

**Minutes for a Ticonderoga Regular Town Board Meeting held on August 12, 2021, commencing at 6:00 p.m. with Public Hearings regarding the Chilson/Eagle Lake Water District, a Local Law providing for Sewer and Sanitary Waste Regulations and Input on use of Federal Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act**

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

**Others:** Mark Wright, Debbie & Jack Mulcahy, Ron Moore, Lois Gunning, Lee McClintock, Bill Morse, Keith Dolbeck, Steve Meier, Bob Detric, Mario Pedemonti, Don & Elaine Hardy, Tim Ryan, Bob Porter, Vic LaVallie, Greg Swart, Deanna & John DiPofi, Jeff Cook, Steve Miller, Heath Towne (video) and others.

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

Public Hearing

Chilson/Eagle Lake proposed MPR (Continuation from June)

As many of you know we have been working on this throughout the year, we have opened up the Public Hearing up to the public and have gotten some good feedback and we said we would keep it open during the entirety of the summer for those seasonal residents who may be with us to be able to come and speak and share their thoughts regarding that Map Planning Report. Tonight, we will close this and then the Town Board will need to make a determination as to the requests that we have received from those whom have submitted requests that the Town Board had extended to the Chilson and Eagle Lake contract users as to whether or not their request for being removed from the district would benefit them or not benefit them in being in the district. So, at this time anyone that would like to come to the podium and share any additional thoughts may do so.

Deanna DiPofi noted that we haven't seen her in a while, but she has been doing a lot of research on this based on your town board meetings and everything that you have been discussing and providing to the residents with Eagle Lake and Chilson. She has to tell you that she is very disappointed, there has been contradiction of information. There has been misinformation given to the members here attending this meeting and to the residents. She has called every state agency that may or may not want to hear about the Ticonderoga water district. She has contacted the DOH, she has contact the DOJ, she has contacted County Fire Coordinators about putting meters on fire trucks for fire suppression if in fact we are not in (audience says they cannot hear)...She has contacted fire coordinators – you are telling these residents that you will hook up to a meter and this is what other municipalities do, that in fact is false. There are not one county in NYS that hooks up to a fire hydrant for fire suppression and she wished that you would at this point, come clean and start providing information. The \$432 that you are saying is a maintenance fee, is the actual amount that people pay for water on a quarterly basis, \$108 a year. Not the Chilson residents, this is not a maintenance fee, it is a usage fee. That is what they are being billed for water. So why are we mincing words, skewing words, constantly repeating

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ourselves using new words, trying to make us conform to what you want. She went to one meeting and asked a question, and she was told to contact the engineer. She has a letter here that she sent to the engineer back October 3<sup>rd</sup> of 202 and she is still waiting for an answer. Do you know what the response was a month later..? Oh, I met with the Supervisor and the county Supervisor.... I still do not have my answers. She came up to a meeting at the Chilson Fire Department, she drove an hour and 40 minutes because she has and she will give us this email an email from a Town employee that says the supervisor is not providing any type of teleconferencing during a pandemic, so she drove an hour and 40 minutes and you know what, that meeting was two hours long and that was two hours of her life she will never get back. It was a wasted trip, we got no answers, we got no cooperation from this board, and nothing was taken into consideration about options. She contacted a state agency, and you know what they told her, they told her the filtration plant, the option for filtration plant would be half the cost of what you are trying to do here. You might want to learn from your mistakes from implementing the water down here with wells because obviously don't work. She has messages on her answering machine and anybody -you are welcome to come to her house, 35 messages, there is a water main break, there is a boil water; how ironic boil your water that is not even potable, it is not even fit for her to give her dog. She has to buy water; she is here to tell you that she is writing letters and she is waiting to find out what your buzz words because her buzz words to the senators and congressmen and all the elected officials from where she is from down in Albany is not good buzz words. It is deceit, it is lies, it is hood-winked, it is incompetence... shall she continue with her words or is that enough for an example..... she is also going to read to you, and she is submitting a letter that she is not joining the water district, and this is based on what you Supervisor Giordano agreed to in the Consent Decree. She does not know if anybody has had a chance to read this Consent Decree, but you signed it and in that it states, in part, that as a resident of the Eagle Lake/Chilson district, that you would be required to either dig an individual drinking water well or fund the Eagle Lake Community Chilson drinking water wells. She is not funding a community drinking water well; she is choosing to drill her own well on her property. Not only does she have a letter here from her property, but she also has signed letters from her parent's property in which she is a trustee. So, there are three more properties, so now you are down to 106. Her understanding from the residents that she has talked to, they are not going to agree to this and are going to opt out for it, and if it goes through, she has formed an association and anybody that wants to speak to her after this meeting, it will be a collaborative effort to squash this well program up there. She thinks that you know, by her coming to these meetings and speaking about what she speaks about, she thinks you know what she is talking about, because every time there is a meeting, she reads these board minutes and she goes back and you know what, she knows it's not true but you always have that feeling in your mind that it is trust or verify and she verifies and it is not true folks. She has examples, she has a packet of information, if anybody wants to speak to her after this hearing, if you have any questions, comments or concerns feel free to talk to her. Who does she turn this letter in to – (Supervisor) – here you go.

