

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsborg Organizational Meeting January 6, 2009
Held at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsborg held on Thursday January 3, 2009 at 7:00PM at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY. Supervisor Goodspeed called the meeting to order at 7:02PM and the pledge to the flag was led by Councilman Arnold Stevens.

Roll call showed the following persons present: Supv. Sterling T. Goodspeed; Town Councilmen/ Eugene Arsenault, Arnold Stevens, Frank E. Morehouse, Jr. and Ronald Vanselow; Town Clerk/ William Rawson.

Guests: On attached list

Supv. Goodspeed announced that the oaths of office for the newly elected officials would be administered at this time; the Town Clerk administered the oaths of office to the following recently elected officers: Highway Supt. Daniel B. Hitchcock and Councilman Ronald G. Vanselow.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to accept the minutes of the December 16, 2008 regular Town Board Meeting as written. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter from Highway employee, Norman Petty, updating the board on the progress of his knee injury and requesting an extension of his medical leave.
2. A letter from Laura Mace, owner of "Laura's" requesting that the Town Board waive the thirty day waiting period for issuing an objection to her application for a liquor license application.
3. A letter from Mr. Donald Greene urging the Town Board to cancel the agreement between the Town and the Gore Mt. Region-Town of Johnsborg Chamber of Commerce which allows the Chamber of Commerce to occupy office space in the Tannery Pond Community Center at no cost to the Chamber of Commerce.
4. A letter from Town of Johnsborg Superintendent of Highways Daniel Hitchcock informing the Town Board that he was appointing Donald Moore as his Deputy Superintendent of Highways.
5. A letter for Town of Johnsborg Town Clerk William Rawson informing the Town Board that he was appointing Jo Ann Smith as his Deputy Town Clerk.

Supv. Goodspeed addressed the letter from Mr. Petty noting that his post would be held open through one year from the date of his injury following past practice.

Supv. Goodspeed in response to the letter from Mr. Greene explained that the Town Board was not interested in reopening the debate of the Chamber use of the Tannery Pond Community Center. Mr. Vanselow added that he was not opposed to the removal of the Chamber from the Tannery Pond Community Center.

Supv. Goodspeed explained that this is the organizational meeting for the year of

2009 and that there were several annual resolutions and appointments which would be done at this time.

Supv. Goodspeed made the following appointments for 2009:

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| 1. Budget Officer: | Supervisor Sterling T. Goodspeed |
| 2. Deputy Supervisor: | Eugene Arsenault |
| 3. Secretary to the Supervisor: | Cherie Ferguson |
| 4. Town Historian: | Jo Ann Smith |

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Supv. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse that the Town of Johnsbury Zoning Enforcement Officer will be Edward Tuttle for the year of 2009. With 4 members voting in favor and 1 opposed the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Goodspeed) Nays - 1 (Vanselow)

Supv. Goodspeed informed the Town Board that he was not willing to appoint William Mosher as Animal Control Officer; he suggested looking to inter-municipal agreements. Mr. Arsenault said that no issue has been brought to the Town Board regarding his duties as Animal Control Officer; Supv. Goodspeed noted that he alleged that he had arrived to discuss an animal issue and had proceeded to discuss other issues.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens that the Town of Johnsbury Animal Control Officer will be William H. Mosher for the year of 2009. With 3 members voting in favor and 2 opposed the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens,) Nays - 2 (Goodspeed, Vanselow)

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Supv. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens that the Town of Johnsbury Attorney for the Town of Johnsbury will be J. Anthony Jordan for the year of 2009. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed explained that as a result of a change in Town Law in 2007 that the Town Clerk may appoint the 1st Deputy Town Clerk; Town Clerk William Rawson notifies the Town Board that he appoints Jo Ann Smith as 1st Deputy Town Clerk for the year of 2009.

