

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsbury Regular Board Meeting August 20, 2013
Held at the Tannery Pond Community Center, North Creek, NY.**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury held on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Tannery Pond Community Center, North Creek, 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: Supervisor Ronald Vanselow; Town Councilmen/ Eugene Arsenault, , Peter Olesheski, Jr, Arnold Stevens Town Clerk/ William Rawson. Town Councilman Katharine Nightingale was absent.

Guests: On attached list

RESOLUTION NO. 125

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to accept the minutes of the July 16, 2013 regular Town Board Meeting as written. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notifications from the Adirondack Park Agency (APA), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Warren County Planning Department with no objections to the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury being the lead agency for the SEQR review of proposed amendments to the Town of Johnsbury Local Land Use Plan.
2. A notification of a liquor license renewal application from L. John Monroe for J. & J. Fox Lair Restaurant and Bar at 2467 State Route 8, Bakers Mills, NY.
3. A request from Luisa Sherman, Marketing and Public Relations Specialist for the Saratoga and North Creek Railway, requesting that the Town Board allow permission to use the "Mundy Property" for hosting heritage crafters as part of the "Teddy Roosevelt/ Leviathan Stream Engine Festival Weekend" to be held on September 14 and 15, 2013; and also, a request for a blanket vending permit for the same date and location.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Vanselow asked that the Town Board formally accept by resolution the quote from Pratt Trucking & Excavating LLC, in the amount of \$11,000.00 for the River Road Water Main Extension.

RESOLUTION NO. 126

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to accept the quote from Pratt Trucking & Excavating LLC, in the amount of \$11,000.00 for the River Road Water Main Extension project as described in the request for quotes and with the approval of the Town Engineering firm, Cedarwood Engineering; and further, to authorize the Town Supervisor to execute any necessary documents associated with this project. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow recognized Mr. Steve Ovitt, owner of Wilderness Property Management, Inc., to give the Town Board an update on the Ski Bowl Trails Project which is a part of the Ski Bowl Park Grant. Mr. Ovitt read a letter thanking the following Town of Johnsburg employees and community members for their assistance in making the trails project successful: Highway Superintendent Daniel Hitchcock, Parks and Building Superintendent Matt Olden, Supervisor's Secretary Cherie Ferguson and Mr. Robert Nessel and James "Cork" Nester. (The letter is attached at the end of the minutes.) Mr. Ovitt explained the design, layout and construction of the trails for walking/hiking, biking and cross country skiing. Mr. Ovitt explained that the methods used helped to make the trails self-maintaining and help to control the use and speeds on the trails. Mr. Ovitt suggested that the Town purchase and stockpile some material to harden the Carol Thomas Trail to assist in its stability. Mr. Ovitt explained that he had performed maintenance on the Carol Thomas Trail bridge along the North Creek which goes under State Route 28. Mr. Ovitt said that he had the time, knowledge and equipment to repair the bridge which was damaged during the recent storms and which Parks and Building Superintendent Matt Olden did not have time to repair. Mr. Ovitt said that the Carol Thomas Trail is the connection between the hamlet and the park.

Mr. Ovitt said that the cross country ski trails were a lot of work. The cross country trails will be able to be easily groomed and will be able to be skied with one foot of snow. The cross country trails are between an easy level and an intermediate level trail. Mr. Ovitt said that he believes that the cross country ski trails will be a good resource for the school cross country ski team both for practice and for meets. Mr. Ovitt said that he used the Highway Department's chipper to chip the brush and put it on the trails; this was an unexpected benefit of having older employees to assist him in the trail work as they could operate this type of equipment.

Mr. Ovitt explained that cross country ski meets can bring in hundreds of spectators who will also spend money in town. Mr. Ovitt said that tourists will travel to ski and bike on the types of trails which he has constructed; he added that these visitors will also eat in Town and spend money here. These trails skirt both the ORDA trails near the Ski Bowl Park and the Front Street Mountain Development property. Mr. Ovitt said there is approximately 10 kilometers of trails and that this is enough to draw skiers from the Albany and Saratoga area.