Mr. DiPofi turned his letter in also.

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Mario Pedemonti explained that he was here at the last meeting, and he requested to opt out of this water project, and it has been 30 days and he hasn't heard a thing if he can opt out or not.

Supervisor Giordano noted that the Town is allowing residents to write requests, that does not guarantee that you will be taken out, it is the charge of the board to determine the need and the benefit of this district.

Mr. Pedemonti brought in a filter to show the board, this has to be changed every two weeks. This water is not healthy, years ago he replaced the filter once a month and now it is every two weeks.

Councilman Cunningham agreed and stated that is why we are trying to put in a better system.

Supervisor Giordano agreed and stated that this is why the federal government is making us do this.

Mr. Pedemonti asked how long this will take, he needs an answer so he can disconnect and get the water elsewhere, does he have to ask permission to dig a well or tap into his spring?

Councilman Cunningham explained that this can take several months to make this decision.

Supervisor Giordano stated that you can dig your own well regardless...

Mr. Pedemonti asked if he would still get a bill (possible)..

Ms. DiPofi spoke again, she keeps hearing this word "mandated" by the DOJ, everybody – a consent decree is a legal, binding agreement between two parties that a judge enforces. The people that bound us to this is the Supervisor sitting right there and the attorney and by signing that consent decree, you are not placing blame on yourself for this mess that has happened for years, and nothing was done. So, you are not mandated by the consent decree, use the correct words. You are forcing us to do this because you agreed to it, this is what you agreed to on behalf of these residents and every one of these residents that are coming up here and are wasting their time on a summer night at a public hearing and then you are saying well, you are part of the district. The consent decree says they can get out of it....

Matt Fuller would like to clarify for the record. Part of what is being said is patently false. Supervisor Giordano did not bind the town to anything, the Town Board bound the town. The Supervisor cannot sign an agreement like that without the authority of the Town Board. The Town board passed a resolution that authorizes the supervisor to sign. The Supervisor has no independent power to sign a contract like that outside what the Town Board resolution. As for the negotiation, that negotiation took place over multiple administrations, not just this one. The past administration and the administration before that, this has been going on with the State Department of Health, the Attorney General and ultimately the Department of Justice; this has been going on for at least 20 years. The process is for us to appear in court and negotiate

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through a judge with the Department of Justice to get a settlement agreement versus the Town being sued. The Town didn't create this, the DOJ came in, negotiated it and that is how it came about. Just to clarify, the Supervisor does not have unilateral authority to sign.

Ms. DiPofi agreed and noted that it was not a mandate; it was negotiated. Not mandated by the DOJ, we were negotiated, with no input from the community.

Supervisor Giordano explained that the negotiation (inaudible) and provide properly treated water for the constituents and this goes back several decades.

Mr. DiPofi – his question of properly treated water, to you, is why is he getting a letter every three months telling him not to drink the water. He is paying for water that he cannot drink; can you answer that question? Why are you billing him for water and then telling him not to drink it? Why? Why is he getting billed for something that he can't use? He doesn't understand that – it is a warning letter, but he is paying for something that you are telling him not to use, that is what he doesn't understand. So, if he can't use it, then why are you charging for it? Can maybe the attorney answer that, no, he doesn't know, can somebody answer that? He gets a letter every three months saying do not drink this water, you can get this and this, why is he being charged for water that the Town is telling him he can't use. Can you answer that question, the attorney can't answer that, can you answer it?

