

**Minutes for the Monthly Financial Meeting and Any Other Lawful Business
held on August 25, 2015 commencing at 11:30 a.m.**

Present: R. William Grinnell, Supervisor
David Iuliano, Councilman
Wayne Taylor, Councilman
Fred Hunsdon, Councilman
Chattie Van Wert, Councilwoman

Others: Karla Vigliotti, John Bartlett

Supervisor Grinnell opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Resolutions for Consideration

Resolution #272-2015 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Wayne Taylor seeking State Assistance with the New York Tax Cap. **All in Favor** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

TOWN OF TICONDEROGA
STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF ESSEX

RESOLUTION 272 of 2015

ADOPTED AUGUST 25, 2015

Made by FRED HUNSDON

Seconded by WAYNE TAYLOR

A RESOLUTION SEEKING STATE ASSISTANCE WITH THE NEW YORK
TAX CAP

Whereas, in 2011, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature adopted what is commonly referred to and known as New York State's Property Tax Cap to address New York's ever increasing property taxes; and

Whereas, the Property Tax Cap set in place a cap on the growth of property taxes in New York whereby real property taxes are capped at two percent per year or the rate of inflation, whichever is less; and

Whereas, the focus of the tax cap has been on the laudable goal of driving down costs of government services through cuts and consolidation in services and heightened economic development aimed at alleviating the pressure of the tax cap; and

Whereas, while increasing economic development everywhere in New York State is an important and laudable goal, New York's towns and counties within the Blue Line of the Adirondack Park face particular hardships when seeking development projects due to additional government regulation and hurdles; and

Whereas, such government regulation significantly curtails the amount of available acreage within the Blue Line for economic development and imposes additional regulatory hurdles for beneficial development within the Adirondack Park; and

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Whereas, recent studies, including a the 2009 Adirondack Park Regional Assessment Project sponsored by the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages and the Adirondack North Country Association notes the aging population of the Adirondack Park and the significant decrease in viable economic opportunities for residents within the Adirondack Park; and

Whereas, in addition, the 2009 Adirondack Park Regional Assessment Project also noted that from 1980 to 2005, real property tax as a portion of total revenue within the Park actually decreased in the average Adirondack community; and

Whereas, many communities in the Adirondack Park also have aging water and/or sewer systems which combined with ever increasing regulatory controls from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Department of Health, and United States Environmental Protection Agency, have actually resulted in increased employee hours and financial obligations simply to keep those systems within permit guidelines and limits; and

Whereas, communities within the Adirondack Park find themselves at a significant crossroads: higher regulatory and financial obligations for aging infrastructure versus compliance with the tax cap; and

Whereas, most communities within the Adirondack Park have already taken significant steps aimed at cost savings within their communities including significant reductions in highway and DPW staff, and other staffing cuts; and

Whereas, most communities within the Adirondack Park now find themselves understaffed to the point where essential public services including road maintenance and the ability to monitor and maintain their water and/or sewer systems simply cannot be performed within the available employee hours given such reductions; and

Whereas, much of the land in the Adirondack Park, with more being purchased every year, is owned by the State of New York and non-profits aimed at curtailing development within the Adirondack Park which only increases the burden imposed on local taxpayers; and

Whereas, the year round residents and taxpayers of the Adirondack Park are at a breaking point with the need for meaningful services and roads and the ever decreasing revenue with which to supply such services and roads; and

Whereas, the communities within the Adirondack Park hereby ask Governor Andrew Cuomo and members of the New York State Legislature to help the residents and taxpayers of the Adirondack Park with regulatory relief and financial assistance to help our communities comply with the Tax Cap.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga, asks Governor Andrew Cuomo and members of the New York State Legislature to help the residents and taxpayers of the Adirondack Park with regulatory relief and financial assistance to help our communities comply with the Tax Cap; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga, asks Governor Andrew Cuomo and members of the New York State Legislature to provide funding assistance for the communities within the Blue Line of the Adirondack Park for water, sewer and road infrastructure to help offset the loss of revenues imposed by New York's Tax Cap, which loss is grossly exceeding

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the costs of supplying such services, particularly within the Blue Line of the Adirondack Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town Ticonderoga, asks Governor Andrew Cuomo and the members of the New York State Legislature to provide meaningful regulatory relief to communities within the Blue Line of the Adirondack Park so that actual economic development can take place; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect immediately.