Supv. Goodspeed noted that Superintendent of Highways Daniel Hitchcock has notified the Town Board of appointing Donald Moore as Town of Johnsbury Deputy Superintendent of Highways for 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to designate the following polling place in the Town of Johnsbury for the year of 2009, which is handicapped accessible:

District # 1: Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY

District # 2: Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY

District # 3: Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY

With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Mr. Morehouse presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Vanselow to designate the North Creek News-Enterprise as the official newspaper for the Town of Johnsbury for the year of 2009. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Supv. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to designate the following banks as official depositories for the Town of Johnsbury for the year of 2009:

Community Bank, N.A., North Creek, NY

T.D. Bank North, Warrensburg, NY

Glens Falls National Bank, Warrensburg, NY

With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0 Abstained -1 (Arsenault)

Supv. Goodspeed noted that due to budget constraints that the Town Board had no plans to designate a delegate to the N.Y.S. Association of Towns annual meeting. If any official believes it necessary to attend, requests and reasons should be addressed to Supv. Goodspeed.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to adopt the salaries of elected and appointed officials as per the final adopted budget for 2009. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed noted that although the cost of gas had recently dropped, the indications were that the cost would go up again; he suggested leaving the reimbursement rate at its current level and possibly revisiting the issue in a few months if the cost of gas remains the same. Mr. Vanselow noted that the Town reimbursement rate was below the normal for the area.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Mr. Vanselow presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to set the compensation for mileage for Town Business at 45 cents per mile for the year of 2009. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays-0

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Supv. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to adopt the Town Officers Bond for the year of 2009. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to authorize the payment in advance of audit of claim for Public Utility Services and Postage for the year of 2009. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 12

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to authorize the Supervisor to extend the unexpended balances in their respective accounts for the purpose of encumbering monies. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 13

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Vanselow to authorize Town Officers to purchase necessary supplies to carry on official duties, in amounts not to exceed the budget. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 14

Supv. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to authorize the Supervisor to pay the annual dues of the N.Y.S. Association of Towns and the Adirondack association of Towns and Villages, when due. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 15

Mr. Morehouse presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to authorize the Town Clerk to publish, in two issues, a summary of the 2008 Annual Report of the Supervisor of the Town of Johnsbury. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 16

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to authorize the placing of Town monies in interest bearing accounts when this can be done without interfering with the operation of Town government. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 17

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second

from Mr. Arsenault to schedule two regular Town Board meetings per month in 2008 as follows:

**Town of Johnsburg
Town Board Meetings for 2009**

January	6	-	Wevertown
January	20	-	Library
February	3	-	Wevertown
February	24	-	Library (4th Tues)
March	3	-	Wevertown
March	17	-	Library
April	7	-	Wevertown
April	21	-	Library
May	5	-	Wevertown
May	19	-	Library
June	2	-	Wevertown
June	16	-	Library
July	7	-	Wevertown
July	21	-	Library
August	4	-	Wevertown
August	18	-	Library
September	1	-	Wevertown
September	15	-	Library
October	6	-	Wevertown
October	20	-	Library
November	5	-	Wevertown (Thurs)
November	17	-	Library
December	1	-	Wevertown
December	15	-	Library

*Regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
First & Third Tuesdays (unless noted)*

With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed handed out a list of appointments to Standing Committees for the year of 2008. Supv. Goodspeed asked that the Town Board members review the committee appointments before adopting them.

RESOLUTION NO. 18

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to

**2009 STANDING COMMITTEES
JOHNSBURG TOWN BOARD**

COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

Highway

Gene Arsenault
Arnold Stevens

Solid Waste Management

Gene Arsenault
Arnold Stevens

Fire

Gene Arsenault
Frank Morehouse, Jr.

