

**Minutes for a Ticonderoga Regular Town Board Meeting held on  
December 10, 2020 commencing at 6:00 p.m. with Public Hearings regarding the  
Annual contracts for Ti EMS, Lamoille and Chilson Vol. Fire Co.**

**Present:** Joseph Giordano, Supervisor  
Mark Russell, Councilman  
Tom Cunningham, Councilman  
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman  
Dave Woods, Councilman  
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

**Others:** Heath Towne (Video taping), Dave Burrows, Building Inspector  
Many others in attendance virtually on the Go-To-Meeting Site

Supervisor Giordano opened the meeting with the Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Remarks

CoronaVirus Update & Notifications - as most of you are aware there has been a significant increase in cases. Attendees of a funeral on December 4 at the Wilcox and Regan Funeral Home in Ticonderoga and a reception held afterwards at a private residence in Putnam may have been exposed to COVID-19. Following these events, several individuals have now tested positive for COVID-19 and were present at these locations during their infectious period. The Essex County Health Department recommends that all attendees self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19, which include, but are not limited to fever, cough, chills and loss of sense of taste and smell, over the 14-day period from the date of the potential exposure. If experiencing these or other symptoms of illness, seek immediate testing by contacting your medical provider or an urgent care center. New York State's COVID testing hotline can be reached at 1-888-364-3065. Questions about COVID-19 can be directed to the Essex County Health Department at 518-873-3500. Additional information is available on the ECHD website [www.co.essex.ny.us/Health](http://www.co.essex.ny.us/Health) or Facebook page [www.facebook.com/EssexCountyPublicHealth](https://www.facebook.com/EssexCountyPublicHealth). They continue to recommend wearing your mask, keep your physical distance of 6 feet and make sure you are routinely washing your hands.

Seasonal Flu - there has also been an uptake in cases of the flu. It is recommended that you get your flu shot.

IP Mill- A press release has been issued by the mill on what is happening. We will be looking for that to be in the paper.

Public Hearing

Chilson Vol. Fire Co. - Annual 2021 contract  
Supervisor Giordano explained that it is typical for any agencies that receive funding from the Town to have a contract. The Chilson Vol. Fire Co. budget came in the same as last year, which was \$74,645.00. No public wanted to speak on this issue.

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The Public hearing closed at 6:15 p.m.

Ti EMS - Annual 2021 contract

To begin ... I want to allay any concerns that the residents of Ticonderoga may have regarding the false rumors that the Town Board is going to dissolve Ti EMS and place Lamoille as primary EMS response.

**That simply is not true, nor is it even possible.**

The Town is not in the business of providing Emergency Medical Services. By virtue of Town Law, the Town is able to provide funding through a contract with those agencies who provide Emergency Medical Services. This is all this public hearing is about.

However, before we open up this public hearing for public input, I would like to share a little of what the Town Board has been working with our local EMS agencies to achieve and some other efforts at the County Level.

Like all of you who are on this call, the members of this board support our volunteer and paid EMS care providers. Throughout all of our discussions which have occurred over the last few years and even those executive sessions we have had recently with representatives and the Medical Director from both squads as well as the Essex County EMS Coordinator, I assure you the Town Board's goal has always been the same ...

**To ensure that our residents and visitors receive the highest and swiftest level of care for themselves or their loved ones in their time of need.**

A little background,

Ti EMS has been operating as the primary 9-1-1 EMS provider for nearly 8 decades, servicing calls from the scene of need to our local emergency department. While they have been mostly a volunteer organization, our times are changing and they, like many other agencies throughout our nation, are moving toward becoming an agency with paid staff.

Lamoille on the other hand is a private company, based in Vermont, who has been providing, patient transport care from facility to facility, namely ECH UVM ML Ticonderoga to a tertiary hospital in Burlington, Plattsburgh or Glens Falls, as the case may require.

Both Ti EMS and Lamoille Ambulance Services operate with a certificate of need and are overseen by a medical director as well as a framework of regulatory layers.

**And most importantly, both are needed in our region to provide those two levels of support, namely, scene-to-facility transport care and facility-to-facility transport care.**

The town has become much more involved in the past couple of years as the number of dropped calls to TI EMS have increased. In 2019, the number exceeded 140, which is significant compared to an annual call volume of approximately 800.

At the county level, Essex County has been assertive and received nearly \$6 million in grant funds to develop a county-wide solution to reduce dropped calls. The first phase of this county plan was to provide paid staff to Ticonderoga, Crown Point, Moriah and Wilmington. And it has been working as the number of dropped calls in Ticonderoga Year-to-date in 2020 was 7 when last reported.

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At the Town level, we initiated a second contract to staff additional resources through Lamoille to guarantee mutual aid would be available for those times when Ti EMS did not have a full duty crew on-call to respond.

While there is more that can be stated about these two organizations and the services they provide and what we have learned about EMS in the county, I hope this helps to shed some light on the extent to which your town and county government are working hard help keep these necessary services functioning in our community.

Now back to the public hearing at hand.

The town has met with both agencies and reviewed their needs and has determined that neither requires a contract for this year.

Ti EMS has met the requirements we have set for this past year and thanks to Mark Barber have produced a reality-based budget that is nearly balanced. It has been determined that with the county grant assistance, along with the increased revenue from the reduction of dropped calls and a healthy fund balance that they have the means to work through their small budget gap this year. This is a great feat as it has only been in the last handful of years that the Town has had to enter into a contract to supplement their revenue.

Lamoille as a private company will continue to operate as they have. They have recently contracted with Ti EMS to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) care when the need arises. We do not see a need to provide additional funds as we have this past year as the number of mutual aid calls have significantly reduced.

Based on our discussions of each's financial situation, the Town does not see the need to provide funds to either, however, if circumstances change in the future, we can always re-evaluate.

Stu Baker - Why were public hearings were scheduled on these contracts if no contracts were needed?

Supervisor Giordano explained that technically we do not need to have a Public Hearing if there is no contract. We decided to leave them open simply because there were a lot of concerns and rumors spreading around and we wanted to give the public opportunity to have discussions and receive clarification against those rumors.

Mr. Baker - Is the Town providing financial support to the Ti EMS in the next budget year? And did we provide some in the current year?

Supervisor Giordano stated that no we are not for next year and we did for this current year, \$20,000.00 was provided along with an additional amount for contractual obligations for the county staffing for the months of November and December. Last year the Revenue was down because the number of dropped calls were up and they weren't responding to those calls, therefore they didn't receive their revenue. This year the dropped calls have significantly decreased, so the revenue is significantly up. In working with members of the Ti EMS squad, they have been able to work through some of their budgeting issues and have put forth a relatively balanced budget with a small short fall that they believe that they can accommodate in this coming year. The Town is not

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opposed to entering into a contract in the future if need be, but they have a health fund balance right now and the discussions that we have had indicated that they are sufficient for 2021.

Mr. Baker asked then that a contract is only required if the Town is providing financial support to them.

Supervisor Giordano stated that this is correct.

Cory Ouellette - Lamoille EMS stated that historically the town has supported the Ti EMS and their response to emergency calls in the town for many decades.

Supervisor Giordano stated that this is incorrect; the Town only recently has provided funding to Ti EMS since 2014.

Mr. Ouellette - stated they have been providing service to the Town.

Supervisor Giordano agreed that Ti EMS has been providing service to the Town for the past 8 decades, but have only been receiving funding from the Town for the last 6 years.

Mr. Ouellette noted that there will be no funds being exchanged in regards to the contract, but is there still going to be some sort of arrangement made so that Ticonderoga is listed as the primary response agency for the Town. He asks that as someone that operates the EMS agency in Warrensburg, if the Town had approached him and said well we are not going to have a contract with your for service for the year 2021, it would make him question if he has an obligation to respond to calls. He is just trying to understand this general information as to what the expectation is of Ti EMS or Lamoille EMS for response emergency calls within the town.