Supervisor Giordano stated that we are under compliance.....

Mr. DiPofi asked, 'under what compliance' (answer DOH and DOH) ok, if we are no longer under compliance, then why are you charging for water that we cannot drink. That is his question, if you are sending a letter saying don't drink the water you can get this, you can get that, then why are you charging for it?

Supervisor Giordano stated that you are still using the water, the letter states.....

Mr. DiPofi continued – do we want to subject a 2-year-old or a 3-year-old and a pregnant woman, if your wife was pregnant would you allow her to drink that water every day?

Supervisor Giordano stated that they would need to make a decision on that.

Mr. DiPofi stated yes, you would need to make a decision and he bets the decision would be no. So, just answer the question, why is he being charged for water that you are telling him he cannot drink. That is the only thing that he wants an answer to.

Supervisor Giordano stated that you are still getting the benefit from the fact that you are get.....

Mr. DiPofi interrupted to ask what is the benefit that he has from that water?

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Supervisor Giordano stated that you are still using it for washing and other purposes, you may not be drinking it, but ....

Mr. DiPofi stated that he can still put it over his body but just don't drink it. You should at least reduce the price; we were a lower price three years ago and you jacked us up to full.

Supervisor Giordano stated that we have not increased your price for debt service.....

Mr. DiPofi asked why the surface water on Old Chilson Hill is not covered. The surface water on Old Chilson Hill is not covered.

Supervisor Giordano explained that everyone is receiving water from the well, the old Chilson Reservoir is not in operation anymore. We have a new Reservoir tank that now services the town.

Steve Meier noted that he submitted a letter a couple of weeks ago requesting to be excluded from the water district. His background is accounting finance and he did a financial analysis of the project. It is a fiscally irresponsible project to put onto the users on that. If you look at most of the people who have responded, and he agrees it is only about 50% that responded to the last survey that was sent back in August, the majority of the people opted out or said they will make a decision whether or not it was a fiscally responsible decision. Doing his financial analysis, it is not a fiscally responsible system. You will be increasing the payments of a lot of the taxpayers, increasing the payment to the town. He knows it is not a tax, but it is a quarterly assessment, but you will be increasing it anywhere from 50 to over 100% and based on the social economics that is fiscally irresponsible to do that to those payers. It just doesn't make sense. If you listen to the majority, the majority do not actually want the water district; there are some. Some of those that want it have not done their homework. He has asked them, who did you get in there to ask about a well – well, I just know I can't. Well, he had a well person come in and they walked several different properties around his place and said yes, if you can get the Building Inspector and Department of Health, we can drill a well on this property – no problem. So, it is just a matter of people – they haven't done their homework. The bottom line is that this, as presented, even under the best-case scenario it is fiscally irresponsible. He has sent a letter to every one of our elected officials, in Albany and in Washington, hand letters – thank you very much, we will see what we can do. So not very much. His last question, he knows you had a meeting with Elise Stefanic, and he would like to know the response from that?

Supervisor Giordano stated that we had a good meeting and made them aware of the hardship with this project. They couldn't make any promises of funding availability, but it is on their radar, so they know this hardship. And yes, at the first public hearing there was a good show of hands, the primary reason of wanting to opt-out was because of the unaffordability. If we can make this affordable, then you wouldn't be up there today saying this, you would be happy to have water that is properly treated, being delivered to your home at a rate that is affordable. (Yes) That is the charge that we are tasked with, working with you ....

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Mr. Meier agreed there have been many a nights of conversation.

Supervisor Giordano stated we have to work through this, all we can do is listen, we are trying to come up with solutions, we want to get this affordable. The DOJ has laid it out saying this is unacceptable and the Town Board is coming up with solutions and the solution is very heavy. So, all we can do is communicate to our local officials of the state and federal government and hope to get some additional funding to bring this to a lower and reasonable number. Affordable...

Mr. Meier is afraid too, that the water currently coming out of the Street Road well is extremely hard water and it is his understanding that you eventually want to treat that water to make it softer and... we don't have a cost for that, but it will be an additional cost on top of a fiscally irresponsible number. So, it even gets deeper, more of a lead weight around our necks.

