

**Minutes for the Third 2017 Ticonderoga Town Budget Workshop held on October 24, 2016 commencing at 1:00 p.m. with any other lawful business to be heard.**

**Present:** Joseph M. Giordano, Supervisor  
Fred Hunsdon, Councilman  
Wayne Taylor, Councilman  
Dorcey Crammond, Councilwoman  
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

**Others:** Michael Richardson, Jim Major, Lance Clark, Nancy Archer, Donna Wotton, Peter Reale

Supervisor Giordano opened the Workshop beginning with lawful business that needs to come before.

**Resolution #392-2016** brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Dorcey Crammond announcing a Public Interest Order in the Matter of the Joint Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of the Eight Water District in the Town of Ticonderoga. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

In the Matter of The Joint Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of The Eight Water Districts in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York	Resolution #392-2016  PUBLIC INTEREST ORDER
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WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, has had under consideration the joint increase and improvement of the facilities of all of the water districts in said Town, being 9N and 74 Water District (SW01), Street Road Water District (SW02), Alexandra Water District No. 1(SW03), Homeland Water District (SW04), Alexandra Water District No. 2(SW05), Central Water District (SW06), Park Avenue Water District (SW07) and Shore Airport Water District (SW09) in said Town (together, the “Districts”), consisting of the ground water source improvements for the Gooseneck Reservoir Water System, including new wells, supply mains and original

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furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the maximum estimated cost to said Districts of such joint increase and improvement of facilities is determined to be \$13,458,792.84 as to which preliminary expenses have heretofore been authorized in the amount of \$2,700,000; therefore, \$10,758,792.84 being the maximum estimated cost of this phase of said joint increase and improvement of facilities and \$13,458,792.094 being the aggregate maximum estimated cost to be herein authorized; and WHEREAS, the maximum estimated cost to said Districts of such joint increase and improvement of facilities is determined to be \$13,458,792.84 as to which preliminary expenses have heretofore been authorized in the amount of \$2,700,000; therefore, \$10,758,792.84 being the maximum estimated cost of this phase of said joint increase and improvement of facilities; and

WHEREAS, such cost shall be annually apportioned among such Districts by said Town Board, and the amounts so apportioned shall be annually apportioned and assessed upon the several lots and parcels of land within each said District in the manner provided by law, in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds as the same become due, but if not paid from such source, all the taxable real property in said Town shall be subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes without limitation as to rate or amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same shall become due; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated at this time that the apportionment of such cost between Districts shall be as follows: 9N and 74 Water District (SW01) (6.35%), Street Road Water District (SW02) (2.62%), Alexandra Water District No. 1(SW03) (2.61%),

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Homeland Water District (SW04) (0.99%), Alexandra Water District No. 2(SW05) (4.03%), Central Water District (SW06) (71.61%), Park Avenue Water District (SW07) (3.07%) and Shore Airport Water District (SW09) (8.72%) in said Town; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of said Town Board duly called and held on September 30, 2016, an Order was adopted by it and entered in the minutes specifying the said Town Board would meet to consider said increase and improvement of the Water Districts, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof concerning the same at the Town Hall, in Ticonderoga, New York, in said Town, on October 13, 2016 at 6:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time; and

WHEREAS, said Order duly certified by the Town Clerk was duly published and posted as required by law; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held at the time and place set forth in said notice, at which all persons desiring to be heard were duly heard; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Upon the evidence given at the aforesaid public hearing, it is hereby found and determined that it is in the public interest to make improvements to 9N and 74 Water District (SW01) (6.35%), Street Road Water District (SW02) (2.62%), Alexandra Water District No. 1(SW03) (2.61%), Homeland Water District (SW04) (0.99%), Alexandra Water District No. 2(SW05) (4.03%), Central Water District (SW06) (71.61%), Park Avenue Water District (SW07) (3.07%) and Shore Airport Water District (SW09) (8.72%) in said Town, consisting of the ground water source improvements for the

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Gooseneck Reservoir Water System, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$13,458,792.84, with \$2,700,000 having been heretofore authorized, and \$13,458,792.84 being the aggregate maximum estimated cost herein authorized allocated amongst said Water Districts as described at said public hearing and as hereinabove provided.

Section 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing order was duly put to a vote on roll, which resulted as follows:

Joseph M. Giordano	VOTING ___Aye_____
Fred Hunsdon	VOTING ___Aye_____
Wayne Taylor	VOTING ___Aye_____
Dorcey Crammond	VOTING ___Aye_____

The order was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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**Resolution #393-2016** brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Wayne Taylor authorizing the issuance of \$13,458,792.84 Bonds of the Town of Ticonderoga. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

BOND RESOLUTION #393-2016 DATED OCTOBER 24, 2016.

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$13,458,792.84 BONDS OF THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE JOINT INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF EIGHT WATER DISTRICTS IN THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW YORK.