Supervisor Giordano stated that this would be up to the agencies themselves. That is their business, your business and as far as the question about making that determination. That is not in our jurisdiction.

Councilman Russell stated that the county is making that determination on who is being called.

Supervisor Giordano stated that both Lamoille and Ti EMS have their own certificate of need, so he is not sure how the determination is actually made. Whether we fund or not fund, that doesn't impact the agencies being able to perform the services that they already provide.

Mr. Baker asked if the EMS budget is based on responding to a set number of calls, if they are not the designated, primary squad for EMS services then it could be difficult for them to meet their funding goals. So the question of how they get designated as primary squad is really important.

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Supervisor Giordano stated that this is a good question, but is out of the scope of our Public Hearing tonight, which was solely on the contract or lack of contract since we are not entering into a contract with either agency, but what we have learned from our discussion, Essex County Dispatch .... Councilman Cunningham explained....

Councilman Cunningham stated that according to Essex County Dispatch's director, whom we asked this question to...it is not anything that the Town designates, but because Ti EMS has been providing that service for many decades as the primary responder then that is who they will continue to use until such time as they are no longer in existence or they are unable to perform those duties. Until such time and something changes as far as dispatch is concerned they will continue to call them. As far as they are concerned, Ti EMS is now, has been and as far as we know will continue to be the first call that they make. Unless Ti EMS tells dispatch that they do not have a duty roster to complete that call and to call Lamoille. That is a Ti EMS call if they can't fill that duty roster.

Renee Kennedy stated that this is the case, we will be staying the primary and we will be moving forward in 2021.

Mr. Ouellette stated that as the president of another agency, if his Town Board said they no longer are supporting you as providing services to our town, but we still want you to do it; he would be like 'Ok, what are the obligations that he is going to have to the Town' The Town would be saying that they are no longer contributing to the service but we still want you to respond, he would be like 'Ok, so we don't have a contract anymore, where does that explain what his responsibilities are as far as his agency to provide service to the town. Does that make sense. He is asking on behalf of Ti EMS in saying what do they get. Lamoille EMS has a certificate of need for the entire county, so they can respond to any call at any time; however, we don't, we allow the primary unit to do that and we provide back-up when needed, but if he was on Ti EMS listening to this he would be like well, what do we do. He understands that the expectation is still that the primary, but what do they have, what contract do they have that will say what their responsibility is in order to respond to calls.

Supervisor Giordano stated that we understand your question, but again it is outside of our scope of this public hearing. It can be looked into, but his understanding is just because you have a certificate of need it doesn't designate you as primary for Lamoille, but we will need to defer to the county and their understanding of that.

Councilman Russell stated that his understanding is that Ti EMS has a mutual aid contract with Lamoille, so that is where they would provide back-up.

Ms. Kennedy wanted to update that yes, we have an ALS intercept agreement with Lamoille at this time. That is when we would call if we needed assistance with any calls that require ALS if we did not have ALS on the roster for the day. We are the primary agency for Ticonderoga and Putnam and that is what we will continue to do, from now until whenever possible.

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Giselle Hoffay wanted to first thank you Ti EMS and Lamoille for helping our community, you all do a really good job. Her concern is with not having a contract with Ticonderoga or Lamoille is at that time when an Advanced Life Support situation - 10 minutes can mean someone's life. Is there a way through dispatch for anything like that to be done for ALS to be called. What she is saying is that there is a time issue is if it automatically goes to Ti EMS as far as someone having a heart attack, shouldn't an Advanced Life Support ambulance be automatically sent to that place? If Ti EMS doesn't have one available?

Corinna Woods stated that she doesn't think that people quite understand the dispatch, unless you are EMS. If there is a heart attack we will be paged as such and that can be an Advanced Life Support or an ALS call immediately. If we could not respond to that call within 7 minutes then dispatch would re-page that call out again for mutual aid and that would be another agency. In other words if Ti EMS couldn't cover that call with an ALS responder, then that call would again page for another agency. We are working on making sure that we can cover every call with ALS.

Mr. Ouellette stated that what Giselle was referring to was the immediate dispatch of a qualified ambulance to respond to calls that require a critical care technician or paramedic. It scares him to think there is no allocation or contract with the agency in order to know what the responsibility is, he knows what his responsibility is, he was asking on behalf of the Ticonderoga EMS to say hey, what is our responsibility, whether we get calls as we did last night there was an EMS call dispatched to a residence and he was not activated until the other ambulance was already on scene and he thinks that this is the sort of thing that Giselle is concerned about, the response...(inaudible) ... a critical care technician or paramedic was not even notified of the call until they are already there, which could be life or death for that person..

Ms. Kennedy stated that this is not the place to be talking about EMS calls....we are staffed 24/7....

Supervisor stated that this is correct. Without getting into any more technical details regarding the operations of EMS, those are better served at the Ti EMS meetings or at the county with regards to dispatching - it is not for the Town Board. This hearing is solely on helping clarifying some misconceptions in the public and provide some of the conversations that we have had with both squads regarding no need for a contract.

Public Hearing closed at 6:53p.m.

Lamoille - Annual 2021 Contract

No contract this year for Lamoille - no public wanting to comment.

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Public Comment**

Mark Wright stated that he brought a letter in to be put in the minutes dated 11/30/2020 on the Suspension of the Investigator position.

To All Concerned,

I request this correspondence be read aloud and entered into the record at the December 10, 2020 Regular Town Board meeting. I have chosen this written correspondence, entered into the record, to express my disappointment with the Ticonderoga Town Board of Trustees and the Ticonderoga Town Supervisor regarding what, in my opinion, constitutes faulty decision making associated with the suspension of the Ticonderoga Police Department Investigator position. The final decision in this action did not adequately include the Ticonderoga Police Chief who was not properly consulted or involved in the decision process and essentially excluded from many discussions including how such a decision could affect the safety of the Town's citizenry as well as how it could affect law enforcement operations at large. In my opinion, this action is a mockery of due process and proper disclosure. The perceptually clandestine nature of the action is indicative of a government which operates in the shadows and without the proper guidance and experience necessary to make informed decisions.

The Investigator position is critical to the successful and proper closure of major crime cases in a community. Every successful police department has an investigator position and every police department which does not, recognizes the value and importance of an investigator and desires such a position. This was the rationale for establishing the position by Chief Cook in 2006-2007 and again recently in 2018. The investigator also acts as the liaison and a single point of contact between the police department and the District Attorney's Office as well as the New York State Police regarding investigative case matters.

Over the period during which Ticonderoga has employed the investigator position, the District Attorney's office has recognized Ticonderoga's Police Department as having a more professional approach to investigations and evidence gathering. Also, since the re-establishment of the investigator position, numerous cases have been solved allowing patrol officers to focus on their primary duty to maintain the law without the distraction of also conducting investigations.

Currently, there are approximately eleven (11) open and pending investigations (including sexual assault, narcotics, grand larceny, suspicious death, and others) which will suffer from the lack of a full-time dedicated and trained investigator. In addition, the Department is still playing catch up attempting to close cases from a prior period when the Town did not have a full-time assigned investigator. The rapid and efficient closure of cases is important to the victims of these crimes. Thorough and professional follow up on these cases by a trained and dedicated investigator is critical to the District Attorney's ability to prosecute and bring justice to those victims.

