

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsbury Regular Board Meeting March 22, 2012
Held at the North River Fire House, North River, NY.**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury held on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 7:01pm at the North River Fire House, North River, NY. Supervisor Vanselow called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and the pledge to the flag was led by Supervisor Vanselow.

Roll call showed the following persons present: Supv. Ronald Vanselow; Town Councilmen/ Eugene Arsenault, Katharine Nightingale, Peter Olesheski, Jr, Arnold Stevens.; Town Clerk/ William Rawson.

Guests: On attached list

Supervisor Vanselow that digital recording of the meeting was now in use for a trial run.

Supervisor Vanselow thanked the North River Volunteer Fire Company for the use of the fire house for the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 82

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault, to accept the minutes of the March 6, 2012, regular Town Board meeting. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0 Abstained-1 (Nightingale, due to absence at previous meeting)

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter from Ms. Pat Hamilton, Executive Director of the Gore Mountain Region Chamber of Commerce, requesting that the Town Board allow a blanket vending permit for the 3rd Annual Adirondack Adventure Festival to be held May 4 through 6 in conjunction with the White Water Derby weekend.
2. Municipal Shelter and Dog Control Officer inspection reports from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets rating the shelter and the Dog Control Officer as satisfactory.
3. A request from Mrs. Catherine Allen to authorize the payment for her attendance at the Saratoga Planning Conference from April 15 through April 17 to satisfy 8 hours of training requirements. Mrs. Allen is asking for two nights hotel stay and the other conference costs.
4. A request from Highway Superintendent Daniel Hitchcock to purchase a new loader and a new tractor to replace those which the Highway is currently using and which are both over twenty years old.
5. An invitation to the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Aaron Ferguson.
6. A letter from Mrs. Barbara Thomas of the North Creek Farmers Market for a blanket vending permit for their fourth annual event.

Supervisor Vanselow asked if the Town Board wished to act upon the request, received in correspondence from Mrs. Catherine Allen to attend the Saratoga Planning Conference from April 15 through 17 at an estimated cost of \$375.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 83

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski that the Town Board does authorize Mrs. Catherine Allen to attend the Saratoga Planning Conference April 15 through 17 at Saratoga Springs at an anticipated cost to the Town of approximately \$250.00 and not to exceed \$375.00. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow asked if the Town board wished to discuss the request from Highway Superintendent Daniel Hitchcock to purchase a T5050 New Holland Tractor for \$97,864.95 and a John Deere 624K Loader for \$163, 248.00 through the use of the \$80,000.00 in the Equipment budget line and the remainder from unexpended balance. Supervisor Vanselow asked Highway Supt. Hitchcock if the old loader was worth more to the Town by keeping and using it as opposed to trading or selling it. Highway Supt. Hitchcock said that if another sand pit was opened the loader would be very useful and also that it would be handy for plowing in the hamlet of North Creek as a backup; he added that he was not impressed with any trade in offers. Supt. Hitchcock said that some other Towns trade in their loaders every two years at no cost. Supervisor Vanselow asked about where the loader could be kept; Highway Supt. Hitchcock said that he could build a pole barn and asked about the permit process. Supervisor Vanselow said that a Town permit would not be necessary, but a Warren County permit would be necessary. Mr. Stevens said that there was no reason to keep the machine idle all winter; he suggested using it in a limited manner to keep it active. Ms. Nightingale asked if there was any idea of the amount to be realized by putting the loader out to bid; Highway Supt. Hitchcock said that he had no idea. Mr. Stevens asked if the funding numbers from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement were good; Supt. Hitchcock said that he had spoken with Accounts Clerk Sherry Williams today and that there was about \$500,000.00 in the FEMA funds and he was also expecting a further reimbursement from FEMA. Mr. Arsenault asked if this would affect the planned summer paving; Supt. Hitchcock said that the funds for paving were planned to come from CHIP's funds and it is available.

