

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsbury Regular Board Meeting April 3, 2012
Held at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY.**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, 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.; Town Clerk/ William Rawson. Town Councilman Arnold Stevens was absent; Supervisor Vanselow indicated that Mr. Stevens had a prior commitment and would try to arrive later in the meeting.

Guests: On attached list

Supervisor Vanselow noted that there were copies of the paperwork in the Town Board members' packets at the front table available to the public and that digital recording of the meeting was being conducted.

BID OPENING:

The Town Clerk read the Legal Notice for the North Creek Main Street Enhancement Plan (Streetscape) as it appeared in the North Creek News-Enterprise edition of March 17, 2012. At the request of Warren County Planning and Development Deputy Director Wayne LaMothe copies of the RFP were sent to River Street Planning & Development, The Chazen Companies, CLA SITE Landscape Architecture, Engineering & Planning, PC, The LA Group, Melissa McManus, LLC, Elan Planning, Design & Landscape Architecture, PLLC, Behan Planning and Design and also a copy was picked up by Volt Landscaping. Four bids were returned by The Chazen Companies, The LA Group, Behan Planning and Design, and Synthesis (River Street Planning & Development). The proposals were opened and the following table lists the preliminary cost quotes. Copies of the proposals were given to the Town Board members.

Tasks	Chazen			LA Group		Synthesis			Behan
Part A	Main st	Park		Main St	Park	As requested	Proposed		
1	\$407	\$407		\$465.00	\$285.00				\$3235
2	\$407	\$407		\$2996.75	\$1854.25				\$5720

	3	\$1,442	\$1,640		\$1156.25	\$628.25			\$6740
	4	\$2,358	\$3,790		\$3029.25	\$1831.75			\$7320
	5	\$784	\$982		\$1041.75	\$639.25			\$3580
	6	\$1,450	\$1,648		\$1546.50	\$825.00			\$2840
Expenses		\$342	\$443		\$1807.07	\$1181.91	\$1,200	1500	\$1765
Subtotal		\$7,190	\$9,317		\$12,043.00	\$7245.00	\$46,813	34780	\$31,200
Part B	low	high							
	7	\$12,500	\$15,000		\$437.50	\$325.00			\$18440
	8	\$600	\$850		\$8,151.75	\$7,742.00			\$2180
	9	\$2,500	\$2,500		\$891.75	\$549.00			\$3800
	10	\$1,500	\$2,500		\$1,514.50	\$5,955.00			\$180
	11	\$2,500	\$4,000		\$1,176.25	\$726.00			0
	12	\$0	\$0		\$1,155.50	\$755.00			\$5120
	13	\$1,250	\$1,750		\$866.75	\$456.00			\$3980
Expenses		\$521	\$521		\$3,426.42	\$3,495.00	\$2,209	872	
Subtotal		\$11,071	\$16,571		\$17,640.42	\$20,003.00	\$56,710	54324	\$33,700
SWPPP		\$7,500							

Alt A	\$2,500								
Alt B	\$2,500								
Alt C	\$1,750	\$0							
Subtotal	\$33,374	\$26,852							
				\$29,683	\$27,248.00				
Total all lines		\$60,226			\$56,931	\$106,932	\$91,476		\$66,665

Supervisor Vanselow asked that the Town Board authorize the delivery of copies of the proposals to Warren County Planning and Development Deputy Director Wayne LaMothe for review and a recommendation of the best value for the Town.

RESOLUTION NO. 99

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski, to authorize the delivery of copies of the North Creek Main Street Enhancement Plan (Streetscape) proposals to Warren County Planning and Development Deputy Director Wayne LaMothe for review and a recommendation as to which would be the best value for the Town. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Nightingale, Vanselow) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 100

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale, to accept the minutes of the March 22, 2012 regular Town Board meeting as written. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Nightingale, Vanselow) Nays - 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter from Ms. Rebecca (Tina) Mulvey expressing her interest in serving on the Planning Board in a full time position.
2. An application for a blanket vending permit from the White Water Derby for their annual event May 5th and 6th 2012.
3. A request from Highway Superintendent Daniel Hitchcock to attend the annual conference for Superintendents of Highways at Ithaca College June 11th through 13th at a probable cost of \$696.00.
4. A letter from Kathy Waite of Waite Services informing the Town Board that she wishes to terminate her cleaning contract with the Town effective April 30, 2012.