Mr. Ovitt explained that there are about 3 kilometers of hardened bike trails that have been designed and brushed out to national standards; over 2 kilometers are expert level bike trails and .7 kilometers of intermediate bike trails. Mr. Ovitt said that the bike trails are not fully constructed;

they need additional work to be ride able. Mr. Ovitt said that hopefully local volunteers interested in biking will complete the work to make the bike trails fully ride able.

Mr. Ovitt said that there have been cost savings over the expenditures which were estimated at the June Town Board meeting. Mr. Ovitt explained that the original cost estimate for the project as currently planned and completed was \$26,000.00 and the Town Board had authorized up to \$30,000.00 for the current expenses; the total cost to this point is approximately \$21,000.00, a savings of approximately \$5,000.00 due to less rental and manpower costs which partially resulted from the donation of equipment by those individuals noted in his letter. Mr. Ovitt said that this is the savings from which he suggested spending approximately \$1000.00 for the purchase of three loads of shoulder stone to be used to harden the Carol Thomas Trail. Mr. Ovitt explained that his company has donated the trail map to the Town of Johnsbury for the use of the Town to benefit those wishing to use the trail system in the Ski Bowl Park. Supervisor Vanselow thanked Mr. Ovitt for his report.

Supervisor Vanselow asked Ski Bowl Park grant coordinator Mrs. Kelly Nettle if the stockpiled material would be reimbursable under the grant. Mrs. Nettle was not sure, but thought it would be and would look into getting the answer from New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for the Town Board. Mr. Arsenault asked if this completed the needs and plans for the trails. Supervisor Vanselow said that it did for him. Mr. Arsenault asked about the Rotary Trail condition. Supervisor Vanselow said that the Rotary Trail is not involved in the Ski Bowl Park grant; he added that he has recently spoken to some members of the North Creek Rotary Club and there are some property issues as well as the railway area which need to be resolved prior to additional work on that trail. Mr. Arsenault said that he understood the grant issue, but he believed that it would be an excellent connector between the railroad and the park. Mr. Olesheski asked if it was worth waiting for an answer to whether the purchase of trail hardening shoulder stone would be covered by the grant due to the savings already achieved. Supervisor Vanselow said that it was up to the Town Board. Mrs. Nettle said that the cost could be submitted in any case.

RESOLUTION NO. 127

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution, and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens, that the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury authorizes the expenditure of up to \$1000.00 to purchase shoulder stone for the purpose of hardening the Carol Thomas Trail; and further, that the expense is to be submitted to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation as a part of the reimbursement for the Ski Bowl Park grant if it is determined to be applicable to that grant. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes- 4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Mr. Arsenault asked what hardening the trail actually means. Mr. Ovitt explained that it involved removal of the sod up to about forty inches in width and three inches deep and replacing the sod with shoulder stone and stone dust in order to allow the stone to break and work back into

the trail and this hardens the trail to make it last longer. Mr. Olesheski asked Mr. Ovitt the cost of performing the work along the trail. Mr. Ovitt said that it would probably be about six or seven days of work involved. Mr. Olesheski asked if Mr. Ovitt could give the Town a quote on the cost and would he be willing to do this. Mr. Ovitt said that he could give the Town a quote, but he was not sure that he had the time this fall to do the work. Mrs. Nessel said that she wanted to speak to Mr. Ovitt about the hardening process regarding the walking areas around the lodge and pavilion areas. Town Cleaner Dreu Briggs said that it would make the clean up much easier as the crowds at the Bluegrass Festival had tracked in a lot of dirt and it required much extra work to clean those areas of the soft materials. Mr. Olesheski asked if it was too early to purchase the shoulder stone at this time. Mr. Stevens said that he believed that purchasing the material would show the commitment of the Town Board to the project; he added that there was no cost in storing the material and also it would allow Mr. Ovitt to perform the work as he had the time to perform the work. Mr. Arsenault asked if the Town Board needed to act to authorize the purchase of shoulder stone for the walkways as Mrs. Nessel had described. Mr. Olesheski asked if Mr. Ovitt and Mrs. Nessel would have time enough to prepare an estimate for the trail hardening and to discuss the walkways by the September 3, Town Board meeting and the Town Board could act moving the project forward at that time. Mr. Ovitt and Mrs. Nessel said that they would have time enough.