Mr. Arsenault asked the status of the second FEMA award; Secretary Cherie Ferguson said that it was submitted last week in the amount of \$190,000.00. Mr. Arsenault asked if there was any assurance of a full award; Sect. Ferguson said that there had been no discussion of a less than full award. Mr. Arsenault asked if the FEMA expenses are all paid for; Highway Supt. Hitchcock said that all except the \$28,000.00 for wing walls on the Harrington Road bridge.

Mr. Olesheski said that he was in agreement with authorizing the purchase of the two pieces of equipment. Highway Supt. Hitchcock said that with these purchases the Highway Department will be in excellent shape. Mr. Peter Heid said that it seemed smart to upgrade both items; he asked if

there was any trade in value on the International. Highway Supt. Hitchcock said he doubted it would be worth much. Mr. Olesheski asked if anything needed to be done tonight to set up a bid process for the mower; Supervisor Vanselow said that he did not believe anything tonight. Supt. Hitchcock said that an auction may be the best way to go.

RESOLUTION NO. 84

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to authorize to Highway Superintendent purchase the following two pieces of equipment: T5050 New Holland Tractor for \$97,864.95 and a John Deere 624K Loader for \$163,248.00; and further, that the funding is to come from the Highway Equipment budget line (DA5130.2) in the amount of \$80,000.00 and that the balance is to be taken from the unexpended balance in the Highway Fund. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the Buildings Committee (Olesheski, Stevens) report would be addressed in the Old Business portion of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Vanselow explained that the Town Attorney has communicated with the Denton Property owner and given him a final date of April 1, 2012 that the Town will begin a cleanup of the property. Supervisor Vanselow said that he will begin the process to levy \$27,500.00 in fines and fees per Judge Krogmann's decision; the costs of the cleanup can also be levied against the property. Supervisor Vanselow did not ask for a resolution.

Supervisor Vanselow asked for a report from the Buildings Committee (Olesheski, Stevens) on the prioritization of repairs to the Town buildings. Mr. Olesheski reported that the Committee met with Buildings and Parks Superintendent Matt Olden to look over the buildings repair list compiled by Mr. Donald Filkins last year. Mr. Stevens said that the bigger picture of daily buildings work and parks work needed to be taken into account as well. The Committee suggested assigning either the mowing or the building repairs to Buildings and Parks Supt. Olden; Supt. Olden said that he wouldn't mind doing some of the building repairs as time allows. Some of the repairs will need to be bid or contracted out such as the roof and wall repair as they are beyond his skills or the Town lacks the proper equipment. Supt. Olden also could mow some of the cemeteries if the larger ones were contracted out. Supervisor Vanselow said that a discussion of the cemetery mowing will be given substantial time at the April 3, Town Board meeting. Supervisor Vanselow said that due to budget constraints probably no additional full time workers will be added; it is possible some part time staff could be added to free up Supt. Olden's time. Supervisor Vanselow said that he understands that the parks will demand a portion of Supt. Olden's time. Mr. Stevens said that after reviewing Supt. Olden's daily duties that even with the cemetery mowing and the major repairs removed from his schedule that he would still be left with

too much to do.

Mr. Olesheski said that Supt. Olden was very interested in having Town Board members look over buildings with him; he went with Supt. Olden to look over buildings. Originally, there were 49 items on the list and approximately 6 or 8 have been resolved; several have been added as well and the total is now 54. Supervisor Vanselow said that he understood that this is not a static situation and that he would like to plan an ongoing repair program. Mr. Olesheski said that annually or twice annually the Buildings Committee should go through the buildings with Supt. Olden.