Water

Frank Morehouse, Jr.
Ron Vanselow

Planning & Zoning

Gene Arsenault
Ron Vanselow

Buildings, Parks & Recreation

Arnold Stevens
Ron Vanselow

Cemeteries

Frank Morehouse, Jr.
Arnold Stevens

Library

Frank Morehouse, Jr.
Arnold Stevens

Chester Coordination

Ron Vanselow
Arnold Stevens

Energy & Lighting

Ron Vanselow
Frank Morehouse, Jr.

Johnsburg Pride Coordination

Frank Morehouse, Jr.
Gene Arsenault

Cable TV

Ron Vanselow
Arnold Stevens

Personnel

Ron Vanselow
Frank Morehouse, Jr

With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Supv. Goodspeed explained to the Town Board that Mrs. Kelly Nettle, Chairman of the Occupancy Tax Committee has the current Occupancy Tax requests. Twenty applications were received with a total amount of \$76,654.00 requested. There is currently \$30,000.00 in available funding. Supv. Goodspeed thanked Mr. Edward Milner for his work in chairing the Occupancy Tax Committee and setting up the parameters for awarding funds last year. Supv. Goodspeed said that he believes that the Town of Johnsbury is the only Town in the County to have such a well developed system to award Occupancy Tax funds.

Supv. Goodspeed informed the Town Board that following a discussion last October with NYMIR and the town insurance carrier, the Merriam Agency, he had asked the agency to investigate possible liability coverage on dams in the town. The dams which he had asked about were the dam at Garnet Lake and the dam at the town beach. The insurance agency said that there is no insurable interest in the dam at the town beach since the dam no longer retains water; ongoing research is being done by the agency on the town road over the dam at Garnet Lake which is owned by the Garnet Lake Homeowners Association. In addition research is being instituted on liability for the reservoir on Gore Mt. which is owned by the Town and used by ORDA for snow making. Mr. Robert Nettle asked about the dam at Ross Lake (Windover Lake); Supv. Goodspeed said that he would add this dam to the list due to its closeness to Chatiemac Road.

Supv. Goodspeed asked Town Clerk Rawson to explain the problem with the Senior Citizen Transportation bid which awarded at the December 16 Town Board meeting. Town Clerk Rawson explained that Warren Hamilton ACEO director, Lynn Ackershoek, had contacted him and asked if the successful bidder, Gore Mt. Taxi Service could supply the NYS Department of Transportation certifications of the vehicles to be used in fulfilling the contract as required in the bid specifications. Town Clerk Rawson contacted Gore Mt. Taxi Service and determined that the necessary certifications could not be produced. At this time Supv. Goodspeed asked if the Town Board wished to rescind the award of the Senior Citizen Transportation bid to Gore Mt. Taxi Service and award the bid to the only other bidder, Warren Hamilton ACEO. Mr. Stevens said that he could see no other choice.

RESOLUTION NO. 19

Supv. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Vanselow that the Town Board will rescind resolution number 228 of 2008 which awarded the Senior Citizen Transportation bid for 2009 to Gore Mt. Taxi Service due to that company being unable to produce the NYS Department of Transportation certifications of the vehicles to be used in fulfilling the contract as required in the bid specifications. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO.20

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to award the bid for Senior Citizens Transportation to Glens Falls and return one day per week for the year of 2009, to Warren Hamilton ACEO, Inc. 190 Maple Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801, in the amount of \$190.00 per trip for a total of \$9,500.00

for 51 trips during the calendar year of 2009. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed informed the Town Board that in a letter dated December 18, 2008, Warren County Treasurer Francis O'Keefe had warned the Warren County Board of Supervisors of a possible cash flow problem in that amount of \$500,000.00 by January 31, 2009. Supv. Goodspeed added that the 2010 Warren County budget will be much more difficult than the 2009 budget had been. Supv. Goodspeed expects that the potential loss of revenue from State programs combined with an increase in unfunded mandates will create large financial problems. Supv. Goodspeed added that he believes that almost all vacancies from retirement will remain unfilled unless absolutely necessary. Mr. Robert Nettle remarked that it was strange that Warren County was building a new building for Social Services in light of such budget problems; he asked about upgrading the old jail wing. Supv. Goodspeed and Mr. Morehouse explained that there were serious and expensive building issues with adapting the old jail wing for other office use.