5. A note from the Town Clerk asking that the Town Board authorize the use of two older voting machines by the Johnsbury Central School for their May 15, 2012 budget vote.

Supervisor Vanselow asked if the Town Board wished to conduct interviews or to appoint Ms. Rebecca (Tina) Mulvey to a position on the Planning Board. Ms. Nightingale asked if any of the members of the Town Board have spoken to Ms. Mulvey; Mr. Olesheski said that with Mr. Moos that several of the Town Board members had spoken to him and as none of the members have had a talk with Ms. Mulvey that an interview would be a good idea. Mr. Arsenault agreed that as no one has spoken to Ms. Mulvey that an interview would be a good idea. Supervisor Vanselow said that he would schedule an interview at the next Town Board meeting.

Supervisor Vanselow asked if the Town Board wished to act upon the request from Highway Superintendent Daniel Hitchcock that the Town Board authorize him to attend the 2012 Highway School at Ithaca College June 11 through 13, 2012. Supt. Hitchcock informed the Town Board that the costs would be: registration-\$100.00, lodging approximately \$342.00 and the mileage cost of approximately \$254.00 for a total of \$696.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 101

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to authorize Highway Superintendent Daniel Hitchcock to attend the 2012 Highway School at Ithaca College June 11 through 13, 2012, with the costs expected to be as follows: registration of \$100.00, lodging approximately \$342.00 and the mileage reimbursement for the trip at \$.50 per mile (est. \$254.00). With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Nightingale, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow asked if the Town Board wished to act upon the request from the Town Clerk to authorize the use of two voting machines by the Johnsbury Central School for their May 15, 2012 budget vote. The Town Clerk pointed out that the School has allowed the Town to use the "folder-stuffer" machine for the tax bills which saves time in working on the tax mailing. The School will pick up and move the machines and set them up for the vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 102

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski, to authorize the use of two older voting machines by the Johnsbury Central School for their May 15, 2012 budget vote. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Nightingale, Vanselow) Nays - 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Olesheski said that he had updates regarding the Buildings Committee in a follow up to the previous meeting of March 20. Mr. Olesheski said that he had looked at the lists of repairs for possible safety issues. Mr. Olesheski said that only three issues appeared to be necessary to contract out: an overhead door at the Highway Garage, damaged concrete aprons at the Highway

Garage and the concrete stairs at the Wevertown community Center and the replacement of the Town Hall roof is also a large job requiring a contractor. Mr. Olesheski said that much of the remainder of the list is cosmetic. The safety issues appear to be the panic hardware on the door at the Senior Meal Site, the inadequate lock on the main door at the Wevertown Community Center and the electric heaters at the Senior Meal Site. Supervisor Vanselow asked if Buildings and Parks Superintendent Matt Olden had a quote on the door or any of the other discussed items at the Highway Garage and if Supt. Olden believed that he had the time for the door repair. Supervisor Vanselow said that he believed that the Town Board should move forward with Highway Garage aprons, the Highway Garage door and the door at the Wevertown Community Center and the Town Hall roof replacement. Supervisor Vanselow asked if there was an estimate for the Highway Garage door; Mr. Olesheski said that he was not sure of the cost. Mr. Curt Richards a previous Highway Superintendent said that he believed that the estimate was about \$2000.00 a few years ago. Supervisor Vanselow asked the bidding level per the procurement policy; the procurement policy bid level is \$10,000.00 and \$1,000.00 to \$3,000.00 is 2 or 3 verbal quotes. Sect. Cherie Ferguson questioned repairing the concrete aprons on the Highway Garage when within five years or so the site may be replaced. Ms. Nightingale suggested replacing the roof on the Town Hall. Mr. Curt Richards questioned the repair of the Town Hall roof with the possibility of the "red barn" falling on it and creating more problems; Supervisor Vanselow said that he planned to discuss the "red barn" at a later date and said that Engineer Thomas Suozzo had said that there did not appear to be imminent danger of collapse. The Town Clerk asked who was to write the roof repair bid or RFP; Supervisor Vanselow said that he would talk about it later.