Mr. Olesheski said that they had not ranked the buildings, but had prioritized items within the buildings. The roofs of the Town Hall, Senior Meal Site and the Scout Hall all need roof replacement. Mr. Olesheski said that in comparison to the roofs some of the paint issues or ceilings are cosmetic, but the most important repairs should be the roofs. Supervisor Vanselow said that the in-house repairs versus those which need to be contracted out need to be prioritized. Mr. Stevens suggested putting out an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the Wevertown Community Center and the Senior Meal Site. Mr. Olesheski said that individual projects should be put out not entire buildings as some cosmetic repairs could be done in-house. Mr. Olesheski suggested that the Town either add one year round full time employee or two full time summer employees to the Parks and Buildings Department. Mr. Stevens added that the Town should be able to do painting and simple repairs, but roofs would need to be contracted out in any case. Mr. Olesheski said that in looking at the amount of work and the hours of unpaid work done by Supt. Olden that he needs help. Mr. Arsenault asked who Supt. Olden reports to; Supervisor Vanselow replied that he was Supt. Olden's supervisor and added that things come up in the course of a day. Supervisor Vanselow noted that today a broken lock and earlier the library door repair. Mr. John Donohue asked about hiring school kids for summer help. Supervisor Vanselow said that the program funding that ended in 1999; he added that at a Warren County meeting today this issue had been discussed and that Warren County hopes to hire about forty kids countywide. There is now a very narrow focus on education aspects of the work; hopefully, the meal site, nursing home and Highway Department will get some help. The drawback is the amount of supervision needed; Mr. Olesheski said that Supt. Olden had said that the supervision time does not allow for time savings.

Mr. Stevens asked if anyone keeps track of the traffic at the transfer station; he asked if that facility could be closed one or two days a week to free up employee hours. Supervisor Vanselow said that he has thought about this and many transfer stations countywide are not open seven days per week. Mr. Olesheski said that Supt. Olden had said that additional help during the week would be good, but not completely solve the problem. Mr. Arsenault said that he understands that it is not working, but he would like a definition of the daily duties of Supt. Olden and Ernest Dunkley. Mr. Bulmer said that he was surprised that the parks and buildings were the same people; he said that the parks need work also. Supervisor Vanselow said that there is still the cost issue and the tax cap.

Mr. David Bulmer asked if any of the repair items were a safety issue; Supervisor Vanselow said that the panic hardware at the Senior Meal Site and a stair case at the Wevertown Community

Center. Mr. Olesheski said that he had looked at this issue. He said that every year an insurance company representative does a building walk through with Supt. Olden; he added that Supt. Olden tries to look at possible safety issues prior to that walkthrough. Mr. Olesheski said that Supt. Olden has quotes on many items. Mr. Bulmer asked if there was any idea of the overall cost and the amount to work with; Supervisor Vanselow said that it was a very large task and that he believed that there was approximately \$50,000.00 available in Capital Projects Funds for working on this project. Mr. Robert Riedinger asked if any comparison had been made between the costs of a full time hire versus a contractor doing the job.

Mr. Thomas Welch said that he has worked on the Rotary Trail behind his property and the Tannery Pond Community Center; he said that there are some safety issues with hung up trees along the trail.

Mr. Olesheski asked that this issue be put on the agenda for the next Town Board meeting.

Supervisor Vanselow reminded the Town Board that at the previous Town Board meeting that Town Clerk William Rawson had given them a list of documents to be destroyed according to the NYS Records Retention Schedule and also asked Town Board permission to offer the Town copies of the Proceedings of the Warren County Board of Supervisors to Mr. Thomas Lynch at the Warren County Records Center; these books take up a fair amount of space and are primary documents to Warren County. Following this the Town Clerk would like to offer the copies of these books to the Town of Johnsbury Historical Society. Also, the Town Clerk wants the Town Clerk to acknowledge the destruction of the following documents in accordance with the NYS Records Retention Schedule: Town Board Warrants covering the years of 1985 through 1991 and 1996, 2001 and 2004; Dog licenses of 1994, 2000 and 2003 through 2008; Tax Collection Receipts covering the years of 2002 through 2004; Town Clerk Checking Account records and cash receipts 2001 through 2003. The destruction of the records will free up space in the Town Records Room. Mrs. Catherine Allen asked if any of the records to be destroyed were Vital Records; the Town Clerk replied that the Vital Records are held forever under a different set of regulations.