Supervisor Giordano stated that you are using the term of fiscally irresponsible, but the process that we have gone through here is that there was no petition from the residents on this, the town had to take this on. We have a DOJ Consent Decree timeline to follow. The opportunity is still in the hands of the residents, along Eagle Lake and Chilson to do a petition to say we don't want this. So, if they do that, this will stop the process here and then they are on their own to try to figure out what they will do for water. Some people up by Eagle Lake specifically don't have an option other than to be part of this system. They don't have the ability to drill a well. So, we are taking, it is not a perfect solution, but this is a solution that we have been able to come to over the last many, many, many years of discussions. The one thing that we know right now is the unaffordability.

Mr. Meier agreed and he would hypothesize that the majority of people that say that they can't drill a well, can drill a well...based upon his conversation with Parker Wells, he looked at his lot and next door and the three neighbors lots, one with his neighbor and the other two with just him and his understanding of where leach fields and holding tanks were – a 50' foot lot with a septic tank in the front and leach field in the front – yeah, we can get a well in there, we just have to place a well in here this way...so, his point is that not everybody has done their homework on their end. He knows this board has done a ton of work, the Supervisor and he have spent many, many hours working together with the engineers and the attorney, we have spent many, many hours, but he doesn't think 'we' on the other end have done our homework. The majority of us have not. It goes back to a conversation that he recently had with perception vs. reality.

Debbie Mulcahy has a number of questions. Some things were mentioned already, but to follow-up. Who do you submit the annual drinking water – the 2020 report to – (the state - twice a year)? Just reading that it states in there that you have been treating Gooseneck Pond with a potable water corrosion control prohibitor which is zinc orthophosphate, however; in the May 25<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting, Derrick Fleury said there has been no corrosion inhibitor in the last 20 years applied to Gooseneck. We have had 20 years to correct the corrosion on those pipes and one of the findings in the MPR says that Gooseneck is highly corrosive. We had a chance to fix that prior to, but in 20 years it seems we should have done more, and she knows that she is going

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back in history, but would like to make a point that if we wanted to accept the water district out of good faith effort and she thinks initially that was where her heart was, that we were going to do that, but based on the lack of maintenance of Gooseneck, she is not personally convinced that the Street Road operation is going to be any better maintained than what Gooseneck has been. We had a chance when we received FEMA money from Hurricane Irene to repair damage to the dam at Gooseneck, but that didn't happen and again in your report it says that there was just a small leak up at Gooseneck on the mouth of it, but then it said later that there is a significant break at Gooseneck because of Hurricane Irene. She just thinks that money could have been better spent. She doesn't know if she wants to spend her hard-earned money on another project with the hopes that the Town's good faith will maintain it. Her family has had three kidney transplants in the past and one person on dialysis they don't drink the water in her camp right now. She doesn't know if she would want them to drink the water from Street Road because if it is hard and corrosive, she doesn't know that she would be better off. She doesn't see that this is going to benefit her, or her family any more than she can bath in it or cook in it or, whatever. So that is one point. Another one is the Chilson Fire Department, and she has done some homework in other area municipal fire departments, and Chilson is a long ways off from installing any kind of water meter on their fire trucks or the fire hydrants even the ones that are currently along 74. She understands, she has done some research and talked to her husband, who has fought fires for 42 years as a professional, that fighting a fire with either an inch and  $\frac{3}{4}$ 's or 2 1/2" line for 'x' number of minutes or hours, you could estimate the volume of water, but if you have to overhaul or reposition hoses then that meter count should be down or the flow count should be down or decreased and she doesn't know how that amount could even be estimated. Another thing, in the Decree that you received, everything says by a timeline, improvement, improvement, improvement, improvement – improvement doesn't mean creating something new. So, she doesn't think that we improved what we have, and she is not willing to take a chance on something new. We can't vote in your referendum unless we are full-time Ticonderoga residents, she understands, she has not researched that completely.....(that is not accurate – property owners in Chilson/Eagle Lake can vote in a referendum, whether a permanent resident or part-time). Ok, she wasn't sure if that was true..., has the Town applied for the new grant, the one that was in July, for the meters? (Answer was yes) That being said, she does not feel that they can personally benefit from the Street Road project, so she emailed a copy of a letter to opt-out and she has a hard copy here. There is also one by registered mail that will be posted marked by this meeting. She just wanted to cover all her bases. She wishes us luck with this project, she really does. She hopes that the good faith and the people in the Town will have good faith in you, but right now she does not feel that her family will benefit from the Street Road. We are having to buy bottled water right now from Gooseneck because of health issues, so she is going to opt-out. Thank you.