Mr. Peter Heid asked if dogs were allowed on the trails. Supervisor Vanselow said that dogs are allowed on Town property on a leash. Mr. Heid said that you can't have dogs and bikes together especially with the dogs on a leash. Supervisor Vanselow said that this is an issue that the Town Board can address. Mr. Heid said that it would be better to start doing it the correct way now. Mr. Robert Nessel asked Mr. Steve Ovitt his opinion of the dogs on trails question. Mr. Ovitt said that NYS has leash requirements on most trails. Mr. Olesheski said that Warren County has a no dogs on trails policy. Mr. Heid said regarding the bike path is that frequently the owner goes to one side of the trail and the dog to the other and it can cause accidents. Supervisor Vanselow asked if there was any down side to barring dogs from trails. Mrs. Nessel said that people want to walk with their dogs in the woods and Mr. Olesheski said that people will leave Up Yonda Farm if they are told that dogs aren't allowed on the trails. Mr. Heid asked if there are enough other trails so that dogs could be barred from the biking trails. Mr. Ovitt said that he thought that there were enough other trails and that Mr. Heid had the correct solution. Mr. Ovitt said that the Schaefer Trail is a hiking trail not a biking trail and that trail would be a good entry point for people with dogs. Mrs. Nessel asked Mr. Heid if he was worried about the bikers or the hikers in regard to the possibility of accidents. Mr. Heid said that he was worried about the biker being injured in such accidents as could be caused by the leash knocking the rider from the bike.

Supervisor Vanselow asked if the planned signage would accommodate information about dogs being allowed on the trail. Mrs. Nessel said that the information could be placed on the signs. Supervisor Vanselow suggested that the trails have signage which would tell individuals if dogs were allowed or not on the trail and asked if a list of trails could be compiled by the September 3, Town Board meeting. Supervisor Vanselow thanked Mr. Heid for bringing up this issue.

Mr. Olesheski brought up the issue that some people don't like or are afraid of dogs and it

would be good to have some trails not be open to dogs. Mr. Olesheski added that service dogs will need to be allowed on trails and noted that Warren County has a policy of allowing any dog that its owner says is a service. Mr. Heid said that it is best not to allow poor habits to begin and to start good habits early and said that service dogs are not a problem. Mr. Olesheski said that there won't be too many service dogs.

Mrs. Kelly Nessel asked what the overlap of the Town trails with ORDA trails. Mr. Steve Ovitt said that none exists; all of these trails are specifically built outside the easement areas so that people would have free access to the trails. Mrs. Nessel asked what happens if someone skis on the Schaefer Trail which ORDA uses in the winter. Mr. Ovitt said that it will be ORDA's choice as to how they post their trails; the Town trails will be marked and they will be open to the public.

Supervisor Vanselow reminded the Town Board that the locations for the regular Town Board meetings of September 17 and October 15 of 2013 were undetermined when the schedule for Town Board meetings was set at the January 3, 2013 Organizational meeting. Supervisor Vanselow said that he had hoped to hold the meetings at some of the firehouses in Town; this has not worked out. Supervisor Vanselow suggested that the Town Board set the location for both meetings as the Sodom Scout Hall and asked that the Town Board authorize the locations and the legal notice of the location.

RESOLUTION NO. 128

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to set the location for both the regular Town Board meetings of September 17 and October 15 of 2013 as the Sodom Scout Hall at 7:00pm; and further, to authorize the Town Clerk to place a legal notice of the location in the North Creek News-Enterprise for one week. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow explained that the Town Board as received copies of both the Corrective Action Plan response and Electronic (Online) Banking policy which appear below. The Corrective Action Plan response and Electronic (Online) Banking policy are resulting from the audit conducted in 2012 by the Office of the State Comptroller; he added that copies were available for the public if anyone wanted them. Supervisor Vanselow asked that the Town Board formally accept, by resolution, the Corrective Action Plan response and Electronic (Online) Banking policy.

