

Town Board May 20, 2014

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsbury Regular Board Meeting
May 20, 2014
Held at the Tannery Pond Community Center, North Creek, New York**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tannery Pond Community Center, North Creek, New York.

Supervisor Vanselow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was led by Supervisor Vanselow.

PRESENT: Ronald Vanselow -- Supervisor
 Eugene Arsenault -- Councilman
 Katharine Nightingale -- Councilwoman
 Jo A Smith -- Town Clerk

ABSENT: Arnold Stevens -- Councilman
 Peter Olesheski, Jr -- Councilman

Guests: On attached list

RESOLUTION # 81-14

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 6, 2014

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to accept the minutes of the May 6, 2014 public hearing and regular Town Board Meeting as written.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Vanselow) Nays – 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) A letter from Superintendent of Highways Daniel Hitchcock regarding old surplus trucks in which he would like to get rid of. Mr. Hitchcock spoke with Lori Mithen - Legal Counsel with the Association of Towns who told him after they were declared surplus equipment by the board then they could junk, sell, etc. A local business has offered to trade #2 stone in exchange for some trucks. The business has offered to pay 30% more than scrap price.

- 2) A letter from Mr. Vincent Schiavone resigning as Chairman of the Johnsbury Youth Committee effective immediately.

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OLD SURPLUS TRUCKS - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Vanselow stated that the board would need a list Make, Model, Vin #, etc. before they could declare them surplus.

Supervisor Vanselow stated that normally they would accept immediate resignation, but he was hoping the Mr. Schiavone would rescind his letter. Mrs. Kelly Nessel stated that all of the Committee members have contacted him and tried to get him to rescind his resignation. He replied to Mrs. Nessel's e-mail that he was no longer interested in being on the Committee.

RESOLUTION # 82 -14

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to accept the written resignation from Mr. Vincent Schiavone, Chairman of the Johnsbury Youth Committee.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Vanselow) Nays – 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Riverfront Park - Ms. Nightingale stated she need to speak with Mr. Stevens more, but she could summarize what the plans are. First, getting water to the buildings, Mr. Rawson is working on an estimate for them. The line could come in from the other side of the railroad tracks, they would drill under the tracks and also making it big enough to run a sewer line for the future sewer district. Ms. Nightingale has spoken with Mr. Suozzo who is drawing up a septic system. They are still however thinking about a composting system. Ms. Nightingale said they found a potential contractor that could be hired as a town employee, who knows how to do that kind of work. The last part would be the removal of the scales building. Ms. Nightingale suggested doing an ad and selling the building to a company that is looking for rustic wood and also possibly another building here in town. Mrs. Nessel asked which building the water was going to? Ms. Nightingale replied the big building. The idea is putting in stainless steel sink, so if you have an event you would have water down there. Mrs. Nessel asked which one is the scales building? Ms. Nightingale replied the one in the middle. Mrs. Nessel asked about the other small building. Ms. Nightingale stated that one is the Stable building which has to stay because it is on the Historic Register.

OLD BUSINESS:

TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Supervisor Vanselow suggested for the months of June, July & Aug only having one regular board meeting, which would be on the third Tuesday of the Month and a couple special meetings this summer. Supervisor Vanselow stated that he had spoken with Mr. Stevens and Mr. Olesheski about this and they thought it was a good idea. Mr. Arsenault asked if it would work for Supervisor Vanselow with everything that he needs to do. Supervisor Vanselow stated yes

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and they could have a special meeting if items come up. Mrs. Nessel stated that she has a meeting for the Supervisor regarding EMS that might be lengthy pertaining to the Tax District. Mrs. Nessel has talked with Betty Little about this and now Ms. Nessel wants to present what the future holds which would take about 15 minutes.

RESOLUTION # 83 -14

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to change the meeting schedule to one meeting a month for June, July & Aug which will be June 17, July 15, Aug 19 all at Tannery Pond.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Vanselow) Nays – 0

NEW BUSINESS

SUPERVISORS MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the Supervisor monthly report was in the boards packets.

BLACK MOUNTAIN - INDEPENDENCE DAY SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE

Ms. Ferguson stated she did not received the paper work. Supervisor Vanselow stated then the request would be coming soon.

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Vanselow stated that 3 appointments had expired on May 10th, Trinia Riedinger, Joseph SanAntonio, Paul LoGuercio. Supervisor Vanselow stated that Trinia Riedinger and Paul LoGuercio are interested in being re-appointed, Joseph SanAntonio is not.