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| R. William Grinnell, Supervisor | Aye |
| David Iuliano, Councilman | Aye |
| Wayne Taylor, Councilman | Aye |
| Fred Hunsdon, Councilman | Aye |
| Chattie Van Wert, Councilwoman | Aye |

SEAL

Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Resolution #273-2015 brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to put the question on the Ballot for the November 2015 General Elections in reference to the conversion of a storage building at the property known as the "Armory" to a Police Department. **All in Favor** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION 273 of 2015
OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA
ADOPTED August 25, 2015
Made by Wayne Taylor
Seconded by Fred Hunsdon

**A RESOLUTION PLACING QUESTION ON BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER 2015
GENERAL ELECTIONS**

Whereas, the Town Board has presented a proposal for the conversion of a storage building at the property known as the "Armory" in the Town of Ticonderoga, whereby the storage building would be converted to use by the Ticonderoga Police Department with related parking and similar improvements as set forth on plans prepared at the request of the Town Board; and

Whereas, some neighbors have voiced opposition to the proposal and others have voiced support for the proposal; and

Whereas, the Town Board would like to place the question of whether or not the storage building at the Armory should be converted for use for the Ticonderoga Police Department, on the ballot for the voters of the Town of Ticonderoga to decide in the November 2015 general election

NOW THEREFORE BE IT:

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga hereby places the question of whether or not the storage building at the Armory should be converted for use for the Ticonderoga Police Department on the ballot for the 2015 general election as follows: the ballot question shall be "Should the storage building at the Ticonderoga Armory be converted for use for the Ticonderoga Police Department?" or in such form thereof as may be acceptable to counsel for the Town and applicable election officials; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect immediately.

Supervisor Grinnell stated that we discussed this at the informational meeting and feels that we will get a much better spectrum of opinion doing it this way than any thing else we can do. It needs to include the cost estimate of the renovation along with the cost estimate of new construction and the differences between the two and what the people decided.

Councilwoman Van Wert asked where the cost estimate for new construction is coming from.

Supervisor Grinnell stated that we will get this from AES at the same time.

Councilwoman Van Wert asked where this new construction would be.

Supervisor Grinnell stated anywhere. Right now we are not doing a detailed cost estimate, we are doing a general cost estimate, based on knowing square footage cost on similar projects. That is how that cost is derived. A lot of these items are already listed on the internet from different trade sources from different parts of the country.

Councilman Taylor mentioned that this is a non-binding

Supervisor Grinnell agreed that this is non-binding, NYS does not have binding referendums in this regard and we are not restricted to accepting it. It still is the boards decision.

Councilwoman Van Wert stated that the only reason that she has reservations, is that Alfandre gave us a proposal to put Highway, Police and Public Works in the same building and that has been said to be prohibit ably expensive. She does not if it is or not, she does not know if they were putting a brick building there or a tin shed there. She thinks that from her perspective, she would really like to look at that proposal in contrast to new construction anywhere you want to put. Can we do all that and have all of that on the ballot as well - does anyone else feel that as a consideration?

Supervisor Grinnell asked what other alternatives do you have? (Answer was the Alfandre Report). The multiple use building?

Councilman Hunsdon stated that as far as he is concerned the Alfandre Report went too overboard, too elaborate, way over what it would cost.

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Councilwoman Van Wert agreed with the statement that the plan isn't affordable, we don't want to pursue that because it is not affordable. What if we took that concept and did it in a way that wasn't overboard? Do it in a way that meets the needs...

Supervisor Grinnell stated that then what you are saying is that lumping everything together in one very large building would be a different cost than building a police building as a separate unit?

Councilwoman Van Wert stated that sure it would.

Supervisor Grinnell disagrees. The police portion should be dollar for dollar or very close to it.

Councilwoman Van Wert stated then why would we not put it up there.

Councilman Iuliano stated that there are a lot of misconceptions on the Alfandre thing. To sit back and say that it was too expensive....

Councilman Taylor added that they were never given an opportunity to present it to the board either...

Councilman Iuliano stated that he was presenting what would work, it got shot down by water and sewer and Mr. Parent before it even hit the floor, it was to move water, to move police, to sell the property and put offices of the other places - a DPW, it took all the costs of what it would be for the other buildings, he had a pretty nice presentation coming that would have showed what would have been cost effective to do and how it would have worked. It never hit the floor, he thinks if it did it would have been a pretty good deal, but it got shut down right from the get go. This will change, we cannot keep doing this, we will have to make a decision.

Supervisor Grinnell stated that one other concern that he has is the fact of we have to begin to get some of these items cleaned up and taken care of and make decisions and go forward. Right now we have DEC investigation going on at the site of the Police Station, how long is it going to be before one of the engineers over there from DEC looks up and says look at the cracks in that building and then we will be told that the building is unsound and get out of it, NOW. That will happen in a heart beat. What will you do with them then?

Councilwoman Van Wert is not saying we shouldn't move them, we should move them. She does not think considering a prior plan is a waste of time. She thinks we are foolish not to look into that and see if it is viable. We paid them to do that, why aren't we giving that serious

Supervisor Grinnell stated that it may not be a waste of time, but do we have that time to waste?

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Councilwoman Van Wert stated do we have time to just go to a whole new design and we don't even know where we'd put it. At least we own that property and we know that the highway department is probably as bad as the police department.

Councilman Taylor stated that it is and asked if the plan is usable at all at this time. It was going to be on the Highway department property, it was going to be built kind of parallel.

Councilman Iuliano stated yes, they were putting up temporary buildings and removing everyone and everything out of the building, it was going to be a problem for winter, no doubt about that and then they would level that building and go the long ways with the police building going towards Armstrong's property and the rest being driveway. One structure.