RESOLUTION NO. 85

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski that the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury acknowledges that the Town Clerk as Records Officer will destroy the following documents in accordance with the NYS Records Retention Schedule: Town Board Warrants covering the years of 1985 through 1991 and 1996, 2001 and 2004; Dog licenses of 1994, 2000 and 2003 through 2008; Tax Collection Receipts covering the years of 2002 through 2004; Town Clerk Checking Account records and cash receipts 2001 through 2003 in order to free up space in the Town Records Room; and further, authorizes the Town Clerk to offer the Town copies of the Proceedings of the Warren County Board of Supervisors to Mr. Thomas Lynch at the Warren County Records Center and following that to offer the remaining copies to the Town of Johnsbury Historical Society. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens,

Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow informed the Town Board that the invitation to bid for the transfer station repair and reconstruction project have been posted in the North Creek News Enterprise and the Glens Falls Post Star; he added that three or four bid packets have been issued so far. Supervisor Vanselow noted that he had polled the Town Board for authorization to place the invitation to bid in the Glens Falls Post Star as suggested by Cedarwood Engineering.

RESOLUTION NO. 86

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault that the Town Board retroactively affirms its authorization that the Town Clerk is to place one insertion of the invitation to bid on the Transfer Station repair and reconstruction project in the Glens Falls Post Star. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow informed the Town Board that an agreement has been reached with New York State to purchase the approximately two acre parcel of NYS right of way property adjacent to the Town of Johnsbury Highway Garage on State Route 28 in North Creek. Supervisor Vanselow said that the appraised price was \$5700.00. Supervisor Vanselow asked that the Town Board authorizes him to move forward with the purchase of the property by the Town at that price.

RESOLUTION NO. 87

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault that the Town Board of Johnsbury authorizes the supervisor to move forward with the purchase of the approximately two acre parcel of NYS right of way property adjacent to the Town of Johnsbury Highway Garage on State Route 28 in North Creek, NY and further, to agree to pay the purchase price of \$5700.00 for said property. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow informed the Town Board that an agreement to obtain the small piece of property owned by Mr. Thomas Stoddard adjacent to the Town of Johnsbury Highway Garage. The acquisition will allow the Town to remove further sand from the already owned Town property and possibly obtain sand from the Stoddard property. Mr. Stoddard offered the parcel to the Town at an approximate cost of \$438.00 which Mr. Stoddard has said that he will donate the cost of the property back to the Town. Supervisor Vanselow asked the Town Board for permission to proceed with the acquisition of the parcel from Mr. Stoddard.

RESOLUTION NO. 88

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault that the Town Board of Johnsbury authorizes the supervisor to move forward with the purchase of the parcel from Mr. Thomas Stoddard for the approximate price of \$438.00 with

the assurance from Mr. Stoddard that the purchase price will be donated back to the Town of Johnsbury. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow informed the Town Board that he had been to a lunch at the Senior Meal site with approximately fifty four seniors and representatives from Warren County including County Administrator Paul Dusek and Office of the Aging Director Christine Sabo. The seniors were assured that the meals will continue at the Meal Site. The Warren County officials suggest that the Town of Johnsbury share more of the maintenance and utility costs of the Meal Site; the operation of the Meal Site will continue mostly unchanged. Mr. Arsenault asked if the Warren County funding is will be the same; Supervisor Vanselow said that the grant funding will stay at about the same level. Supervisor Vanselow said that approximately one hundred and sixty thousand dollars is still in the budget for this year. There are four meal sites countywide; the plan of preparing food at the Countryside facility seems to have run into some issues involving transportation of the food which will negate the anticipated savings.