RESOLUTION # 84 -14

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to accept Trinia Riedinger and Paul LoGuercio for another term on the Johnsbury Youth Committee.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Vanselow) Nays – 0

Supervisor Vanselow went on to state that with Mr. SanAntonio and Mr. Schiavone's vacancies he would like to advertise for two open seats on the Johnsbury Youth Committee.

RESOLUTION # 85 -14

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale to advertise for the two vacant seats on the Johnsbury Youth Committee.

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With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Vanselow) Nays – 0

FIREWORKS CONTRACT

Supervisor Vanselow asked the Town Board for authorization to sign the contract with Alonzo Fireworks to provide the fireworks display for the Independence Day Celebration held at the Ski Bowl Park and he would recommend that the Town contract with that company again this year.

Ms. Ferguson explained the amount is Ten Thousand which the Town would pay Fifty-Five Hundred and Braley & Noxon funds the remainder.

RESOLUTION # 86 -14

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Alonzo Fireworks to provide a fireworks display for the Independence Day Celebration.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Vanselow) Nays – 0

SEPTIC - BOARD OF HEALTH ISSUE

Supervisor Vanselow stated that we had an issue with a cesspool on main street today failing but he believes that we have a solution. If it falls through he will be contacting the Board members.

RESOLUTION # 87-14

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale that that the following certified bills which have been reviewed by the board members be paid:

General Fund - (Total \$ 31,186.38) Claims # 14-380 to 14-395; 14-423 to 14-429

Highway Fund - (Total \$ 8,067.38) Claims #14-395 to 14-409

Capital Projects Fund - (Total \$ 26.15) Claim # 14-394

Fire Protection District - (Total \$ 7,585.84) Claims #14-421 to 14-422; 14-434

North Creek Water District - (Total \$ 10,581.20) Claims # 14-418 to 14-420; 14-424; 14-430 to 14-433

Library Fund - (Total \$ 2,777.13) Claims #14-410 to 14-417

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Total all warrants \$ 60,224.08.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Vanselow) Nays – 0

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ms. Ferguson stated that the Independence Day Celebration which is on July 5th will start later in the afternoon, probably around 4. It is the same Day as Minerva Day so it might help. They will be starting the bands at four, Braley & Noxon is trying to get a hold of the BBQ people to see if they will come back again this year, the Cub Scouts and fireworks. Ms. Ferguson stated that she will be putting an ad in the paper looking for vendors. Ms. Ferguson also stated that they are looking for volunteers to help.

Mrs. Nettle stated that the Johnsbury EMS squad has run into a problem. The site has organic matter which they have removed for the foundation and they started to bring in gravel which they were getting from the other end of the property which Sweets own. Mr. Sweet has a problem now with them using the gravel. Mr. Terry Perkins who is doing the excavation is friends with the Sweets and talked with them but they are not budging. Mr. Dan Hitchcock Highway Superintendent told them they could use the roadside clean up pile but Mrs. Nettle believes they would have the same problem like with the material they removed. Mrs. Nettle went on and asked the board if they (the EMS) could purchase gravel from the town? Supervisor Vanselow stated whatever we take away we would have to put back or the Highway will be short. Ms. Ferguson stated that also they just opened up the mine today so she doesn't believe they could be in there getting material. Ms. Nightingale asked about how much material is needed. Mr. Nettle stated for Plan A it would be 700 yards to finish or Plan B would be about 400 yards. Supervisor Vanselow stated that it was just a couple more miles to Jimmy Magee's. Ms. Nightingale asked what the cost would be. Ms. Nettle replied that Terry told her 3 to 4 dollars per cubic yard.

Mr. Nettle stated that he attended the Planning Board Meeting the night before and there was a lot of arguing going on and there was only 3 board members present. Mr. Nettle believes the board should be paying a stipend to the Planning Board Members, just like the board members. Also the New barn in Wevertown, the plans looks more like a warehouse.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Mr. Arsenault with a second from Ms. Nightingale at 7:43 p.m.

With 3 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Nightingale, Vanselow) Nays – 0

The Town Board regular meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 17, 2014, at the Tannery Pond, Main Street, North Creek, New York.

Prepared by Jo A Smith, Town Clerk

MEETING ATTENDANCE SIGN-IN

MEETING DATE: May 20, 2014

LOCATION: Tannery Pond Community Center

Please PRINT name and address clearly to assure the correct spelling in the minutes of this meeting.

1	STEVE HAYES	NO. CREEK
2	Chun Ferguson	North Creek
3	Jim Jones	Johnsburg
4	ROBERT NEESHE	JOHNSBURG
5	Kelly Nessel	Johnsburg
6	CHRISTIAN HOLT	J-Burg.
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