RESOLUTION NO. 103

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski that the Town Board authorizes the placement of a Town Hall roof replacement bid with specifics from the Town Supervisor with bids to be accepted until 12:00pm May 1, 2012 and to be opened at 7:00pm at the Town Board meeting at Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY; and further, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to seek quotes for replacement of the front door at the Wevertown Community Center and the broken overhead garage door at the Highway Garage and the replacement of the concrete stairs at the Wevertown Community Center and to move forward with the repairs if fiscally appropriate. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Nightingale, Vanselow) Nays - 0

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Vanselow noted that as there were no "Old Business" items listed on the agenda that "New Business" would be the next agenda item for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Vanselow explained that he was seeking Town Board and public input on how to deal with the issue of the mowing of the cemeteries. Supervisor Vanselow noted that there is a

budget line of \$11,500.00 to pay for mowing the cemeteries and he noted that prevailing wage does not apply to the mowing of cemeteries according to the NYS Department of Labor (NYSDOL). Mr. Jim Jones questioned the lack of a need of prevailing wage for the mowing. The Town Clerk explained that Investigator Charles Durban was the contact at the NYSDOL who had explained that cemetery mowing was exempt from prevailing wage restrictions.

Mr. Peter Heid asked how well the mowing was done last year by the contractor (John Helms & Sons Lawn Care). Mrs. Jo Ann Smith (also Town Historian) said that the contractor did an excellent job; Secretary Cherie Ferguson added that he kept in touch with the Town Hall about his progress.

Supervisor Vanselow said that the contractor from last year had originally said that he was not interested in giving a bid or quote again, but recently he had said that he would. Mrs. Smith said that state law requires two mowings annually. Mr. Olesheski asked the amount of the non winning "bids"; Sect. Ferguson said that the awarded "bid" was about \$2000.00 and the other was several times higher. If the contractor who mowed last year did bid this year he indicated that his price would be higher. Mr. Olesheski said that there was a great deal of concern over the condition of the cemeteries and that there is a spread between what needs to be done versus what should be done. Mr. Curt Richards suggested that the Town ask Highway Superintendent Daniel Hitchcock if he could handle the mowing if the \$11,000.00 were given to the Highway Department. Supervisor Vanselow said that if there was a season like last year that the Highway Department could be very busy without added work. Mr. Heid said that the bidding was a better idea due to the possibility of weather related slowdowns. Mr. Richards said that most of the cemeteries need more than one day of mowing; he asked about the Youth group Warren County program. Supervisor Vanselow said that the Youth worker program has changed to a more educational program and also the safety standards now prevent anyone under 18 from operating power equipment. Sect. Ferguson asked about possibly hiring Youth Program counselors who are older to mow for a longer work day. Mr. Olesheski suggested that hiring one or two local youths who are old enough to operate the equipment; he also suggested looking to get some help from the Moriah Shock Camp inmates. Supervisor Vanselow said that using the inmates was a possibility and that the inmates are not violent offenders, he felt that the list may already be long. Mr. Heid agreed with Supervisor Vanselow about the inmates. Mr. Arsenault suggested that the Town Board go out to bid in order to see the costs; he added that there was a need for additional maintenance. Mr. Arsenault said that he has spoken to Mrs. Catherine Allen who has mowed cemeteries and while she was not interested in performing the work she would give advice on the maintenance. Ms. Nightingale said that she was in favor of the bid process as using youths would not help free the time up that Parks and Buildings Superintendent Matt Olden needs. Ms. Nightingale also asked about the level of funding for maintenance; Mr. Arsenault said that it was not a large amount. Sect. Ferguson said that there had been the offer of funding from Mr. Charles Sormani and the Rotary Club; Mr. Arsenault said that the Town should look to its own funding as well as for donations. Mr. Arsenault suggested that if the Town looked toward hiring mowing personnel that one should be old enough and have a driver's license to transport the other workers

and be a deputy for Supt. Olden. Supervisor Vanselow said that there may be a little more money to hire some help for Supt. Olden which is not in the cemetery mowing budget line and then have the hires do some mowing and cleanup in between the bid out mowings.