Mr. DiPofi wanted to mention one other thing, he knows a businessman downtown who has personally told him that since the Street Road water has been coming that he is spending 15 hundred dollars a month on salt.

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Jack Mulcahy has just one question, you said that we the residents of Eagle Lake that are not registered to vote here can vote in the referendum. Now that we have opted out, are we still going to be notified of that referendum and be able to vote or what.

Supervisor Giordano again stated that you have put a request in, but that does not mean that you are 'Out'; that means that the Town Board has to make a decision based on those that have written letters how to handle those requests. Just because you have submitted a letter, it doesn't mean that you are 'Out'. The charge is now to us to figure out whether or not your property or anyone else's property is benefited by the district. If we feel you will benefit, then you will remain in, if we feel that you are not then those are the decisions that we need to make.

Mr. Mulcahy hopes that the board feels he is not. So, we will be notified of the referendum then. He just wants to be sure that he does not miss this.

Supervisor Giordano stated that this referendum you are talking about is, the Town Board has been charged to initiate the MPR and now it's 109 users (it is called a permissive referendum) can decide if they want to petition together to halt any further progress on the map. There is a very detailed outline on the Q & A on the Town website.

No further public participation.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:44 p.m.

American Rescue Plan Act Funding

The Town was awarded just under \$500,000.00 to be used towards relief from the Coronavirus. The Federal Government has issued a pretty lengthy document describing the eligibility of those potential uses for this. Tonight, we will take requests, thoughts or suggestions from the community on how that money could potentially be used. One of the thoughts of using the monies that have very little restrictions is when it comes to Water, Sewer and Broadband infrastructure and piggybacking from our last discussion on Chilson/Eagle Lake the next phase on our Consent Decree is to proceed with doing a final engineering report on the new proposed district. Right now, there is no money that has been set aside for this district, so we would have to go out and borrow money in order to proceed with that. It is a couple of hundred thousand dollars to proceed with that engineering analysis; however, this money from the ARPA could be err marked for this specific purpose and that is one of the topics of discussion that this board has been having as to how to utilize that money that towards something beneficial as far as that new district. At this time, we will open the floor for any who wants to approach and share their thoughts and ideas about how that money could benefit out community in various ways. We will take this information in and look into whether those suggestions are helpful and go from there. The specific amount is \$485,810 in total. The federal government gives you half of that (\$242K and change) this year and assuming we spend that appropriately we will receive the second (approx. \$242K) next year. Our town was eligible for \$782,000, but somehow in the process from the State, it seems that the smaller town's received lower amounts, we will look into where that discrepancy is. This is the same, from his understanding, for several other Essex County



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Towns. Unlike the county government, they received 7 million, but there's came directly from the Federal Government, but smaller Town's (under 50,000 persons per town) received from the State Government. So, we have \$485,000 and we are looking to acquire the additional difference, but needless to say that is what we have, and we are looking forward to hearing comments tonight.

Ron Moore noted that he is not going to ask for all the money....he would like to thank the board for the opportunity to present our request through this rescue plan. He is the Vice-President of the Chilson Community Founders Association. I'm here tonight with our President, Lois Gunning and our Treasurer, Lee McClintock to request recovery funding that we have lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. One of our purposes is to protect, preserve and maintain the Chilson Chapel. The building was constructed between 1885 and 1890 as a Lodge Hall and in 1898 the community remodeled the building to make a church. In 2012, The Founders were formed. We are a non-for-profit 501c3 group. The Founders have held annual pig roast fundraisers to help pay the bills and do what we can to preserve and maintain the church for future generations to enjoy. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have had to cancel both last years and this year's fundraiser. These annual pig roast fundraisers are our only source of income, our only means of paying our bills and maintaining the church. We have held these fundraisers for the past several years, until Covid, and our average gross revenue is approximately \$4,000. We are requesting \$8,000 in lost revenue due to the COFID-19 pandemic so that we can continue to maintain and preserve the Chilson Chapel. Thank you.