Supervisor Grinnell asked if the spills that had taken place affect the where and how?

Councilman Iuliano stated that what it does affect is that the property is not sellable, so the best thing we can do is utilize it. That is the best thing we can do out there is keep it.

Supervisor Grinnell asked if you can build over the contaminated areas.

Councilman Iuliano stated we can ask the DEC, but we were told that we can't sell it, but we can use it.

Supervisor Grinnell stated quite frankly, you can ignore what I know or take advantage of what I know, but the Alfandre study to him is skewed, the cost involved in highway is much more controllable than what Alfandre has put in their specs. As 50 years as a building and a doing a good number of steel skinned buildings, that building is completely within the possibility of being remedied and repaired at a much less cost than building new.

Councilman Iuliano stated that Alfandre was directed to do what they did...

Supervisor Grinnell stated that he has big issue of going in front of the tax payers and saying that we can do this for 'x' amount of dollars but we are suggesting that we do it for '3x' because it will be nice and new and pretty. He has a real issue spending that '3x' when 'x' is sufficient.

Councilman Iuliano stated that there are a lot of things in that study that you should take a look at, they took the pieces of property around town that - the parking lot on Defiance, and other things that are town owned property and you go to these people and say buy it or we close it and we start getting rid of some of this stuff...

Supervisor Grinnell noted that the parking was not the town's until last month and they will be approached in the next 30 to 45 days with an option to lease, purchase or move. To get back to this multiple use building, well how far do we chase that can down the

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road before we pick an option and go with it. My thought process, for what it is worth and has been supported by the engineers, the cheapest route we have got to move the police into a 50 year home is to put them up in that building and he thinks we need to take this proposal to the ballot and let the people decide if that is where we want to go. If it isn't, then go forward and look at different alternatives, but the first thing he would do is eliminate the obvious.

Councilwoman Van Wert stated that you are not giving them an alternative, you are asking do you want here or not. As a tax payer, she says, what are our other options.

Supervisor Grinnell stated, build new - where do you want to do it? Build new is build new, it doesn't matter where. That is the point he is trying to make, if you build it in conjunction with the Highway or if you build it independently, you are going to spending the same amount of money. You already got the envelope for the building, it is there, it is complete and you own it. You are going to build a new envelope.

Councilman Iuliano stated that we do not have the time to put an alternative together, these studies have taken years. The four buildings downtown were two years to doing a study, we have been over this for a while at the Armory building and that thing is in place, so anything else we are thinking about doing will be six - seven months if we work on it hard and it will not be on the ballot. We will need very simple options on the ballot.

Councilwoman Van Wert stated that we have property, if some of the expense is site specific for example if the Armory - if you look at the things that were mentioned like the Sally Port - just a hedge as opposed to a physical structure - so really, is building a physical structure for a Sally Port going to be considered in that cost, sidewalks are they being considered in this cost (answer was no). So are the costs for this site valid, have we considered everything....

Supervisor Grinnell asked if we are going to put those things in a new building?

Councilwoman Van Wert stated if the new building is at the highway department, you are not going to have kids and seniors running around the highway department that you have to look out for.

Councilman Iuliano asked why haven't we cared about sidewalks before this, where are those kids walking right now. People cutting through from Champlain to Amherst could be hitting someone.... None of this has been an issue.

Councilman Hunsdon would like the board to know that he has looked into a building 150' long by 90' wide all insulated for a \$107,000.00, now you have your concrete which would cost a few thousand - you are still WAY under....

Councilman Iuliano asked if you really took a good look at the Alfandre report, did you see the air handlers, the preventions for smoke in the building, did you look at everything that was in there..?

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(inaudible discussion.....)

Councilman Hunsdon stated that this all would have to be OSHA approved and on top of that you could also put solar panels.....

Supervisor Grinnell asked if we are actually going to sit here and pretend that we have the design knowledge to propose some of the things that are coming out right now.

Councilwoman Van Wert stated that we can express ideas,.... the discussion is very helpful.

Supervisor Grinnell stated that we are trying to second guess our professionals and he thinks that is a big mistake.

Councilman Hunsdon stated that he is not, he is just stating that Alfandre went way overboard on what we have to have for this highway department.

Supervisor Grinnell stated that if you build a building that houses Highway and police, it needs to be handicapped compliant and the whole nine yards, a \$100,000.00 price doesn't touch it.

Councilwoman Van Wert stated that we will have to have handicap compliance in our police department anyway, so what you just said is going to be a cost factor anyway..... so why

Supervisor Grinnell stated that they are in there, if you look at the drawings those are all done with the handicap compliance

The board agreed of course, they should be.... they all should be

Councilman Iuliano stated that we have to have something on the ballot in the next two weeks. Everything that you are saying is valid if we had the time to think about what you are saying and research what you are saying and put together what you are saying, but two weeks - we can't do that.

Councilman Hunsdon would like to have AES come up with a general deal on the concrete and a building like this and see what we can do with that.

