

**Town of Johnsbury  
Regular Meeting of the Town Board  
Zoom Meeting**

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June 16, 2020 7:00 PM**

Supervisor Hogan called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm and the pledge to the flag was led by Judy Brown.

**PRESENT:** Andrea Hogan – Supervisor  
Eugene Arsenault – Councilman  
Arnold Stevens – Councilman  
Laurie Arnheiter – Councilwoman  
Justin Gonyo – Councilman  
Kate Lorah - Town Clerk

**Approval of minutes May 19, 2020**

***RESOLUTION #98-20***

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2020 meeting. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried.  
Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

**Presentation by ORDA of proposed structure for Ski Bowl**

Bone Bayse of Gore Mountain gave a presentation on a proposed structure for the Ski Bowl. He explained the facilities available and possible positioning of the building, accompanied by slides showing both interior and exterior.

**Presentation of proposal for fireworks for July 4**

Len Wilson spoke about the plan for the Fourth of July this year, describing it as a “drive-through, fireworks only” event. The Board agreed to having the Park open at 8 pm and having the fire departments help with parking. People will stay in their cars. The effort will be supported by the Sherriff’s Department.

**Correspondence:**

- Letters of interest for Recreation program staff
- Letters of interest for lifeguard positions
- Summary of animal control actions – Brett Moulton

**Old Business:**

- Summer Recreation Program

After much discussion by all parties involved, it was decided that the existing regulations and “best practices” in place make it impossible to have a successful Summer Rec Program.

***RESOLUTION #99-20***

Ms. Hogan presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to cancel the 2020 Summer Rec Program. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- **Occupancy tax contract with the county**

***RESOLUTION #100-20***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to execute the Occupancy Tax contract with Warren County. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- **Highway surplus**

***RESOLUTION #101-20***

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve the request from Fred Comstock to declare a group of tires and culvert sections surplus. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo)  
Nays – 0

***RESOLUTION #102-20***

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to approve the request from Fred Comstock to amend the 2020 284 Agreement by paving Bartman Road rather than areas of the Flats. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- Update on town re-opening

Ms. Hogan reviewed the safety procedures which have been put in place to allow for the reopening of Town Hall. With modified hours of Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm by appointment, the staff is able to remain separate. The library will be available for curbside pickup on its usual days.

**New Business:**

- Sprung structure for Ski Bowl

The Board decided to wait until the July meeting to make a decision on the acceptance of the proposed plan for a Sprung structure for Ski Bowl.

- **Extra hours for the bookkeeper**

It has become apparent that because of the transition in the bookkeeper position during a period when Town Hall was closed, the hours allotted to the new bookkeeper are not sufficient for the “catch-up” work necessary.

***RESOLUTION #103-20***

Mr. Gonyo presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Arnheiter to approve paying the bookkeeper for the extra hours necessary to bring the books current. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

- **RFP for Marketing and Website maintenance**

This item is tabled for this meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

*Highway* – Ms. Arnheiter said that she and Mr. Arsenault had spoken with highway employees about the future way of dealing with contracts.

*Parks* – Mr. Gonyo reported that the boxcar has been demolished and work is moving forward on making a stage.

Ms. Arnheiter suggested opening the beach additional days this Summer - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – from 11 am to 5 pm. Ms. Hogan noted that staffing lifeguards would be an issue. Mr. Stevens mentioned the plan which would involve the Town reimbursing an individual for lifeguard training costs after successful completion of that training and an interview with a member of the Personnel Committee.

***RESOLUTION #104-20***

Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve opening the beach additional days this Summer - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – from 11 am to 5 pm. To help with staffing lifeguards these additional hours, the Town will offer reimbursement to an individual for lifeguard training costs after successful completion of that training and an interview with a member of the Personnel Committee. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

**ZEO report, Assessor's update**

In Board packets

**Approval of Warrants**

**General Fund** (Total \$34,035.68)  
**Highway Fund** (Total \$36,312.58)  
**Water District** (Total \$13,578.93)  
**Public Library Fund** (Total \$280.00)  
**Trust and Agency** (\$6,513.87)

**Total all warrants \$90,721.06**

***RESOLUTION #105-20***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to approve the warrants. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

**Supervisors Monthly reports*****RESOLUTION #106-20***

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to approve the bank balances and the Supervisor's Monthly Report. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes – 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo) Nays – 0

**Privilege of the floor:**

Deana Wood mentioned holes in the road at the edge of Durkin Road. Ms. Arnheiter said the Highway Department is aware and they are looking into a solution.

Judy Brown asked about having a plant sale June 27<sup>th</sup> and the Board found no problem with holding it.

Bob Nessle congratulated Ms. Hogan on being named to the APA.

**Motion to adjourn**

***RESOLUTION #107-20***

At 8:55 Ms. Arnheiter presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Gonyo to adjourn. With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes - 5 (Hogan, Arsenault, Stevens, Arnheiter, Gonyo)

Nays- 0

Next meeting Tuesday, July 21, 2020 7 pm  
Online Zoom Meeting

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