Town of Johnsburg **Management Oversight and Online Banking** **2013M-006**

Corrective Action Plan

Recommendations:

Management Oversight:

- 1) The Supervisor should segregate the bookkeeper's incompatible financial duties or provide adequate oversight of the bookkeeper's work.**

In a town the size of Johnsbury, there is only so much segregation of financial duties that can take place with the limited manpower available. With that fact in mind, the bookkeeper now opens very little mail. The processing and recording of online banking transactions, check preparation, payroll operations, banking reconciliations, and preparation of Supervisor's financial reports are now currently performed with the oversight and review of the Supervisor as much as is possible.

- 2) The Board should conduct or contract for an annual audit of the records and reports of all officers and employees who received or disbursed money during the previous fiscal year.**

At the beginning of 2013, the town board initiated a procedure whereby a special committee consisting of 2 board members would physically examine all such records and reports and advise the full board of their finding and recommendations, if any. And discrepancies will be referred to the full board for resolution, including possible review by and outside auditor.

Online Banking Recommendations:

- 3) The Board should adopt and communicate an online banking policy that outlines approved online banking activities and assigns responsibility for ensuring that the transactions are safely conducted and monitored.**

In August of 2013, the Johnsbury Town Board created and adopted an Electronic Banking Policy as outlined in NYS OSCV guidelines. Copy enclosed.

- 4) The Board should ensure that the online banking agreement with its bank identifies who is authorized to initiate and approve online transfers and establishes security procedures for authenticating online transfers.**

Community BankN.A. has agreed that they will accept the Town of Johnsbury's Online Banking Policy (when adopted on 8/20/2013) which outlines those officials authorized to make such transactions. Security procedures are already in place.

5) The supervisor should authorize and approve all online transfers performed by the bookkeeper.

This procedure has been in place since August of 2012.

Draft Johnsburg Electronic Banking Policy

- 1) Online Banking and EFT Activities will include the following: Fund transfers to cover payroll and accounts payable. Payment to and from state and federal agencies.
- 2) The town bookkeeper and the town Supervisor are authorized to initiate such transactions.
- 3) Transactions will be approved by whichever party listed above is not the party initiating the transaction.
- 4) Transactions will be transmitted and recorded by the party initiating the transaction.

Review and reconciliation of transactions will be done by the town board upon receipt of the monthly detailed financial (so-called "supervisor's") report.

RESOLUTION NO. 129

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

WHEREAS: The New York State Office of the State Comptroller conducted an audit of the Town of Johnsburg Management and Oversight and Online Banking practices in 2012 (2013M-006), and

WHEREAS: As a result of this audit, a corrective action plan (CAP) addressing their findings is the recommended response and,

WHEREAS: It was also recommended that an Online Banking Policy be adopted,

Therefore, Resolved that The Town of Johnsburg does hereby adopt the recommendations contained in the CAP (preceding) and,

Resolved that The Town of Johnsburg does hereby adopt the preceding Online Banking Policy.

With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Supervisor Vanselow explained that Warren County had planned to put the Thomas Denton property at 316 Goodman Road up for tax sale. Supervisor Vanselow informed the Town Board

that he had requested that Warren County not place the property on the tax sale list at this time since the Town of Johnsbury has performed a partial cleanup of the property and needs to have the moneys spent on that cleanup attached to the property as an omitted tax. Supervisor Vanselow said that he did not believe that it would make little sense to do any further work on the property. Supervisor Vanselow added that Warren County is talking about the possibility of having to do testing for toxic waste. Supervisor Vanselow is in favor of submitting the current costs and letting Warren County deal with the additional cleanup.

Mr. Olesheski asked how long would it take for Warren County to clean up the property since the property will still be an eyesore until either the Town or Warren County cleans it up. Supervisor Vanselow said that there will always be some level of problems with the property. Mr. Peter Heid said that he believed that it would be smart for the Town not to invest any more money in the property. Town Assessor Christian Holt said that the project was intended to be finished this year and that it should not be de-funded at this time and Warren County will not clean the property up for several years. Assessor Holt said that if the owners of the neighboring property were here they would have a very different point of view. Supervisor Vanselow said that he is willing to accept input, but he stressed that the Town is never going to be able to fully clean the property. Assessor Holt said that there is still a lot of material which could be removed from the property without difficulty. Mr. Peter Heid asked if there were any health issues with the property. Supervisor Vanselow said that there were no known health issues at this time.