Councilman Iuliano stated that you are not going to be able to put it on a ballot.

Councilman Taylor stated just put an amount on it. We need to keep it simple and do a fair job at a unit cost - one versus the other, very generic- this is non-binding, we should do a couple of ads in the paper and try to educate the people on what we are talking about and ask the people for their help.

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Councilman Hunsdon stated that it was brought up to put the police in the community building.

Councilman Taylor agreed that it was brought up, you want to ask and you would be surprised at how much support there is for an efficient ... he has been doing it and asking the people their thoughts on it. You might be surprised at the support you would have just from a logistical perspective - one spot as opposed to multiple places. He is excited to just get this on the ballot and get some direction.

Councilwoman Van Wert asked if a cost estimate would be on the ballot - answer was no.

Supervisor Grinnell stated that there can be a comparison of the two costs, we can take a square footage cost for 2600 square feet - we have a floor plan that we have a square footage cost on already. Now when that is renovated it will be all new heating, all new insulation, new windows, new doors, up to snuff energy wise. Your new building is going to be the same thing, up to snuff energy wise.

Councilwoman Van Wert brought up a web site that she has been viewing, it is pretty comprehensive and was done by the International Association of Police Chiefs. Is it NYS compliant - she is assuming so, it is a good resource. She does not want to make a new building more expensive than it needs to be because we are going to make it do things like a brick exterior, because there is a lot of pressure to put it in the Armory building she doesn't want to inflate the cost over here to make the Armory building look more appealing.

Supervisor Grinnell stated that the pressure to put it in the Armory building is strictly dollars and cents from where he is coming from. It is significantly less money, all of his business experience tells him that, his engineers are telling him that.

Councilwoman Van Wert agrees that money is a primary concern, but it is not and can't be the only concern.

Councilman Iuliano stated that if you come up with a dollar amount, you will be held to it like it was Moses stone....

Councilwoman Van Wert stated that there are always things that come, the price of something increases while you are under construction.....She doesn't feels it is fair to chose this versus this and this is how much this is going to cost but we don't know how much this will cost. So who in their right mind is going to vote for it?

Supervisor Grinnell stated that what we are putting up, 2600 square feet at renovation dollars and take 2600 square feet at new construction dollars and you have it.

Councilwoman Van Wert stated that everyone's perception is their own reality, and that is what we are dealing with. She thinks that there is so much opposition there and would she like to live where the Charboneau's are living with two little kids if the police

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department is right there? At first she thought she wouldn't mind, if she was thinking this was Mayberry and Barney and Opie and the Sherriff being right next door wouldn't be a bad thing, but this isn't Mayberry and she isn't sure she would like to live there....

Supervisor Grinnell asked about the people on Burgoyne?

Councilwoman Van Wert stated that they are not that close.

Councilman Taylor stated that we are not committed, we are not committed to any particular thing, we are going to put a question on the ballot and see if there is anything...

Councilwoman Van Wert agrees that it is great that we put it on the ballot as long as we have some sort of cost estimate with it...

Supervisor Grinnell stated that this is easily doable and he agrees that it should be there.

Councilman Taylor would also like to see a cost benefit analysis, that was supposed to be part of this Alandre thing. They were going to show how quickly we were going to be repaid over time given the energy savings and some of the other benefits. Selling the property.

Councilwoman Van Wert believes we need to pay attention to this document, we have a storm water management plan and we are not paying attention to it. We pay to have these plans done and then they collect dust somewhere.

Councilman Iuliano would like to know where we are going to get this number that we are using to build new. (Supervisor stated that AES will give us this number)

Councilwoman Van Wert believes we need to give them (AES) the site, such as the Highway property.

Councilman Taylor asked if we bought the Valenti building - would we be certain that we would absolutely lose the tenants that are currently there?

Councilman Iuliano stated that the tenants wouldn't be able to stay on the ground floor, that is where we would need the police department. It would be a lot less money.

Supervisor Grinnell stated that the biggest issue that he has is that if we own it, we would have to make it handicapped accessible.

Councilman Iuliano stated that we cannot afford to lose three business in that building....

Resolution #274-2015 brought by Chattie Van Wert, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to authorize the following pre-pays: To New York BASS Chapter Federation, \$2,200, for the Lake Champlain Tournament August 15 & 16, and the following pre-pays already processed: To OSC, \$11,585.00 for July Court Revenue A.0690 \$11,585.00, To