The suspension of this position now requires individual patrol officers to conduct their own investigative activities, assume multiple liaison roles with the District Attorney and State Police, and support Grand Jury actions, taking them away from their critical and primary duties involving citizen quality of life issues such as minor disputes, keeping the peace, speed enforcement, etc. Only two department personnel are trained in forensic interview, a critical skill needed before turning cases over to patrol officers for follow-up, which again, patrol officers have no time to conduct. In addition, patrol officer shift work assignment is not conducive to an investigator's roles and responsibilities and disrupts the partnership between the Ticonderoga Police Department and the District Attorney's Office with multiple points of contact, inconsistency, and scheduling conflicts. Investigations may require months of work to completely research and build sufficient evidence for the District Attorney's office to successfully prosecute. It is inefficient for officers to continually shift from investigation mode to patrol mode and risk delay to investigatory timelines as both missions ultimately end up suffering. These investigations also have the propensity to become complex, straying far outside a regular patrol officer's skill set, and can range from burglary to complex homicide. Not all officers are adept, interested or inclined to handle investigations and subsequent investigative quality can therefore reflect negatively on the Ticonderoga Police Department and Town, retard the thoroughness of investigations, and impact successful prosecution for the victims. The suspension of an investigator is inefficient, irresponsible and constitutes micromangement from a position of unfamiliarity and inexperience.

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Past dissent with the Town's former Police Commission, then headed by the Town Supervisor, resulted in the reassignment of Police Commission duties entirely to the Town Board resulting in little change in terms of Commission leadership. Neither the current Town Board members nor the Town Supervisor have any law enforcement experience and yet this does not deter this governing body from making decisions which have the potential to negatively affect the operations of the Ticonderoga Police Department and subsequently degrade the safety of the citizens of Ticonderoga.

In summary, elected Town officials making law enforcement decisions by circumventing or ignoring the Police Chief or by not properly seeking the advice and counsel of persons with extensive law enforcement experience and background is dangerous and constitutes a disservice to the residents of Ticonderoga. I strongly urge the Town Board to reconsider this issue; reinstate the Investigator position, fill the position, and allow department heads to execute their missions with limited interference while ensuring all Town staff at all levels are held accountable for their actions.

Thank you.



Cc: Town Board Members

From: William and Angela Brown

To: Joe Giordano, Ticonderoga Supervisor and all Town Board Members

Angela and I are unable to attend tonight's meeting but we wanted to say a few words on behalf of Sgt. Mark Belden retaining his position as Investigator for the Ticonderoga Police Department. We are requesting that his letter be read and entered into record during the Town board meeting on December 10, 2020.

I am retired from the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration Fraud and experienced daily the benefits of having focused investigators to bring cases to a suitable conclusion. Sgt Belden is such a person and the town should be honored to have a person like that working for them.

The week before Christmas 2018 my son, Angela's stepson Liam, was murdered in town. Sgt Belden began working the case and ensured us he would bring the case to a successful conclusion. Mark kept us informed all along the way to even calling us the night the killer was arrested and brought into custody. Angela and I firmly believe that the three that were eventually arrested and received their maximum convictions was due to the focus and drive of Sgt Belen and his investigations. The hours and days he spent away from his family and sleep showed his dedication to his job. Sgt Belen knew all the players in the crime which helped to garner information and evidence because he is local. The State Police have an outstanding investigative force but they do not have the local connections that a Ticonderoga Police Investigator has. We feel this local connection was insurmountable in getting the maximum convictions that were handed down in our son's case. Performing investigations cannot be a collateral duty or something that is done "when you have time or when you can fit it in". Is the town willing to take a patrol off the street 4,6 or more hours for a day or days so they can perform investigative duties or just let cases slide that require significant amount of investigating time?

Angela and I feel that keeping Sgt. Belden on as Investigator will ensure that criminals in our town are brought to justice successfully and timely. Removing this position will be an injustice to the safety and well being of the citizens of Ticonderoga. Remember, our officers are there to protect and serve, as elected officials of the town you are sworn to ensure the people of the town are safe and secure.



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In closing we would like to leave you with one thought. Angela and I both grew up in Ticonderoga and would never have thought that a heinous crime such as the one that took Liam's life could happen here. We were blessed to have Sgt. Belen assigned as the local investigator to give us answers and be a key part of facilitating strong convictions with all of his local knowledge. Think for a moment, if your son, daughter or spouse was killed wouldn't you want someone who is local and who's sole job is to investigate and bring to justice those criminals involved or have a state agency that has a small investigative force that is dealing with dozens of cases around the region and not fully focused on Ticonderoga? Do not eliminate this critical position of Police Investigator from the Police Force.

Sincerely,  
Bill and Angela Brown

Wayne Taylor inquired about the flashing red light at the Agway.

Supervisor Giordano stated that the Highway Superintendent is working on getting this fixed.

Report of Committees

Public Safety - Dave Woods, Councilman

Dave Burrows presented a property that he would like to have considered under the Nuisance Law. It is at 56-58 Race Track Road and he proceeded to list out the complaints and violations that this property has acquired.

- Water Break - hole at the edge of road
- Electrical Issues
- Do Not Occupy Order - someone has since moved in
- Rubbish out back - was already ordered to be removed but has not

The Landlord is not working on any remedies, the tenants are trying at their own accord.

Mr. Fuller stated that the next step is to call a Public Hearing for your January Board meeting and he will work with Codes to notice the Owners.

**Resolution #415-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joseph Giordano to schedule a Public Hearing on January 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to address a property located at 56-58 Race Track Road under the Nuisance law. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

**TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW YORK**

Resolution No. 415 of 2020  
Adopted December 10, 2020

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Introduced by Dave Woods  
who moved its adoption

Seconded by Joseph Giordano

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT  
56-58 RACE TRACK ROAD, TAX MAP PARCEL 150.2-1-12.000  
TICONDEROGA, NEW YORK**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Local Law 2 of 2011, entitled “Nuisance Properties”, the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga has the authority to declare certain parcels nuisance properties where they pose a threat to the interest of the public in the quality of life and total community environment, commerce in the Town, property values and public health, safety, peace, comfort, conveniences and general welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has received reports from the Police Department and code enforcement relative to potential nuisance activities at property located at 56-58 Race Track Road, Tax Map Parcel 150.2-1-12.000, Ticonderoga, New York which tend to show that said property may have accumulated sufficient points under said Local Law to warrant action by the Town Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board does wish to provide the owner and tenants of 56-58 Race Track Road, Tax Map Parcel 150.2-1-12.000, Ticonderoga, New York with notice and an opportunity to be heard relative to a potential finding of nuisance by the Town Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that a public hearing is hereby set for 6:00 p.m. on January 14, 2020 at the offices of the Town of Ticonderoga, 132 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga, New York, for the purposes of determining whether or not the property located at 56-58 Race Track Road, Tax Map Parcel 150.2-1-12.000, Ticonderoga, New York has become a nuisance under Local Law 2 of 2011, entitled “Nuisance Properties”; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the property owner and tenants of said property and any other parties required to be given notice of said public hearing as required by said Local Law, and that the notice be published as required in said law; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Public Works, Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

**Town of Ticonderoga  
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 1, 2020 - 10:30 am**

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**Committee Members Present:** Supervisor Giordano, Derrick Fleury, Nancy  
Treadway and Tom Cunningham

**Committee Member Absent:** Tracy Smith

**Others:** Greg Swart (*AES*), Jocelyn Racette (*AES*), Matt Fuller, Joyce Cooper, Mark  
Wright and Dick Holroyd

**Public Comment**

Dick Holroyd asked the Committee if there were any updates on the Chilson/Eagle Lake  
project.