Supervisor Vanselow asked that the Town Board pass the following resolution at the request of the Warren County Planning Department in support of renaming a scenic touring route in nearby communities currently named "Dude Ranch Trail" as First Wilderness Scenic Byway.

RESOLUTION NO. 89

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski:

Resolution of Support for the First Wilderness Scenic Byway

Whereas, The Town of Johnsbury is a participating community in the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor - a planning and development initiative - for the Hudson River communities of northern Saratoga and Warren Counties, and

Whereas, The 1984 New York State Highway Law declared a scenic touring route in an adjacent communities identified as the Dude Ranch Trail, and

Whereas, The Town is participating with selected other communities of the First Wilderness Corridor to develop an updated byway plan under the federal Scenic Byway Program, and

Whereas, Through the sponsorship efforts of the Adirondack North Country Association with technical assistance from the Warren County Planning Department and Plan Development Consultant Ann Holland, recommendations were made to change the name from Dude Ranch Trail to First Wilderness Scenic Byway, and

Whereas, The updated plan would be consistent with the strategies and initiatives of the First Wilderness Heritage Corridor Plan and will provide opportunities for federal funding under the Scenic Byway Program, and

Whereas, The revised scenic byway identification will expand the traveling publics' knowledge of the resources that promote tourism, recreation and local economic development while maintaining a recognized scenic byway route in the Town, and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury, Warren County, New York supports the First Wilderness Scenic Byway re-designation.

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

Supervisor Vanselow informed the Town Board that Mr. Michael Dunkley and Mr. Thomas Welch were present to answer questions on Ambit Energy being named the electricity supplier for the Town of Johnsbury. Mr. Arsenault asked that they give a short presentation on the proposal. Mr. Dunkley said that the proposal is to switch the supply portion of the electrical bills to Ambit Energy; the bill for service would still come from National Grid. He said that at the end of one year the Town will be guaranteed a minimum of 1% savings per account totally risk free; the Town would be free to change the electric supplier at any time. Ambit will send a report on the savings per meter. There is also a monthly rebate check offer.

Supervisor Vanselow said that he has spoken with the supervisors of Brant Lake and Warrensburg which are Towns using Ambit for electrical supply and they are pleased with the result. Supervisor Vanselow asked that the Town Board authorize a change of electrical supply to Ambit Energy. Mr. Olesheski said that he would abstain as he is consultant for Ambit Energy, although he will have no personal gain from any Town Board action regarding Ambit Energy. Mr. Robert Nettle asked if the street lighting would be included in the switch. Mr. Dunkley said that he was not sure if this could be added do to the lack of individual metering. Mr. Dunkley and Mr. Welch said that they would look into the situation.

RESOLUTION NO. 90

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute documents necessary to change the Town electrical supply to Ambit Energy in anticipation of a minimal annual savings of 1% and further, that this is to include the street lighting if possible. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0 Abstained-1 (Olesheski due to being a consultant for Ambit Energy)

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Vanselow asked that the Town Board authorize a resolution to recognize Aaron

Ferguson becoming an Eagle Scout and encouraged all present to attend the ceremony.

RESOLUTION NO. 91

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens:

A RESOLUTION to recognize Aaron Ferguson on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, Aaron Ferguson is a member of Boy Scout Troop 36 of North Creek, and

WHEREAS, Aaron has built and installed fitness stations along the “Yellow Brick Road”; the circuit around the sports and recreation fields at Johnsbury Central School, and worked on this project with the aid of volunteers and other scouts, installing a custom built exercise equipment and yellow brick pavers at each of the six stations, and

WHEREAS, Aaron needed to plan, organize, find funding for, and complete this project in order to fulfill the final requirement for the Eagle Scout rank, and

WHEREAS, it is a true honor for Aaron, his family and this community for him to have earned this honor, and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout and Aaron, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF JOHNSBURG, that we hereby applaud and honor Aaron Ferguson on becoming an Eagle Scout, and recognizes the hard work and dedication he has shown in his years as a Boy Scout of Troop 36 and extends to him our best wishes for every future success.