Supervisor Vanselow added that he did not believe that the Town Highway Department would have time enough to perform the work even if an excavator could be hired. Assessor Holt suggested hiring a firm to perform the work and billing it as an omitted tax. Mr. Olesheski asked if Supervisor Vanselow had an idea of the costs to date. Supervisor Vanselow said that he believed that it was about seven or eight thousand dollars, but it would be a number which could be gotten relatively easily. Supervisor Vanselow said that once the Town got on site it was obvious that the extent of the cleanup was much bigger than had been anticipated.

Supervisor Vanselow said that in addition there were about \$26,000.00 in fines levied against the property and that he has spoken with the Warren County Attorney and the fines may be recoverable by the Town from Warren County. Supervisor Vanselow said that he was not looking to make a profit off Warren County, but he would like to recover enough to pay the Town's legal costs to obtain the judgment. Mr. Olesheski asked if the Town was guaranteed to be reimbursed for the money already spent to clean up the property. Supervisor Vanselow said that the Town would be reimbursed through filing an omitted tax on the property and that this must be done by sometime in October. Mr. Olesheski asked if hiring a contractor to perform the removal would require bidding. Supervisor Vanselow said that he did not believe that Warren county was in any hurry to take over the property.

Mr. Olesheski said that he needed more information in order to make a decision on how to proceed. Supervisor Vanselow said that he would get additional information on the issue. Assessor Holt said that if the property were in North Creek it would have been taken care of years ago. Mr. Olesheski said that he would like to move forward with this issue if possible. Mr.

Arsenault said that he wanted to recover the legal costs and not necessarily try to make money off Warren County. Mr. Olesheski said that he thinks that the Town should take the opportunity to get all of the money possible. Mr. Arsenault said that the Town has made assurances the neighboring property owners that the property would be cleaned up and the Town should follow through.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Vanselow explained that the Supervisor's Monthly Report, for the month of July 2013 was in the Town Board members' packets.

Supervisor Vanselow reminded the Town Board that a request for a blanket vending permit and the use of the Mundy property had been received from the Saratoga and North Creek Railway for the "Teddy Roosevelt/ Leviathan Stream Engine Festival Weekend" to be held on September 14 and 15, 2013. Supervisor Vanselow asked if the Town Board wished to grant either or both requests.

RESOLUTION NO. 130

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 Saratoga and North Creek Railway for their "Teddy Roosevelt/ Leviathan Stream Engine Festival Weekend" to be held September 14 and 15, 2013; and further, the Town Board authorizes the Saratoga and North Creek Railway the use of the Mundy Property in North Creek for the same purpose and period. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 131

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault that that the following certified bills which have been reviewed by the board members be paid: General Fund- Claim #2013-694 through Claim #2013-711 and Claim #2013-726 through Claim #2013-734 and Claim#2013-743 (\$28,586.85)* Claim #2013-731 voided due to entry error; Highway Fund- Claim#2013-711 through Claim#2013-719 and Claim #2013-735 through Claim #2013-738 (\$34,435.33); North Creek Water Dist.- Claim #2013-725 and Claim #2013-726 and Claim#2013-739 (\$1830.86); Capital Projects Funds Claim #2013-701 and Claim#2013-740 and Claim #2013-742 (\$2,438.32))* Claim #2013-741 voided due to being already paid; Library Fund- Claim #2013-720 through #2013-724 (\$599.71); and Trust and Agency Claim #2013-693 (\$78.72) Total all warrants \$67,969.79. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mrs. Kelly Nessel asked which if any of the Town Board members was a liaison with the Johnsbury Emergency Squad; she also asked about the Johnsbury Youth Committee. Mr. Arsenault said that he would liaison with the Johnsbury Emergency Squad and Mr. Olesheski said

that he would do so for the Johnsbury Youth Committee.