Supv. Goodspeed reminded the Town Board of that there is a vacant temporary driver position at the Town Highway Department. The vacancy has been posted and advertised as required under the labor agreement with the Town of Johnsbury Highway Employees Association. Supv. Goodspeed noted that an advertisement was placed for on call drivers and a temporary driver for the Highway Department. Highway Supt. Daniel Hitchcock informed the Town Board that he wished to hire William Mosher, his brother-in-law, to fill the temporary driver position. Supv. Goodspeed explained that under normal conditions the Highway Superintendent has the authority to hire and fire without the approval of the Town Board; he added that under the Town of Johnsbury Ethics Code that any hire of a relative must be approved by the Town Board. Mr. Vanselow asked if there were other applicants; Highway Supt. Hitchcock replied that there were three applications for the temporary driver position. Mr. Vanselow asked if Highway Supt. Hitchcock had conducted any interviews; Highway Supt. Hitchcock replied that he had not, that it was not required under law. Mr. Vanselow said he did not believe that it was fair to accept applications and not conduct interviews, even if it is legal. Supv. Goodspeed requested a motion to approve or disapprove the hiring of William Mosher under the provisions of the Town of Johnsbury Ethics Code. Mr. Stevens presented a motion to approve the hiring with a second from Mr. Arsenault. Supv. Goodspeed asked for discussion from the Town Board. Mr. Vanselow asked the if pay rate of Mr. Mosher if he is rehired will be at that of a new hire or include his previous work time longevity; Supv. Goodspeed replied that he believed that he would be paid as a new hire with no benefits as that is the normal practice in the case of a temporary driver hire; he added that he believed that all longevity pay and accrued hours were resolved in the settlement at the time of Mr. Mosher's termination by the Town Board. Supv. Goodspeed opened the discussion to the floor. Mr. Peter Heid asked the reason for the termination; Supv. Goodspeed replied that the discussion was conducted in executive session as provided for under labor law and that he was terminated for misconduct. Mr. Peter Heid asked if rehiring Mr. Mosher would not be condoning the previous violence and if the Town Board should expect the previous misconduct to reoccur. Mr. Heid also asked if this