Heath Towne would like to see a portion of the money go to at least starting internet infrastructure for the outside areas of Ticonderoga, if it fits within the guidelines. If you live in the core of Ticonderoga, you are awash with WiFi and internet options, but if you are on the outskirts like Chilson, Eagle Lake, and all the way out heading towards Crown Point there are very limited or no options at all. He knows that this is being worked on already, so you already have an idea, so it would be nice to see a portion of this to kick that idea off.

Supervisor Giordano added that another use is also outdoor activities, to go to improve those facilities outdoors, as well as potential use for those who have suffered hardship agencies such as PRIDE who provide hardship relief to homeowners. We are going to explore all possibilities, come back with a proposal and based on the input we get at this meeting tonight and what we get from anyone else how to utilize that money the best we can. Incidentally, there is a task force, North Country Broadband Alliance, and there are other grant funding opportunities to apply for with the Federal Government in the fall. So based on that, we hope to move forward with broadband in those areas you mentioned. We will leave this public hearing open until next month, if you have any other thoughts, we would love to hear them.

Proposed Local Law Regulating Sewer Usage and Septic Systems

As many may know, some Town policies are in need of updating and certainly this is one of them. The Town committee and Town Board have been working on this for the last several years off and on for the past several years. We have updated our sewer use to give more clarity on current guidelines as well as items that have come forth, particularly when people ask to be

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disconnected and when that service takes place or when a particular building gets demolished, it goes from a 1 EDU charge to a vacant lot charge. This is the clarity for residents for septic use in the Town. If anyone has any comments, they are welcome to come forward at this time. Mrs. Mulcahy asked if this is just for the Village area, or does it include Chilson and Eagle Lake?

Councilman Cunningham explained that this includes Sewer and Septic town wide, it is an ordinance for anyone on Town Sewer and those people that have their own Septic systems.

Supervisor Giordano stated that we will leave this public hearing open also.

(The meeting took a brief recess to move to the Downstairs meeting room from the Upstairs Auditorium - Meeting re-convened downstairs at 7:00 p.m.)

Public Comment

Bob Detric announced to the board that the Ti Alumni Extravaganza was held last weekend and it was far better than he had ever expected it to be. In 2001 Mike Hayes financed a tremendous reunion that we had and in 2005 we had another one, but he never in his wildest dreams ever expected to have a reunion like we had this year. It was phenomenal, maybe because of COVID, everyone was anxious to get out. He was on the register table on Thursday night at 4:00 when everyone came, and the first 7 people were from California, Arizona, Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Just unbelievable and that is the way it started and that is the way it continued. He is here because we would not have been anywhere near as successful if it hadn't been for the Town Board. We could not have put that on in the park without your approval. He came to a Town Board meeting and asked for several things to be done and there was no hesitation on anyone's part here as far as the Town Board. In fact, Councilwoman Cooper worked really hard with it, the Beautification Crew – Grant Spaulding was incredible on going down there and taking care of the garbage, he went around and blocked all the roads off so people couldn't park on the sides of the roads. Every time he came down early in the morning, 6:00 or 6:30 to help pick up, Grant was already done. He is just an incredible employee. Dave Woods, if it hadn't been for him, we would not have gotten the lights on down there, because we had lights on in the evening for people to see and he really appreciated that. The Police Department as well, he went to the Chief and sat down to explain what was needed and the Chief was absolutely agreeable with everything. Not just the reunion, but the street fest also. Their presence throughout the three days at the park and their presence at the Street fest was really apparent and as far as the Alumni and the residents of Ticonderoga, he would like to thank the board for allowing us to have the reunion #1, but participating as much as you did. It really meant an awful lot to the Alumni Board. We worked really hard at it, and we will try to run this every 5<sup>th</sup> year. Mike Hayes originally said let's try to do this every five years and we are going to try to do that, so we will do this again maybe in 2025 and again in 2030 if we are still alive, but it was a really successful event and thank you very much for that.

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Mark Wright would like to speak for Jon Cooke on his behalf. He wanted to talk about the Ticonderoga Car Show. He wanted to raise the topic again about the entryway from the beginning of the park down to the Kissing Bridge. He said he brought this topic up after the 2019 car show, where he had received multiple complaints from car owners that they were bottoming out on the pavement crowns on the way down into the park causing damage to the vehicles. They said that they had multiple conversations with the board for the last two years and nothing has really been done yet, except for some minor patchwork on the pathway. The crowns are still there, and he said after this last show, they received even more complaints about the issue and damage to the cars and such. So, he would like to once again respectfully request that this issue be resolved. It is a popular show annually and it brings a lot of money into Ticonderoga. If that issue continues, maybe it won't be supported to bringing those expensive automobiles in.