Mrs. Kelly Nessel asked for an update on the Streetscape project. Supervisor Vanselow said that Streetscape is an attempt to upgrade downtown North Creek and also to create a better link between Main Street and the Kellogg/Waddell property. Supervisor Vanselow said that the first phase would be to get a quick demolition of the building on the Mundy property. Supervisor Vanselow said that there are drawings of proposed improvements at the Town Hall.

Mr. James Mascolo presented a letter to the Town Board requesting a reduction in the speed limit for Rogers Road in North River. In his letter Mr. Mascolo explained that Rogers Road is a dirt road with no speed limit posted and therefore, the speed limit is 55 miles per hour which he said is too fast and very dangerous on that road. Supervisor Vanselow said that with the detour that there is much additional traffic; he added that this is a lengthy process. Mr. Arsenault asked if this is a Town road; Supervisor Vanselow said that it was a Town road. Supervisor Vanselow said that most roads like this in Town are posted and set at 35 miles per hour.

RESOLUTION NO. 132

Mr. Olesheski presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to ask for a speed limit reduction to 35 miles per hour for the entire length of Rogers Road, a Town Road in the hamlet of North River, between Barton Mines Road to Harvey Road; and further, that the Town Board wishes to pursue this request due to the fact that Rogers Road is a dirt road with no posted speed limit and therefore, a speed limit of 55 miles per hour. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Mr. Olesheski
 Supervisor Vanselow
 Mr. Stevens
 Mr. Arsenault

Supervisor Vanselow asked that the Town Board enter into executive session to discuss the following issue: Johnsbury Fire Protection District contract negotiations. Supervisor Vanselow said that Town Board action was expected to result from the executive session.

Mr. Olesheski presented the following motion, with a second from Mr. Stevens that the Town Board enters into executive session at 8:32pm, for the purpose of discussing Johnsbury Fire Protection District contract negotiations. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

Mr. Stevens presented the following motion, with a second from Mr. Arsenault to adjourn the executive session for the purpose of discussing Johnsbury Fire Protection District contract negotiations and further, to reenter the regular session at 9:00pm. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 133

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Olesheski to authorize the Town Supervisor to offer \$7,500.00 to each of the following fire departments: North Creek Fire District, Johnsbury Volunteer Fire Company and the Riverside Volunteer Fire Company for their coverage of the area formerly covered by the Wevertown Volunteer Fire Company for the year of 2013. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Mr. Olesheski with a second from Mr. Arsenault at 9:03pm. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Olesheski, Stevens, Vanselow) Nays - 0

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00pm on September 3, 2013 at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, New York.

Prepared by William Rawson, Town Clerk

August 19, 2013

Town Board
Town of Johnsbury
Warren County, NY

Board Members,

I have worked with Town of Johnsbury employees during the Ski Bowl Park Trails Project. These employees deserve recognition for their efforts to make this project successful.

Town Highway Superintendent Dan Hitchcock was very cooperative with insuring material for hardening the trail was delivered on time and in the right location. He also provided the use of the town chipper so that the ski trails could have the extra benefit of a mulched surface on much of the trail. This made it possible to create a better recreational resource without incurring any additional expense. Dan's professional demeanor and thoroughness is a true benefit to our town.

Town Parks Supervisor Matt provided assistance that insured the project would be completed to in a manner that best served the citizens of our community. He gave insight, hauled material and provided specialized hand tools so that the job could go beyond our expectations.

Town Supervisor's Secretary Cherie Ferguson provided the leadership necessary to successfully manage the park trail employee's, billing for vendors and other administrative duties associated with the park project.

I also had the opportunity to work with community members who made a positive impact on the Trails Project and saved the taxpayers funds by allowing the use of their equipment.

Bob Nestle assisted the installation of a culvert at the trail entrance by the Ski Lodge. Cork Nester loaned the use of his backpack leaf blower for the clearing of leafs and needles from the town trails.

It has been my pleasure to work with the people above and it truly makes me appreciate the productive, thoughtful and considerate members of our town.

I am thankful that these people are members of our community and feel that they provide valuable service to the Town of Johnsbury.

Steve Ovitt / Owner
Wilderness Property Management Inc.

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