

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsbury Regular Meeting
September 1, 2015
Held at the
Wevertown Community Center,
North Creek, NY**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury held on Tuesday September 1, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Wevertown Community Center, North Creek, NY.

Supervisor Vanselow called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and the pledge to the flag was led by Supervisor Vanselow.

PRESENT: Ronald Vanselow -- Supervisor
 Arnold Stevens -- Councilman
 Eugene Arsenault -- Councilman
 Peter Olesheski, Jr -- Councilman
 Katharine Nightingale -- Councilwoman
 Jo A Smith -- Town Clerk

ABSENT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR August 18, 2015

RESOLUTION #90-15

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to accept the minutes of the August 18, 2015 regular Town Board Meeting as written.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter dated 8-31-2015 from Superintendent of Highway's Daniel Hitchcock - requesting to have an ad run for a CDL employee.

RESOLUTION #91-15

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale, giving Superintendent of Highways Daniel Hitchcock permission to place an ad to run for 2 weeks in The Sun (Denton Publication of the North Creek Paper) for a CDL Employee.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Vanselow presented two resolutions regarding the Upper Hudson Trails Alliance, Inc.

RESOLUTION #92-15

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

WHEREAS, the Upper Hudson Trails Alliance Inc. is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under the Recreational Trails Program for a trail project to be located in the Town of Johnsbury, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Board; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of these programs, said not-for profit corporation must obtain the "approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located";

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by this august body that the Board of the Town of Johnsbury hereby does approve and endorse the application of the Upper Hudson Trails Alliance Inc. for a grant under the Recreational Trails

Program for a trail project known as Town of Johnsbury Unified and Connected Trails Network and located within this community.

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

RESOLUTION #93-15

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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by this august body that the Board of the Town of Johnsbury hereby does approve and endorse that Richard Carlson, as President of Upper Hudson Trails Alliance, Inc., is hereby authorized and directed to accept funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Recreational Trails Program, in an amount not to exceed \$279,000, and enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Upper Hudson Trails Alliance, Inc. for the Ski Bowl Park and Johnsbury Central School in North Creek, Town of Johnsbury, Warren County. The Park is owned by the town and is west of the hamlet of North Creek and is connected to the community with the Carol Thomas multi-purpose trail. The school is located south of the Carol Thomas trail and is connected to the trail system with sidewalks. The first part of the project will create a groomable cross country ski trail on the multi-use trail in Ski Bowl Park as well as a Fitness Track/Trail at Johnsbury Central School. Also involved in the first part of the project will be the purchase of a UTV with grooming equipment and a trailer as well as a snow machine with grooming equipment and trailer to groom both areas for public use. The second part of the project supports a Unified Human-powered Sustainable Land Based Recreational Assessment and Strategic Plan for the Town of Johnsbury for cross country skiing, backcountry skiing, Mtn. Biking and Hiking which will focus on a conceptual framework for the expansion of recreational opportunities and potential improvements for existing infrastructure as well as provide a feasibility assessment for a unified trail system connecting communities within the Town of Johnsbury. The assessment will provide the conceptual basis for future design and build plans in the Town of Johnsbury and the North Creek

area. Finally, the project supports a Develop, Design, and Build Plan for the Town of Johnsbury focusing on the following components: an Easement Acquisitions Plan, Trail Construction and Maintenance Standards Plan, Trail Standards Plan, Trails Construction and Maintenance Plan, Trails Operations Plan with a Interim Operations Plan and Longevity Operations Plan; and, if appropriate, a conservation easement/preservation covenant to the deed of the assisted property.

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

Reval Up-date - Christian Holt was not present

Noise Ordinance Up-Date - Supervisor Vanselow stated that Attorney Fuller had corresponded with him late in the day and his scanner was down so he was not able to send to Supervisor Vanselow sample Noise Ordinances.

Youth Program - Ms. Ann Dingman addressed the board with concerns regarding hiring dates, length of program and over all communications with the Youth committee. The board agreed to address these concerns at a future meeting.

Property Purchase - Moro - Supervisor Vanselow explained that the corner lot next to Tannery Pond Community Center has been offered to the Town for \$7,000 by the owner Ms. Mary Moro. Attorney Fuller has drawn up a contract which is in all of the Board members packets.

RESOLUTION #94-15

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale, accepting and authorizing Supervisor Vanselow to sign on the Towns behalf the purchase contract from Ms. Mary Moro in the amount of \$7,000 for the corner lot on Main Street Tax Map #66.10-2-31.

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

Grant Up-Date - Wayne LaMothe - Mr. LaMothe explained to the board that we have a couple of the grants expiring on December 31, 2015. Mr. LaMothe stated that we have \$136,000 to spend and he recommends having R&B Construction do another thousand feet of sidewalk which would be \$108,373.

RESOLUTION #95-15

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale, to extend the sidewalk replacement another thousand feet which will be \$108,373.00.

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

RESOLUTION #96-15

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Ms. Nightingale, to award the contract of one thousand feet of sidewalk replacement to R&B Construction, LLC in the amount of \$108,373.00.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Front Street - Supervisor Vanselow stated that Mr. Crikelair would like to meet with the Board Concerning Parcel A, Parcel B, Parcel C. Mr. Stevens stated that Mr. Crikelair should be invited to the next board meeting to discuss all of this.

Budget Schedule - Supervisor Vanselow stated that the Budget must be handed out by October 5, 2015. Supervisor Vanselow suggested moving the Regular Meeting which is scheduled for Oct 6th at Wevertown to Oct 5th at Wevertown.

RESOLUTION #97-15

Ms. Nightingale presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski, authorizing to move the October 6th, 2015 meeting to October 5th, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Wevertown Community Center.

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

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the Animal Control Officer's monthly report for August 2015 from Mr. William Mosher is in the Town Board packets.

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Ms. Danae Tucker's monthly report was not ready.

SUPERVISOR MONTHLY REPORT

Supervisor Vanselow noted that the Supervisors Monthly report for August 2015 was not ready.

MOTION TO PAY WARRANTS

Supervisor Vanselow asked for a motion to pay the warrants.

RESOLUTION # 98-15

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to accept the following certified bills and to pay the following certified bills, which have been reviewed by the board members:

September 1, 2015

General Fund (Total \$477.09) - Claims #15-740; 15-746 to 15-750

Highway Fund (Total \$4,886.10) - Claims #15-751 to 15-755

Water District Fund (Total \$5,045.00) Claims # 15-756 to 15-758

Total all warrants \$ 10,408.19

With 5 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5

(Stevens, Arsenault, Olesheski, Nightingale, Vanselow) Nays- 0

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ms. Laurie Arnheiter is very concern with the remarks that she has heard from patrons off the Train about the cleanliness of Main Street. Ms. Arnheiter inquired if there was any way the town could enforce clean up of sidewalks. Supervisor Vanselow stated it was very difficult to enforce this. Mr. Nessle stated that other towns have a Business Improvement District which is a taxing district to help fund this. Mr. Stevens suggested looking at surrounding towns and how they handle this type of situation.

Mr. Arsenault is very concern with the possibility of old train cars being parked in the Adirondack Park. This was a very lengthy discussion.

On motion of Mr. Arsenault and seconded by Ms. Nightingale the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 15, 2015 at Tannery Pond Community Center, North Creek, New York.

Prepared by Jo A Smith, Town Clerk