Mr. Olesheski asked if last year the "bids" were for all the cemeteries; Supervisor Vanselow said that it was for all thirteen. Mr. Olesheski suggested bidding the larger ones the larger ones. Supervisor Vanselow said that breaking up the job into packages may not be as easy. Mr. Olesheski said that if all were bid that it would give the Town an idea of the cost at the high end. Supervisor Vanselow said that spring is early this year and that the work may need to start soon. Mr. Olesheski suggested that the Town bid all the cemeteries with one mowing prior to Memorial Day. Mrs. Smith suggested two mowings one just before Memorial Day and the other near Labor Day and if Supt. Olden had some time to work in between that it could be tried. Ms. Nightingale agreed with this plan.

(Mr. Stevens entered the meeting at 8:00pm)

Mr. Robert Nettle said that the cemeteries should have perpetual care and that the Town should not be saddled with the care of what are basically private family cemeteries or church cemeteries. Mrs. Jo Ann Smith said that the cemeteries are abandoned, not private. Mr. Nettle said that the Town should not be spending money on private properties; suggested a local law to necessitate perpetual care. Supervisor Vanselow said that the Town can't supersede New York State Law. Mrs. Jo Ann Smith said that she has the NYS Cemetery Laws for review and has read them as the Town Historian.

Mr. Brian May asked if the proposed bid for cemetery mowing would be a lump sum for all the cemeteries as it could prove to be too large a job for some small contractors. Supervisor Vanselow said that he believed that the lump bid would be the best at this time although possibly the midsummer mowing between the two times planned for bidding may yield some spot work. Mrs. Agnes Straight suggested that those cemeteries with more people visiting be mowed first. Supervisor Vanselow said that this could be suggested to the winning bidder.

RESOLUTION NO. 104

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to place a notice for two mowings of thirteen cemeteries in the Town of Johnsburg as follows: Bates, Hack, Isaac Morehouse, Jarius Wescott, Johnsburg Methodist Church, Kenwell, Mill Creek, North River, Morehouse-Dunklee, Pasco, Union, Wakely, and Wevertown; and further, that each mowing will be within two weeks of Memorial Day and Labor Day; and further, that the bids will be received at the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Johnsburg, North Creek, New York until 12:00 p.m. (noon) May 1, 2012 and will be opened at a regular meeting of the Town Board at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, New York at 7:00 p.m. on the same day. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow)
Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow explained that Ms. Kathy Waite has resigned as cleaner of Town buildings other than Tannery Pond Community Center effective April 30, 2012. Supervisor Vanselow added that he thought that this might be a good time to review the job description. Supervisor Vanselow thought that it may be more effective to contract the job out. Mr. Olesheski asked if the public is required to clean a site after using it; Secretary Cherie Ferguson said that general housekeeping is necessary by the Town and sometimes accidents happen as well. Supervisor Vanselow said that the current cost of about \$7000.00 annually for cleaning the buildings seems excessive and suggested putting the cleaning out to bid.