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Excellus, \$34,861.32 for September Health Insurance A.9060.8 \$19,155.64, DA.9060.8 \$5,010.08, SWO6.9060.8 \$4,495.20, to John Deer, \$22,215.95 for Highway JD Wheel Loader lease payment DA.9785.6 \$22,088.00, DA.9785.7 \$127.95, to Guardian, \$618.14 for September Eye & Dental Insurance A.9060.8 \$443.61 DA.9060.8 \$91.82 SSO5.9060.8 \$7.97 SWO6.9060.8 \$74.74, To Excellus, \$3285.76 for September Retiree Health Insurance A.9060.8 \$3,285.76, To Simply Prescriptions, \$2,771.20 for September Retiree Prescription Premium A.9060.8 \$2,771.20. **All in Favor** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #275-2015 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Chattie Van Wert approving the following budget adjustment; Increase A.2770 Increase A.3120.101 in the Amount of \$362.00, HITS Triathlon Series June 28, 2015 Police - traffic control, Increase A.7310.100 Decrease A.1989.400 in the amount of \$2,000.00 The Youth Committee would like to expand the after school program to five nights a week. **All in Favor** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #276-2015 brought by David Iuliano, seconded by Wayne Taylor approving the following budget transfer; from DA.5130.100 to DA.5130.400 in the amount of \$30,413.24, this is the unused mechanic's salary for 2015. **All in Favor** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #277-2015 brought by David Iuliano, seconded by Wayne Taylor to reject all fuel bids received for the 2015-2016 heating season. **All in Favor** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #278-2015 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by David Iuliano to re-advertise the gasoline, diesel, kerosene, propane and fuel oil bids separately. **All in Favor** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #279-2015 brought by David Iuliano, seconded by Chattie Van Wert authorizing the following transfer; due to General, Due from C/P Research & Design for French Sawmill (H51) \$2,207.20. **All in Favor** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #280-2015 brought by Chattie Van Wert, seconded by Wayne Taylor authorizing the following training including registration, travel and meal expenditures on the town credit card; William Ball, continuing education, 2015 Local Government Conference, Potsdam, October 13, 2015, Danielle Drinkwine Holman, continuing education, 2015 Local Government Conference, Potsdam, October 13, 2015. **All in**

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Favor R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #281-2015 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Chattie Van Wert accepting Nathaniel McLaughlin's resignation from Activity Aid Position. **All in Favor** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #282-2015 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Wayne Taylor to advertise for an Activities Attendant with a rate of pay of \$11.00 per hour, application deadline September 11, 2015. **All in Favor** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Resolution #283-2015 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by David Iuliano to advertise for an Activities aid with a rate of pay of \$10.00 per hour, application deadline September 11, 2015. **All in Favor** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Miscellaneous Items for Discussion

Report from our Liability Insurance Carrier - remaining issues are at the Highway. (Contracted service for maintaining the Highway Fleet - need insurance) (Will need to discuss further with our Insurance Carrier)

Supervisor Grinnell feels that the party in question (Sal Barnao) should take one of his letter heads and put a statement on it that says that I am the sole proprietor and sole operator at 'his business name' and have absolutely no employees and then have it notarized. Put that in our records for our insurance audit and they can't say a word.

We should also have a preventative maintenance plan in place for each piece of equipment operated at the Highway, there is currently, oil changes, mileage - we are going to work on some sort of form for each piece of equipment to keep a record of the date, the mileage, and what was done for preventative maintenance. Someone or all of them would have to be responsible to follow those preventative maintenance plans. This would be something the Superintendent of Highway's would have to oversee that those are being done.

We have a daily log - but it has not been used in quite a few years, but this is not addressing the preventative maintenance schedule.

Supervisor Grinnell would like to see a clip board with a list for each piece of equipment, not saying that the same person would perform the maintenance every time, but the maintenance itself will be performed.

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This will be worked on.

Resolution #284-2015 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Chattie Van Wert to adopt the following Frozen Water Line Policy. **All in Favor** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye.
Opposed - none. **Carried.**

**TOWN OF TICONDEROGA
WATER DEPARTMENT
WINTER WEATHER PROBLEMS**

I think my water service is frozen – What do I do?

If you find that your water service is frozen, call the Town's Water Department at (518) 585-6144 during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 6:00 am – 2:30 pm) or call the Water Department Clerk at (518) 585-6265 ext. 304 during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm)

After hours and holidays call Lewis Dispatch at (518) 585-3456. The Town will work with you to determine where the cause of the frozen service is located, including, where necessary, conducting an on-site investigation.

What can I do to protect myself from a frozen water service?

Not every household is at risk. Please call the Town's Water Department if you have a history of frozen water service and you are experiencing unusually low water pressure.

Please do not run water tap continuously unless you have history of frozen household pipes or frozen water service, or the Town has requested that you do so.

How can I get water?

If the frozen service cannot be resolved, and is determined to be a Town problem, the Town may work with you and a willing neighbor to set up a temporary water service line through your outside water taps.

This temporary water service provide **non-potable water** until the ground thaws in the spring. **You will need to continue to use bottled water for drinking and cooking until regular service is restored. If you are set up with a connection from a neighbor, you must leave one tap running constantly at a finger-width stream in order to ensure your temporary line does not freeze.**

How long will it take to fix my water service?

It could take until mid-April for regular water service to be restored as the ground around water service lines must thaw out in order for water to start running again. In the interim, the Town of Ticonderoga may work with you and a willing neighbor to set up a temporary water service line through your outside water taps.