- a. Supervisor Giordano commented that Roy Richardson from B&L will be in  
Ticonderoga on Thursday, and will walk the water main in Chilson with Derrick.  
A meeting with Dick afterwards can be set up, which Dick agreed too and  
appreciated.
- b. Supervisor Giordano has been reaching out to different NYS State representatives  
to try to coordinate a meeting, and he did explain to Elise Stefanik's office the  
challenges of getting funding for the project and the hardship for the residents.
  - i. Dick asked if there could possibly be "pandemic money" that the Town  
and residents wouldn't have to pay back. The Committee commented that  
the residents and the Town need to work together to get the government  
involved and aware of the hardship and continue with discussions. Dick  
thanked the Committee and departed the meeting.

**Items for Discussion**

1. Henry Drinkwine – Irrigation for vacant farmland on Warner Hill Road
  - a. Henry didn't use a lot of water this growing season, so the numbers are  
lower than expected. He is currently charged 3 EDU's of water, but it's  
recommended to lower the EDU charge to 2. The usage can be re-  
evaluated again next fall after the growing season, and updated as need be.
    - i. The Committee recommends to the Town Board to reduce the  
water EDU charge to 2.
2. 2576 NYS Rte. 74 – Currently the property is charged a .25 EDU rate for water.
  - a. The property has been sold, and the Committee recommends to the Town  
Board to increase the water EDU charge to 1.
3. 48 Alexandria Avenue – Currently the property is charged a .25 EDU rate for  
water and sewer.
  - a. The property has been sold, and the Committee recommends to the Town  
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4. 10 Father Jogues - Currently the property is charged 2 EDU's of water and sewer due to an apt. that was above the garage. An inspection was done and the apt. has been removed.
  - a. The Committee recommends to the Town Board to reduce the water and sewer EDU charges to 1 each.
5. Real Construction Letter RE: "Fireman's Field" property
  - a. A letter was sent to the Town with regard to information on the property and the need for a DOT permit.
    - i. Further review by the Committee is needed.
6. Chilson and Eagle Lake Update
  - a. Roy and Derrick will be walking the water transmission line on Thursday. An assessment of the line is needed to find out if it is a viable option to continue to use. Tom inquired if running a smart pig through the line was considered so that it could report the line's condition. It would be costly, but could give detail on the integrity of the line. Water would not need to be shut of as the water flow is what moves the pig through the line.
  - b. Derrick commented that some of the pipe has two ears, which is where a lot of leaks happen. Supervisor Giordano had concerns over what debris it would stir up, but Tom stated that a cleaning pig would be run first to clean the pipe. Tom also inquired about the possibility of sleeving the pipe. The Committee agreed that these types of options could be discussed further with B&L.

**Water Plant**

- a. Well abandonment
  - i. Derrick has contacted Parker Well Drilling and also Ormsby Well Drilling for estimates on the abandonment of two wells. Once he receives a response he will give the Committee an update.

**Veterans Road**

- a. A discussion took place with regard to using funding from the water project to do the work for getting a new water line run across the brook. SEQR will need to be updated, and AES will work with Matt on the details. Essex County will coordinate with EFC with regard to using the remaining money from the project.
  - i. Greg will put together a proposal for engineering, which is estimated to be ~ \$24,000.
  - ii. Financials for the water project were briefly discussed, and Greg will update the handout to clarify the notes on the remaining funds.

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**Water Meters**

- a. The report is complete, but the Town will wait to see what types of funding options there will be for next year before decisions are made.

**Possible (New) Water Main Locations**

- a. Discussions took place with regard to what areas would benefit the most from the installation of a new water main, and a decision will need to be made soon. The pros vs. cons of different areas were briefly discussed. Areas such as Burgoyne Road, Rte. 74 and the line in the park were included in the discussion.
- b. Supervisor Giordano asked Greg to create a map of areas that would be considered as priorities, as well as a cost benefit analysis. Tom also commented that the infrastructure should be looked at too and what areas would benefit the most to encourage long term growth for the Town.

**Water Softener**

- a. AES commented that options for adding a water softener to the system will be addressed. Possible options include a softener at the water plant, creating a plant near the business park and also softeners for the Street Road area.

**Water District Consolidation**

- a. AES has drafted a list of questions on some parcels, and will do one more round of review before presenting it to the Water and Sewer Committee. Then, the recommendations can be presented to the Town Board. Supervisor Giordano suggested setting up a workshop to discuss the information, once it's ready. There will not be an end of month meeting, so the next Water and Sewer Committee Meeting will not be until January 5, 2021. AES will send the information ahead of time so that possibly a workshop could be set up following that meeting.
- b. The Town Board will need to make decisions on how to handle specific district water debt. There is only one district left, which is the Street Road district. As that debt is unique to the Street Road district, it would be recommended that it stay with that district.

**Lead Service Line Replacement**

- a. AES is working with Derrick to start to narrow down the list of homes that fit the criteria for the work (currently ~450 homes as of last week), and NYS DOH will need documentation on how the properties were chosen.
- b. AES drafted a letter that will be mailed to property owners, and will update the letter so that it explains clearly as to why the property was chosen. AES will work with Nancy on the mailing.
- c. Temporary easements will be needed, and can be signed out in the field as the contractor(s) will have copies.

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Sewer Project Discussion**

1. WWTP

- a. The O&M Manual can wait until the Portage Project is done to see where the funding is at. However, the Wet Weather Plan will need to be done sooner.
- b. A plan for rebidding the temporary ventilation work could happen in January, and there will be a little bit of engineering work that would also be involved which is estimated to be ~ \$15,000. There are four rooms that need ventilation work, but one room could be bid as a base bid and the others could be alternates. The estimate to do all four rooms would be ~ \$200,000.
  - i. Greg will have a proposal for the Town Board to review.
- c. The Annual Report is due in January, and Eric Blanchard is gathering the information that will be needed.

2. The Portage Project

- a. Laterals are halfway done and the overall the project is going well. Reale Construction is working on prepping the site for winter shutdown.
- b. Discussion took place on five parcels that will need decisions made with regard to their laterals, and easements will need to be reworked. AES will work on the details, and any costs associated with the changes will be put through the project.
- c. A bit more rock was encountered than anticipated which takes more money for blasting. AES will go through expenses in January.

**Additional Topics of Discussion**

1. Evaluations of Pump Stations

- a. AES has completed the field work and is continuing to work on the report which is expected to be completed in January.

2. Lake Champlain Basin Program

- a. The Town is still waiting to receive the vortex separator that was ordered.
- b. AES submitted the Amendment for the Scope of Work Change, so at this point it's just a paper process.

3. Long Term Sewer Planning

- a. Greg went over a summary of what projects AES has worked on, and also a list of current projects and proposed projects. In early 2021 discussions should take place of what projects are needed next.

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4. GIS

- a. There will need to be an online account set up by the Town so that designated staff can access the system. There will be yearly charges and it's suggested to budget \$1,000 but it does depend on the number of users. The Town can start with one person and add other users if need be.
- b. Derrick will be the designated staff person to enter data, and AES has access to the Town's system for updates as well. AES has already set up the system with data so the Town does not have to start from scratch.
  - i. Max from AES will work with Nancy to set up the online account.

5. War Canoe (War Cannon) Distillery

- a. As part of their APA permit, a response letter from the Town with engineering comments was mailed. They had reached out to Derrick with a few questions, but an official response from them has not yet been received.

Supervisor Giordano adjourned the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting at 1:05 pm.

The next Committee Meeting will take place on January 5, 2021 at 10:30 am.