RESOLUTION NO. 105

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault that the Town Board authorizes putting the job of cleaner of Town buildings out to bid for contract or advertise the position following a review and updating of the job description. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow recognized Town Historian Jo Ann Smith for a presentation on the Warren County Bicentennial and the involvement of the Town of Johnsburg in the celebration. Town Historian Smith explained that she and former Town Supervisor William Thomas were on a committee for the celebration of the Warren County Bicentennial in 2013. Town Historian Smith noted that there had been several requests for information from Warren County and that all requests had been filled except for one very recent request for photos and the choice of a celebration day in the Town of Johnsburg. Town Historian Smith said that as a result of discussions with Mr. Jason Smith, representing Braley & Noxon, Mr. William Thomas, and Secretary Cherie Ferguson, she was suggesting the weekend of July 6, 2013 and including the Independence Day Celebration as the backdrop. Mr. Smith representing Braley & Noxon, the principal sponsor of the Independence Day Celebration wanted to make it a large event and include a parade involving schools and the fire companies. Supervisor Vanselow said that he had spoken to Ms. Laurie Arnheiter about the parade and she had said that Mrs. Lisa Thomas had organized the Christmas Parade and suggested contacting Mrs. Thomas about organizing this parade. Mr. Robert Nettle asked why are we celebrating and suggested that seceding from Warren County would be more sensible. Mr. Olesheski thanked Town Historian Jo Ann Smith for all of her hard work and noted that the only Town which had met the requests from Warren County in a timely fashion was the Town of Johnsburg and that this was due to the Town Historian's hard work.

Supervisor Vanselow asked if the Town Board wished to act upon the request from the White Water Derby for a blanket vending permit for their 5st annual race event to be held May 5th and 6th Ms. Nightingale noted that she would abstain from voting as she is the president of the White Water Derby organization.

RESOLUTION NO. 106

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to authorize the Town Clerk to issue at no charge a blanket vending permit to the White Water Derby for their 51st annual event to be held May 5th and 6th. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0 Abstained-1 (Nightingale)

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the monthly report of the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Danae Tucker, for the month of March 2012, was in the Town Board members' packets.

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the monthly report of the Animal Control Officer, William Mosher, for the month of March 2012, was in the Town Board members' packets.

Supervisor Vanselow distributed the Supervisor's Monthly Report, for the month of March 2012, to the members of the Town of Johnsburg Town Board.

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the Youth Committee meeting minutes, for the meeting of March 22, 2012 were in the Town Board members' packets.

RESOLUTION NO. 107

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- Claims #2012-271 and 2012-272 and 2012-274 and 2012-278 through 2012-281; Highway Fund- Claims #2012-271 and 2012-272 and 2012-282 and 2012-283; North Creek Water Dist.- Claim#2012-271; Capital Project Funds - Claim 2012-275; Library Fund- Claim #2012-272; Trust and Agency Claims #2012-271-2012-273 and 2012-276 and 2012-277. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Secretary Cherie Ferguson wanted to make the Town board and the public aware that the 2012 Independence Day Celebration date is to be moved to July 7th due to a conflict with the 25th Minerva Day Celebration; she added that she has contacted the fireworks contractor and the date change will work.

Mr. Olesheski said that he had three items to discuss. Mr. Olesheski said that he has heard concern from the public over the article in the North Creek News-Enterprise about the concerns raised by the Bakers Mills-Sodom Vol. Fire Company Fire Chief at the Planning Board meeting regarding the roadways in the proposed Ward Hill subdivision development; he said that the Bakers Mills-Sodom Fire Chief and members of the Fire Company feel that there may not be enough safeguards in the Local Land Use Plan regarding the grade of these roads in the subdivision. Supervisor Vanselow said that the Bakers Mills-Sodom Fire Chief says that there is a NYS law saying that fire companies do not have to respond to calls over roads with a grade above 8%; he said that the law applies to new construction and not existing roads. Supervisor Vanselow said that

this will have to be looked into further.

Mr. Olesheski said that some concerns had been expressed over the last Town Board meeting having been held upstairs in the North River Fire House which was not a handicapped accessible site. Mr. Olesheski said that public meetings need to be held in a fully accessible building. Supervisor Vanselow said that the point was taken; he added that the concept was to bring in more people by spreading the meetings around the Town.

Mr. Olesheski said that he has had had more discussions regarding the softball field in the Ski Bowl Park; he said that the plan which had been suggested was to move the field to a new area and it has been decided that this plan would not work. The Johnsburg Youth Baseball would like to move the backstop. There are two events planned for the field in June and July; Mr. Olesheski asked that the Town use its resources to create a skinned out infield with a mixture of tailings and sand and also, new baselines and base areas for easier maintenance. Mr. Olesheski is hoping that the Highway Department could do this in an afternoon. Supervisor Vanselow said that he has spoken to Parks and Buildings Superintendent Matt Olden about this proposal and he thinks that it can be done and that a Town Board resolution is not necessary. Mr. Olesheski said that he would put Johnsburg Youth Baseball officials in touch with Supervisor Vanselow.