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

Supervisor Vanselow asked if the Town Board wished to act upon the request from the Gore Mountain Region Chamber of Commerce for a blanket vending permit for the 3rd Annual Adirondack Adventure Festival to be held May 4 through 6. Mr. Olesheski asked if the Town Board wished to act upon the request from the North Creek Farmers Market for a blanket vending permit for their summer market event and asked if Mrs. Barbara Thomas of the North Creek Farmers Market was sure of the trustworthiness of the vendors. Mrs. Thomas replied that in three previous years that there had never been any questions of their vendors.

RESOLUTION NO. 92

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

Arsenault to authorize the Town Clerk to issue a blanket vending permit to the Gore Mountain Region Chamber of Commerce permit for the 3rd Annual Adirondack Adventure Festival to be held May 4 through 6, 2012; and further, the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to issue a blanket vending permit to the North Creek Farmers Market for the organization's summer market event. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow recognized Town Clerk William Rawson to explain to the Town Board that an incorrect budget line was used on the Warrant of March 6, 2012 on claim number 2012-182 to NYTECH Supply was typed in in the amount of \$223.00 when the voucher was for \$223.80. claim number 2012-211 is an entry to write a check in the amount of \$223.80 to replace the check created by the mistyped amount. The Town Clerk requested that the Town Board authorize the correction of claim Number 2012-182 with claim number 2012-211.

RESOLUTION NO. 93

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse, to authorize the correction of claim number 2012-182 (payee NYTECH Supply) of March 6, 2012 in the Highway Warrant from the incorrect amount of \$223.00 to \$223.80 in claim number 2012-211 of March 22, 2012. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow informed the Town Board that the Dollars for Scholars organization has put in a request for Occupancy Tax funding in the amount of \$500.00 for their "Race the Train" event. The Dollars for Scholars organization said that there had been a reorganization of their leadership and that they had missed the application deadline; they hoped that the Town Board would either accept a late application for funding or purchase advertising on the "Race the Train" banner for \$500.00. Mr. Olesheski said that he did not believe it would be right for the Town to accept a late application; he suggested that the Town purchase promotional space on the banner.

RESOLUTION NO. 94

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to authorize the purchase of a promotional (advertising) listing on the "Race the Train" banner in the amount of \$500.00 from Occupancy Tax funding monies. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow informed the Town Board that the term of Mrs. Kelly Nettle on the Youth Committee will expire on May 10, 2012. Supervisor Vanselow said that he expects to hear from Mrs. Nettle if she is interested in being reappointed to the position and to discuss the issue at the next Town Board meeting.

Supervisor Vanselow asked Mr. Olesheski to report on Johnsburg Youth Baseball and its

requests from the Town Board. Mr. Olesheski informed the Town Board that the Johnsbury Youth Baseball organization has been meeting since December and that the organization has request regarding the dugouts and the field at the Sodom baseball diamond.

Mr. Olesheski introduced Johnsbury Youth Baseball President Robert Riedinger. Mr. Riedinger said that last year materials were donated to rebuild the dugouts at the Sodom field; the materials were not sufficient to finish even one of the two dugouts. Mr. Riedinger said that enough additional materials have obtained and that he plans to begin work on rebuilding the dugouts on Saturday. Mr. Riedinger said that he would like to paint the new dugouts and a new concession stand blue with white trim. Mr. Stevens said that if Mr. Riedinger was willing to build the dugouts and the concession stand that the blue and white colors would be okay with him. Mr. Riedinger said that he wanted to use the colors of the Johnsbury Central School to help build area spirit.

RESOLUTION NO. 95

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to authorize the newly rebuilt dugouts and concession stand at the Sodom Community baseball field to be painted white with blue trim as requested by Johnsbury Youth Baseball President Robert Riedinger. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Mr. Robert Nettle said that the Ski Bowl Park Committee would request that the dugouts at the field in the Ski Bowl Park be painted so as to match the pavilion in the park; the Town Board agreed with this plan.