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described has been determined to be an Unlisted Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the implementation of which as proposed, it has been determined will not result in a significant environmental effect; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions heretofore duly had and taken in accordance with the provisions of Section 202-b of the Town Law, and more particularly an Order dated the date hereof, said Town Board has determined it to be in the public interest to joint increase and improve the facilities of the eight water districts in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York (together, the "Districts" ), being the ground water source improvements for the Gooseneck Reservoir Water System, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$13,458,792.84; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the specific object or purpose of paying the cost of the joint increase and improvement of the facilities of the eight water districts in the Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York (together, the "Districts" ), being 9N and 74 Water District (SW01), Street Road Water District (SW02), Alexandra Water District No.

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1(SW03), Homeland Water District (SW04), Alexandra Water District No. 2(SW05), Central Water District (SW06), Park Avenue Water District (SW07) and Shore Airport Water District (SW09) in said Town (together, the "Districts"), consisting of the ground water source improvements for the Gooseneck Reservoir Water System, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$13,458,792.84, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$13,458,792.84 serial bonds of said Town pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law. The prior authorization for \$2,700,000 serial bonds for said specific object or purpose being a bond resolution dated and duly adopted September 30, 2013 (Resolution No. 329 of 2013) as amended by resolution dated and duly adopted November 14, 2013 (Resolution No. 404 of 2013) is hereby superceded.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the plan for the financing of said specific object or purpose is by the issuance of the \$13,458,792.84 serial bonds of said Town authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond resolution.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is forty years pursuant to subdivision 1 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, calculated from the date of the first bond anticipation note issued therefor pursuant to the bond resolution noted in Section 1 hereof. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Town of Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and

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interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from monies raised from said Districts in the manner provided by law, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said Town, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Supervisor, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as the Supervisor shall deem best for the interests of said Town, including, but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the Supervisor shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Supervisor shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

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Section 7. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of such Town. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 8. The Supervisor is hereby further authorized, at his sole discretion, to execute a project finance and/or loan agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Health and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the specific object or purpose described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and/or note issue of said Town in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 9. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the Supervisor. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said Supervisor consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.



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Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 12. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Joseph M. Giordano VOTING \_\_Aye\_\_\_\_\_

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Fred Hunsdon VOTING \_\_\_Aye\_\_\_\_\_

Wayne Taylor VOTING \_\_Aye\_\_\_\_\_

Dorcey Crammond VOTING \_\_\_Aye\_\_\_\_\_

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Resolution #394-2016** brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to amend the Public Hearing announcement for the 2017 Ticonderoga Town Budget to say it will be held on November 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #395-2016** brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Dorcey Crammond authorizing a Highway budget transfer of \$90,000.00 from the DA.5142.400 to DA.5130.200. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #396-2016** brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Wayne Taylor authorizing a budget approval to transfer from the Snow Budget to the Machinery Budget to cover the purchase of the Boom & Flail Mower in the amount of \$35,000.00. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #397-2016** brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Wayne Taylor to make Abstract payments to Excellus in the amount of \$27,687.84 and also in the amount of \$3,240.96. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #398-2016** brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Wayne Taylor to pay late fees assessed to Insufficient Checks in the amount of \$64.00 for an employee at the Police Department in light of the payroll being processed late. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Discussion was held on the 2017 budget.

It is the board's feeling that they would like to get the tax rate set for the 2017 budget to be below the stress level and continue to working on a more exact budget for the coming years.

**Resolution #399-2016** brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to accept the 2017 Tentative Budget for A.1010 - Town Board changing A.1010.477 to \$2,000.00,

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A.1010.473 to \$3,600 and A.1010.499 to \$300. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #400-2016** brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to accept the 2017 Tentative Budget for A.1440.493 - Engineer changing to \$25,000.00. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #401-2016** brought by Dorcey Crammond, seconded by Joseph Giordano to accept the 2017 Tentative Budget for A.1420.491 - Town Attorney changing to \$40,000.00. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Lengthy discussion was held on health insurance and buy out options for elected officials. Possibly doing away with the option all together, continue, or any newly elected officials are not eligible. More discussion will be held.

**Resolution #402-2016** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Wayne Taylor to accept the 2017 Tentative Budget for A.1220 - Supervisor changing A.1220.471 to \$0.00, A.1220.495 to \$22,000.00 and A.,1220.863 to \$0.00. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

The board paused to hear from the TRA members.

**Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance (TRA) 2017 Request Funding**

**2015-2016 Accomplishments**

- TRA co-sponsored two successful "Trekonderoga" conventions in partnership with James Cawley, a local entrepreneur, which together brought in over 900 persons to the Ticonderoga area, the majority being first-time visitors to the area.
- Trekonderoga 2015 and 2016 had a combined estimated direct economic impact on the Ticonderoga area of \$228,000 as calculated by the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST) and an estimated combined direct and indirect economic benefit (indirect being the multiplier effect of the direct inputs) of over a half million dollars in the year between September 2015 and August 2016.
- The conventions brought significant local, regional and national media attention to Ticonderoga, which raised and enhanced the town's profile as a unique and beautiful destination.
- The Trekonderoga conventions and business assistance from TRA helped James Cawley to establish the Star Trek Original Series Set Tour as a new business attraction in downtown Ticonderoga. His new business has received international press. It is now operating beyond the summer season, and may become a year-round attraction eventually.