proposed action would not open the Town to a possible liability action. Supv. Goodspeed said that in his opinion that Mr. Heid's line of reasoning was correct and accurate; he added that it was the responsibility of Highway Supt. Hitchcock to maintain a safe work environment and that one of the problems with nepotism is the problem of supervising and managing the related employee. Mr. Vanselow said that a vote to rehire at this time would basically amount to a two month suspension for a serious misconduct issue and that this would not be a sufficient punishment for Mr. Mosher's actions. Mr. Robert Nettle voiced his agreement with Mr. Vanselow's assertions. Mr. Paul Heid asked the cost of the labor attorney who advised the Town Board on the termination of Mr. Mosher; Supv. Goodspeed replied that the cost was several thousand dollars. Mr. Heid said that if Mr. Mosher was rehired that the Town Board was wasting that money. Supv. Goodspeed noted that he had spent a great deal of time on the termination process and believed that termination was the correct action; he said that he would not support the rehiring of Mr. Mosher. Mr. Stevens said that he voted against the termination and did not believe that it was the correct action and that he would support a rehire of Mr. Mosher. Highway Supt. Hitchcock asked if Mr. Mosher had received a second chance as Parks Supt. Matt Olden over his improper language at a recent Town Board meeting; Supv. Goodspeed replied that the firing was very defensible according to the Town's labor attorney. Mr. Arsenault said that a through investigation was conducted and a punishment enacted; he added that there were other personnel issues at the time which were not vigorously followed up. Supv. Goodspeed answered Mr. Arsenault that in the case of the other issues that the Town Board had requested additional interviews with employees; prior to those interviews being completed Highway Supt. Hitchcock was appointed by the Town Board. According to the labor attorney with the appointment of Highway Supt. Hitchcock that the Town Board was no longer involved in the disciplinary process; he added that he had shared information regarding the other issues with Highway Supt. Hitchcock. Supv. Goodspeed added that an admonition agreement was in the personnel file of one of the individuals involved in one of the alleged incidents. Mr. Arsenault apologized for his comment on a lack of vigor in following up on the other personnel issues. Highway Supt. Hitchcock said that he believed that he could manage the workplace. Mr. Stevens said that the discussions should be limited to Ethics Code points; Mr. Vanselow said that he believed that other questions should be asked and added that issues such as no interviews led him to believe that the process was not ethical. Supv. Goodspeed agreed with Mr. Vanselow that the process did not seem correct without interviews of all qualified applicants. Mr. Paul Heid asked how the other Highway employees felt about the hiring of Mr. Mosher; Highway Supt. Hitchcock replied that he did not believe that there would be much of a problem following discussions with the employees. Mr. Paul Heid noted that problems did occur which could possibly open the Town to liability of condoning workplace violence; Highway Supt. Hitchcock replied that he had spoken with Scott Cleveland and that the punch by Mr. Mosher did not happen. Supv. Goodspeed said that there were several witnesses to the punch and that it did happen. Mr. Arsenault and Mr. Morehouse were not in favor of mentioning that incident; Supv. Goodspeed replied that he had the right to set the record straight after Highway Supt. Hitchcock had brought up the topic. Mr. Arsenault said that Mr. Mosher hadn't waived his right to privacy. Mr. Joseph LaRocque said that he believes that the punishment so far has been sufficient. Mr. Stevens agreed saying that he has lost his pay

rate from longevity and will have no benefits in the temporary driver position. Mr. Peter Heid asked if the punishment was meant to be his firing; Supv. Goodspeed replied that termination was the punishment and that there was no discussion of the rehiring of Mr. Mosher. Supv. Goodspeed called for a vote on the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 21

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to ratify the hiring of William Mosher as a temporary driver to fill the position of Norman Petty, who is on leave due to a disability, by Highway Superintendent Daniel Hitchcock, who is his brother-in-law, in accordance with the Town of Johnsbury Ethics Code. With 3 members voting in favor and 2 opposed the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens,) Nays - 2 (Goodspeed, Vanselow)

NEW BUSINESS

Supv. Goodspeed requested that the Town Board authorize the use of a copy of the Supervisor's Annual Report to the Comptroller in lieu of accounting as had been done in previous years.

RESOLUTION NO. 22

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to authorize the use of a copy of the Supervisor's Annual Report to the New York State Comptroller in lieu of accounting. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed asked that the Town Board authorize the following changes in the names of institutions in the Town of Johnsbury investment policy: Citizens Bank changes to Community Bank, N.A. and Evergreen Bank Changes to TD Banknorth. These changes are to reflect changes in ownership and names of the institutions involved.

RESOLUTION NO. 23

Mr. Morehouse presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Vanselow to authorize the following changes in the Town of Johnsbury investment policy: Citizens Bank changes to Community Bank, N.A. and Evergreen Bank Changes to TD Banknorth. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed announced that the sale of the Copperfield Inn had been completed last week; the new owners have hired a person to remove snow from their property. The new owners request that the Town Board allow the individual removing snow from their property to dump the snow where the Town is dumping snow.

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution with a second from Mr. Vanselow to allow the Copperfield Inn to use the Town snow dumping Site.