Report from Greg Swart:

Key Project Updates

- 1. WWTP Project
    - a. Work is complete.
  - 2. WWTP Ventilation Report
    - a. Report is complete and has been submitted. AES is working on a proposed schedule, based on potential funding. **2020-12-10 Update: Status ongoing.**
  - 3. Temporary Ventilation
    - a. A plan for rebidding this work is as follows
      - ~~i. There are approximately 4 rooms with ventilation work to be completed in this phase.~~
      - ~~ii. We will bid one room as base bid and the others as alternates.~~
      - ~~iii. Then the Town can select which rooms to do based on final costs.~~
      - ~~iv. Work to be paid for out of the WWTP budget rather than the funding package. This will reduce the paperwork costs of the project.~~
      - v. **2020-12-10 Update: AES is preparing Bid Documents to go out to bid in early January 2021.**
        - 1. **Work will be broken down as follows**
          - a. **Base Bid: Office/Lab Area**
          - b. **Alternate 1: Sludge Loading Area**
          - c. **Alternate 2: Basement/Pump Area**
          - d. **Not Bid (Save for later): Diversion Room**
        - 2. **Cost Estimates are as follows:**
          - a. **Base Bid: \$100,000**
          - b. **Both Alternatives Total: \$100,000**
          - c. **Total estimate of \$200,000**
      - vi. **AES Contract: A contract proposal of \$16,500 to be paid on a time and material basis has been submitted. This is a letter of authorization, based on our term contract with the Town.**
      - vii. **Resolution to Bid: The project requires a resolution to go out to bid.**
  - 4. Portage
    - a. Work is progressing.
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- b. **2020-12-10 Update: Sanitary sewer mains are complete. All pavement disturbances have been repaired with temporary paving. Contractor has completed more than half of sewer laterals. The Contractor is wrapping up a few work items that occur outside of paved areas and will shut down for the winter in the coming weeks. AES is working with the Town to revise a few permanent easements based on differing site conditions for certain properties' laterals. AES will present an updated project budget in January.**
5. Planning
- a. AES plan to present updates to the WWTP's annual report to cover future planning for wastewater projects (treatment plant and collection system) to ensure town is in line for any potential grant programs. **2020-12-10 Update: AES presented a preliminary outline future projects that will be used to develop infrastructure planning in 2021.**

The following objectives listed below are action items that are to be completed by the Town of Ticonderoga per the most recent highway committee meeting:

- **Review, and if found to be acceptable, approve AES Contract for work on the Temporary Ventilation Project.**
- **Resolution to go out to Bid for the Temporary Ventilation Project.**

Key Project Updates

1. Master Water Project
  - a. Working closing out paperwork, delays at the state level related to Covid-19 may delay actual paperwork, but that should not negatively impact the Town. **2020-12-10 Update: Status ongoing, all warranty items complete.**
  - b. **Veteran's Road: Veteran's Road water line crossing of Five Mile Creek can be added to the overall water project. Utilizing part of the remaining project funds. AES is working with Essex County and Matt Fuller to update environmental and funding paperwork.**
    - i. **AES Proposal for the Design, Bidding, and Construction is presented as Amendment #8 for the AES Master water contract in the amount of \$24,870.**
2. Water Meter/Planning Project
  - a. Water District Consolidation: AES is currently reviewing all parcels within each district to review to determine any issues. Once that is completed the consolidated districts can be determined. AES is working with Matt Fuller to sort through any issues before they are presented to the Town. **2020-12-10 Update: Status ongoing. We plan to present a list of decisions to be made regarding specific parcels and their inclusion in the water districts at a workshop in January.**
  - b. Report to include funding planning for meters and longer-term planning for Mnt Defiance Tank replacement, water transmission upgrades (to reduce dependence on Baldwin Road), and other distributions system upgrades. **11-12-20 Update: We had a discussion of possible routing options for the "bypass water main" that would provide a more beneficial benefit use by replacing existing mains that are in poor condition. Although a few routes were considered in the report, we will provide feedback in January as to additional routes and more detail on the routes to help pick a routing of the water main.**
  - c. **Hard Water: AES is working to provide potential treatment options for treating the hard water. We are going to add those options to the planning report. We have received a proposal from a subconsultant with an expertise in water quality. The sub**



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consultant will provide a report with options, cost estimates, etc. AES has submitted a proposal to utilize some of the investigation time set in our Water Meter Project Contract (AES #4898) to cover the cost of this report. The cost of the report is \$22,500, but the change order is net zero cost change.

3. Project: LSLRP Grant

- a. This project is to replace lead laterals in the Town. AES will begin design work this fall for a winter bid and Spring 2021 start of construction. **2020-12-10 Update: We have narrowed down the list of homes that may be eligible for this grant. A letter explaining the eligibility to those homes will go out in December.**

The following objectives listed below are action items that are to be completed by the Town of Ticonderoga per the most recent water sewer committee meeting:

- **Review, and if found to be acceptable, the approval of Appendment #8 of the Master Water Contract for the work on Veteran's Road.**
- **Review, and if found to be acceptable, the approval of the Amendment #1 of the Water Meter Project Contract for the subconsultant work on the water hardness treatment options.**

Supervisor Giordano mentioned that our Water/Wastewater Superintendent, along with our Engineers Barton & Loguidice along with our county engineer had walked the water transmission line along Chilson and Eagle Lake to put together a determination as to what parts could potentially be used as part of the solution for distribution, so stay tuned.

**Resolution #416-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Dave Woods to reflect a 1 EDU water charge for the residential property located at 2576 NYS Rte. 74 (Christa Bowman and Amanda Hunsdon). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

**Resolution #417-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Dave Woods to reflect a 1 EDU water charge for the residential property located at 48 Alexandria Avenue (Dariusz Chorzempa). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

**Resolution #418-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Tom Cunningham to reflect a 1 EDU water/sewer charge for the residential property located at 10 Father Jogues (Nadine Sheehan). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

**Resolution #419-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Joseph Giordano to reflect a 2 EDU water charge for vacant farmland located on Warner Hill Road (Henry Drinkwine). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

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**Resolution #420-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Joseph Giordano to accept amendment #1 of the AES contract for additional scope of work included in the Water Meter Project (AES Project #4898) in the amount of \$0.00 **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

**Resolution #421-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Dave Woods to accept amendment #8 of the AES contract for additional scope of work included in the Water System Master Contract (AES Project #4535) in the amount of \$24,870.00. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

**Resolution #422-2020** brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Dave Woods to approve a Letter of Authorization for bidding and construction phase services related to the WWTP Temporary Ventilation Project (AES Project #4932) in an amount not to exceed \$16,500. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

**Resolution #423-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Mark Russell to go out to bid on the WWTP Temporary Ventilation Project (AES Project #4932). **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

Airport - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

TICONDEROGA AIRPORT 4B6  
Pending projects  
December 2020

Fuel sales for October were 383 gallons, November were 306 gallons for a total of 689.  
Is now the time to fill the tank?  
Night landing approach restriction FAA update – did we remove enough trees?  
Payment box update & gate codes?  
Will we be getting any more fill dirt soon?

Highway/Transfer Station - Tom Cunningham, Councilman

**Town of Ticonderoga  
Highway and Transfer Station  
December 01, 2020 minutes of Meeting**

**Present:** Tom Cunningham, Dave Woods, Sal Barnao, Mitch Cole, John Deming

**Others:** Joyce Cooper, Greg Swart, Jocelyn Racette, Mark Wright, Matt Fuller

**Public Discussion**

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Said the Pledge of Allegiance

Public discussion

- Joyce Cooper brought up a discussion concerning a more direct route to cross Montcalm street to get from the Upper falls' river walk (South side of Montcalm) and the Lower Falls River walk (North side of Montcalm). Presently hikers have to cross Lake George Ave. near Algonquin St. then turn North and cross Montcalm St. It was proposed to consider installing a sidewalk on the West side of Lake George Ave so walkers would only have to make one road crossing. Sal Barnao suggested simply painting a strip for pedestrians. This will be looked into.
- There was a discussion on the fill taking place at a residence on Burgoyne Rd, where it may cause a drainage problem in the future if the fill continues to encroach into the natural drainage. It was agreed to have the situation looked into and determine what steps would have to take place in order to have the fill cease.

**Committee Discussion**

- Sal Reported that this is his slow time of year between seasons but the following tasks were completed over the last month:
  - Assit. 2 water breaks,
  - fabricated coupler to fit our snow pusher to the new loader,
  - built offset mower for roadside mowing,
  - stoned shoulder on Burgoyne,
  - one small snow event.
- It was reported that the Town of Hague allowed the Ticonderoga Highway Department to make use of their Brine maker and the Highway Department's tank is now full. It will have to be refilled during the course of the Winter depending on the amount of Snowfall we get. It was reported that a brine solution worked best if laid down prior to snowfall to slow the accumulation, but once the road was plowed most of the solution was removed from the road and sand/salt mix worked best from that point. It was pointed out that the use of brine is still in an "experimental stage" and the Highway department was working with surrounding communities and organizations to determine the best way to use a Brine solution.
- The handicapped parking lot on the East side of the Glens Falls National bank will not be completed until spring of 2021.
- It was decided to postpone looking for quotes for a street sweeper the beginning of next year for delivery in the spring
- Discussion's continued on the Town taking over Gravel Hill Rd. After much discussion it was determined not to be in the best interest of the tax payers for the town to take possession of this private drive.
- Sidewalks

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- It was decided that the East side of Lake George Ave. for approximately 300' is a priority. However due to the lateness of the year, this work will not be completed until spring.
- The Highway Department will over the course of the winter put together a list including the lengths and locations of the sidewalks, most in need of repair. This list will be used to go out for quotes in March for work to begin in early spring, weather permitting
- The new Transfer station building is in place and waiting for electrical service and phone to be hooked up from the old building. Fencing still needs to be completed.

**Resolutions for the next town board meeting**

- No resolutions

**Outstanding items not discussed**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:52

Minutes were taken and prepared by the Committee Chairman Thomas F Cunningham

Building and Grounds - Dave Woods, Councilman

- Leak at the Community Building Roof area
- Senior Bus now is being housed at the Armory

Parks, Recreation, Historical Lands, Beach, Monuments and Cemeteries  
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman

**Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes  
November 17, 2020**

The meeting was attended by committee members Jerry Cooper, Nancy Kelley, Tonya Thompson, Dave Woods and Joyce Cooper. Also in attendance were Head Groundskeeper Grant Spaulding and Mark Wright.

**Senior Groundskeeper:**

Duties for the new position were discussed. They will include many shoulder projects including restorations and repairs in the Mt. Hope Cemetery. This person will also be in charge of sidewalk plowing for the Highway Department. Head Groundskeeper Grant will be in charge of shoveling around Town Buildings and plowing town parking lots. Many long term projects have been listed for Grant and the new employee to work on during the shoulder season. This will eliminate the need to hire outside workers for some of these necessary projects.

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**Mt. Hope Cemetery:**

Questions were again raised about when repair work will be done at the cemetery. Joyce will clarify how much money is available so the paving work can be scheduled with the Highway Dept. It is hoped that with the new groundskeeper Grant will be able to start such work as setting cornerstones. How to reseal older grave markers will be more challenging.

**Grant Spaulding's Report:**

Grant reported now he is working by himself and could use help. Along with other responsibilities, weed whacking and mowing were still necessary after the seasonal workers were finished for the year because of the warm fall.

Grant also reported that trucks and/or ATVs have been doing wheelies at the beach, the boat launch, and Baldwin Rd. and have damaged grass and made bad ruts in the town's grassy area near the Pump Station at the beach. It was suggested to use game cameras that have helped at other town problem areas at the beach also.

**La Chute Trail Issues:**

A red pickup has been driving onto the grass near the lighted pathway to the Frasier Bridge. The driver has also allowed his dog to run around in this area unleashed. Grant will try to connect with the driver and ask him not to drive on the park's grass areas.

With the same cars still parked in the fire lane area next to the Pocket Park and winter plowing of the parking lot soon to begin, it was decided a letter would be written informing the drivers they should not be parked there. Grant will place the letter on the car windshields. Hopefully this illegal parking will stop so no further action would be necessary.

**Bicentennial Park:**

Plans have been made to repave a section of the blacktop path in the park in 2021. However, because there have been several water breaks in the grass area next to the section of blacktop scheduled to be replaced, concern was expressed whether this section should be rebuilt first or another section designated. Joyce will talk to Derrick to see if the water pipe which has broken before could be relocated.

**Community Building Light Poles:**

The globes on the light poles in front of the Community Building are in poor condition. One has a crack that can allow water to get into the fixture. Because the globes do not match other outdoor fixtures in town and would be hard to replace, it was decided the poles should have fixtures similar to the Tower Avenue poles and be converted to LED if they haven't been already. The town's contracted electricians will be asked to give an estimate for the work.

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**La Chute Hydro:**

No payment has been received from the company in the past several years. An invoice should be sent to the company requesting payment as per the contract. The La Chute Hydro money received is designated for use in the La Chute River corridor.

**Downtown Christmas Decorations:**

New lights and bows have been purchased for all the wreaths to be placed on the poles on Montcalm and Wicker Streets. A star tree topper has been purchased for the town's Christmas tree as well as new light strings for Bicentennial Park and lighted garland for the Community Building light poles.

No December meeting will be held due to the rise in area COVID-19 cases

Councilwoman Cooper would like to have the board advise the Town Attorney to move forward with a Local Law Prohibiting Hunting on All Town Properties.

**Human Services: Youth - Mark Russell, Councilman**

There have been two meetings with Steve Tamm from Silver Bay regarding continuing their use of the Armory - more will be discussed. We have a meeting scheduled on the 21st and will discuss the challenges to the ski program.

The Episcopal Church on Champlain Avenue has partnered with the school to have high speed internet at their hall, so anyone looking to utilize that will have a quiet space to do their school work.

**Resolution #424-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Mark Russell to advertise for a Skating Rink attendant for the 2020-2021 season. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Human Services: Seniors - Tom Cunningham, Councilman**

No meetings have been held - staying safe and healthy. Not sure when the next meeting will be.

**Health Insurance - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor**

No Meeting

**Contract Negotiations - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor**

No Meeting

**I.T./ Cable TV - Joseph Giordano, Supervisor**

We are contracting with Stored Tech for Upgrades to our systems.

This letter will serve as notice that on or around December 15, 2020, Spectrum Northeast, LLC, (Spectrum), will drop the standard definition channel for Semillitas TV on Latino View on channel 922, but will simultaneously launch

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Semillitas TV HD on Latino View in high definition on channel 922 on the channel line-up serving your community.

This letter will serve as notice that on or after December 31, 2020, Spectrum Northeast LLC, ("Spectrum"), will launch NFL Network on channels 74 and 310 on the Spectrum TV Lifestyle tier on the channel line-up serving your community.

This letter will serve as notice that on or around January 5, 2021, Spectrum Northeast, LLC ("Spectrum"), will launch AccuWeather HD on channel 198 on the SPP Expanded Basic HD/Standard HD tier on the channel line-up serving your community.

Resolutions for Consideration

**Resolution #425-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Dave Woods to accept/correct minutes of the Regular TB Meeting November 12, 2020 and Special TB Meetings on November 19, 2020, November 23, 2020, and December 4, 2020 and Police Commission Meeting on December 7, 2020. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

**Resolution #426-2020** brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Mark Russell authorizing training and prepayment vouchers for registration, hotel, meals and travel. Via the Federal Per Diem rates; Colt Russell, Grade "D" Water Operators Cert. Course, Morrisville, NY, February 17-18, 2020 . **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

**Resolution #427-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to approve the contract with Chilson Volunteer Fire Company. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

**Resolution #428-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Dave Woods to award the fall 2020 surplus items as listed.

- Hydraulic Portapower (\$57), Lincoln AC/DC Welder (\$35) → R. Dedrick
- Small Torch Cart (\$36), Snowmobile (\$426), Superlift (\$259), 2019 F250 tailgate (\$106), bumper (\$54), 2016 F250 tailgate (\$106), bumper (\$51) → C. Brighenti
- Spreader Bar (\$36), Jackhammer for Backhoe (\$246) → A. Rivers
- Engine Hoist (\$23), Stihl 011 Chain Saw (\$67), Miller Matic Welder (\$157) → B. Veneto
- Stihl 180C Chainsaw (\$100), Pipe Tracer (\$300), Bandsaw (\$75), 110lb Jackhammer (\$50) → K. Brace
- 200KW Generator (\$1001) → Pat Armstrong Inc
- Ford F350 Pick up (\$300) → B. Granger
- Crown Vic (\$551), Chevy Tahoe (\$551) → J. Mosley

**All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

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**Resolution #429-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Mark Russell to re-appoint Don Meserve to the Planning Board. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

**Resolution #430-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Tom Cunningham to re-appoint Brenda Wells to the Board of Assessment Review. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

**Resolution #431-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Mark Russell to reappoint Scott Hearburg, Pat Ida, Peter Reale, Nancy Archer & Lance Clark to the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance Board of Directors for a three year term beginning January 1, 2021. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

**Resolution #432-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the creation of the following accounts

- A.1680.294 Central Data Processing IT Equipment
- DA.5130.294 Highway IT Equipment
- DA.5130.494 Highway IT Professional Contractual
- SS05.8110.294 Central Sewer IT Equipment
- SS05.8110.494 Central Sewer IT Professional Contractual
- SW06.8310.294 Central Water IT Equipment
- SW06.8310.494 Central Water IT Professional Contractual

**All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

**Resolution #433-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Cunningham authorizing the following budget adjustments

- A.1680.294 Central Data Proc. IT Equipment \$25,475.88
- A.1680.494 Central Data Proc. IT Prof. Contractual \$1,477.30

**Use of General fund balance to pay for new computer equipment**

- DA.5130.294 Highway IT Equipment \$2,139.34
- DA.5130.494 Highway IT Professional Contractual \$927.32

**Use of Highway fund balance to pay for new computer equipment**

- SS05.8110.294 Central Sewer IT Equipment \$1,069.67
- SS05.8110.494 Central Sewer IT Professional Contractual \$463.66

**Use of Sewer fund balance to pay for new computer equipment**

- SW06.8310.294 Central Water IT Equipment \$2,782.75
- SW06.8310.494 Central Water IT Professional Contractual \$1,206.21

**Use of Water fund balance to pay for new computer equipment**

**All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**



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Annual contracts for Ti EMS, Lamoille and Chilson Vol. Fire Co.  
Resolution #434-2020** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Dave Woods  
authorizing the following Inter-fund Loans:

- A.0391.000                      Due From Other Funds                      (\$326,708.45)
- H53.0630                              Due To Other Funds                              \$326,708.45

**General to lend H53 (Clean Water Main Project) funds until funding is received**

- SW06.0391.000                      Due From Other Funds                      (\$10,427.84)
- H63.0630.000                              Due To Other Funds                              \$10,427.84

**Central Water to lend H63 (Water Meter Project) funds until funding is received**

**All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye,  
Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #435-2020** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Cunningham to Pay  
the 12-2020 Abstract. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom  
Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none.  
**Carried.**

Town of Ticonderoga

12/10/2020

Board Meeting Date 12/10/2020				
Gross Payroll #23	95,857.28			
Gross Payroll #24	96,564.78			
Gross Payroll #25	157,420.53			
<b>Trust &amp; Agency Total</b>	<b>\$349,842.59</b>			
Pre-Pays 12/1/20				
Champion Electric	54,637.53			
Clean Water Project - Reale Construction	3365,714.80			
ABSTRACT #12				
	12/10/2020	Cash Transfers	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenses
General (A)	323,072.12	323,072.12	3,679,505.14	3,009,887.78
CD20 LaChute Trail Connector		-	-	-
CD21 LISC Zombie		-	-	10,227.32
CM Library Trust Special		-	170.20	-
Highway (DA)	57,635.24	57,635.24	1,483,055.44	1,331,413.05
H17 - Ticonderoga Airport Improvements		-	-	2,200.00
H36 - C/P Chilson Res. Replacement		-	312,146.60	275,245.84
H45 - C/P Equipment Purchase		-	-	-
H48 - FEMA Chilson Water Main		-	0.19	-
H49 - GIGP Daylight Streaming		400,092.63	0.01	4,317.84
H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP Disinfection	1,827.01	-	106,963.30	669,856.47
H51 - Res & Design French Sawmill	10,422.98	-	11.73	17,195.75
H53 - Clean Water Main Project	398,265.62	-	8,067.40	1,157,507.48
H54 - LaChute Signage Grant		-	-	-

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H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know			-	6,060.57	-
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path			-	0.98	-
H58 - WWTP HVAC Project			-	-	5,730.50
H59 - LCBP Storm Water Sewer Separation	25,567.12		-	30.44	-
H60 - Veterans RD Culvert/Bridge NY Project			-	-	28,233.11
H61 - Chilson/Eagle Lake Water Exploration		46,417.94		26,190.70	29,240.00
H62 - Lead Service Line Replacement Grant				-	2,803.40
H63 - Water Meter Project	10,427.84				
PN - Permanent Fund Mt. Hope Cemetary				167.69	-
SF01 - Ticonderoga Town/Village Joint Fire District				525,456.00	525,456.00
SF02 - Chilson Fire Protection District				74,645.00	74,645.00
Claymore Sewer District (SS01)	627.65			5,317.04	1,373.38
Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)	22.94			43,471.54	41,341.02
Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)	27.25			29,860.01	28,552.46
Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)	46.09			16,144.95	15,856.56
Central Sewer (SS05)	255,872.39	264,112.20		1,201,211.31	912,500.34
Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)	76.23			67,332.09	58,189.30
Delano Point Sewer (SS07)	651.85			28,348.64	30,066.38
Baldwin Road Sewer Dist (SS08)	64.03			40,997.31	38,395.87
Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	6,579.59			245,960.74	221,324.50
Hague Road Sewer (SS10)	8.16			10,883.00	9,336.40
9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)	136.02			50,852.80	22,169.57
9N & 74 Water (SW01)				52,970.01	51,329.54
Street Road Water (SW02)				26,212.23	21,254.45
Alex Avenue I Water District (SW03)				22,001.81	21,000.00
Homelands Water District (SW04)				8,805.51	8,325.00
Alex Ave II Water District (SW05)				32,589.72	32,512.50
Central Water (SW06)	65,342.73	65,363.49		931,929.92	626,574.87
Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)				25,417.88	24,731.25
Shore Airport Water (SW09)	20.76			217,481.96	199,402.40
Multi Account Total	1,156,693.62	1,156,693.62		9,280,259.86	9,508,195.33
Total Expenditures This Abstract	\$1,872,251.01	TRUE			

**Resolution #436-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Joyce Cooper to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

**Supervisor's Report  
30-Nov-20**

Account Title	GFNB	NYCLASS	GFNB CD	Total
General	18,158.94	992,991.62	2,518,570.68	3,529,721.24
Airport	33,568.49			33,568.49
Highway	3,096.99	243,733.17	1,209,292.11	1,456,122.27
H17 - Airport	-			-
H36 - Master Drinking Water	3,794.47			3,794.47
H48 - FEMA CH. WA.MA.				-
H49 - GIGP	15.70			15.70
H50 - WQIP	60,571.12			60,571.12
H51 - R&D French Sawmill				-
H53 - Clean Water	19,356.47			19,356.47
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know				-
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path				-
H58 - WWTP - HVAC Planning Grant	-			-
H59 - LCBP NEIWPC				-
H61 - Chilson Eagle Lake Project	-			-
All other Capital Projects	546,297.81			
SS05 & All Districts	461,950.68	692,461.90	610,811.32	1,765,243.90
SW06 - Central Water All Districts	342,320.95	503,386.42	406,237.02	1,251,944.39
C/R - All Reserve Accounts	1,005.96	1,244,984.52		1,245,990.48
0	-			-
Library Trust	90.61	33,898.59		33,989.20
Mount Hope Cemetary	2.52	34,140.85		34,143.37
				9,434,461.10
Total	943,932.90	3,745,617.07	4,744,911.13	9,434,461.10

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**Resolution #437-2020** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Tom Cunningham to schedule the 2020 End-of-the-Year Meeting for December 29, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

**Resolution #438-2020** brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Dave Woods to schedule the 2021 Organizational Meeting for January 4, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano - Aye, Mark Russell - Aye, Tom Cunningham - Aye, Joyce Cooper - Aye, Dave Woods - Aye. **Opposed - none. Carried.**

Public Comment

Mark Wright read his letter that was posted at the beginning public comment section of these minutes (please see that section).

Deanna DiPofi asked if the Town has a Codes of Ethics signed by the board members and who oversees that they are adhering to it.

Supervisor Giordano stated that the Town does have a code of ethics and each town board member and every elected official takes an Oath of Office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

**AGENDA**

As of 12/24/2020 12:24 AM

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Opening Remarks -- Announcements:**

CoronaVirus Update & Notifications

Update on the Seasonal Flu

IP Mill

**Presentations**

Board of Health – no report

**Public Hearing**

- Regarding annual 2021 Chilson Volunteer Fire Company contract
- Regarding annual 2021 Ti EMS contract
- Regarding annual 2021 Lamoille Ambulance Service, Inc contract

**Public Comment** (time limit 2 minutes per speaker)

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**Department Heads**

**Committee reports:**

Public Safety DW

Public Works JG

RESOLUTION to reflect a 1 EDU water charge for the residential property located at 2576 NYS Rte. 74 (Christa Bowman and Amanda Hunsdon)

RESOLUTION to reflect a 1 EDU water charge for the residential property located at 48 Alexandria Avenue (Dariusz Chorzempa)

RESOLUTION to reflect a 1 EDU water/sewer charge for the residential property located at 10 Father Jogues (Nadine Sheehan)

RESOLUTION to reflect a 2 EDU water charge for vacant farmland located on Warner Hill Road (Henry Drinkwine)

RESOLUTION to accept amendment #1 of the AES contract for additional scope of work included in the Water Meter Project (AES Project #4898) in the amount of \$0.00

RESOLUTION to accept amendment #8 of the AES contract for additional scope of work included in the Water System Master Contract (AES Project #4535) in the amount of \$24,870.00

RESOLUTION to approve a Letter of Authorization for bidding and construction phase services related to the WWTP Temporary Ventilation Project (AES Project #4932) in an amount not to exceed \$16,500

RESOLUTION to go out to bid on the WWTP Temporary Ventilation Project (AES Project #4932)

Airport JG

Highway / Transfer Station TC

Building Grounds Parks Rec Library DW/JC

Human Services: Youth MR

Human Services: Seniors TC

Health Insurance JG

Contract Negotiations JG

I.T. / Cable T.V. JG

**Resolutions:**

RESOLUTION to accept/correct minutes of the Regular TB Meeting November 12, 2020 and Special TB Meetings on November 19, 2020, November 23, 2020, and December 4, 2020 and Police Commission Meeting on December 7, 2020

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RESOLUTION authorizing training and prepayment vouchers for registration, hotel, meals and travel. Via the Federal Per Diem rates;

1. Colt Russell, Grade "D" Water Operators Cert. Course, Morrisville, NY, February 17-18, 2020

RESOLUTION to approve the contract with Chilson Volunteer Fire Company

RESOLUTION to award the fall 2020 surplus items as listed

- Hydraulic Portapower (\$57), Lincoln AC/DC Welder (\$35) → R. Dedrick
- Small Torch Cart (\$36), Snowmobile (\$426), Superlift (\$259), 2019 F250 tailgate (\$106), bumper (\$54), 2016 F250 tailgate (\$106), bumper (\$51) → C. Brighenti
- Spreader Bar (\$36), Jackhammer for Backhoe (\$246) → A. Rivers
- Engine Hoist (\$23), Stihl 011 Chain Saw (\$67), Miller Matic Welder (\$157) → B. Veneto
- Stihl 180C Chainsaw (\$100), Pipe Tracer (\$300), Bandsaw (\$75), 110lb Jackhammer (\$50) → K. Brace
- 200KW Generator (\$1001) → Pat Armstrong Inc
- Ford F350 Pick up (\$300) → B. Granger
- Crown Vic (\$551), Chevy Tahoe (\$551) → J. Mosley

RESOLUTION to re-appoint Don Meserve to the Planning Board

RESOLUTION to re-appoint Brenda Wells to the Board of Assessment Review

RESOLUTION to reappoint Scott Hearburg, Pat Ida, Peter Reale, Nancy Archer & Lance Clark to the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance Board of Directors for a three year term beginning January 1, 2021

RESOLUTION authorizing the creation of the following accounts

- A.1680.294 Central Data Processing IT Equipment
- DA.5130.294 Highway IT Equipment
- DA.5130.494 Highway IT Professional Contractual
- SS05.8110.294 Central Sewer IT Equipment
- SS05.8110.494 Central Sewer IT Professional Contractual
- SW06.8310.294 Central Water IT Equipment
- SW06.8310.494 Central Water IT Professional Contractual

RESOLUTION authorizing the following budget adjustments

- A.1680.294 Central Data Proc. IT Equipment \$25,475.88
- A.1680.494 Central Data Proc. IT Prof. Contractual \$1,477.30

**Use of General fund balance to pay for new computer equipment**

- DA.5130.294 Highway IT Equipment \$2,139.34
- DA.5130.494 Highway IT Professional Contractual \$927.32

**Use of Highway fund balance to pay for new computer equipment**

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- SS05.8110.294 Central Sewer IT Equipment \$1,069.67
- SS05.8110.494 Central Sewer IT Professional Contractual \$463.66  
**Use of Sewer fund balance to pay for new computer equipment**
  
- SW06.8310.294 Central Water IT Equipment \$2,782.75
- SW06.8310.494 Central Water IT Professional Contractual \$1,206.21  
**Use of Water fund balance to pay for new computer equipment**

RESOLUTION authorizing the following Inter-fund Loans:

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**Central Water to lend H63 (Water Meter Project) funds until funding is received**

RESOLUTION to Pay the Abstract

RESOLUTION to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted

RESOLUTION to schedule the 2020 End-of-the-Year Meeting

RESOLUTION to schedule the 2021 Organizational Meeting

Town Clerk, Tonya Thompson

Attorney, Matt Fuller

Adjourn the Town Board Meeting