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The time it takes to set up this line will depend on the number of customers experiencing frozen water service. You will be placed on a list and provided with an estimated time for connection. If your call comes in overnight, the earliest you should expect a visit is the following day due to hazards posed by completing this work in the dark.

The water provided by a temporary connection is **not potable and bottled water will be required for drinking and cooking** until regular water service is restored. **If you are set up with a connection from a neighbor, you must leave one tap running constantly at a pencil-width stream in order to ensure your temporary line does not freeze.**

Who is responsible for water service lines?

Who pays for the work to restore or provide temporary water service?

It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain and/or replace the portion of the water service located within the building, and between the building and the curb shutoff box located near the property line. The Town of Ticonderoga is responsible for the service located between the property line and the water main and does not include the curb shutoff box.

If the freezing occurs on the private side of the property line, the Town will charge the homeowner for the costs to restore water service. The Town of Ticonderoga maintains a record of service calls to residences and commercial properties with frozen water lines for future reference.

If the Town has determined that the water line is frozen for the portion they are responsible for; property line and the water main, and they are able to restore your service, there is not a charge. Should your water line re-freeze and the Town returns, you will be charged for this service.

Why has my water service frozen?

Most water services in the Town of Ticonderoga are deeply buried approximately five (5) feet for protection against frost. Some water service lines, however, are installed at a shallow depth due to obstructions in the ground (rock, ledge, sewer mains, etc.....). Extremely cold temperatures, or fluctuations between warm and cold temperatures, can sometimes push frost to a depth that will freeze water services. Winter weather sometimes provides the kind of conditions that cause water service lines to freeze.

Water Temperature

With the water already being cold as it enters the water distribution system, it takes very little exposure to colder temperatures for it to freeze. That is why it is important to make sure your water service lines are not exposed to colder air during winter months.

Frost Depth

This is the depth to which the ground is frozen. The Town of Ticonderoga, frost depth usually does not reach the level of our buried water infrastructure. However, with extremely cold conditions, frost may reach these levels towards the end of winter, usually in late February or early March.

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In early spring, it may seem warmer, but frost is still deep in the ground and remains as long as the temperature continues to drop below freezing at night. Additionally, if we have colder weather in fall months, the frost depth can also put service lines at risk.

If the ground surrounding the service lines becomes frozen, it will cool the already cold water in the pipes. When the water stops moving, as when water is turned off overnight, the temperature can lower quite quickly and freeze the water. This is why it is important to keep a minimal amount of water running during these events; it keeps warmer water moving through the frost zone.

What can I do if my household pipes freeze?

If you turn on your taps and have no water, it could simply be that the pipes in your home are frozen, rather than your service line. You may want to contact a licensed plumber for assistance. Here are some steps to take if you want to try and thaw indoor pipes yourself, as well as precautions you should be aware of to protect your home:

Precautions:

Do not use a torch with an open flame to thaw pipes, as this is a fire hazard. Ensure you know the location of your master water shut-off valve. The frozen pipe may be broken and when the water in it thaws, it will leak. If the pipe is broken, you will need to shut off the water in your house until the pipe is repaired.

Steps to thaw a frozen pipe:

If you have a history of frozen pipes, or your water is currently frozen turn on a tap in the basement, preferably the cold water faucet in the laundry room.

Use a blow dryer, electric blanket or heating pad to warm the suspected frozen pipe for one or two hours. Check blow dryer regularly to ensure it does not overheat. Place a warm towel or rag around the suspected frozen pipe.

You may also use a portable heater with caution, especially around flammable materials. Always use caution when applying any heat source near insulation or other flammable materials.

Depending on the outside temperature and the extent of freezing within the pipe, the thawing process could take between one and six hours.

If the service pipe is type K soft copper, a “welding machine” should NOT be used to thaw out the service pipe. This method poses a serious fire hazard to the building and those surrounding and is prohibited in most jurisdictions.

Another recommended method is the use of a pulse jet de-icer; this self-contained unit has a nylon probe that injects high pressure pulsating hot water down the copper or plastic service pipe. The combination of pulsating hot water and high

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pressure thaws most lines safely. Units are commercially available that can thaw up to 150 feet of service line.

If these steps do not resolve the problem, contact a licensed plumber.

How can I reduce the risk of frozen water service pipes?

The majority of calls received for frozen water pipes are a result of inadequate heating and cold air drafts where piping is located in the home. If this is the case, you may wish to contact a plumbing contractor to thaw the lines.

If you have a history of pipes freezing, you can leave a cold water tap running at a steady stream of about ¼ inch (approximate thickness of a drinking straw) when outside temperatures are below freezing.

Open kitchen, bathroom and laundry cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. If piping is located next to exterior walls, leave the cupboard doors under your kitchen and bathroom sinks open. Please take care to remove household cleaners and other items that could harm children or pets while the cupboard doors are open.

Do not set your household temperature below 55 degrees Fahrenheit at night or when the house is vacant.

Shut off and drain pipes leading to outside faucets.