Mrs. Jill Broderick informed the Town Board that ORDA has taken over operation of Belair Ski Area and has succeeded in getting two new ORDA Board members and a local ORDA office; she added that the ORDA Board is a local advisory board. Mrs. Broderick said that Gore Mt. has been operated by ORDA for twenty-eight years and has only one representative and no local ORDA office; she said that it is very important to the region to at least be equal to the Belair opportunities. Supervisor Vanselow said that the one representative is from Lake George not the Town of Johnsburg and added that Assemblyman Tony Jordan is working on this issue of modifying the ORDA Board makeup in the Assembly and Senator Betty Little is trying to advance this issue in the Senate. Mrs. Broderick said that this would be better for the region as regards more collaboration on marketing, advertisement and other issues. Supervisor Vanselow said that more members would mean that the Town of Johnsburg would be taken more seriously.

Mrs. Jill Broderick also asked for a street sweeping schedule as the Main Street and downtown area seems to be overlooked; her office is on the corner of Main Street (County road) and State Route 28 (State road). Mrs. Broderick said that the street looks deplorable. Supervisor Vanselow said that he would speak to Warren County Department of Public Works Superintendent Jeffery Tennyson tomorrow to check up on the Warren County street sweeping in the Town of Johnsburg.

Mr. Robert Nettle asked about the planning being made regarding the fire protection of the Town especially the Wevertown Fire company area as a result of that company disbanding. Supervisor Vanselow said that blanket fire protection is being provided through the five fire companies with contracts. Supervisor Vanselow said that he has been trying to obtain information from the Wevertown Fire Company as to their readiness to provide fire protection; he said that over the weekend he had been informed by the Wevertown Fire Chief that the company would be disbanding. Supervisor Vanselow said that he has spoken with Warren County Fire Coordinator Brian LaFlure who said that he had spoken with the entire membership of the Wevertown Fire

Company consisting of two members; Supervisor Vanselow said that two members do not constitute a working fire company. Supervisor Vanselow said that he had no additional information regarding the Wevertown Fire Company. Supervisor Vanselow said that he has spoken to the Fire Chiefs of Johnsbury, Riverside and North Creek fire companies and they will be placed on automatic mutual aid for the Wevertown Fire Company area. Supervisor Vanselow added that if the Wevertown Fire Company is to be disbanded there are a bunch of questions regarding assets and outstanding debts of the company. Supervisor Vanselow said that Town Attorney Jordan was contacted by an attorney yesterday that she had been contacted by the Wevertown Fire Chief about handling the disbanding of the Wevertown Fire Company, but she added that she would not be getting involved in that process as she could not provide adequate help. Mr. Peter Heid said that as a member of the Garnet Lake Fire Company he does not believe that there will be a serious lapse of coverage the other fire companies seem to be well prepared for this eventuality. Supervisor Vanselow said that this was not a complete surprise.

Supervisor Vanselow asked that the Town Board now move into executive session to discuss a personnel issue in the Highway Department. Supervisor Vanselow noted that Town Board action may follow the executive session.

Ms. Nightingale presented the following motion, with a second from Mr. Olesheski to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue in the Highway Department at 8:40pm. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Mr. Olesheski presented the following motion, with a second from Mr. Stevens to adjourn the executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue in the Highway Department; and further, to reenter the regular session at 8:55pm. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow said that following the executive session that he would entertain a motion to hire, with the advice of the Town Attorney, an independent hearing officer for a Highway Department disciplinary hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 108

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to hire with the advice of the Town Attorney, an independent hearing officer for a Highway Department disciplinary hearing. 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 Supervisor Vanselow with a second from Ms. Nightingale at 8:57pm. 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 Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at the Sodom Community Center (Scout Hall), Bakers Mills, New York.

Prepared by William Rawson, Town Clerk