receive \$5 each week to buy fruits or veggies of their choice.

4. NCCC held a college fair today (July 16th) at the Government Center to talk with prospective students about programs and the new online degree programs.

5. Essex County Public Health will be holding a World Breastfeeding Week Block Party on Aug. 2nd at the county building.

6. The Supervisor said that she had sat on the committee to interview for the new Real Property Director and they interviewed six candidates. They hired Terri Northup as the new Director. She interviewed really well and has been with the Real Property Office for some time.

7. The DPW is scheduled to begin work on Gulf Brook Road next week.

C. Included in the packet is a letter from Will Plumstead resigning from the Board of Assessment Review and dated 7-01-2019.

D. Also in the packets you will find an email from Jim Sessions regarding some clean-up they are requiring be done on the town property that is part of the Conservation Easement. We can have our Highway Department do the work and we can invoice it and it would be paid as part of the fee paid for the Conservation Easement or we can bid out the work and be reimbursed through the contract.

The Conservation Easement should be ready for review around the end of August. Then they will go out for appraisal.

The Adirondack Common Ground Alliance meeting will be held on July 24th at the Lake Placid Club.

Resolution 69 of 2019

Resolved that the Supervisor, Stephanie DeZalia, and Board Members Ronald Moore and Maureen Marsden are hereby authorized to attend the Adirondack Common Ground Alliance meeting on July 24th at the Lake Placid Club at a fee of \$35.00 each.

So moved by Robert Dobie and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call vote: Ayes -5; Noes – 0; Absentees – 0.

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

General Fund	\$ 16,195.00
Highway Fund	\$ 53,016.93
Total	\$ 69,211.93

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Maureen Marsden to accept the Judge's financial report. On roll call vote: Ayes – 5; Noes – 0; Absentees – 0.

Will Plumstead was given the Privilege of the Floor, speaking as a member of the North Hudson Volunteer Fire Department. He said that since he spoke to the Board last month about the sealing of the blacktop around the Town Hall and the Fire House, the conditions have gotten worse. The Supervisor said that since this was not in this year's budget there were no funds for it. However, the Board will look at it for the 2020 Budget.

At 7:45 PM Ronald Moore moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero for the Board to move into Executive Session for the matter of litigation to clear title of Town Property All voted "Aye".

At 8:00 PM Robert Dobie moved and was seconded by Ronald Moore for the Board to move out of Executive Session. No action was taken. All voted "Aye".

Ronald Moore moved and was seconded by Robert Dobie for the Board Meeting to adjourn at 8:01 PM. All voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk
Town of North Hudson