Wrap foam pipe insulation around pipes most susceptible to freezing (e.g. near outside walls, crawl spaces, attics). Insulate all exposed outside water pipes with specially designed foam pipe covers, available at building supply or home improvement stores. Seal air leaks in your home and garage, especially in areas where pipes are located.

If you will be away, you can shut off the water main service valve in your basement and open all taps to drain the water out of your plumbing lines to prevent them from freezing. Have someone check your home regularly.

Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage. Commercial water customers need to prepare for cold nights as well. Protect fire lines by wrapping all lines exposed to cold temperatures.

How can I correct frozen pipe problems permanently?

If your water service line has frozen in the past, and the frozen portion was located on your property, the best solution is to lower your service line to a depth that cannot be penetrated by frost. The Town of Ticonderoga requires new water lines to be buried at a minimum depth of five (5) feet.

Montcalm Manor - sidewalk - signage; crosswalk needs to be designated. This has not been accomplished yet by the Highway Superintendent. The Department of Health is

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giving Montcalm Manor a problem as well as some of the residents families - We need to get this accomplished.

Councilman Iuliano wanted to know why this needed to be done at this location, why can't we put it up closer to Stewart's. More information is needed.

Resolution #285-2015 brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Chattie Van Wert withdrawing permission for use of Beach facilities (review again next year). **All in Favor** R. William Grinnell - Aye, David Iuliano - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Chattie Van Wert - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

RESOLUTION 285 of 2015
OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA
ADOPTED August 25, 2015

Made by Fred Hunsdon
Seconded by Chattie Van Wert

A RESOLUTION WITHDRAWING PERMISSION FOR USE OF BEACH
FACILITIES

Whereas, the Town Board is charged with the oversight of the Town's properties, including all Town parks, recreation areas and beaches; and

Whereas, there may arise instances where due to conduct that is deemed unsafe or disruptive to the public good, certain individuals may not be welcomed at certain Town facilities due to such individual's conduct; and

Whereas, the Town Board has received reports from the Town of Ticonderoga Police Department, as well as Town employees at the beach including lifeguards, that Robert Cook-Valente has shown a propensity towards violence, has failed to follow reasonable instructions from the police officers and lifeguards intended to protect the public, and has caused significant disturbances at the beach which have alarmed children, beach-goers and the public, and has otherwise acted in extreme inappropriate behavior at the beach; and

Whereas, the Town Board finds it necessary to take action with regard to this individual.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT:

RESOLVED, effective immediately, Robert Cook-Valente may no longer bathe, visit or otherwise access the Town of Ticonderoga beach; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event Robert Cook-Valente does bathe, visit or otherwise access the Town of Ticonderoga beach for any reason, such shall be deemed a trespass and prosecuted as such; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Robert Cook-Valente may apply to the Town Board for reinstatement of beach privileges on or after June 1, 2016 but may not bathe, visit or otherwise access the Town of Ticonderoga beach prior to any such reinstatement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect immediately.

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| R. William Grinnell, Supervisor | Aye |
| David Iuliano, Councilman | Aye |
| Fred Hunsdon, Councilman | Aye |
| Wayne Taylor, Councilman | Aye |
| Chattie Van Wert, Councilwoman | Aye |

SEAL

Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Councilman Iuliano would like to ask for something; as we close in on budget time, we are going to start getting these huge packets of budgets, it is very nice for people to know the account codes - can't we put page numbers on these packets that are 200 page long so we can just turn to the page and not look for account numbers.

Councilman Taylor wanted to know how we are looking budget wise? Oil is going down...

Mrs. Vigliotti stated that she hasn't had time to really review anything yet for next year. The estimate sheets are out to department heads and are due back by the 20th of September and October 1st you will get the tentative with the page numbers on it. Workshops can be planned for October.

Supervisor Grinnell mentioned that he and Councilman Hunsdon met with ACE waste and they are very interested in utilizing our transfer station. They will be coming back with a number of trips per week. He has also talked with IP Co. , who have expressed that they also want that specific information from ACE for a legal agreement to be drawn up for the use of their scales. ACE has also indicated that they would be interested in taking over everything but our garbage at our transfer station. More information is needed.

Supervisor Grinnell stated that we have gotten a bill from Sheriff Cutting, there is a section of the law that says if you take an trained officer in a certain amount of time from their completion of training, then the entity that is losing that person has an opportunity to try to recover some money for the training that they have invested. This is very preliminary and he does not know where it is going and it is going to get extremely political before it gets anything. Right now we are in the negotiations process and we are going to take a two pronged stance, the two previous employees that used to work at the county that now work here - we never were charged, so that sets a precedent with that. The other issue is that Ticonderoga pays county taxes - we already paid for this training. It is going to be interesting.

Councilman Taylor wanted to mention that we had incurred a lot of costs for transporting prisoners from the court to the jail. Is that still happening? There is some leverage.

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Councilman Taylor asked if the grievance had been resolved, using the transfer station people during the winter? Will we continue to do this? (Answer was yes).