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- In October 2016, the Town of Ticonderoga was awarded a \$75,000 grant from the New York State Office of the Attorney-General under the "Zombie and Vacant Properties Remediation and Prevention Initiative". TRA took the lead (with the Housing Assistance Program of Essex County/HAPEC) in developing and writing this successful proposal, on behalf of the Town of Ticonderoga.
  - This grant will, among other things, strengthen counseling, mortgage negotiation, and other foreclosure prevention actions, strengthen the capacity of the Town's Code Enforcement Office, increase the capacity of the Town Attorney to undertake related legal actions, and help the Town enforce relevant new laws.
  - TRA continued to provide support to the potential new School of Applied Technology that is being considered by a consortium of colleges led by North Country Community College, including help with the NCCC Feasibility Study.
  - TRA designed the framework of the Ticonderoga Fund for Entrepreneurship and Revitalization, the goal of which is to provide gap funding for new businesses and business expansion with a focus on assistance to women and youth entrepreneurs.
  - TRA conducted a preliminary feasibility study completed to establish a brew pub in downtown Ticonderoga.
- TRA participated in and contributed to the Town's Economic Development Committee

### **2017 Proposed Projects and**

#### **Services Economic**

##### Development:

- Assist in the development of new businesses and the strengthening of existing ones (e.g., Star Trek Original Series Set Tour) through technical assistance, mentoring and development of financial products. This includes in order to:
  - \*bring new visitors into downtown;
  - generate employment opportunities; and
  - promote youth and women owned businesses.
- Help implement the new Town project on vacant and abandoned properties, such as by promoting community outreach about the counseling and other preventive services, helping strengthen the data base aspects of the Code Enforcement Office, exploring new approaches to renovating derelict buildings, and narrative reporting on the project.
- Expand technical and financial support to the Town of Ticonderoga through further program and proposal development and writing to address prevent and restore abandoned and derelict buildings in partnership with HAPEC and others, including through the use of TRA's Local Development Corporation (LDC) status.
- Help to strengthen strategic planning and coordination for the economic development of Ticonderoga, and provide assistance with economic development proposal development and writing.

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- Support the development of employment-related training and education certificate programs such as with the NCCC regarding a possible School of Applied Technology, and other similar programs.
  - Support the economic revitalization endeavors of other community organizations.
2. Arts: Support actions related to music and the arts as they contribute toward economic revitalization in the Ticonderoga area\_
  3. TRA organizational development: Maintain LDC compliance with the NYS Authorities Budget Office in order to support Ticonderoga in actions to address the problem of derelict buildings, and other projects that benefit from an LDC participation\_

**\$5,000 Funding Request**

Funding is requested in the amount of \$5,000 from the Town of Ticonderoga for actions in support of the town to help restore the economic prosperity of the area. This includes actions to:

1. Further address the problem of derelict and abandoned buildings through technical assistance and proposal writing, and in developing approaches for the Town and/or TRA (as the town's LDC) to acquire, rehabilitate, and sell or rent selected derelict properties on behalf of the Town (including through use of TRA's status as a LDC).
2. Assist in the planning and implementation of Ticonderoga 2017 in order to bring in substantial numbers of visitors to Ticonderoga and to provide sizable direct and indirect economic benefits to the Town.
3. Promote the development in Ticonderoga of further employment-related training and education certificate and/or degree programs such as a possible School of Applied Technology.
4. Help strengthen strategic planning and prioritization, and proposal development and writing as appropriate, for Ticonderoga regarding economic development.

The board feels that they may be able to help and asked that a contract be drafted (for a one year stipend). The money will need to be found in the proposed EDC budget. Much discussion was held on the Economic Development budget and decreasing it over the years.

**Resolution #403-2016** brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Fred Hunsdon to accept the 2017 Tentative Budget for A.6989 - Other Economic Development changing A.6989.479 to \$15,000.00. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.** (This Budget may be discussed again on decreasing the amount.)

**Resolution #404-2016** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dorcey Crammond to accept the 2017 Tentative Budget for A.7550 - Celebrations equaling \$6,500. **All in**

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**Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

The Supervisor will check on the insurance needed to hold the 4th of July Celebration.

**Resolution #405-2016** brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Joseph Giordano to accept the 2017 Tentative Budget for A.1355- Assessment changing A.1355.494 to \$2,000.00 and A.1355.499 to \$1,000.00. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #406-2016** brought by Fred Hunsdon, seconded by Wayne Taylor to accept the 2017 Tentative Budget for A.1410 - Town Clerk. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #407-2016** brought by Wayne Taylor, seconded by Joseph Giordano to accept the 2017 Tentative Budget for A.4010 - Board of Health. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Fred Hunsdon - Aye, Wayne Taylor - Aye, Dorcey Crammond - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk