

Minutes for a Ticonderoga Town Board Meeting held on June 10, 2021, commencing at 6:00 p.m. with Public Hearings Regarding a LL vesting Planning Board Powers to Zoning Board of Appeals and also Regarding a MPR for Chilson/Eagle Lake Water Users

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

Others: David Cerny, Deb & John Mulcahy, Mark Wright, Heath Towne, Candy & Dennis Towne, Bob Dedrick, Steve Boyce, Tammy Smith, Stephen Meier, Sand Stubing, Dick & Mary Holroyd, Dave Burrows, Dick Allen, Jim Major, Joe Vilardo, Dick Slater, Bev Mugford, Trina & Rich Hollander, Rob Hurlburt, Marcy Fleming, Jim Davis, Margaret Lauman, Rob Woods, Holly Dixon, Linda Bhatia, John Brennan, Maureen Jebb, Bob Seissen, Tim Ryan, Don Hardy, Larry Perry, Mark Moran, William Clifton, Cole Hickland along with some others and (virtually) Nancy Stevens, Rebecca Norton, Liz Popinchalk, Franchesca (last name not published).

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

Supervisor Giordano thanked everyone for coming this evening, we are in the auditorium tonight and if you can't tell it has a bit of an echo so if everyone could be patient as people are speaking so we can all hear each other and if anyone wants to speak at the public hearing or at public comment we just ask that you come to the podium and say your name that way you can be on camera and we all can hear you. We have a lot on the agenda for this evening.

Proclamation – Richard Slater

We would like to honor a person in our community who has devoted himself to a worthy cause that being his faithful and long serving volunteer work in the routine caretaking of the Town of Ticonderoga's Carillon Park and in recognition of his service along with or deep gratitude we would like to present this proclamation to Dick Slater. (Standing applause)

WHEREAS Richard Slater is a lifelong resident of the Town of Ticonderoga; and,

WHEREAS Richard Slater lives across from the Town of Ticonderoga's Carillon Park; and,

WHEREAS Richard Slater has volunteered countless time and energy caring for and overseeing our Carillon Park; and,

WHEREAS Richard Slater has faithfully raised and lowered the Carillon Park flags as well as performed extensive trimming and weeding of its grounds; and,

WHEREAS, The Town of Ticonderoga would like to recognize Richard Slater for the pride he has taken in the maintenance and appearance of Carillon Park as evidenced by his work and many years of commitment to this park; and,

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph M. Giordano do hereby on behalf of the Town of Ticonderoga sincerely thank Richard Slater for all the dedication he has shown to the town and Carillon Park; and call on all of our citizens to express the sincerest appreciation to Mr. Richard Slater

Ticonderoga Alumni Extravaganza – Bob Dedrick and Steve Boyce

Mr. Boyce explained the Alumni Association. Looking at this Town Board and Joyce Cooper, who is one of the founding mothers of the Association and several alumni of Ticonderoga High School. Ticonderoga High School Alumni Association was founded in around 2000 with a mission of supporting the school and students and supporting the alumni of Ticonderoga. We are a non-profit organization, and our mission is supporting students in school two ways, we support the school through a Sentinel Support Fund where we give matching donations of up to \$250 for school projects that the school might not be able to afford and our really big project is that we have an Alumni Scholarship Award program and we give to every Senior who applies, who is going to either a college, a tech school, in the Military or into an approved apprenticeship a cash award based upon their attendance, their grades, their behavior, their extracurricular activities, the involvement of the families, their community service that they have done in the 4 years that they were in the high school. This year all the applicants each will receive either a \$1,000 award or a \$750 award. They like this award because they don't have to write an essay for it. They also have to do what they say they are going to do before we give them the money. That money comes from 95% of donations of former graduates and former alumni of Ticonderoga and our policy is that every dollar that is given in that way goes to the scholarship program. Other things we do is to support alumni – we have a website, a Facebook page, but what we do from time to time is have an Alumni Extravaganza, where we try to take one part of the summer and invite everybody back and have a good time, the alumni classes are amazing to just get together and relive their memories of Ticonderoga. (He handed out the Extravaganza Agenda).

Mr. Dedrick noted that he would have brought a lot more brochures if he had known the attendance of this meeting with this Public Hearing, but it will be published in the Times of Ti as well. We did this back in 2001, we hold basically a three-day event and we can't do it without the Town of Ticonderoga because we really need to hold this in the park. In 2001 we brought in approximately 3,500 people in those three days, and this is not just open to alumni, it is open to anyone. We would love to see everyone down there. It starts out Wednesday at the Park with a giant carnival tent with several individual registration tents and Thursday we have food vendors and live music from 4 to 11 in the evening. We have registrations set up so anyone can go down and see what is going on the entire weekend. They can sign up, they can sign up for our newsletter that we send out to every single Alumni, they can get involved on the website, Facebook and it gives us the opportunity to show everyone what is happening that weekend. Friday there are a tremendous amount of things going on in the park and we have quite a set-up of Alumni Awards Ceremonies at the Best Western where we induct Alumni that maybe distinguished or special Awards. We will have music from one of the top bands in New York State called Bad Chaperones from Albany and they will perform 7-11. Saturday is really our big day. We start off with a gold tournament which we have held every year, we have the Street fest

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going on which we have incorporated into this, we have slide show presentation throughout the afternoon in the high school auditorium. We will also have tours of the high school and a planetarium show. There will be three blocks of time where we go from the slide show presentation to a tour to a planetarium show, which will take up to 2 ½ hours. There will again be food vendors, and Ruby Shooz who is a 1960's band, and finally at 10:00 we have the fireworks going off. We have been fundraising with dinners, softball tournaments and chicken barbeques and Mr. Boyce put out an Alumni request - \$20 for 2020 so we raised \$10,000.00 from our Alumni. The generosity of our Alumni is amazing. He has met with the Superintendent of Schools, and they are on board with the use of the auditorium, the building and the planetarium and we are coming here tonight to ask for permission to use the Bicentennial Park, he has the form here, but does not have the insurance until we have approval from the board. We ask that you pass a resolution tonight pending the receipt of the insurance for use of the Bicentennial Park and to request garbage pick-up on Friday and Saturday with extra garbage cans, we are asking for Police presence in the evening, electricity in the park and use of this LaChute Hall for Ruby Shooz, for them to change and have a chance to eat. (The board finds no problems with this and is full support of the event) The dates are July 29, 30 and 31.

Public Hearing

Regarding the introduction of proposed Local Law dissolving the Planning Board and vesting the Planning Board powers in the Zoning Board of Appeals.

This was brought about because of the challenge of finding volunteers to participate on either the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board in recent years. We currently have 7 on the Planning Board but only three on the Zoning Board. We have left this open for a few months specifically for allowing the public to consider it. This is a change to what has been happening in the past, it is not unusual to have the Planning Board's duties to be merged into the Zoning Board of Appeals. Before we did that, we wanted the public to give some thought to whether or not there is anyone out there that would like to volunteer to be part of that. We have been continuing to try to advertise and will do so for one more month and at the next town board meeting we will close this public hearing and move forward with a decision based on whatever comment comes forward from this. At this time, is there anyone here that would like to speak regarding the public hearing regarding the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals? No one was present to speak.

Regarding introducing the Proposed Map, Plan and Report for Chilson/Eagle Lake

We have been meeting with the Chilson and Eagle Lake folks for the past several years, but obviously this goes back well over a decade and where it is right now is that the Town is obligated with the Department of Justice to comply by very strict timelines by which to try to provide quality drinking water, properly treated drinking water to the residents of Eagle Lake and Chilson, known as the surface water treatment rule of the Federal Government's mandate. We are following the timeline as it has been dictated to us as negotiated with the Department of Justice and in this timeline, we have worked towards the next milestone, which is this MPR and the MPR has basically laid out the best option by which to provide water for the 110 residents

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along the Chilson/Eagle Lake corridor. It is something that this Town Board has been working diligently to try to find a solution and basically this solution, especially by this turnout and the conversations that we have been having is one that meets the Health Department as set forth in by the federal mandate, but obviously does not bring about a very affordable option for the residents. So, if he could ask a quick show of hands – who is here because of the cost of this option (approximated $\frac{3}{4}$ of the attendees) Is there anyone here who is not here because of the affordability aspect but more for the logistics of being in the district (approximated $\frac{1}{4}$). There are several that have come forth to be removed from the district, but what he would like to do when first opening up this hearing is first make a very broad statement in that the Town Board is commissioned to follow this timeline as dictated by the DOJ and what we need to do at this particular point is to continue to move this forward, but take the input from the public and help to work together to transmit it to the Federal Government to find a solution from the affordability aspect of this project. Certainly, there is no grant out there that covers the cost that this project is asking for so that is one of the things that he wants to start off with. As far as being in a district, not being in the district, this public hearing will be kept open for the duration of the summer, obviously there are a lot of residents, especially in Eagle Lake that are not year-round residents and we want to make sure that they have the opportunity to come. There are a few people on this Go-To-Meeting, and we will continue to use this through this process, but we want to make sure that we get to hear the input from the public. This is ultimately the communication that we received to put together and really drive home what it is we are looking for. To be able to provide quality drinking water to our constituents along Eagle Lake and Chilson and do it in an affordable way. Obviously, based on this MPR, those numbers are not palatable at all to the Town Board, and they are not palatable to everyone here, but the only thing we can do is bring that down is to work together to try to find other sources of funding that are outside the traditional sources of funding. The ones that can go through the environmental facilities corporation, through NYS, the water improvement infrastructure grants or the drinking water revolving state funds, we really need to find something else – basically at the federal level. Petition our federal senators and representatives to help find some additional monies to bring this down to a reasonable cost. This process, this public hearing that we have open tonight and will continue to be open for the next several months will facilitate that. The primary public that he would like to start with are those that would like to be removed from the district. Hearing your feedback tonight will provide us with ammunition to go after monies from the federal and state governments to try to bring that number down.

Deb Mulcahy noted that this has obviously a problem that has been going on for quite a while, we get our water from Gooseneck and it is has fed Ticonderoga and she has an article from November 9, 1993 and there is a question here that was before this board about the Gooseneck Reservoir and wanted to supply the village and the response was yes, if we ignored shortages during droughts and main breaks and that there are a lot of problems with the Gooseneck system added Village Mayor Michael Diskin. Any case we have signed a consent order to build the filtration plant. Recently, there has been a lot of work done for the Ticonderoga residents for their water district to which the Chilson and Eagle Lake people have paid water bills to all these years. She realizes that this is before you (the board) but part of the problem that we are still having and she will refer to one of the question-and-answer things that you put out here, was that

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when Gooseneck is no more in 2025 people who are in Chilson and Eagle Lake are going to be partly responsible for the cost for DEC to close it off. Correct?

Supervisor Giordano and Town Attorney stated that this would be a Town wide responsibility. Mr. Fuller added that the Town is not responsible and if it comes up, we will deal with that at that time between the Town and DEC. We have been clear to the state that it is a state issue, the Town has no obligation with that dam.

Mrs. Mulcahy hoped when Dan Stec was here the other day, that there was discussion between you (supervisor) and him. She did discuss with him the need to help Chilson/Eagle Lake people. Now, the property owners, like contract users, who have already terminated their service with the Town, do they pay an annual water bill. (Answer was no – if there is no service to that property). If this new water line passes by your property, you will incur O&M costs.

Supervisor Giordano explained that this is what we are discussing right now. What is in the MPR is considered the district. Those that did not ask for a disconnect before this MPR are included in this MPR. (The proposed district).

Councilman Cunningham added that you can ask to be excluded, but that does not now mean that we will grant that request. Now that the MPR is drafted, the Town does not have to allow a property to remove itself from the district. We have to consider what is best for the district.

Mrs. Mulcahy re-worded her question. Those people that 10 years ago terminated the use of water and do not pay a bill. Will these boundaries include those properties, and will they pay O&M Costs?

Supervisor Giordano explained that we only included current users in this MPR.

Mrs. Mulcahy continued that if people have already terminated their service and if they were to have a fire, there is a fire fee? Metered for the amount of water used to fight that fire. What if you are along the lake and water is taken from Eagle Lake to fight your fire, are you still charged for the water?

Supervisor Giordano stated this is a question for the Fire Department.

Mrs. Mulcahy went on to ask about the dates in this report regarding the timeline. It says Eagle Lake/Chilson water system improvements. We are not really improving; we are creating a new district? Is that correct.

Mr. Fuller stated correct, but improvements are part of the project.

Steve Meier would like to ask a question, if he had previously requested not to be part of the water district but you included him, you are not honoring his earlier request.

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Supervisor Giordano asked if he was currently receiving water? (Yes) Then you were included in the district.

Mr. Meier stated that he asked to be removed on this survey, he does not want to be part of this district, but you included all 109 people that are users of it regardless of previous requests. So, we have not honored any of those requests?

Supervisor Giordano explained that the survey was regarding people's thoughts as to what they were going to do. Leave, stay on – so it came down to make the decision to use everyone that was a current user in this MPR.

Mr. Meier stated that there had been people in that survey that said they did not want to be part of this district, but you have included everyone, so you have not honored any of those requests.

Supervisor Giordano stated no, we have to go through this process now.

Mr. Meier continued that they have been included and now have to ask to modify the MPR in order to get excluded in the future. You just included all the contract users at this time, regardless of earlier requests. (Yes) So they got sucked into this. Now, this new water district is for the benefit of the users, so that if he has opted out and he does have a fire and the fire department hooks up, they would be using the new water district piping, water, etc. There would be a charge back to those people and it could be a significant cost to do that because as a member of the water district, he is paying possibly \$1,000.00 of dollar a year for that and there will be people who are not paying anything, but if we don't charge them, they are getting full benefit for that.

Supervisor Giordano agreed this is not just drinking water, there is fire suppression as part of it. If you are not benefiting and paying as part of the district, there will be discussion about having to be charged something for fire suppression if you are not in the district. This is how it is handled in other like areas.

Mr. Meier stated that there would be a charge back for the infrastructure of the water district and use of the water. In previous meetings, we have talked about this being possibly thousands of dollars....

Supervisor Giordano stated that we do not know that amount....

Dave Burrows stated that he recently purchased 2964 NYS Route 74, he is currently being serviced from the Eagle Lake water system. He would like to get off the water system for several reasons, #1 the water line comes in to the back corner of this property, which is approximately 600 feet away from the Old Chilson Road, it would have to come across someone else's property so an easement would be needed for approximately 550 feet across his property at which point you would also have to cross a National Grid easement to get to his property and his structure would be another 100 feet from there. Once it enters his property, then it is on top of some ledge where it continually freezes when it is sub-zero temperatures on a regular basis. It

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has been like this since when his father owned the property more than 25 years ago. He believes the person he purchased it from also had issues in the past with that as well. So, there is some ledge there that would need to be blasted, so there is a large expense that would need to be paid in order to get water over to his property. He would like to drill a well so that he can place it in a location to be buried properly so it won't freeze, but this is something that he will not be able to do until next year, since he just closed on the property two weeks ago, but he would like to be taken out of the water district so that he can drill his own well and not have any issues.

Sand Stubing sent a letter through the Town Clerk's office back last year about being removed and he is not on this, so everything on that side where his cabins are and so forth are not a part of this MPR. He is assuming that he is not in the district. It does not show his properties as being part of the district. (Does not appear so). He drilled a well four or five years ago and it is a good well, it does not show that he is in the district, but he would like it known publicly that he does not want to be in the district. Do you feel that this will change? (The board has to satisfy current users and does not plan to add anyone in at this time.) Is there any study of the 109 people that are trying to burden this cost in terms of how many of these people percentage wise are seasonal? If you are there for three months and are going to get wacked \$300 a month for 30 years, that is a lot of money. He spent 3-4 thousand dollars on drilling a well and he knows there are some properties with problems regarding their current septic systems and drilling a well, maybe the people that can't meet it can get a waiver of some sort so they could drill a well if they wanted to do that. Maybe that would be a possibility. For everything as far as looking for grants, thank you very much – that is a lot of work, and he is sure you are trying to do everything that you can to try to lower the costs.

Dick Holroyd began with say there is a water district formed, the water line would have to go from the Hall Road all the way down to Condon's property where the chlorination plant is now. We will use Condon's property as the last property that wants to use the water. Let's say the people from his residence to Condon's property- we are the only two people that want to use the water and nobody else wants to use the water, do they have to pay? Do they have to pay for the water line, it has to go by their homes to get to Condon's property. From his house to Condon's, you have to get Condon's water, so that water line has to go all the way down their properties. Now the people in between there along Eagle Lake don't want it, but he wants it, and Condon's wants it, so you have to give it to Condon's because you have a legitimate water district. Does the people in between have to pay?

Supervisor Giordano stated that right now the way this is structured is everyone that is currently a user....

Mr. Holroyd stated regardless of whether they are users or not, don't give me this.... Because the water line goes by their property, do they have to pay....

Supervisor Giordano stated that this goes back to the question that we had before...

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Mr. Holroyd stated that he is making it simple for you because he is giving you a beautiful example.... if he wants it and Condon wants it the people in between don't want it, do they have to pay...

Councilman Russell stated that if everyone asks the MPR to be amended and we allow that, essentially, they all drop out....

Supervisor Giordano understands the question, but the only thing that he would say is that it doesn't make sense....

Mr. Holroyd stated that your attorney is right there, ask him.

David Cerny asked why can't the Town come up with something to help the people across the street from him. The Town property is right there. Drill him a well, we would probably all chip in to drill him a well, just so you don't spend two million dollars to bring a 2" water pipe down, it makes no sense.

Supervisor Giordano explained that part of this hearing is to have people who are along the lake come forth to see if they would like to be excluded, this is all part of this process that we have to go through...

Mr. Cerny stated that everybody that needs water, we would like to get them water, but he would have to sell his property if you are going to charge that amount of money. He is a blue-collar guy and so is everybody else... the Town property is next to their property, he thinks Roger Wickes owns a little slice of that land, he is not giving you permission to go across Roger's land but drill a well on the property, your property and give him water. Simple...

Mr. Holroyd stated that you still haven't answered the question, you can have your attorney he would like an answer to that.

Supervisor Giordano explained that the Town can't drill individual wells. We are trying to get together a system, this is unaffordable, we all know that. What we need to do is work together to go get the money to bring this down to a more affordable ...

Mr. Holroyd stated that this is not the answer to his question.... we know it needs to be affordable, but you still haven't answered his questions.

(Someone wanted to help with questions for Mr. Holroyd)

Supervisor Giordano stated that we are not going to have conversations

Mr. Holroyd interrupted that this is how..... look, if you just shut up for one minute and let him speak, he is entitled to that..... (Inaudible...) if you can't answer a question as simple as this one then you certainly can't answer the next one....

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Supervisor Giordano stated that there is no reason to be disrespectful...

Mr. Holroyd stated that he is not being disrespectful, he is here to get an answer, an answer, that is all he wants is an answer....

Mr. Fuller stated that if you are in this district, then you are paying, if you are not in this district then you are not paying...

Mr. Holroyd stated, there you go, that is the answer he is looking for.....he can't make it any simpler for you without drawing a map.... now his second question is this. He is in a district, he voted for the district, but the district got turned down...and he can't get water.... what happens to him...now he can't get water...he can't drill a well on his property for septic reasons...so if the district gets turned down with a legitimate vote and he is stuck and can't drill, what happens to him, and anyone like him? There are a few of us. What happens to those people...?

Supervisor Giordano stated that this is a good question....

Mr. Holroyd stated if you don't have an answer for it, then what is the sense of these meetings?

Supervisor Giordano stated that the point is to get you water...

Mr. Holroyd interrupted saying that is what we are here for, to get me water. He already has water, and one other thing that he takes offense to what you are saying, when you say you are trying to get the Chilson people and Eagle Lake people quality water, we have better quality water than you have down here. So don't tell us you are trying to get us quality water, because our water is a better quality than what their drinking.....so just say you are getting us water....

Supervisor Giordano stated that we are trying to meet the standards that are....

Mr. Holroyd stated that that is better, it is not quality water, because our quality is a lot better, but he still would like an answer to his question. He can't drill a well, he voted for the district, but the district was legitimately turned down by a vote, what happens to people like him.

Supervisor Giordano stated that he doesn't know what....

Mr. Holroyd interrupted saying let's ask the attorney...

Mrs. Mulcahy asked if the Town would have to buy his property?

Mr. Fuller stated no, the Town would not buy property... he will tell you again, in June of 2025 that water from Gooseneck has to be turned off.

Mr. Holroyd stated that he knows that, you have been telling him that for the last 3-5 years, ok so what happens to people like me...

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Mr. Fuller explained that the drinking water will have to be turned off...

Mr. Holroyd asked in other words he will have not have water at his property and the town has no obligation to get it...

Mr. Fuller stated that under this current order, we have submitted this MPR. Your question is, is that what the Town is planning on doing – the answer is no. You know, the Town went and tried to drill some wells...

Mr. Holroyd understands all of that, what happens to people like him...he would like that answer because it could come to that, he would like that answer and would like it know, because if he could get a \$100,000.00, he would like to buy a house someplace else, because that property that he has is going to be worth nothing. He could give it to the fire department to have a burn, so what happens, his property becomes zero. Right now, he is assessed at over \$100,000.00, so what happens to his property if by some token that there is no water... what happens to him...you throw your hands up and say tough shit...

Supervisor Giordano stated that no one wants to see that happen...

Mr. Holroyd stated that he knows you don't want to see that happen, but he would like some sort of answer so that....he has to start looking, he has to start thinking not only that the water is getting shut off, but does he have to move before the water gets shut off, he is not as young as he used to be, he would like to get a little bit of a heads up.... He is not trying to be disrespectful, he is trying to have an answer, what does he have to do, what is his answer...

Supervisor Giordano stated that he does not have an answer for you at this moment, to answer these what if questions...

Mr. Holroyd stated that this is not a what if, this is a given ...

Supervisor Giordano stated that if you continue to talk over us then we will go on to the next question, there is no reason to be confrontational here, the Town is doing everything that we can it our power to try to bring water, properly treated water, to the Chilson and Eagle Lake folks. We do not think that this \$1,600 or \$2,500 is acceptable, the Office of the State Comptroller doesn't think that it is acceptable, so there is no way that this one body and 100 individuals are going to be able to successfully complete this unless we start working and talking more kindly to each and working with the people together to go after the federal government, if you want to play the what ifs, he really doesn't want to answer the what if's, he wants to works towards getting information from this and taking it to the higher ups in the federal government to try to get the money we can get to make it affordable. As you all indicated earlier from raising your hands that it is an affordability issue, now there are some people that would like to be off and that is fine and we can work with them, but for the majority of the people here it is an affordability issue, so let's not keep looking at the \$1,600....

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Mr. Holroyd interrupted that he is not looking at the price, he hasn't said anything about the price and if it offends you that he talks a little loud to you, he is sorry, but he is not using your microphone and wants to be sure that everyone can hear him. If you are so sensitive, and he has questions that can't be answered, he would be glad to come up and hold your hand and whisper nicely and say Joe, could you please, please Joe give me an answer, he voted for a water district and the water district is important, Joe and he can't drill a well, what happens to him.....

In audible speaking on top of each other...

Mrs. Mulcahy stated in previous meetings you did mention something about drilling wells for people, or shared wells??

Supervisor Giordano explained, not the Town drilling wells, that would be a transportation corporation, that would be something separate, that is on the individual homeowners coming together to form their own district so to speak, but that is outside the realm of the Town...

Mrs. Mulcahy understands, then this is off the table, it is not even an option except that it could be our own.

Supervisor Giordano agreed and the Town could help in guiding in where to go to help with that process. Our end goal is to make sure that the people, everyone can have properly treated water, that is it and at an affordable rate.

Mrs. Mulcahy then asked if we can continue with the discussion on this water district, what is it specifically that you need Chilson/Eagle Lake people to do for you other than talk to our state and government representatives....

Supervisor Giordano stated that this is what needs to happen, and you are not doing it for the Town per se', you are doing it for yourselves. You are the ones that want to have this properly treated, quality water...

Mrs. Mulcahy agreed – soft water, not hard...

Supervisor Giordano continued and at an affordable rate, so you need to be advocating on your own behalf, the town is in the middle..... The government said for many decades that the Town has not found the necessary means by which to provide quality drinking water to all the citizens, we solved the problem down here in the Village- we do have a hard water issue to address and we are looking at that, but we have met capacity, we have met the standard requirements, but we need to do the same thing for the people up on Eagle Lake and in Chilson.

Mrs. Mulcahy inquired what the town asked of its residents to do for you, that you can ask us to do for ourselves to enable the town to help us more...

Supervisor Giordano explained that this started before his time, but the economics are that you are dealing with 2,400 hundred users and have \$14 million dollars across that board, and you will

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only see a little bit of a hick-up of an increase in the current user amount, but when you are given the 109 people in your area, there is a drastically different scenario. It is purely economics, and the Chilson/Eagle Lake folks are poised in a position to be able to advocate to the fact that we are the second to last community that filtration avoidance, second to last to New York City. This is a very unique situation that we are in, and we should do everything that we can to exploit the fact that you are in a filtration avoidance which is why the Department of Justice is saying you must comply by our timeline. There is not any other type of situation that he is aware of, you have seen what has happened in other places like Flint Michigan and other places, they want to make sure that municipalities are providing water to their constituents and are doing so at the known requirement levels that they set and that is what we are allowed to do. So, you have them here making rules that we have to abide by, and you have the users on the other end that are receiving that water and this town is stuck in the middle because you are not a district, so we don't have ... all we have been doing over the years is providing contracts for water users over the years... So all we are trying to do here as a board is solve the problem...it is not an easy problem, it is a complicated problem and as much as possible we have to stick to the facts of what we know based on what we have provided and worked towards and to continue to march down that path and at the same time we know there are politics in play with this so we need to do everything that we can to get additional monies that are not traditional, the money that we got for the users here in the town, we maxed out for everything we could get for that project. The difference is that there are 2400 users here and there are only 109 users up there.

Mrs. Mulcahy stated that we are the ones that are going to bite the bullet on this one, we will end up with either no water, or drilling wells or paying \$2,000 a year for 30 years. She doesn't want to do that, and she would like to leave her property to her children, she doesn't want to leave them a debt. So, what can we do at this point, other than talk to our representatives?

Supervisor Giordano agreed and added that we have to take this information and your frustration of the unknown and write that in a letter and start sending them to Shumar, Gillibrand, Stefanic, Stec, Simpson, send it to Cuomo....

Councilman Cunningham wants to be clear,, if you went and got all the normal grant funding that you can, it will still leave us short. We are going to have to put together a plan to go after some non-normal monies if you will, so we are going to have to get the feds and the state to grant us monies that isn't part of our normal grant process. We will have to show that this is not a sustainable project...and it will take some work, but we have to work together.

Mrs. Mulcahy appreciates the fact that you are still looking at that option of grant monies and all of us working together to get them. The reason we feel we are undecided as to what to do, is because there are still a lot of indecision as to whether we will get grant monies. We don't know. Is there a hope that if we do form a district and get some grant money, that it will not be \$2,000.00 plus dollars a year for 30 years? Can you speculate as to a cost?

Councilman Cunningham stated that this is the plan, to form the district and go after grants, we have no idea what we will get, but we do now know the worst-case scenario.

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Councilman Russell stated that we have talked about the need to go in from of the legislature when it gets back in session. There are certain committees that drive those decisions, and we need to get in front of them. There is only a small window of time to do that, to present it, here is our story and here is our message. Some of our current legislatures have had come conversations with the Supervisor, but we need to have some people directly to them, and Dick's name came up because of his passion, who else would go. It will make a difference.

Mrs. Mulcahy noted that the people in Chilson and Eagle Lake have contributed 1.6 million in taxes for this water district, that is a lot of money and we do appreciate the Town continuing to work on grant money and she is willing to continue conversations with our elected government officials.

Mr. Fuller stated that what we are all trying to do here is not without precedent. We dealt with this down at the South end of the lake, the Village of Lake George has a 24 million sewer project going on and factually it is very similar. They put together a plan to go after their elected officials, they needed to be loud, and it took a lot of effort. He feels confident that those people in the Chilson/Eagle Lake have a story to tell. Reality is, if the elected officials get wind that there is opposition in the ranks here, they will not help you out. You need to be a unified force. Mr. Holroyd's question is valid – the answer right now is in 2025 that water gets shut off. Attack this as an affordability issue, use the affordability comments. The Town Board has no intend of going forward with that cost on these users. You all need to be on the same page and have a constant collaboration with all and have a strategy. It ultimately worked down there, you need to work hard and have a goal for this.

Dick Allen asked what the red corridor line was on the map, what is the purpose?

Supervisor Giordano stated that we had to break down the area in Chilson and Eagle Lake – this is a break down that is explained better on the following pages of the MPR, it is not the district.

Cole Hickland owns a summer property on Eagle Lake that gets used maybe 10 weekends a year, so he asked not to be included in the district and he sees that he is included. He understands the criteria used was current water users, so it included him. He would like to opt-out but he understands the point that the more people that are in and if you let them out then you are spreading the cost over a smaller base, but he would also like you to consider when you are holding us hostage that the money that is needed is so much that a couple more users to spread it is not going to make it or break it. You need a bunch of grant money to really make this work and be reasonable and by including us, then you are going to force us to vote against the district and then someone like this (Holroyd) that actually needs it he is going to have to vote against his neighbor which he doesn't want to do. Then we have the division which the attorney just said that this is off-putting to the politicians, so he would suggest to you to let us out, so we are not voting against it, and we are not in opposition to going forward to get a grant, which is really what you need, not more users. The more users to distribute the base is really a small contributing factor to the overall district.

Supervisor Giordano asked Mr. Hickland to please write a letter to the town of his request.

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Mr. Hickland agreed and again wanted to point out that there is not just him, there are other people that would like to be out, and he understands your point that you can't let everyone out, but you don't want us voting against this either.

Supervisor Giordano agreed but pointed out that hypothetically if you were to sell your property after this becomes a district, then there is a cost for that person (if they want to come in) and what is fair. The decision to do this is broader than your request to get out of the district, we are trying to look at the overall benefit to the entire district as to who should or who should not be part of it. Just please write your letter so the town can be objective on what as a whole is the right decision for the district in Chilson and Eagle Lake. Your point is well taken.

Mr. Hickland has the opposite thought, that he won't be able to sell it because there is so much overhead with the water rents that may potentially be on it. He will write the letter, but he wants people to get water. So, he does not want to turn neighbors against neighbors.

Dennis Towne would like to know what will your position with the people that chose to exercise that opt-out option that you had in your previous correspondence? He complied by the date and time that you requested, and well before he sent an email and called, so he just wanted to know if you are prepared to honor that. There are two pieces of his property that are involved in this district, he can email you another copy of that email.

Supervisor Giordano needs to come back to you with that answer at later time.

Mr. Towne went on to say as far as everybody being happy go lucky for a grant, that is nice, but when you are on limited income and retirement is not far away, you won't get a do-over on that. So, if it falls through and the water is going to be two grand a year, that is a lot more than 2% of what his retirement income will be. He wants you to be cognizant of that, it is nice that we think that we can lobby in for all kinds of money, but it would be very detrimental to us, a good portion of us, if that doesn't come to fruition.

Mr. Meier was looking at the chart on page 7 and there is a line item called capital debt per EDU, hamlet water district improvements of \$432. That is almost a 20% increase in the cost of what we were talking about as the lowest cost option. What specifically is that?

Supervisor Giordano explained that there is capital per EDU which is the cost to improvements to the district – the new piping and so forth to take to the top of the hill, this particular project takes water from the existing well system to the Chilson tank and that cost of \$432 is Capital debt...

Mr. Meier interrupted that this was not included in the other discussions, the 8.3 that we talked about 2 – 3 years ago. This is something additional...

Supervisor Giordano agreed that this should be included in the 8.3.... none of this is a guarantee, we hope that we will be eligible... he is very hopeful, that is how he wants to be...

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Mr. Meier stated that he is looking at the right hand column, you are talking about a total cost of 8306, then you have annual project cost of 207 which is over a 40 year period which is 8.3 divided by 40 and then you have 107.6 EDU's the 207 divided by the 107 is your 1930, then you add an additional 432, so that is not part of the 8.3, that is additional 1.5 million. That is something that was never discussed before. He would like to know exactly what this covers and what is included and why it wasn't it considered in the past. We need to have the engineers here and he does not see them here unless they are in the back where he can't see them. He also asked if we will have meters on our properties so that when he is not there for 7 months, he won't be charged for any water?

Supervisor Giordano would need to look into the numbers . \$432 is the debt that all users will be paying...we will have more details at the next meeting. All properties will have meters by 2024, you will pay as you do with say electricity. If you are hooked up to the system you will pay a nominal charge and then you will pay for any usage.

Mr. Meier has heard that water on Street Road is very hard, we will have an additional cost on top of everything to soften that water....

Supervisor Giordano stated that we are looking at a water softening system to help with that hard water issue.

Inaudible discussion...

Mrs. Mulcahy asked what happens if the water freezes in the winter – do we still pay if we are on the meter?

Supervisor Giordano stated that the laterals will be lowered below the frost line, meters will be on the house or in meter pits.

Mr. Mulcahy noted that they do not heat their camp in the wintertime, will you shut off the meters.

Councilman Cunningham explained that we are going through this process now, looking at meters. We would prefer to put them in the house, but they can be put in a meter pit. There will be a protocol put in place.

Councilman Russell added that having meters will help with the issue of freezing lines, the meters will feed the Town information and we will be able to see if there is a spike in usage during the winter when there shouldn't be so we can check it out.

Mr. Mulcahy stated that currently we have the water shut off for the winter, Mrs. Mulcahy added that maybe we will be able to use it in the winter if we form this district.

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Mr. Fuller explained the \$432 that Mr. Meier asked of earlier being a debt on the well system itself, it is an initial estimate, and all water district users are responsible for paying it. He explained the charge in an existing district – Shore Airport.

Mr. Meier now understands that the current 2400 users plus their 100 users will all be paying this. He also asked why there are two dry hydrants proposed in the plan - what is the purpose when we have regular hydrants every 500 feet.

Councilman Woods noted that they are for expansion purposes.

Supervisor Giordano will have an answer at the next meeting.

Willy Clifton recently purchased 22545 NYS Route 74 on January 25 and he turned his water on May 1 and he has already received a property tax assessment that is 143% increase and on top of this \$2,000 a year for 40 years. He just has a hard time understanding how a failed economic proposal is being offered to the people and by a show of hands at the beginning of the meeting, 25% of the people want to be removed from this proposed district, that \$2,000 per year for 110 people is 6.6 million dollars. Now you drop it down to 85 people and it still will be 6.6 million dollars and that is the burden on the residents.

Supervisor Giordano agreed, but the economics on this project do not work...

Mr. Clifton continued, if he can understand, this is just as much a municipal issue because the town has a contract that has to end on 2025 and the Town's agreement is to provide water to Eagle Lake and Chilson so would any of these ----one other thing, the water meter is usage on top of the \$2,000 per year....

Mr. Fuller noted that the meter charge would take place of the O&M charge, but there is always a base charge.

Mr. Clifton explained that what he is trying to get at during this short amount of time that he has been trying to absorb this information is what is the price per gallon for water and it will be different for different people but say it is 5 months a year or 7 months a year, is the public service commission helping to keep the cost down, is there an avenue there to regulate the cost.

Supervisor Giordano explained that there are certain costs that it takes to operate that system every year, so if you are only living here for 5 months then you will be paying for only the portion of water you are using that it costs to provide that water to the system.

Mr. Clifton asked if this is on top of the \$2,000 per year for 30 years.

Supervisor Giordano explained that right now it is broken out by EDU, we will then need to massage the EDU amount from a fixed structure to a moving on with the meters. So, every year there is a certain dollar amount to use the system and we will need to have some sort of sliding scale of what is being actually used.

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Mr. Clifton asked how you can sell your house when you don't even know how much it will be for water.

Supervisor Giordano stated that you will get a bill for monthly charges, you will know that and then usage will be an additional cost from there. There is no clear way to figure out what those costs are because there are always cost, chlorine, manpower, line repairs. Those costs get distributed across the users.

Tammy Smith explained that her property is in what is known as the divide, that is an area where they live above Gooseneck, so we have to pump water individually into our properties. She noticed that you had proposed a 60,000 gall storage tank right across from her house. Is that going to eliminate her need for an individual pump in her home?

Councilman Cunningham explained that this will be a pressurized system and even though he has not looked at your property specifically, he would be willing to have a pretty good guess that you should not need a pump.

Supervisor Giordano reiterated that we will be leaving this public hearing open, if you would like to request removal from the district, please write the town a letter.

Councilman Russell agreed, but added that those letters would technically prompt an amendment, this MPR is set unless we choose to amend it.

Councilman Cunningham added that we know that this is not a starter project, and we will do everything that we can as a Town Board to get that money, but we will need help. He explained the process of the Black Point Road Association. Twenty years ago, we formed a civic organization, and he can tell you that made a lot of different in trying to get things done and he would highly recommend that the Eagle Lake and Chilson residents form a civic association so that you can come together as a common voice. He can't stress enough how important that is at this juncture, we need to go outside the box to get money for this project and we need everyone working together. We really need to get going with everyone working together. If this does not happen, we will be in this worst-case scenario.

Mrs. Mulcahy noted that unfortunately we were blocked out in a year and 6 months with this pandemic where everyone was on pause and a lot of people don't know each other, don't see each other.

Councilman Cunningham agreed and stated that is why it is so important to do as much as you can right now, because we know we are behind the eight ball. We need everyone working together as a team to get this done. We can't express that enough.

Mr. Meier asked one final question, the ultimate decision on going forward with this water district will be the boards or the users?

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Supervisor Giordano explained that ultimately because this was not brought by the users themselves to start with it was up to the board to move forward, we had to make a decision and it is subject to permissive referendum.

Mr. Meier stated that you will make a decision as to this is what we are proposing and then we are going to agree or not.

Mr. Fuller stated that ultimately, the Town Board must make a certain determination as to whether or not a district is in the public interest. Once that is adopted, then yes, it is subject to permissive referendum. A permissive referendum is triggered by a certain number of taxpayers in this district that file a petition for a referendum.

Mr. Meier wants to understand, so it is approved by the board and then there are legal steps that we can take in order to overturn that decision.

Mr. Mulcahy wanted to clarify, where are you getting the water to put in this tank to pump to us, (the well on Street Road) and is he correct as to what he has heard that the water is hard, it is terrible.

Supervisor Giordano agreed and we are working on putting in some sort of softening system.

Mr. Smith asked who the contact is for the Town to give to our elected officials when we contact them.

Supervisor Giordano explained that he has so far had conversation with Dan Stec and Matt Simpson, he has been to Washington a couple of times from the County and had meetings specifically at Schumer's office, Gillibrands, and Stefanic's. The one thing that they haven't had to drive this boat is messages from you the users. We need your help, they are aware of the problem, but we need your input and your collaboration to send the message to them that this is not acceptable, and it is cost prohibitive.

Mr. Fuller added that he has had conversations with the Department of Justice and also the EPA about the funding.

Mr. Stubing asked what do they do with other Towns, small hamlets, they have probably come up to this too. How did they get around this situation, any waiver to make a hybrid?

Supervisor Giordano stated that the filtration avoidance is our hybrid. We are in that right now; we have filtration avoidance. We have looked at our options, and this is where we are.

Mr. Stubing noted that there are people who pump right from the lake.

Mr. Fuller agreed that this is considered a private water supply. You can take surface water and are not subject to these regs. Someday it will come for those people on surface water to make a change. It will be addressed; we see it coming.

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Supervisor Giordano noted that our engineers are dealing with the facts and figures, and this is only one issue that this board is dealing with, but there might be more money out there right now because of this pandemic that we have gone through. We are pursuing everything that we can.

Mr. Towne wanted to point out that the representatives of the engineering firm told us at the very first meeting that the Town was getting recommendations that they needed to upgrade and improve that water system up there since 1949. They did nothing and now it is incumbent upon us to crawl and gravel for money. That is all nice and you got a hazard mitigation grant and you used it to fix a water line, instead of fixing that dam that is going to wash Eagle Lake into the causeway up there. That is a strange use of a Hazard mitigation thing for a water line that you admitted neglected since the change of the last century.

Mr. Fuller stated that this is not true, this was brought up before and it needs to be clarified. No hazard mitigation funds for that dam were used on any other project.

Mr. Towne understands that, but wouldn't that have been a better place to put it, where there is an actual hazard?

Mr. Fuller again stated that no hazard mitigation funds for the dam were used anywhere else.

Mr. Towne understands that, but you got hazard mitigation funds for a water line....

Mr. Fuller stated that those funds were only for that line...

Mr. Towne again stated that there was an actual hazard five miles up the road, don't you think you could have lobbied for that instead of a water line that was in tough shape? Changes are there are people that didn't know there were outwires of the system, which is all the residents of Chilson. Probably back in the 40's if they knew that they were going to be impaled by the lack of action of the Town of Ticonderoga they might have squealed a little louder until waiting until the guillotine is already halfway to the bottom of the basket. It is not totally incumbent for the residency to jump through hoops to make this happen when we got there through inaction on the part of our representatives. It just pisses you off. He can't put it any other way. He understands it is none of you, but since 1949? He wasn't even conceived and now all of a sudden everything the state says we are under the Department of Justice Decree and all of this mumbo bowl that if you had just followed their recommendations 75 years ago, we wouldn't be here now, but it is frustrating.

Supervisor Giordano agrees, but he concludes it to an analogy of your car, if you don't do regular oil changes on a regular basis and you don't do routine maintenance on a regular basis, at some point you get to the point where that car won't work for you anymore. You are basically having to pour a lot of money into it or go get a new one. You can use that here. With our new system we are trying to be proactive to make sure we do regular maintenance moving forward. This water system now was not put in place and thought out in its entirety, so our water guys go around throughout the town fixing breaks and why are they having to do that, because this was added on here and over there and someplace else. There was no clear vision as to how this

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evolved and because of that when they fix one issue it makes another three streets over and we are paying money into O&M because these issues weren't solved years ago. We are having the same issue with our sewer, way back when they put storm water in the sewer and in concept it was a good idea but in reality, it is not, and now we are having to spend huge amounts of money to separate those lines, because sewer needs to be treated at a higher level than storm water. All these things we are learning, and we are trying to do everything we can to garner as much money that we can to reduce it and moving forward set the right policies in place so that future boards don't have to do the same thing that we are doing right now. They can take on much more exciting things like how to bring in economic development.

Mr. Towne stated that you have to understand the frustration of the residency of the outlying district because we didn't have a clue until 5 years ago that there was anything such as a contract user. He had a recorded survey when he bought his house in the early 80's and all it said was municipal water, it didn't delineate that you were a contract user or any of that other business. Now we are going to have a disproportionate cost for a resource that we were in parity with the rest of the community until just recently. It is almost like the rug was twitched out from under us and we didn't know that the Town had been getting recommendations to remediate it for 70 years. You have to understand our frustration. You guys weren't sitting here, then.

Supervisor Giordano stated that since he has been here, his mind set has been what have I been given, what assumptions can I make and how can we move forward. The things that I presume and things that are unknown, you just keep working those things until they come in a picture that becomes much more clearer. Right now, we know, and we know that there is an opportunity to go out and get more money to bring down this affordability level. We have had this whole past that we have had conversations on, and it is cathartic to have those conversations, but certainly it is not good to continue to bring out those frustrations on a repeated basis and not have a solution.

Mr. Towne noted that perhaps we should repurpose as much money for our yet to be hired lobbyist as we do for our legal department. Perhaps we can get some grants, because none of us are lobbyist, we are just taxpayers.

Supervisor Giordano asked Mr. Towne what he felt would be the best way, without everyone writing a letter, to reach out to our representatives. Bullet point...?

Mr. Towne stated to him personally, it would be to honor the offer that you tendered to him a year and a half ago. As far as, there are a lot of people who need the water, so he is sure there is something that can be done. There are people that write grants, you are cognitive to that and none of them are in this room. We are the people that write the checks not the grants, so it is hard for us to go looking for something like that because we have lives to live and we can write a letter and those are well screened by the politicians, that letter is not going to Schumer, it is going to one of his lackies who is going to read it, maybe yes, maybe no. Somebody who does that for a living, somebody who makes money by lobbying for stuff probably knows a little bit more about it than an impassioned letter by a scared person who is going to run out of water.

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Margaret Lauman asked if there were any help from Essex County for money for this, or to lobby for money.

Supervisor Giordano answered yes, Essex County Community Resources is one of the Departments at the county level and this one of the topics that they are constantly working on, how to find funding for projects.

Mrs. Lauman asked if they will help us with this project.

Supervisor Giordano stated that yes, there are a whole slew of other agencies that we have gotten involved in this project.

Mrs. Lauman asked also, why so many fire hydrants?

Supervisor Giordano noted that it is state law.

Mrs. Mulcahy asked if a district is formed and there is a break in the line okay, we have money going into these costs, what guarantee will we have that proper maintenance will happen on these lines since it looks to be that you are re-using some of the existing lines? (She gave an example of Glens Falls doing a project and storm drains went into their back yards – trees were taken down, this last storm there was flooding)

Supervisor Giordano explained that our water/sewer department personnel are excellent, they do repairs during the day and night to make sure water is back on in a timely fashion. Long term, he can't speak to especially from past boards, but we are trying to be as pro-active as possible. Saying that, Route 74 is a state highway so it may be a bit different than how the town operates at in town repairs, in reference to flagging and appropriate movement of traffic as this line will be adjacent to the road.

Mrs. Smith noted that the report addressed the sale of properties and if purchaser wants to go on the system and paying it back but did not address new construction.

Supervisor Giordano believes that they would need to discuss this further.

Again, this Public Hearing will be open through the coming months for more input, thank you all for coming.

Opening Remarks – Announcements

Coronavirus Update & Notifications

Covid cases have reduced, there have only been a couple in the last few weeks. Vaccinations have continued to roll out as of Monday, this past week, we were just under 1,000 residents short of meeting our threshold in Essex County and once we do hit that threshold we will be considered having herd immunity and will further have restrictions relaxed. Public health is

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continuing to hold pop-up clinics throughout the summer, throughout the county and you can find more information on their website.

Hazardous Waste Days – At the Highway Garage on August 28th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There are other days in different towns – please see website for information.

Report from Committees

Public Works – Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

**Town of Ticonderoga
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2021
10:30 am**

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Giordano, Derrick Fleury, Nancy Treadway, Eric Blanchard, Tom Cunningham

Others: Greg Swart (*AES*), Jocelyn Racette (*AES*), Matt Fuller, Mark Wright, Robert Woods, Steve Arzberger

Public Comment

1. Steve Arzberger
 - a. Steve addressed the Committee with regards to property he recently purchased on Sagamore Drive, and if there are any plans of running water and sewer down Sagamore Drive.
 - b. Supervisor Giordano responded that currently that is being proposed by the Lake George Association (LGA). There also needs to be a study done with regards to if the Town's WWTP could accommodate more capacity, and that would need to be coordinated between AES and the LGA.
 - c. Steve has talked with Walt Lender, Director of the LGA. Also, he commented that he has paperwork from 1985 that showed a proposed sewer district for Sagamore drive and Pine Springs Park, which was not pursued. A question arose about if the property could be tied in with Stoughton Drive. However, the Committee responded that the draft MPR that was done by LGA's engineer does not show it that way, and that there are two different systems that tie into a 4" main which would make it not adequate. The current draft MPR shows Sagamore Drive, to Outlet Drive and then out to Baldwin Road.
 - d. Tom suggested that Steve reach out to his neighbors as an effort to encourage the process forward. Steve thanked the Committee for their time and departed the meeting.

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2. Robert Woods – 20 Hall Road
 - a. Robert addressed the Committee and asked if there are any changes in the type of chemicals used, or the amount used, in the Gooseneck system. He has been noticing a film in the bathtub in the last couple of weeks.
 - i. Derrick commented that there have not been any changes, and there is only chlorine that is added to the system. Around 20 years ago there was a corrosion control added, but the Town no longer does that. Maybe from the turnover from the winter months to the summer months has had an effect (?)
 - b. Supervisor Giordano mentioned that Robert will also be attending the next Town Board Meeting for the Public Hearing on the Chilson-Eagle Lake proposed water district. He is seeking approval to be removed from the proposed water district. Robert commented that his property is about 700 feet from Route 74, and he will be looking to put in a well for his property.

Item for Discussion

1. Robert Hurlburt – 11 Old Chilson Road
 - a. He had removed the trailer that was on the property, and Nancy confirmed with the assessor that the assessment roll does reflect this change. It is recommended to reduce the water account to a .10 vacant lot charge. However, it was brought up that as he is an out of district water contract user, and depending upon the future use of the property, he could choose to be disconnected from the Gooseneck system.
 - i. Nancy will follow up with Mr. Hurlburt.

Derrick Fleury – Water/Wastewater Superintendent Report

1. The Water Dept. has been very busy with the Portage project. Reale Construction has run a temporary water line from Sunoco to the “V” in the Portage so that they could jack hammer the ledge in that area (they have been waiting for a blaster), so currently all of the properties in that area are on the temporary water line.
2. Eric Blanchard then addressed the Committee.
 - a. The new aeration system was put in the east aeration tank last week. The south aeration tank’s pump is down, and the sludge on the bottom will need to be removed and demolition on the old system needs to happen before the new one can be put in.
 - b. There is a problem with the new clarifiers. The bearings on the guide wheels have faulted by rusting and the pins have come out. Newer bushings are nylon, but the Town cannot just order those separately, it needs to be the whole wheel assembly. A few have been ordered, but some nylon bushings are being fabricated locally to save money.

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- c. Spreading sludge at the Leerkes farm today. The permit is still good, but a meeting with the Leerkes and the Town would be beneficial just to go over the permit requirements.

AES Report

1. Veterans Road

- a. The SEQR Resolution was recently passed by the Town Board, and also a Resolution for going out to bid. AES is aiming to go out to bid in the next couple of weeks.
- b. AES will be coordinating with Essex County, NYS DOH and EFC on the financing details.

2. Water Plant

- a. The new motor for Well Pump #2 is working well. Derrick had Aqualogics upgrade some of the programing.
- b. There is an alarm on the generator transfer switch that will need to be fixed.

3. AES would like to schedule flow tests in the next month or two and will work with Derrick on the timing. AES will be working on the water modeling as well, and then over the summer a selection of the new water line locations will be needed and then the environmental paperwork can be started. Tom inquired about the Lake George water plant. Greg commented that the water modeling and flow test needs to be done first. It is suggested to set up another workshop over the summer to continue the discussion so more details can be ironed out, but by the end of the summer it would be helpful to have a plan in place.

4. Water Meters

- a. The Town will need to consider what type of system to purchase. The more expensive option, which would be by instant downloads, would provide a lot of data. However, if all the data is not used and the system is used only for billing, the cost would not be justified compared to the “drive by” option. The “drive by” system can have add-ons though so that is something to take into consideration. At some point this needs to be gone through in more detail. The Town did not get the grant for meters this round but can reapply in July. The next application could be for a lesser amount and see if that helps, but as the Town is not up against a deadline at this point, it might be best to reapply for the full amount again and see what happens. The Committee agrees that reapplying for the full amount would be ideal, and Greg will handle the grant submission in July.

5. Water District Consolidation

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- a. AES and Matt met last week to go through the last round of questions. It is mostly down to parcels that are half-in and half-out of the old village boundaries. AES can work with Nancy on billing questions that have come up as well. Another meeting should be set up soon so that goals and deadlines can be established.
6. Lead Service Line Replacement
 - a. The project went out to bid and was awarded to Reale Construction as the low bidder. The goal is to use just the grant money and to not go over that amount. There is a priority list of streets, and when the project is ready to start the list can be reviewed again.
7. SPDES Permit
 - a. Although DEC addressed most of the concerns in the permit, AES has a few comments to send back.
 - b. The grant application for engineering planning to update the Long-Term Control Plan was submitted and was awarded to the Town. The grant does come with a match requirement.
 - c. Maddy is working on updating the Wet Weather Operation Plan.
 - d. Compliance for the new phosphorus limits is being worked on, and the deadline was approved to be pushed to December of 2024.
8. Annual Report
 - a. The Annual Report has been completed and submitted to NYS DEC. AES received some good comments and has responded.
9. The Portage Project
 - a. The lateral are all done, and Scott will be updating a few maps.
 - b. It has been decided to leave the Ambulance Squad's building as-is. There are two lines tied in from Champlain Ave. and one from the Portage and will not be changed.
 - c. The electric for the pump stations will be the responsibility of the homeowners, with the exceptions of 167 and 169 The Portage, and it does not take much electricity to run them.
10. Evaluations of Pump Stations
 - a. AES asks that a day be set up to do a presentation on the findings of the evaluations. There are a few stations that can be fixed in house, but some other need more work
11. GIS System

- a. The system is online and ready to be presented to the Town. Greg would like to meet with Derrick and Erick to go over the system. Also, AES would like to put together a presentation to show its capabilities, and all departments that are interested are welcome to attend.

12. Funding for projects

- a. An income survey is being worked on for Wayne Avenue, St. Clair and George Street which Shannon is assisting with. AES has a letter for Supervisor Giordano to review/sign later today or tomorrow and it will need to go out ASAP.
 - i. There will be an option for residents to scan a QR Code and respond to the survey online, and there will be the paper copy as well. Shannon can also go around with a tablet so that people can use that to reply to the survey as too. It is all completely anonymous, and a 95% response rate is needed that would be used to go after the OCR grant.

Supervisor Giordano adjourned the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting at 11:30 am.

The next Committee Meeting will take place on June 29, 2021, at 10:30 am.

Councilman Cunningham inquired where we stand right now with the anticipated completion date on The Portage.

We are on track for completion date set forth in the contract.

Councilman Woods asked how the construction crew is checking for compaction before paving.

This will be check by Atlantic Testing, there will be part of the top layer taken out and compacted again before any paving can take place.

Municipal Facilities Evaluation – Mark Russell, Councilman

**Town of Ticonderoga Municipal Facilities Meeting
June 2, 2021- 6:00 PM - Ticonderoga Community Building Meeting room**

Committee members in attendance:

Mark Russell, Tom Cunningham, Jeff Cook, Tom Thatcher. Absent: Chris Dostie.

Other attendees:

Brandon Pelerin, Mike & Kim Powers, Peggy Armstrong, Barb Riley, Dave Woods, Tim Ryan, Michael Vilardo Sr, Don Hardy, Elaine Hardy, Mark Wright, Kristy Mason, Tim Rowland, Mike Moser, Alice Vilardo, Joe Giordano, Joyce Cooper.

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-meeting agenda is in slide two of the meeting presentation.

-the meeting opened with an approximately 30-minute discussion regarding concerns with the St Joseph facilities in town and rumors that St Joseph's was purchasing the vacant Hudson Headwaters Health Network Building.

-unfortunately, misleading and false information posted on social media created a misunderstanding that this meeting was determining what the HHHN building would be used for.

Mark Russell committed to the audience to follow up on their concerns and find the appropriate setting for that discussion to create a conduit for the feedback to St Josephs. Several audience members mentioned "numerous" police calls" to that address. Chief Hurlburt was in attendance and did not have the data.

Follow up: a previous community forum was held as part of the Public Safety Committee meeting when the St Joseph's facility on Mt Hope Avenue was discussed. It appears that would again be the appropriate setting.

Follow up: Chief Hurlburt collected the data on the calls to the Mt Hope Avenue location. That information will be shared as part of that meeting.

A presentation was provided with the background on the committee work to evaluate a site for the Ticonderoga Police Department. The presentation has that background.

Following the presentation, the committee members present voted 4-0 for their recommendation of building a new 4,000 square foot Police Department to be located on a portion of the parcel(s) currently housing the Ticonderoga Highway Department.

-background summary documents from AES Northeast showing opinion of probable cost for a new station as well as renovation of the Hudson Headwaters Building are included

- the cost of renovating the HHHN Building was \$3.413 million dollars not including the purchase of the property. In addition to the high cost, we do not have an identified town purpose for the additional 8,000 square feet of that building.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm

Minute's attachments:

June 2, 2021, Powerpoint presentation prepared by Mark Russell

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Two opinion of cost documents from AES

Alfrande Architecture Ticonderoga Facilities Plan dated May 17, 2013 (On the Town Website and on file in the Town Clerk's Office)

Power Point Presentation from Vergennes, VT Police Chief Merkel (On the Town Website and on file in the Town Clerk's Office)

TOWN OF TICONDEROGA MUNICIPAL FACILITIES MEETING

JUNE 2, 2021

TOWN INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW: TICONDEROGA POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEETING GROUND RULES AND AGENDA:

- Please silence your cell phones
- No sidebar conversations
- Objective questions and feedback in public participation is suggested.

Agenda

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation on an infrastructure solution for the Ticonderoga Police Department Committee vote - Move forward with recommendation to Ticonderoga Town Board review Public Participation.

BACKGROUND

The Ticonderoga Police Department is located on Burgoyne Road. The building is approximately 82 years old. This facility was identified as deteriorated and "unhealthy "over ten years ago. There is a number of structural, safety, functional, and space challenges with the building. It is beyond time to establish an appropriate facility for the police department.

A number of committees were formed, outside agencies enlisted, or proposals made to develop a plan. Those prior efforts did not result in a solution.

TIMELINE

2009 -

A citizens committee investigated a number of options including the Rite Aid building. The

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building is 7,800 square feet. This confirmed as too large. The lease & sub/lease considerations resulted in legal hurdles.

2009

the downstairs of the community building was considered. This did not work due to lack of space & parking.

2013

In May, the Alfrande Architecture study was presented to the town board with a Town of Ticonderoga facilities plan. This was reviewed and some repairs were planned then completed on various buildings.

2014

In January the Alfrande study was reviewed again but not moved upon for the Police Department options.

2014

In February a study of the Lowe's building was completed for North Country Community College for consideration as a technical college. Space for the police department was discussed.

2015

Over several months the Armory maintenance building was discussed as a solution. Deed restrictions and public sentiment made this a non-viable option.

2019

A joint agreement was made between the Ticonderoga Fire Department and the Town of Ticonderoga for a shared facility to be located on Montcalm Street. Slow development of the project and escalating costs contributed to no movement on that solution.

2020

In August the Municipal Facilities Committee was formed to review infrastructure needs long term solutions keeping community need, public safety, cost, efficiency. and consolidation opportunities in mind.

2020

The Ticonderoga Town Board and Fire Department met in August to discuss the agreement. Ultimately it was decided to end the agreement in February of 2021.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Utilize the Vergennes, VT police department as a model. Chief Merkel provided great insight to the department and committee with a presentation of their new facility considerations, requirements, space considerations, and facility layout.

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- 4,000 square feet provides a footprint that will meet our requirements with room for growth.
- Public safety is the priority. Considerations must be given to location in regard to the community, egress, privacy, cost, and efficiency among others. Some of Chief Merkel's considerations follow:

FACILITY PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

- Sustainability
 - o Energy efficient
 - o Low maintenance construction
 - o "Eye on the Future Considerations" such as IT technology and body camera systems
 - o IT room separate from utility room
 - o Maximum use of floor plan, minimal hallways

FACILITY PLANNING GUIDELINES

- **SAFETY:** for both the public, officers and those who may be in custody
- **FUNCTIONABILITY:** the facility as planned and designed meets the needs of the department and the community, as well as meeting state and federal requirements
- **SUSTAINABILITY:** planning, design and construction take into consideration the requirements to sustain the facility, i.e., maintenance and upkeep of key components (HVAC, security systems, IT systems, general maintenance)
- **ACCESSIBILITY:** facility is easily accessible to both the public and officers, emergency response will not be hindered, public will not be endangered, dedicated lane for access and egress of police cruisers, victim and witness separation from those in custody or suspects
- **AFFORDABILITY:** facility planning, construction and maintenance are within the means of the municipality and also meet the essential requirements for operation

FACILITY PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

- > **SAFETY:** Is the # 1 concern for planning and design. A poorly designed building which does not meet state and federal requirements will put the Town of Ticonderoga in a position of liability. Separation of victims, witnesses, juveniles, suspects, those in custody. admin staff and officers are important considerations.
 - o Security / security cameras, windows and doors, internal security / access
 - o Cameras: Exterior, parking areas, sallyport, booking room, holding cells for adults and juveniles, interview rooms, lobby. hallways in operational area and evidence processing and storage rooms, data storage.

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- **Windows and Doors:** Lobby window and wall facing the lobby should be ballistically protected. Interview room windows should be high profile with lower edges no less than 6' plus from ground. All windows should have black out and security shades. All exterior doors, sallyport, and booking room doors should be secured with a key fob and touch pad system. Sensitive areas (evidence, sensitive records, firearms storage room, Chiefs/Sergeants and Detectives rooms, IT room) should have limited access/ strict key control measures/ Absolutely no access to operational area by public.
- **Security:** Booking room doors of heavy construction, Plexiglas window inserts and possessing durable, heavy duty lock systems/ stainless steel correctional facility toilet facilities in lock-up areas with remote flushing and external (booking room) plumbing access.

HUDSON HEADWATER'S HEALTH NETWORK (HHN) BUILDING CONSIDERATION

- In the fall of 2020 the HHHN building was vacated when they moved to a new facility adjacent to hospital.
- This is a 12,000 square foot facility with a 6,000 sq ft bottom floor and a 6,000 square foot second floor. There is a full attic space as well with drop ladder access.
- The 31-year-old building was constructed in 1990 as the Chilson Road Professional Center. It was later sold to the Hudson· Headwaters Health Network. They are a nonprofit organization.
- This building is located on Racetrack Road. That was identified as the area with the highest rating in the Alfrande study from 2013 and supported by our current department leadership as a highly effective location.
- The price for the building was communicated at \$525,000.00 An appraisal completed for the town in the Spring of 2021 was at the same price point.

HHN BUILDING

HHN BUILDING REVIEW AS A SOLUTION

- It was quickly identified that this building was too large for just the police department. While larger than needed, consideration was given to the bottom floor as the police department and options would be reviewed for the 2nd floor.
- In the fall of 2020 we toured the facility with Mike Mascarenas, Commissioner of Essex County Department of Social Services and Dan Palmer, Manager, Essex County. We discussed satellite offices, remote users, or other options for the space with county resources. At that time and to date they could not make any commitments.
- The next step was to review departments of services within the town of Ticonderoga that could be moved there. We considered codes, assessment, courts, DMV. and others.
- We engaged AES Northeast Architecture, Engineering, and Land Surveying to provide cost estimates for renovations so the committee could make an objective decision to then present a recommendation on a solution to the town board.

HHN BUILDING – REVIEWTIMELINE

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- Feb 13 -HHN full building plans were provided to AES for review.
- Feb 23 -a walk through was conducted with AES representative Liza Kilcoyne and Chief Hurlburt provided details on his preferred layout.
- Mar 30 -AES representative Erin Allison completed a walkthrough of the HHHN and Community Building departments where we took measurements, photographs, and other details. We shared the Alfrande report as the information there is relevant and accurate.
- Mar 30 - met with the Ticonderoga Town Court team to discuss their needs
- April 27 - Chief Merkel presents to the committee and attendees' information on the City of Vergennes police department
- May 21 -AES presents cost comparisons for the committee to review on renovation of the HHHN Building vs new construction costs.

**HHHN RENOVATION COSTS
(DOES NOT INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF THE BUILDING)**

	\$/SF	Total Const. Cost	Comments
1 st Fl Reno for Police	\$276	\$1,656,000	See Note 2,3,5
2 nd Fl Reno Town Off	\$179	\$1,074,000	See Note 2,3,5
Total Reno		\$2,730,000	
Soft Costs		\$ 682,500	See note 3, assumed 25% of const. Costs
Overall Project Budget			
Total Reno	\$276		See Note 4
Medium Reno	\$179		See Note 4
Light Reno	\$ 94		See Note 3

1. **Source: VAMC Cost Guide, Administrative Space Costs**
2. **Costs represent building construction costs only, with escalation to June 2022**
3. **For preliminary budget purposes, assume indirect "soft" costs at 25% of construction cost to account for architectural & engineering fees, contingencies, testing and inspections, etc. Excludes FFE (furniture, fixture, equipment), moving expenses, etc.**
4. **Renovation Levels per VAMC Cost Guide:**
 - a. **Total Renovation: All finishes, and MEP systems removed, full interior gut and remodel, exterior shell remains.**
 - b. **Medium Renovation: Approx. 67% of existing interior and MEP systems demolished and replaced. No structural work, no major change of function. Change of function typically requires total renovation.**
 - c. **Light Renovation: Approx. 30% of existing interior and MEP systems removed and replaced. No structural modifications, no change in function.**
5. Project area: Assume 6,000 BGSF, 2 stories, 12,000 BGSF total

Town of Ticonderoga
Opinion of Probably Cost
For New Police Station
5/21/2021

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Town of Ticonderoga Opinion of Probable Cost for New Police Station 5/21/2021

	\$/SF	Total Const. Cost	Comments
New Construction	\$335	\$1,340,000	See note 2,3,4
Sitework/Utilities		\$ 268,000	Assumed 20% of bldg. cost
Total New const.		\$1,608,000	
Soft Costs		\$ 402,000	See note 3, Assumed 25% of construction cost
Overall Proj. Budget		\$2,010,000	

1. Source: RS Means data square foot models for Police Stations
2. Costs represent building construction costs only, with escalation to June 2022
3. For preliminary budget purposes, assume indirect "soft" costs at 25% of construction cost to account for architectural & engineering fees, contingencies, testing and inspections, etc. Excludes FFE (furniture, fixture, equipment), moving expenses, etc.
4. Project area: Assume 4,000 BGSF, 1 story

COMMITTEE REVIEW

- The costs of renovating the HHHN Building are excessive. It is not unusual for renovation costs to be higher than new construction costs. The additional space on the second floor is a "nice to have at this point in time". We do not have a need to move other services and do not need the extra cost of doing so.
- Moving departments such as the courts creates another problem with open space in the Community Building.
- The committee is recommending the new facility be located on the parcel where the highway department is located. We asked AES to review the site and make recommendations.
- The next long-term goal for the committee would be to address the needs of building & grounds and the highway department. Our recommendation is to consider a municipal center at this site. Move building & grounds, highway, water, and associated equipment to this area for efficiency, cost savings, shared equipment, and other considerations. This was a recommendation as well and the most highly ranked in the Alfrande study.
- In our last workshop the committee reviewed all of the data, options, historical work, and current situation.
- Our conclusion and recommendation to the Ticonderoga Town Board will be to move forward with the next steps required for constructing a new police station at the town owned property on Racetrack Road.

THE VIEW SCAPE FROM THE CURRENT POLICE STATION IS PITCURESQUE. WE RECOMMEND THIS SPACE BE VACATED AND PLANS BE MADE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AREA FOR RECREATION, HISTORIC, PARK, OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE LACHUTE RIVER IS DIRECTLY BELOW THIS PARCEL. THERE IS A GREAT VIEW OF THE DOWNTOWN, FRASIER BRIDGE, BICENTENNIAL PARK, AND MT DEFIANCE.

Resolution #163-2021 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Joseph Giordano to appoint Mike Moser to the Municipal Facility Evaluation Committee. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye.

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Opposed -none. Carried.

Resolution #164-2021 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Joseph Giordano to move forward with the concept of building a new standalone police station and to evaluate the appropriate next steps toward situating the police station on the town property where the highway department resides on Racetrack Road. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye **Opposed -** Dave Woods – Nay. **Carried.**

Highway/Transfer Station – Tom Cunningham, Councilman

**Town of Ticonderoga
Highway and Transfer Station
May 25, 2021, minutes of Meeting**

Present:

Tom Cunningham, Dave Woods, John Deming, Mitch Cole

Others

Joe Giordano – In Person, Mark Wright – In Person, Matt Fuller – In Person, Greg Swart – in person, Joyce Cooper- In person, Jocelyn Racette – In person, John Reale – In person

Public Discussion

John Reale stated that they were waiting on DOT approval for a change to the entrance into the “fireman’s Field” formally known as the Prospect Transfer entrance. After which they will be wanting an easement from the Town.

Joyce Cooper talked about parking on the sidewalks on Lake George Ave.

Committee Discussion

- Mitch Cole stated that there were no major repairs required over the past month, just performing regular maintenance.
- Sidewalks to be replaced:
 - Quotes have been received and a decision has been made to use Avery Energy as the installer. The Town will remove the existing sidewalks on the East side of Lake George Ave. and the contractor will install them. The town board will have to set up budget accounts for this project and for repairs of any sidewalks.
 - It was decided that a repair would include the replacement of a section of sidewalk that was no larger than two (2) sections or about ten (10’). Anything larger would be considered a replacement.

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- There was some discussion on whether the driveways should be concrete or paved. The present specification for the Portage project is to have a continuous concrete sidewalk, there is however no Town wide specification. Dave Woods stated that paving would be less expensive, and he was concerned that concrete would breakup over time. A continuous concrete sidewalk is a much better look for the community and if installed correctly will hold up and also provide a curb to alleviate water runoff from getting onto property. The present decision is to replace sidewalks between roads and driveways and not in the driveways themselves, until a town wide specification is agreed upon.
- It was discussed that all transitions from sidewalk to street crossing must meet present American Disability Act, ADA. It was pointed out that there are several crossings that do not meet this standard.
- It was discussed that the Highway Department have a plan on which sidewalks need repairs and which will be repaired. It was agreed that those areas that residents that have put the town on notice of dangerous locations should be completed first and depending on the remaining funds left other areas could be completed.
- Dave Woods stated that they were meeting with Avery Energy to discuss project details, as there are several un-answered questions, such as, who is responsible for restoration, will all the sidewalks be increased to 5' or should they stay at 4 or in some cases 3' as increasing the width will potentially impact street parking, intrude on resident's property, and may run into other Town infrastructure such as fire Hydrants, catch basins and telephone poles. No work should start until these questions have been answered.
- It is unknown at this time where the old sidewalk concrete will be stored several options such as the area across from Snug Harbor on Lake George Ave. was brought up as the closet location.
- Roads to be paved:
 - The expected start date to pave Racetrack Road, Canfield Road and Cannon Ball Run, is June 15, 2021. Peckam will be performing the work.
 - The Highway Department stated that the driveway into the Police Department and Water and Sewer department needs to be paved at an estimated cost of \$30,000.00. It was questioned if that was a good use of funds as the town is looking to move the Police Department. This will be looked into, and a decision be made at a later date.
 - It was also stated that Mount Hope Cemetery was in need of paving, Dave Woods is going to check with Bill Dolbeck, Chattie VanWert and Joyce Cooper about funding in the Cemetery budget.

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- Repairs and replacements:
 - Stop light at Wiley Street and Montcalm Street has been ordered it will be a 4-way flashing light and will maintain a 4 way stop.
- The Highway department wants to purchase two 8'X20' metal storage containers at an estimated cost of \$4,400.00 each. The intent is to use them for additional storage and build a roof over them to store some equipment in between the two buildings.
- Transfer Station,
 - Mitch Cole stated that the fencing around the facility will need some repairs/replacement this summer.
 - It was also stated that the leaf pile was getting very large and a solution as the where to put the pile will need to be found.
- Miscellaneous Projects
 - Mitch Cole stated that the Town would be performing "Ditching" operations cleaning out drainage ditches around the Town.
- **Opened up to public discussion.**
 - Greg Swart with AES stated that the lead Replacement Project was awarded to Reale Construction.
 - He also stated that the new GIS system for the Water and Sewer Department and the highway Department was ready to be implemented and he would like to have a workshop on using the system.
- **Resolutions for next Town Board meeting**
 - Resolution to approve the purchase of the two 8'X20' storage units not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Next meeting scheduled for June 28, 2021, at 09:15

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM

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

Resolution #165-2021 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to authorize the closure of Montcalm Street from Sunshine Laundry to Glens Falls National Bank for the Annual Streetfest celebration on Saturday, July 31, 2021, from 5:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye. **Opposed -none. Carried.**

Airport – Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

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Pending projects

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June 1, 2021

The meeting started at 0830 in the Town Hall.

Committee: Ernie Tobin, Jon Hanna, Dave Woods and Joe Giordano

Others: Mark Wright

Fuel sales

- 1314 gallons sold in May.
- 7,900 gallons sold from June 1, 2020, to May 31, 2021
- Adjusted fuel price to \$4.59/gallon.

Annual Fuel Filter Service: Titan Aviation Fuels

- Replaced 3 fuel filters and performed inspection → passed.
- Also replaced old Shell decals with new Titan decals

Annual Fuel dispensing inspection: Essex County Weights & Measures

- Fuel system passed pumping test and met compliance.

Payment box update & gate codes?

- Signage is up.
- Tie-down/landing tickets are in the box.
- Still working to provide other useful information for visitors to the area.
 - contacts for emergency / airport service personnel
 - Provide info for local attractions/restaurants.

Based Aircraft

- The airport currently can claim 12 based aircraft.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 A.M.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 @ 8:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Giordano

Building and Grounds – Dave Woods, Councilman

Minor repairs at the Armory and the Police Department

Parks, Recreation, Historical Lands, Beach, Monuments and Cemeteries –

Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman

**Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2021**

Present were committee members Jerry Cooper, Nancy Kelley, Grant Spaulding, Tonya Thompson and Co-Chairs Dave Woods and Joyce Cooper. Also, present was Mark Wright.

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Bicentennial Park:

Joyce Cooper gave updates on special projects planned for 2021. She met with Alice of Essex County Soil and Water to talk about drainage issues near the picnic pavilion on the south side of Bicentennial Park. Alice agreed with AES's recommendation of placing a French drain near the walkway to direct water from this area to the pipes near the west entrance which will carry water from the daylight stream to the La Chute once that project is completed. She suggested another French drain be placed near the hillside where surface water is often found. The committee was told the drainage project should be Year Two of the Five Year Plan to improve Bicentennial Park.

This year, Year One, the planned improvements are the Children's Playground and the paving of one section of the walking trail. A meeting will be held with Highway Superintendent Sal Barnao to discuss the paving project for Bicentennial Park and schedule the paving.

Logistics were discussed for the installation of the new playground equipment which may take place in August. Volunteers will be sought for this job. An article can be placed in the Sun and help requested of Kiwanis, the Boy Scouts, churches, and other community groups. The planned ground cover for the playground, specially processed wood chips, will have to be topped off on a regular basis and a source for this material determined. St. Mary's and Ticonderoga Elementary School will be contacted for this information.

Recreation Park:

Equipment has been ordered to place in the ground Pickleball nets on one of the tennis courts, creating 2 permanent pickleball courts. This will allow the public to play pickleball at any time. Although the court is already lined for pickleball no nets have been provided. The Ticonderoga Seniors have purchased portable nets for their use and remove them after playing. A second court will also be lined for pickleball and can be used with portable nets if use continues to rise.

Temporary repairs to cracks will be made on all three courts. Because of the cost of replacing playground equipment and safety ground cover in Bicentennial Park, more extensive repairs are being postponed until monies for this project are properly budgeted. Maintenance of the courts should occur on a more regular schedule.

Whitely Statue Project:

The slow progress getting the wooden statue of Robert Rogers in the ground was discussed. With the rising cost of materials in mind, Dave and Joyce are working to find the most economical structure to house the statue.

Park Summer Events:

It has not been completely determined what events other than fireworks will take place for the 4th of July. The Ticonderoga Alumni Association will be holding their Extravaganza the last weekend of July. The Ticonderoga Festival Guild will be holding weekend concerts in front of the Community Building in July and August. Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership also plans to hold Streetfest on Montcalm Street the last weekend of July. Activities for specific events will be determined by state COVID regulations.

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Beaver Damage:

Beavers have been damaging and taking down trees in 4 areas along the LaChute from the Upper Falls to the Sewage Treatment Plant. The Highway Department has a permit to trap animals creating hazards on waterways and has employed a trapper in the past. Tonya will contact the Highway Department.

Flag Poles on Town Properties:

Quotes were requested to properly light the flag at the Community Building. It is difficult to raise and lower this flag daily because of the size of the flag and height of the pole. Quotes of \$3250 for led lights and \$2595 for solar were received in the past.

Discussion followed regarding the flagpoles at Carillon Park. Currently large flags on substantial poles are flown at the Armory, Sewage Treatment Plant, Bicentennial Park, Veterans Park, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Community Building, and Fort Intersection. Smaller flags are flown at the library and periodically at the Recreational Fields and Carillon Park. The latter flags have been raised and lowered by volunteers. Four flag poles exist at Carillon Park and have been taken care of by nearby resident Dick Slater. He is unable to continue doing this. After much discussion and consideration of the size and number of poles, the committee decided not to continue flying this number of flags at this park. Future best practices would *only* have flags at town buildings, Mt. Hope Cemetery, and Bicentennial and Veterans Parks and ensuring they are properly flown and lit.

Tonya Thompson was asked to check on the status of flying flags at half-staff.

Councilman Cunningham asked if the installation of the playground equipment would make more sense for early next spring.

Resolution #166-2021 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Mark Russell to authorize the Use of Bicentennial Park, the Community Building, Portable lights and extra refuse cans along with police presence around the park activities – especially at night for the Ticonderoga Alumni Extravaganza July 29, 30 and 31. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye. **Opposed -none. Carried.**

Discussion on the flags at Carillon Park – Mrs. Thompson advised that there has been discussion with the Town Historian as to period correct flags that should be flown there. It will be brought back to committee regarding flying the LeFleur Flags at the park.

Public Safety – Dave Woods, Councilman

Public Safety Meeting
May 25th, 2021

Councilman Dave Woods calls the meeting at 8:05am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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The following committee members were present: Dave Woods, Chief Hurlburt, Dave Burrows, Rhiannon Peters, Ross Kelley and Jennifer Gendron.

Guests: Mark Wright and Joyce Cooper.

Dave opens the floor to the public.

Joyce Cooper states she is very disappointed that so many people find it necessary to park on sidewalks especially on Lake George Ave by the three apartment buildings and other places around town, Joyce states it pushes people to the street when walking.

Dave asked if there is a town ordinance regarding driveways, if your property is big enough to have one.

Ross Kelly asked if they can be ticketed for that, Chief Hurlburt says yes.

Joyce would like to start enforcing the issue before the new sidewalks are put in.

Dave says the work will start June first.

Mark Wright says Kudo's to Office Towne for walking on Montcalm Street while he is on patrol, the people really enjoy talking with him and Officer Towne seems to enjoy interacting with the public, Chief Hurlburt says you should start seeing more of that now that the weather is warmer, and he is hoping for some evening foot patrol as well.

Police Department.

Chief Hurlburt goes over monthly report, (see report)

Codes Department.

Rhiannon goes over monthly report, (see report)

Dave Woods asks at what point does a septic system repair need an engineer?

Dave Burrows says not if you're just replacing a broken pipe, but if you are replacing a leach field then yes.

Ross Kelly asks is there is an inspection or checklist on pool permits.

Dave Burrows says permits are required on pools and a final inspection, also a four-foot fence for in ground pools are required.

Councilman Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:25

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Gendron.

Next Public Safety Meeting is June 29th, 2021, at 8:00am

The following is a summary of the activities of the Ticonderoga Police Department from 4/27/2021 – 5/25/2021.

<u>Patrol Statistics</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Approx. Calls to Service:	313	1287
Incident reports:	25	132
Arrests:	13	81
Uniform traffic tickets:	38	218
DWI arrests:	2	6
Accidents investigated:	5	48.

Speed Trailer: Currently on New York State 74 in the Eagle Lake Area.

Part Time Patrol Officer: Currently conducting background investigations.

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New Vehicle: 2021 Dodge Charger (Police Package) from Beyer Fleet. Expected delivery of the new vehicle is June of 2021.

*** The department is still receiving reports from the St. Mary’s Catholic School in regard to persons littering and vandalizing their playground. St. Mary’s Catholic School does not allow any persons on school property after dark.**

*** Patrolman Aaron Bush is currently enrolled in a 2-week Instructor Development Course in Plattsburgh, NY**

*** All officers will be taking a NARCAN refresher course on 5/25/2021. The training is being put together by the Alliance for Positive Health.**

*** On Wednesday May 12th, 2021, the Ticonderoga Police Department arrested David E Frazier on Montcalm Street. Frazier was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd (C Felony), Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th (E Felony), Criminal Possession of a Narcotic Drug 4th (C Felony), Criminal Possession of a Loaded Firearm (U Misdemeanor), and 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th (A Misdemeanor). Frazier was arraigned and remanded to the Essex County Jail In lieu of Bail/Bond.**

*** Reminder that Masks are still required when visiting the station.**

The following is a summary of the activities of the Building Inspection/ Code Enforcement Department for (April) 2021.

<u>Building Inspection</u>	(April}	YTD
Building Permits Issued:	8	24
Safety Inspections:	0	10
Pass/Fail:	0/0	7/1

Permit & Inspection Notes:

- Addition Permit → Alexandria Ave Residence
- Single Family Home with Attached Garage Permit → Stoughton Dr
- Demo & New Residential Construction Permit → Hayford Rd
- Mobile Home & Alaskan Slab Permit → Heather Heights
- Fire Safety inspection → NYS Route 74
- Sign Permit → Montcalm St
- Repairs/Renovations Permit → Warner Hill Rd
- Porch/Patio Permit → Lake George Ave

<u>Code Violation Notices</u>	(April}	YTD
Order to Remedy:	5	6
Remediated:	0	0
Clean-up Contractor:	0	0
NYS DFS	0	0
Other:	0	0
Condemned:	1	0
Do Not Occupy	1	1

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Appearance Tickets	0	0
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	(April)	YTD
*Complaints:	4	9
Resolved:	0	2/5

Misc. Complaint Notes

- Junk Yard Complaint (Route 22) OTR sent to Owner, not an allowed use in that zoning district.
- Rubbish/Garbage Complaint (John's) OTR sent to Owner for Remediation.
- Complaint on Tenant Burning garbage (Wiley's) Proven upon inspection, OTR was sent.
- Complaint about water run-off, Possibly Gray water from Residence on Delano Rd

Trainings:

Dave has completed & Passed training Courses:

- 9D (General Construction Principles)
- 9E (Residential Building Construction)

**Dave has one final week of training in May to complete his Certification for Code Enforcement Officer

Safety & Resource Grants (YTD)

- Zombie & Abandoned Properties Grant (Round II) \$47,500

Noteworthy Highlights / Achievements

****Water issues on Racetrack Rd have been fixed, hole has been filled in.
& All the Units on that lot now have running water.**

As for other outstanding violations, no action has been taken to complete Remediation for the house on the 3rd Cottage.

Human Services: Youth – Mark Russell, Councilman

No meeting due to conflicting schedules.

Working to set up a workshop to work on a job description for our Recreation Supervisor. The school has decided to run a summer program – please call the school office for more details, they will run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays right through lunch. The Town did not want to have a conflict with the school program so there will be no Town Summer Youth Program.

Hoping to have all fall schedule activities – including the after-school program.

Human Services: Seniors – Tom Cunningham, Councilman

No report – meetings have not started back up yet.
Pickle Ball is going strong.

Health Insurance – Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

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We have received the proposed rate increases; we have 4 plans ranging from 9% to 11 ½%. This needs to be verified by the state. They will get back to us on that decision.

Contract Negotiations – Joseph Giordano, Supervisor
No Report

I.T./Cable T.V. – Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

This letter will serve as notice that effective on or around June 15, 2021, Spectrum Northeast, LLC, (“Spectrum”), is making changes to its Spectrum TV Choice package. With the Spectrum TV Choice package, a **new** customer can pick up to 15 networks (previously 10 networks) out of 75 available networks (in addition to SPP Basic). The new package will allow customers to pick more channels from a different list of networks, including one (1) regional sports network, where available. Pricing for new Spectrum TV Choice 15 package will increase by \$5.00 for **new** customers. Existing Spectrum TV Choice customers will be grandfathered with no changes made; however, customers may upgrade into the new Spectrum TV Choice 15 package.

Spectrum Northeast, LLC, (“Spectrum”), locally known as Spectrum, is noticing its customers that on or around June 29, 2021, Spectrum News Channel located on channels 1, 9, 10, 20 or 200 on Basic, Starter TV and Spectrum TV Essentials, will be rebranded in all New York channel lineups:

Spectrum News Albany will rebrand to Spectrum News 1 – Albany Capital Region
Spectrum News Central New York will rebrand to Spectrum News 1 – North Country
Spectrum News Hudson Valley will rebrand to Spectrum News 1 – Hudson Valley
Spectrum News Southern Tier will rebrand to Spectrum News 1 – Southern Tier

Spectrum Northeast, LLC, (“Spectrum”), has become aware that on June 1, 2021, WYCI-Heroes & Icons located on channels 12, 13, 14 or 19 and 1230, rebranded to WYCI-My TV in the channel lineup serving your community.

Resolutions for Consideration

Resolution #167-2021 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Mark Russell to accept/correct minutes of the Regular TB Meeting May 13, 2021, and the Finance Meeting of May 27, 2021. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye. **Opposed -none. Carried.**

Resolution #168-2021 brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing training and prepayment vouchers for registration, hotel, meals and travel. Via the Federal Per Diem rates; Amy Beeman, Intro to Governmental Accounting, Online, Oct 5-7, 2021. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye. **Opposed -none. Carried.**

Resolution #169-2021 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing increase of \$9,000 to Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership for Best 4th in the North Fireworks. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye. **Opposed -none. Carried.**

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Resolution #170-2021 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Dave Woods to observe Juneteenth as an official public holiday for all town employees for 2021. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye. **Opposed** -none. **Carried.**

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

Resolution No. 170 of 2021

Adopted June 10, 2021

Introduced by Tom Cunningham
who moved its adoption

Seconded by Dave Woods

**RESOLUTION #170-2021 AUTHORIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH
AS AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY FOR TICONDEROGA EMPLOYEES IN CALENDAR YEAR 2021**

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed into law legislation (S.8598/A.10628) designating Juneteenth as an official public holiday in New York State. The new law celebrates Juneteenth, a day which commemorates the end of slavery and celebrates Black and African American freedom and achievements, while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo issued an Executive Order recognizing Juneteenth as a holiday for New York State employees; and

WHEREAS, Ticonderoga acknowledges the significance and importance of such a day; and

WHEREAS, Ticonderoga is not in contract renewals with either the Highway & Transfer Station nor Water/Wastewater CSEA Units and neither the United Federation of Police Officers Local #476 Unit; and

WHEREAS, given the status of all three contracts, the observance of Juneteenth as an official holiday shall be limited to the current calendar year of 2021; and

WHEREAS, any extension of the holiday benefit beyond 2021 shall be negotiated through a Memorandum of Agreement until the Town enters into contract negotiations for the renewal of contracts beginning in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is officially June 19, 2021, which in this calendar year falls on a Saturday, thereby making June 18, 2021, as the designed holiday for the purpose of contract application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Ticonderoga hereby authorizes that Juneteenth for 2021 shall be treated as a "holiday", other than New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day or December 25th, for the purposes of determining benefits.

Joseph Giordano, Supervisor **Aye**

Mark Russell, Councilman **Aye**

Tom Cunningham, Councilman **Aye**

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Transfer funds from Central Sewer to cover SS07 District until funding is received

A.0391	General Due From Other Funds	(\$2,817.50)
H51.0630	French Sawmill Project Due To Other Funds	\$2,817.50

Transfer funds from General to French Sawmill Project until funding is received

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

Resolution #175-2021 brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the following Prepay

A6989.479	Promotional Events	\$4,000.00
A.7550.479	Celebrations	\$9,000.00

Provide for budgeted (Ti Triathlon Festival) and unbudgeted (Best 4th) funds

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

Resolution #176-2021 brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Tom Cunningham to reschedule the finance meeting of Thursday, June 24th to 11:00am. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye. **Opposed** -none. **Carried**.

Resolution #177-2021 brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Tom Cunningham to schedule a TB Informational Workshop for Thursday, June 24th at 12:00pm. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye. **Opposed** -none. **Carried**.

Resolution #178-2021 brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Joyce Cooper to Pay the Abstract # 6 of 2021. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye. **Opposed** -none. **Carried**.

Board Meeting Date 6/10/2021			
Gross Payroll # 11	98,060.74		
Gross Payroll # 12	109,108.70		
	-		
Trust & Agency Total	\$207,169.44		
Pre-Pays:	\$0.00		

ABSTRACT #6	6/10/2021	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenses
General (A)	87,399.61	3,678,615.03	1,562,736.96

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CD20 LaChute Trail Connector		-	-
CD21 LISC Zombie		30,250.00	-
CM Library Trust Special		5.72	-
Highway (DA)	18,123.77	1,148,074.96	748,566.10
H17 - Ticonderoga Airport Improvements		-	-
H18 - Airport Pavement Management		13,181.58	11,989.23
H19 - Airport Apron Reconstruction / Taxiway Rehab		19,999.11	9,858.00
H20 - Airport Environmental Assessment		-	1,800.00
H36 - C/P Chilson Res. Replacement	32.00	0.16	11,392.85
H45 - C/P Equipment Purchase		-	-
H48 - FEMA Chilson Water Main		263,047.37	-
H49 - GIGP Daylight Streaming		-	-
H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP Disinfection		3,586.68	3,570.52
H51 - Res & Design French Sawmill	2,817.50	-	35,518.00
H53 - Clean Water Main Project	495,334.21	779,277.40	1,247,764.31
H54 - LaChute Signage Grant		-	-
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know		1.75	-
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path		0.45	-
H58 - WWTP HVAC Project		283,006.04	-
H59 - LCBP Storm Water Sewer Separation		124,530.34	-
H60 - Veterans RD Culvert/Bridge NY Project		-	39,344.41
H61 - Chilson/Eagle Lake Water Exploration	6,275.00	33,890.11	36,519.04
H62 - Lead Service Line Replacement Grant	1,405.46	22,384.00	21,340.92
H63 - Water Meter Project	2,355.48	-	27,244.33

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PN - Permanent Fund Mt. Hope Cemetery		5.73	-
SF01- Ticonderoga Town/Village Joint Fire District		526,950.00	526,950.00
SF02 - Chilson Fire Protection District		74,645.00	74,645.00
Claymore Sewer District (SS01)	39.00	3,083.34	1,094.37
Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)	26.67	23,634.72	22,757.23
Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)	33.51	16,381.57	16,082.58
Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)	110.85	8,768.20	8,592.47
Central Sewer (SS05)	84,928.05	630,413.42	838,589.89
Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)	132.14	36,675.96	32,208.60
Delano Point Sewer (SS07)	702.89	9,709.37	11,006.05
Baldwin Road Sewer Dist (SS08)	142.01	21,871.13	27,897.56
Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	231.04	130,236.47	137,960.28
Hague Road Sewer (SS10)	14.78	5,859.07	4,847.60
9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)	228.80	14,138.13	12,558.56
9N & 74 Water (SW01)		30,498.52	29,510.14
Street Road Water (SW02)		15,224.27	12,171.60
Alex Avenue I Water District (SW03)		12,647.81	12,096.00
Homelands Water District (SW04)		5,053.26	4,795.20
Alex Ave II Water District (SW05)		19,246.39	18,727.20
Central Water (SW06)	97,533.51	530,672.92	397,901.11
Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)		14,468.41	14,245.20
Shore Airport Water (SW09)	20.99	114,063.01	162,801.46

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Multi Account Total	797,887.27	8,644,097.40	6,125,082.77
Total Expenditures This Abstract	\$1,005,056.71		

Resolution #179-2021 brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Tom Cunningham to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye. **Opposed** -none. **Carried**.

Supervisor's Report

6/10/2021

Account Title	GFNB	NYCLASS	GFNB ICS	Total
General	80,744.79	166,336.46	5,111,594.02	5,358,675.27
Airport	22,852.97			22,852.97
Highway	67,315.24	83,755.95	1,783,574.16	1,934,645.35
H17 - Airport	-			-
H36 - Master Drinking Water	11,296.85			11,296.85
H48 - FEMA CH. WA.MA.	-			-
H51 - R&D French Sawmill	-			-
Clean Water H49 H50 H53	146,396.53			146,396.53
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	1,502,830.69			
SS01 - Claymore				-
SS02 - Park Ave				-
SS03 - Alex Ave				-
SS04 - Homelands				-
SS05 & All Districts	357,338.38	682,660.97	647,404.58	1,687,403.93

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SW06 - Central Water All Districts	278,661.73	503,518.41	609,442.63	1,391,622.77
C/R - Carillon Park	-	5,121.17		5,121.17
C/R - Liberty Monument	-	504.83		504.83
C/R - Unemployment	-	27,655.11		27,655.11
C/R - Police Equipment	-	54,372.86		54,372.86
C/R - Senior Bus	-	306.35		306.35
C/R - Frazier Bridge	-	6,605.97		6,605.97
C/R - Forfeiture	-	1,731.07		1,731.07
C/R - Building Improvement	-	325,546.00		325,546.00
C/R - Highway Equipment	-	49,627.56		49,627.56
C/R - Sewer Equipment + Infrastructure	-	7,058.47		7,058.47
C/R - Sewer Repair	-	100,398.87		100,398.87
C/R - Water Equipment + Infrastructure	-	243,104.56		243,104.56
C/R - Water Repair	-	16,210.04		16,210.04
0	-			-
Library Trust	-	33,997.16		33,997.16
Mount Hope Cemetery	-	34,151.34		34,151.34
				11,459,285.03
Total	2,467,437.18	2,342,663.15	8,152,015.39	12,962,115.72

Town Clerk, Tonya Thompson

Resolution #180-2021 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Tom Cunningham to advertise for an anticipated vacancy for Dog Control Officer. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

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Mrs. Thompson also noted that there was some vandalism on the Flower Boxes along the Bridge on Montcalm Street and also a Port-a-Potty at the ball field. These Potties are a donation to the Town from Geraws for the ball season, we do not want anything to happen to them. Get out and drive around, if you see something, please report it.

Great turn out at the Rabies clinic last week, it is now a drive-thru clinic, animals stay right in the vehicle. It is a great process.

Attorney, Matt Fuller

Resolution #181-2021 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Mark Russell approving memorandum of understanding with the Essex County Industrial Development Agency. (Solar) **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye. **Opposed** -none. **Carried.**

Resolution #182-2021 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Joyce Cooper establishing Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund in accordance with Section 6-C of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye. **Opposed** - none. **Carried.**

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

Resolution No. 182 of 2021
Adopted June 10, 2021

Introduced by Tom Cunningham
who moved its adoption

Seconded by Joyce Cooper

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SIDEWALK REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6-C OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, the Town Board wishes to document the proper establishment of a capital reserve fund to be known as the "Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund"; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of removal and replacement of sidewalks in the Town of Ticonderoga, such removal and replacement defined as the removal and replacement of sidewalks consisting of 3 or more continuous sections (i.e. flags); and

WHEREAS, the establishment of said Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund is a Type II action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to proceed with said proper documenting and establishment of said Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT:

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RESOLVED, there is hereby established and documented a "Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund" in accordance with Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, the purpose of this Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of removal and replacement of sidewalks in the Town of Ticonderoga such removal and replacement defined as the removal and replacement of sidewalks consisting of 3 or more continuous sections (i.e. flags); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the chief fiscal officer is hereby directed to deposit and secure the moneys of this Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the chief fiscal officer may invest the moneys in the Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of the Town of Ticonderoga; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any interest earned or capital gains realized on the moneys so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the chief fiscal officer shall account for the Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund in a manner which maintains the separate identity of the Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund and shows the date and amount of each sum paid into the fund, interest earned by the fund, capital gains or losses resulting from the sale of investments of the fund, the amount and date of each withdrawal from the fund and the total assets of the fund, showing cash balance and a schedule of investments, and shall, at the end of each fiscal year, render to the Town Board a detailed report of the operation and condition of the Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as otherwise provided by law, expenditures from this Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund is established; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a resolution appropriating moneys from the Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund is subject to a public hearing and at least five day must elapse between the publication of the notice of hearing and the date specified for the hearing, provided that in an emergency as determined by the chief fiscal officer and two-thirds vote approval of the Town Board, moneys in this repair reserve fund may be expended without giving notice and without holding a public hearing, and further provided that to make such an emergency expenditure, the governing board must pass a resolution approved by at least a two-thirds vote, and further provided that at least one-half of the expenditure must be repaid in the next fiscal year and the balance repaid by the end of the fiscal year after that; and be it further

RESOLVED, that no other expenditure shall be made from this Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund without the approval of the Town Board and such additional actions or proceedings as may be required by Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law or any other law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Joseph Giordano, Supervisor	Aye
Mark Russell, Councilman	Aye
Tom Cunningham, Councilman	Aye
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman	Aye
Dave Woods, Councilman	Aye

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{Seal}

Tonya Thompson, Town Clerk
Town of Ticonderoga

Councilman Woods would like to request bids for the Highway Building, regarding the concrete wall around the building. It is 4' x 160'.

Mr. Fuller explained that you have to comply with Town law Section 220. In order to go out to bid for improvements on a building there are laws you have to follow.

Town Law §220: “Upon the **adoption of a resolution** therefore, **subject to permissive referendum**, the town board may: (2) **Purchase, lease, construct, alter or remodel a town hall, a town lockup or any other necessary building for town purposes**, acquire necessary lands therefor, **and equip and furnish such buildings for such purposes**, or to demolish or remove any town building... Any expenditure approved pursuant to this section shall be paid for by taxes levied for the fiscal year in which such expenditure is to be made. However, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prevent the financing in whole or in part, pursuant to the local finance law, of any expenditure enumerated in this section which is not authorized pursuant to this section. Any expenditure financed in whole from moneys appropriated from surplus funds shall not be subject to referendum.

Town Law §222: “**Whenever the town board, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, shall determine to erect, construct, alter or remodel any building, said town board shall cause detailed plans, specifications and estimates for such building or buildings to be prepared. After such detailed plans, specifications and estimates shall have been finally adopted and approved, said board shall award contracts for the performance of the work to the lowest responsible bidder after advertisement for bids where so required by section one hundred three of the general municipal law.**”

Public Comment

Jim Major would like to first say that he is humbled coming to this meeting, it has been a while since he has come to a meeting and the difficulty of the issues that you handle is really mind boggling. Really, what he is referring to is the water issues that we are dealing with tonight. He is hopeful that you can get the community to work together on this because he agrees with the comments that were made, that if the community is not together then the politicians are not going to back you. He thinks that this is so key, and it needs leadership within that group to do it. Listening to the stuff you went through tonight was really informative and interesting. He also wants to talk about the police department briefly. Does he understand that there is a resolution to a decision being made to put the police department in a certain place. (Yes – that is recommendation of the committee). You have passed a resolution, is that now a done deal

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(Resolution is to look into it). So, there are more steps to be taken.... he wants everyone to understand that he is not challenging the decision...He is hopeful that decisions can be made, and he says this because he has a history, he goes back to 10-12 years ago, he offered a building for free and was turned down. No negotiations, nothing, and he was turned down casually without the board coming to him and saying, "No" and here are our reasons. He knows what the reason was, the reason was that people had a mindset that they were going to do the fire department and the police department together and somebody coming in and offering an alternative was like a little scab that had to be picked away. So, he was a problem, rather than a solution. What is interesting to him is he offered space for free and said the town would need to do the build out. Might have cost \$250,000 then, \$300,000. What are you going to pay today for not making a damn decision on something that was so easy? Not angry at you guys, he is just listening tonight on the water issues and the fact that this apparently goes back to the 40's for gods sake and everybody buried it for so many years. It is the lessons to be learned from letting things drag on like that. So, you could have had a police department, maybe there were valid reasons why it shouldn't have been where he was proposing. It was much better for him that you guys ignored him, because now we have Star Trek that is brining thousands of people into this town. Exactly the type of thing that he is very proud of. Which brings him to the flags, the concept of doing away with flags without having an overall plan for the Town on how to promote this town strikes him as not smart. This town, it is like honoring your mother and father, they were taught to do. This Town has so much history, it should be taken advantage of it should be promoted, there should be gurus that are constantly coming up with ideas and promotions, there should be flags on both sides of the street. Forget about reducing the number of flags, lets get some more. When somebody drives into this town, let them say "Holy Crap! Look at this Place. What a wonder." Star Trek is going to bring a thousand people, paid customers for a one weekend event. How many people are coming with those thousand that didn't pay that are going to be doing other things? How much money is going to be brought into town because of those folks coming to Star Trek, one event. The restaurants, they feed those restaurants, they feed all the hotels. He has personal knowledge that people can't find places to stay, and they drive 25, 40, 50 miles away to get a room to stay for Star Trek. Where is the developments, ideas coming from Town Government on how to improve housing? Support for businesses that are bringing people into town. That has been entirely left to others, and some are actively working on those things now and he thinks it will be very beneficial. But Star Trek alone could fill a hotel by itself and make a hotel profitable. So, he is rambling, and he is sorry, but when he heard that there was a suggestion to reduce the number of flags and there was a counting process of how many flags we had and to use that of proof that there are too many struck him as the wrong way to think about this. We should be thinking exactly the opposite. What more can I do in this Town to advertise and to honor our mothers and fathers?

Mr. Dedrick wanted to come to that facilities meeting the other night, but he couldn't, and he is glad he didn't actually, because he saw the best presentation he has every seen in his life from PRIDE. They did an annual report on the Sawmill, if you haven't seen it, you have to see it. They showed an architectural design of what the Sawmill is going to be like with the flume coming off the river, and it is going to be driving the wheel, it is going to be driving a second wheel that will be driving the reciprocal saw. It showed a 3D dimension, and they had the architect make the presentation as well as the engineer and the architect showed how this saw

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was actually going to work, the speed, the decibels. It was a marvelous presentation, and he would strongly recommend that the board see that, and he noticed a resolution tonight that you are doing everything within your power to keep this project moving. The plans are done, it has been done by the Timber Guild, which is professional organization which builds 18th century sawmills, it is state of the art, it will be open to the public, open to tour groups. When he was a supervisor and this project idea came up, he went with Sharon Reynolds to New Hampshire as well as Massachusetts. The one in New Hampshire was remarkable because they had school groups there showing them the working sawmill. He said this is what Ticonderoga needs. It needs a destination downtown and that is exactly what this sawmill will do, and he wished he was the owner of the Pencil and Paper Restaurant that is going to be opening over there because it is going to make a lot of money because it will be right there where the saw mill is going to be. Please see that presentation – ask PRIDE to show it to you. Thank you very much for continuing to support this project. The next is that he wanted to get to this meeting desperately because.... he is not going to talk about the pros and cons of having a standalone building as compared to Hudson Headwaters, but he notices that this is called a Municipal Facilities The timing right now is perfect to do more than one thing with this project. The timing is perfect, you have money from the stimulus fund, you have two or three huge needs and certainly the police department is one of them, but if he was sitting in your seats and you are all some of the most respected people in this town. He would be trying to do three things, 1 is move the police department, which he knows you want to do, but he would be moving to Hudson Headwaters and let him tell you why. He would be working toward a proposal to consolidate the entire municipal court system and police department in one building. He would get the court out of this building, every Wednesday when he was supervisor, he had to walk through people who were coming here to court that were sitting in our lobby, that were coming up here for civil lawsuits, that were here for criminal trials. He doesn't know what those people were capable of, one guy came in his room, three sheets to the wind, he said all he needs to do is have this guy pull a gun and Tonya is gone, Amy is gone, his help is gone, and he is gone and there is nothing that he could do. There is nothing he could do, there is not a button that he could push, he would have to call the police department and if you are moving them up there well now you are two miles away. Safety factor is really important to him to the health of this community building's people. So, he would move the Police Department downstairs and move the court department upstairs and he would move the probation department in the back of the building in the same area. So that when your law breakers are coming in here or they have to see their probation officer, they have to walk through this building, walk up these stairs and see the officer. All it would take is one person, who is imbalanced to go out and get a gun because he had a ruling against him or the probation officer is against him or a judge passed a sentence, to come in here and start blowing people away. With all your facilities in one building and you then have a problem with something in the court system you have a little buzzer system, and you have the police department right below you. Then he would take this auditorium area along with the current judge's chambers and remodel it and it would be the Town Board offices. Instead of meeting in the dungeon downstairs. That is an embarrassment. He is glad you had this up here, because it is an embarrassment when you go down there – it is a cellar. You have to look around poles to see some of the town board members. That is where it should be and you have the money to do it, you have the power to do it now and it is a good time to do it and do it right and you would take care of three different municipals.

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Councilman Russell agreed and this is the first conversation that we had. We discussed this with Essex County and they would not commit to anything. We also talked with our court system here and they got very angry with him about moving out. More discussion reiterating the statistics in his committee minutes and his committee's recommendation.

Mr. Dedrick does not want to debate this, but he believes that now is the time to do this. To him the most important thing in this whole thing is the safety of the employees in this building. There are some people downstairs on a Wednesday, that he swears came of the set of deliverance. They are here in this building and shouldn't be, this is the opportunity to get them out of here and where they should be. When he was supervisor, there used to be plays in this auditorium, once a month. We used this facility a lot.

Councilman Woods stressed his opinion that the number given to renovate that building is far off, he believes it can be done for \$100,000.00.

Mark Wright

I request this correspondence be entered into the record as part of the June 10, 2021, Regular Town Board meeting minutes. I have chosen this written correspondence, entered into the record, to express my position as a citizen of the Town of Ticonderoga regarding a recent discussion conducted by the Building & Grounds/Parks & Recreation Committee and potential action proposed by that Committee during their meeting on May 18, 2021.

The subject of flags, the cost and the logistics associated with their display, arose during the above referenced meeting. The Committee recommended the removal of the four (4) flag poles at Carillon Park. Some committee members believed flags should only be present at Town buildings and not necessarily at all parks citing the cost associated with replacing flags or properly illuminating them when required. Dick Slater, who formerly took care of these flags, can no longer do so and I thank him for his dedication and service to our community. The Committee proposed to bring this action before the next Regular Town Board Meeting.

This proposed action, in my opinion, is disturbing and short-sighted on the part of the Committee. Flags are a representation of our area's history! Ticonderoga must have a brand that denotes who we are as a town if we are ever to market ourselves as a destination, which should be part of our economic development plan. One portion of this branding should revolve around our historic past. Our scenic beauty and historic past identify who we are and attracts visitors to our area. We should capitalize on this. Flags, among other things, are a cost of doing business for our community. We should invest in ourselves and spend a few bucks to purchase, maintain, and properly illuminate (when required) those flags or require each department to raise and lower them in accordance with proper procedure.

I believe the removal of any flags is a mistake and I respectfully request the Town of Ticonderoga keep and maintain the current four flagpoles in Carillon Park and properly

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display flags appropriate with the region's history at this location.

Mr. Wright would like echo what Jim Major said about the flags in Carillon Park, and he has a letter (above) that discusses his opinion on that. He thinks it was a short sided decision by the committee to eliminate flags, but it is in the package. Regarding the police department decision, first of all he accepts the fact that you as elected officials have a charge and responsibility to make decisions on behalf of the citizens of Ticonderoga and he appreciates that, it is not an easy task, but he has to disagree with the decision of the Municipal Facilities Committee on the police department. It is not so much that he disagrees that Hudson Headwaters shouldn't be used, it is how you got there. The committee seemed to base their recommendation on a cost comparison but when that was challenged it seemed that the committee began citing the inability to purchase on speculation. The committee couldn't provide him with a solid answer on the question of purchasing more space than was required. Also known as purchasing on speculation, so he asked if this was an illegal thing to do and was told by two committee members that it was illegal and then told by the supervisor that it was not illegal, so he never really got an answer that night as to whether it was an illegal thing to do or not. It was contradictory. He asked if this law or policy whatever it is regarding excess capacity on speculation, he asked if this would still be true if the town purchased, for example Hudson Headwaters, but had intentions of using that additional space in the future for town projects or possibilities and not leasing it to non-town entities and he didn't get an answer on that. It was told during that committee meeting that buying on speculation was unknown at the time, when the time considered the Hudson Headwaters building, but he was also told at the same time that this issue, this impediment, was known years earlier when the discussion of the Rite Aid and the Lowes building came up, so once again there are two answers for the same question. If buying on speculation was an argument against purchasing Hudson Headwaters, then why did the board allocate up to \$10,000.00 to AES Northeast to do a cost comparison? Didn't make any sense to him. The cost comparison estimate that was given during the committee meeting; he had asked if the committee had considered additional estimates. He was told "No", but that they could if they thought it was worth doing, yet the decision was already made by the committee on what you wanted to do. So, if that was the case, why would you even go out and get another one or two estimates, it didn't make any sense, it would be a waste of money. What he is getting at here is these arguments just didn't make any sense, no one seemed to know the right answer and that seems like a faulty method to use to make a decision of this magnitude. He doesn't want to delay a new home for the Ticonderoga Police Department, he thinks we should get one as soon as possible for the cheapest price possible to get what they need. But he sees a lot of holes and unanswered questions and questionable assumptions and facts on the part of the committee, and he thinks proceeding ahead in this fashion was a little bit irresponsible. Maybe this is the right choice and maybe it is not, but his perception is that the committee arrived at the decision that it wanted to arrive at and made the numbers fit that argument. His perception, right or wrong. Sometimes perception can hold more weight than actual fact.

Joe Vilardo believes that Mark and Bob make great points, but his opinion is he feels you guys should take another look at it and look at other costs from other outfits and compare them and go from there. Plus the police have been waiting for a police station, that building is right there, that would be sooner to get into than waiting to build a new building. How long is that going to take?

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Then where are you going to put the buildings, are you putting the Highway and the Police or the Police on one side and the Highway on the other. Then you are taking 4,000 square feet away from the Highway Department for what they use for storage and pipe. Which is equivalent to the size of his shop. That is a big chunk of property. After that committee meeting last week, looking at it -that is quite a chunk of property to take away from the Highway Department if you are doing separate buildings for the Highway and the Police Department. His thought is take another look at Hudson Headwaters and consider it and go from there.

Don Hardy was closely involved when that building (Hudson Headwaters) was built because it is right next door to him, so the use of that building is very important to him, and he knows there was a proposal from St. Joseph's to make this a 26 bed home or whatever they want to call it for addicts. This zone is a medium density, residential zone and 26 people in one building is not exactly medium density. The question has come up about the building itself and he would like to read you this as he is sure it is in the Town's records... He received this on September 18, 1989 - and this is the Zoning Board of Appeals decision in regard to that building and it is one paragraph that he will read to you.

“We have determined that the Beehner Medical Facility and this project only is indeed within the service business area. This determination was made after reviewing all available evidence and to the best of our ability. It is to be noted that because of the configuration of the zone this applies to this one project only. Other such projects must come before the board for the determination. After motion was duly made and seconded, voting Aye John Lemeiux, Lewis Sanders, and Craig Lonergan. Voting Nay – Harold Otley.

The point is that this was re-zoned for this one project, not the property, but the project. For the Beehner Medical Facility. So other than that, this is still, as far as he can see the medium density, residential zone. He is not a lawyer, but he was told by a realtor at the time that spot zoning, which this was, is a violation of state law. So, he will leave you with this.

Supervisor Giordano thanked everyone for their input. He thinks from his perspective, this is the point that this board and this committee has been mulling over all along. From this position, as Bob well knows, you don't know everything and it is all coming at you and you are trying to learn and understand exactly what it is you have and what it is you are looking for and trying to evaluate everything. There is a back log of issues that need to be worked through. He remembers a conversation that he had with Jim (Major) before he took office here about the movement of the police department over to the auxiliary building and having that discussion and Chief Johns at that time taking him to the side and said listen, it is not necessarily where the building is located so much as it is the fact that we always have police cars on patrol. The way we operate, we may only have one person in our police building at one particular time because others are out on patrol. So, the fact that we would house the police department with the court doesn't necessarily mean that there is someone there to respond. That was pointed out to him because we were having similar issue putting it in a highly residential area. One of the other things that need to be considered because public safety is definitely important and certainly the police department's building that they are in which has been pointed out to him numerous times in the past is not a safe building, but it is also housing our beautification department underneath

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which puts them in harm's way as well. We have a dilapidated highway shed, that we are trying to do remediation to, but again – the Alfandre study said it was beyond its useful life. There isn't one issue, there isn't two issues, there is a whole plethora of issues, and it is trying to figure out, given what we have and given our understanding of things and how they were taken in the past, how do we drive the decision making now to start to make changes and improvements to those. One of the misconceptions that came out of our understanding of the evaluations that took place in 2011, they had looked at 14 different sites and when he first came on looking at the police department, you couldn't sub-lease, but it wasn't that you couldn't sublease as he now understands it, the speculation understanding is that the town board takes in tax payer monies and we are to use that to benefit the services for the tax payer. We are not to use it to try to go out and make money, if you will. We are not allowed to invest in a stock market, we have to invest in very strict CD's and money market accounts with very fixed and predictable rates of investments. The idea of buying a building and not having a sole purpose for it, puts us in the perspective that the benefit...the public can come and say why are you buying a building that only has a need right now for a police department that only fills one third of it and yet two thirds of it still need to be figured out and one of the issues that have been kind of going around and again this is not a linear trend that we have had because we have had a lot of different thoughts and brought in a lot of different meetings is if we vacate the court system here and we also talked about putting the codes and assessor in that building to fill that space, as well as DMV – which all seem appropriate for that area, we basically vacate this space and the thought of making a town board area, office space, that still leaves this building (Community Bldg) for the most part being utilized by the Supervisor and the finance office and the Town Clerk's office. It basically makes this building a large, vacated space not fully utilized. So, like everything, Chilson/Eagle Lake, like the water district improvements, the sewer district, everything requires iteration so to Joe's point maybe it would be a good thing for this board to re-evaluate and make sure that we are in the right frame of mind for costs and Bob to your point, trying to re-consider the different options that are out there and evaluate the perspective. It is not just public safety from the stand point of the court system as we have seen all around the country, mass shootings typically don't happen in places where there is crime – they happen in schools, in Fed Ex facilities, these happen in random spots – there might be a propensity for them to happen in places where you bring criminals in but often time when criminals come in they are being escorted with other officers. That doesn't mean that anyone else can be three sheets to the wind and do something off hand, but all of these things need to be taken into consideration and come up with a holistic plan moving forward. The purpose for his intent to create this is no different than other boards in the past looking at efficiency, looking at other ways in which to make government more effective and right now we have a lot of needs, and we have to start somewhere so this is where we are starting and building an understanding from that and how to move forward. Having a legal understanding, because certainly there are things that we have done in the past which are past practice, but not best practice and we are trying to improve upon those, but also making sure that we are taking in the input from the community and also utilizing the resources and the experts that can provide us with the feedback to make good decisions and move forward. So, we can put those to bed and get to the question at hand, which everyone wants to get to, which is how we really make this town shine. That is our goal. As evidence from the beginning of this meeting, it takes a lot of volunteer work and even from the public on the Planning Board and Zoning Board, volunteers are really hard to find so when it comes to simple things like flags and making sure

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that we are being cognizant of the respect for flags or either properly lighting them or taking them down and putting them back up every day, there just isn't enough resource to do that. We have had the same issue with parks, we have lots of parks in this town and we have been very good, in the last 5 years we have really worked to make sure that we have a good accounting of our financing and without a really good accounting of our finances we can't provide the additional resources we need to maintain those parks. The French Sawmill, that is a wonderful project and he hopes it does take place, but one of the challenges with that is it that it is another town owned entity that would be on town property, town liability and hopefully we will be working with the Fort, because right now they are in discussions with us to be able to make that a nice partnership between the two, but it is another thing that the town needs to be involved in that is not necessarily something that government typically gets involved in, but it is a small town and lots of small towns government has a broader brush stroke by which it has to facilitate itself. All good decisions and certainly the more that the public is at these committees and having these dialogues the more fruitful our conversations can be, the more resourceful we can direct to our experts and get the information that we need so we can make good decisions forward and put to bed these things that just seem to linger, linger, linger... and move onto the fun stuff. So that is his take, and your comments are all well received by himself, and he is sure by his fellow board members, here and it is just a matter to continue to iterate through that process and learn what needs to be learned to make good decisions for the benefit of the taxpayers who pay for these things to happen.

Mr. Major would like to share one final thought, any decision you make is never going to be perfect and there is going to be criticism. The time arrives when a decision has to be made and the water is proof of that, and it is time for the police department. He so respects Dave Woods, and he would love to talk to him privately and understand this disagreement on location, but without the knowledge of what Dave's thinking is, his input is, make a decision. Do this, give the police department what they deserve, give them the respect that they have not gotten all these years in that dump. We talk about employees and respecting employees, they need that.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

AGENDA

Pledge to the Flag

Presentations

Proclamation for Dick Slater – retired caretaker of Carillon Park

Ticonderoga Alumni Association – request for use of the Bicentennial Park for extravaganza

Public Hearing

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- Regarding introducing proposed Local Law dissolving the Planning Board and vesting the Planning Board powers in the Zoning Board of Appeals
- Regarding introducing proposed MPR for Chilson Eagle Lake

Opening Remarks -- Announcements:

Coronavirus Update & Notifications

Hazardous Waste Days

Board of Health – no report

Committee reports:

Public Works JG

Municipal Facility Evaluation: MR

RESOLUTION to appoint Mike Moser to the Municipal Facility Evaluation Committee

RESOLUTION to move forward with the concept of building a new standalone police station and to evaluate the appropriate next steps toward situating the police station on the town property where the highway department resides on Racetrack Road.

Highway / Transfer Station TC

RESOLUTION authorizing the closure of Montcalm Street from Sunshine Laundry to Glens Falls National Bank for the Annual Streetfest celebration on Saturday, July 31, 2021, from 5:00AM to 4:00PM

Airport JG

Building Grounds Parks Rec Library DW/JC

Public Safety DW

Human Services: Youth MR

The Town's summer youth camp program will not be offered this summer.

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 May 13, 2021, and the Finance Meeting of May 27, 2021

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

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1. Amy Beeman, Intro to Governmental Accounting, Online, Oct 5-7, 2021

RESOLUTION authorizing increase of \$9,000 to Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership for Best 4th in the North Fireworks

RESOLUTION to observe Juneteenth as an official public holiday for all town employees for 2021.

RESOLUTION authorizing the creation of new Budget Accounts:

- o A.1010.472 Town Board Contractual / Meals
- o SS05.8110.492 Sewer District Wastewater Contractor

RESOLUTION authorizing the following Budget Transfers:

- o DA.1989.400 Contingency (\$1,962.80)
- o DA.1910.400 Highway Unallocated Insurance \$1,162.80
- o DA.5130.467 Highway Small Equipment/Tools \$800.00

Fund unbudgeted highway accounts from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$11,856.32)

- o A.1989.400 Contingency (\$4,103.12)
- o A.1010.472 Town Board Contractual Meals \$103.12
- o A.6989.479 Economic Development Promotional Events (\$5000.00)
- o A.7550.479 Celebrations \$9,000.00

Fund General accounts from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$55,242.62)

RESOLUTION authorizing the following Inter-Fund Transfer:

- o A.9950.900 General Inter-fund Transfer to Capital Project (\$6,324.92)
- o H61.5031 Chilson-Eagle Lake Water Project to Receive Funds \$6,324.92

General transferring funds to cover H61 (Chilson/Eagle Lake Water Exploration) expense.

RESOLUTION authorizing the following Inter-Fund Loans:

- o SW06.0391 Central Water Due From Other Funds (\$32.00)
- o H36.0630 Drinking Water Project Due to Other Funds \$32.00

Transfer funds from Central Water to Master Drinking Water project until funding is received.

- o SW06.0391 Central Water Due from Other Funds (\$2,355.48)
- o H63.0630 Water Meter Project Due to Other Funds \$2,355.48

Transfer funds from Central Water to Water Meter project until funding is received.

- o SS05.0391 Central Sewer Due From Other Funds (\$702.89)
- o SS07.0630 Sewer District #7 Due to Other Funds \$702.89

Transfer funds from Central Sewer to cover SS07 District until funding is received.

- o A.0391 General Due From Other Funds (\$2,817.50)
- o H51.0630 French Sawmill Project Due to Other Funds \$2,817.50

Transfer funds from General to French Sawmill Project until funding is received.

RESOLUTION authorizing the following Prepay.

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- A6989.479 Promotional Events \$4,000.00
- A.7550.479 Celebrations \$9,000.00

Provide for budgeted (Ti Triathlon Festival) and unbudgeted (Best 4th) funds.

RESOLUTION to reschedule the finance meeting of Thursday, June 24th to 11:00am

RESOLUTION to schedule a TB Informational Workshop for Thursday, June 24th at 12:00pm

RESOLUTION to Pay the Abstract

RESOLUTION to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted

Town Clerk, Tonya Thompson

Attorney, Matt Fuller

RESOLUTION approving memorandum of understanding with the Essex County Industrial Development Agency

RESOLUTION establishing Sidewalk Repair Reserve Fund in accordance with Section 6-C of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York

RESOLUTION establishing Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Reserve Fund in accordance with Section 6-C of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York

Public Comment (time limit 2 minutes per speaker)

Adjourn the Town Board Meeting