Mr. Bartlett asked about the incentive that was given in regards to the tax cap. The Star incentive? He knows that the school has to stay within that in order for the residents to get it, does the town?

Supervisor Grinnell stated that we are a year behind the school, so we will be looking at this for next year.

Mr. Bartlett then asked if we in setting the budget for 2016 chose to go over the tax cap, do we invalidate that potential incentive for our residents?

Supervisor Grinnell is not sure, he thinks it does. He stated that the issue in the Adirondack Park for our assessment base is very difficult because we are so restricted in building development. If you can't expand that assessment base, how are you supposed to keep up with double digit increases in health care. Reasonable increases in salaries even giving 2%, that is 1.3% more than we are allowed. It is nonsense. Outside of the park you have an opportunity to aggressively develop your tax base and expand. Inside the park you do not have that opportunity. If you are going to do that, then the rest of the state has got to step up and supplement the Adirondacks for that lose of that revenue. Either that or we are going to put up gates and toll booths at every road that comes in to the Adirondack.

More discussion was held on the possibility of overriding the tax cap and how to stay under it.

Mrs. Vigliotti had some questions that have been posed to her in regard to why we are not rehabbing the current building.

Supervisor Grinnell stated that it would be cost prohibitive, it is too small a building and it is done.

Mrs. Vigliotti added, when we close it for the police, where are the beautification going?

Supervisor Grinnell is hoping that Beautification will be going into the Water Department facilities. He doesn't know how it will all fit yet. This is what he is hoping for.

Supervisor Grinnell wanted to make the board aware of the situation on Lake George Avenue, where the barn burned down. They are going to put up a fence, they will be mowing the lawn - they are having negotiations with Niagara Mohawk and we have been asked to give them a period of time to complete the investigation.

Mr. Bartlett mentioned the building across from the Post Office where there appears to be security monitoring cameras - it that in response to the nuisance law or pursuit thereof?

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Supervisor Grinnell is not aware of this.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk
(Thank you to Karla Vigliotti for keeping notes for me on this date)

Financial Meeting Agenda
As of 8/25/2015 9:09 AM

Tuesday, August 25, 2015, 11:30am

Opening

RESOLUTION seeking State Assistance with the New York Tax Cap (full resolution attached)

RESOLUTION moving the police department to the armory building

RESOLUTION authorizing the following prepays:

To New York BASS Chapter Federation, \$2,200.00, for
the Lake Champlain Tournament August 15 & 16

RESOLUTION supporting the following prepays processed:

To OSC, \$11585.00 for July court revenue
A.0690 \$11585.00

To Excellus, \$34,861.32 for September Health Insurance

A.9060.8 \$19155.64 DA.9060.8 \$6200.40 SS05.9060.8 \$5010.08 SW06.9060.8 \$4495.20

To John Deere, \$22215.95 for Highway JD Wheel Loader lease payment

DA.9785.6 \$22088.00 DA.9785.7 \$127.95

To Guardian, \$618.14 for September Eye & Dental Insurance

A.9060.8 \$443.61 DA.9060.8 \$91.82 SS05.9060.8 \$7.97 SW06.9060.8 \$74.74

To Excellus, \$3285.76 for September Retiree Health Insurance

A.9060.8 \$3285.76

To Simply Prescriptions, \$2771.20 for September Retiree Prescription Premium

A.9060.8 \$2771.20

RESOLUTION approving the following budget adjustment:

Increase A.2770 Increase A.3120.101 in the amount of \$ 362.00

HITS Triathlon Series June 28, 2015 Police – traffic control

Increase A.7310.100 Decrease A.1989.400 in the amount of \$2000.00

The Youth Committee would like to expand the after school program to five nights a week

RESOLUTION approving the following budget transfer:

From DA.5130.100 To DA.5130.400 in the amount of \$ 30,413.24

This is the unused mechanic's salary for 2015

Reference RESOLUTION 2662015 tabled award of fuel bids

RESOLUTION to reject all fuel bids received

RESOLUTION to re-advertise the gasoline, diesel, kerosene, propane and fuel oil bid

RESOLUTION authorizing the following transfer:

Due to General, Due from C/P Research & Design for French Sawmill (H51) \$2207.20.

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Funds will be reimbursed with grant money

RESOLUTION authorizing the following Training including Registration, Travel, and Meal expenditures on the Town Credit Card;

William Ball, continuing education, 2015 Local Government Conference, Potsdam, October 13, 2015

Danielle Drinkwine Holman, continuing education, 2015 Local Government Conference, Potsdam,
October 13, 2015

RESOLUTION accepting Nathaniel McLaughlin resignation from Activity Aide position

RESOLUTION to advertise for an Activities Attendant with a rate of pay of \$11.00 per hour, application deadline September 18, 2015 (civil service job description attached)

RESOLUTION to advertise for an Activities aide with a rate of pay of \$10.00 per hour, application deadline September 18, 2015 (civil service job description attached)

Discussion:

Town Clerk Tonya Thompson

Attorney Matt Fuller

RESOLUTION to adjourn the Financial Town Board Meeting