Mr. Olesheski said that Mr. Robert Wing also had a request about the Sodom baseball field. Mr. Wing asked that the Town Board allow him to edging and to use some material belonging to the Town to upgrade the baseball diamond. Mr. Olesheski said that the plan was to get the field in shape and not to completely take it over from Buildings and Parks Superintendent Matt Olden. Mr. Olesheski asked if the approximately two yards of clay isn't enough to resurface the diamond. Mr. Wing said that whether or not it was enough would depend on how much material was already in place. The Town Board generally agreed to Mr. Wing using the material. The Town Clerk asked if the Town Board wished to present a resolution; Supervisor Vanselow said that he was not asking for a resolution.

Mr. Olesheski said that he has had an email from Mr. Philip Goodman suggesting a movement of the orientation of one of the ball fields in the Ski Bowl Park and upgrade it to a multipurpose field. Mr. Goodman said that it would be helpful if the infield was not at the spot where the circus sets up its big top and ring due to the damage that the event annually creates. Mr. Goodman also suggested a change from clay to stone dust for the infield and the base paths.

Mr. Olesheski said that Johnsbury Youth Baseball is looking to raise funds with an adult tournament on the field next to the tubing area and would like to upgrade that field for use. Supervisor Vanselow said that a multipurpose field was intended in the Ski Bowl Park planning

that the change may be possible; he added that there are budget constraints. Supervisor Vanselow said that it may be possible to use grant funds. Mr. Olesheski said that he wants to pursue this and to have this brought back in the future.

Supervisor Vanselow asked that the Town Board authorize him to draft and present a certificate of recognition for Matthew Richards, a nine year old youth, who displayed courage and bravery in calling 911 and assisting in the emergency care for his grandfather, Brian Richards, Sr.

RESOLUTION NO. 96

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to draft and present a certificate of recognition for Matthew Richards, a nine year old youth, who displayed courage and bravery in calling 911 and assisting in the emergency care for his grandfather, Brian Richards, Sr. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. David Bulmer asked that an agenda item for the Centurion Cycling Event to be held June 22 through 24; the event will need volunteers and non-profit organizations can make about \$500.00 in funding. Mr. Bulmer said that about four hundred volunteers will be needed county wide.

Mr. Thomas Welch asked for authorization from the Town Board to remove several trees and stumps along the Rotary Club Trail behind his store and the Tannery Pond Community Center; he described the trees and stumps as a danger to those using the trail.

RESOLUTION NO. 97

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale that the Town Board authorizes Mr. Thomas Welch to remove several trees and stumps in or adjacent to the Rotary Club Trail behind his store and the Tannery Pond Community Center as they could pose a danger to those using the trail . With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 98

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale that the following certified bills which have been reviewed by the board members be paid: General Fund- Claim #2012-211 and Claims #2012-214 through #2012-229, and #2012-235 through #2012-250 and #2012-260 and #2012-261 and #2012-263 and #2012-264 and #2012-266 and #2012-267; Highway Fund- Claims #2012-230 through #2012-234 and #2012-252 and #2012-253 and #2012-262 and #2012-265; North Creek Water Dist.- Claims #2012-235 and #2012-251 and #2012-254; Library Fund- Claims #2012-255 through #2012-259;. With 5 members

voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow asked that the Town Board now move into executive session to discuss a property negotiation.

Ms. Nightingale presented the following motion, with a second from Mr. Olesheski to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a property negotiation at 9:20pm. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Mr. Arsenault presented the following motion, with a second from Mr. Stevens to adjourn the executive session for the purpose of discussing a property negotiation and further, to reenter the regular session at 9:30pm. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Mr. Olesheski with a second from Mr. Stevens at 9:30pm. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00pm on April 3, 2012 at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, New York.

Prepared by William Rawson, Town Clerk