Mr. James Jones, the successful bidder in the Intermittent Snow Removal and Beautification Bid for removing snow from Main Street, said that there are others in Town that would like to be able to dump snow in that area as well. Mr. Jones added that the

dumping of snow in that area by the Copperfield Inn will be a problem for the Town; he asked why the Copperfield Inn couldn't dump snow on the property across Ski Bowl Road from the inn. Supv. Goodspeed replied that the property mentioned may not belong to the new owners for long. Mr. Jones noted that there has already been snow dumped in the area; he added that if he has to level the dump site when doing the work for the bid that it cost the town more. Mr. Morehouse suggested allowing the Copperfield to use the site, if their operator will leave the site leveled and ready for use by the Town. Mr. Stevens suggested allowing the Main Street businesses to use the site for dumping excess snow, if the site is readied for use as suggested by Mr. Morehouse.

Mr. Arsenault withdrew his proposed resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 24

Supv. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept the request from the Copperfield Inn regarding the use of the Town snow dump site and further to allow all businesses on Main Street, North Creek, and limited to those businesses to participate in the use of the dumpsite; and further, that any of the aforesaid businesses which use the dumpsite will agree to have their snow removal contractors leave the site leveled and in a condition that causes no additional costs to the Town of Johnsbury. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Mr. Robert Nettle asked that special care be taken in the area of the Grunblatt Memorial to prevent damage to the memorial. Supv. Goodspeed noted that the Town board will be discussing the Town Beach at the next Town Board meeting, January 20, at the Town Hall (Library)

Supv. Goodspeed noted that the Tannery Pond Community Center cleaner, Jo Ann Smith had resigned from that position; he suggested offering the cleaning of that building to the cleaner of the other town buildings, Kathy Waite and if that offer is not accepted to advertise for a cleaner for the Tannery Pond Community Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 25

Mr. Vanselow presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to authorize the Town Supervisor to offer the cleaning of the Tannery Pond Community Center to the cleaner of the balance of the Town buildings, Kathy Waite and further, if this offer is unsuccessful, then the Town Supervisor is authorized to advertise the position of cleaner of the Tannery Pond Community Center in the North Creek News-Enterprise. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed asked if the Town Board wished to act upon the letter from Laura Mace, owner of "Laura's", read earlier in the meeting, requesting a letter from the Town board waiving the thirty day waiting period for the Town to file objections against the a liquor license renewal for the tavern following renovations at the site.

RESOLUTION NO. 26

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second

from Mr. Vanselow to authorize the town supervisor to issue a letter to the NYS Liquor Authority waiving the thirty day waiting period for the renewal of the liquor license for "Laura's" following renovations at the site. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed noted that the monthly report of the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Mr. Edward Tuttle, for the month of December 2008, has been delayed due to a serious illness to a member of Mr. Tuttle's family.

Supv. Goodspeed distributed the Supervisor's Monthly Report, for the month of December 2008, to the members of the Town of Johnsbury Town Board.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Robert Nettle asked if it would be possible to post the monthly reports of the Zoning Enforcement Officer on the Town website. Ms. Cherie Ferguson answered that the reports were not given to the Town in a digital format and that there was little detail. Sup. Goodspeed suggested that there were ways of posting the report and it would be added.

Mr. James Jones noted that the NYS Department of Transportation had changed the direction of Route 8 in the Town of Johnsbury from east and west to north and south. Mr. Stevens asked if he had spoken to the workers changing the signs; Mr. Jones replied that the workers installing the signs seemed unconcerned.

RESOLUTION NO. 27

Mr. Vanselow presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault that the following certified bills which have been reviewed by the board members be paid: General Fund- Warrant #1G/Claims #1-11; Highway Fund- Warrant #1H/Claims #1-3; North Creek Water Dist.- Warrant #1W/Claim#1. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Mr. Morehouse with a second from Mr. Arsenault at 8:55pm. With 4 members voting in favor the motion is carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, Thomas) Nays - 0

The meeting was closed at 8:55pm.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00pm on January 20, 2009 at the Town Hall (Library), North Creek, NY.

Prepared by William Rawson, Town Clerk