Steve Miller would like to bring up to the Town Board and make you aware that the vandalism and hazard at the LaChute Bridge on Alexandria Avenue continues. He doesn't know whether the Town thinks it is all gone away, but there are kids jumping off the bridge right now as we sit here. On this weekend, they were there three times a day at least. Multiple kids and not swimming in the water, but jumping off the bridge, backwards – all the way til midnight, both Saturday and Sunday nights. Midnight, so they are doing this in the dark, jumping off backwards. He sees them bouncing off the barrels, he sees them throwing bicycles into the water. He sees them taking rocks off the shoreline which is totally illegal to remove the stones from the shoreline and throwing them at the barrels in the water. The same kids released the barrels this spring, before the Hydro people were able to put them up. He doesn't think the town, if you lived there, you'd think it was like nothing was going on, but they are standing on the railing of the bridge on both sides, running back and forth and jumping into the water. As cars and boats are going by, in the dark even. He would like to know what the town plans on doing about it. The police have been there, they have chased the kids away and a half an hour later, there are six more there. Sometimes there are as many as 15 kids there, having parties. He doesn't understand how this has become, this is town property, part of it, but some of the property, part of it, that they are on is actually owned now by someone who bought the lot next to this property. But there are signs up that say no loitering, no swimming, no jumping on both sides of the bridge and yet it continues. Daily, three or four times a day, multiple kids. It is not one kid doing this as a rite of passage, they are there all the time and it is not just that, it is their foul language and screaming and everything else. We also know that they have had fires there, and again this weekend throwing bicycles into the water and leaving them there. He doesn't see how this can be an issue to be just ignored.

Supervisor Giordano doesn't believe it is being ignored. It has come to public safety.

Councilman Woods stated that he and the Chief went up there and he said they are underage and all he can do is take them home.

Mr. Miller stated that eventually one of these kids is going to fall, hit a barrel and break his neck and then his parents will sue the town. So, he thinks that you should be aware of that. If there

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are that many kids there on a daily basis eventually that is what is going to happen, especially if they are jumping off there in the dark. Doing backflips onto the barrels, come on. Throwing bicycles into the water and leaving them there. Like he said, the police do come, they chase them away and then they are there again. He doesn't think it is up to the Town Residents to have to police their activities. If this was happening outside of this building or somewhere else on town property, he doesn't think they would be allowed to get away with it. To his knowledge, no kids have been actually taken and he can't say this, and it is not criticism against the police in any way, but he doesn't think that they are being taken home to their parents and as far as he knows they are not fining the parents or doing anything about it other than they just chase them away. He understands that the Chief feels that their hands are tied, but eventually, we have had someone two weeks ago that was kayaking and overturned there, and he had to grab onto the cable to get out of the water or he was drowning. The kayak ended up down at the hydro plant.

Councilman Woods asked if there was a fence put up on the bridge, could they get around it?

Mr. Meier does not know what the answer is. They do also jump off the pillars on the sides of the bridge too. Not just the railing. He is just bringing it up, because you should be aware of this, because the Town has a legal responsibility to keep this from happening. You are eventually going to get sued, by someone who kids gets hurt or killed.

Mr. Fuller stated that the Town doesn't own the bridge, it is the county's, and we will need a conversation with the county.

Keith Dolbeck has a couple of petitions here, he didn't participate in the collection of them, but he did sign them because he thinks it makes common sense. These petitions having to deal with an issue that you have already passed having to deal with the location of where you will put the police station in the future. One of the reasons why he volunteered to hand these in is because – about 5 years ago to the day, he came to this Town Board and he realized the complexion of the board was different, there was Fred Hunsdon, Wayne Taylor, Dorsey Crammond and Chattie Van Wert and Joe and we made a presentation that before the Town tries to come up with any major expenditures or Zoning Law or something that will affect your life and how you live, you had to really go to the public and you had to answer 4 questions. You had to say – what are we going to do – why are we going to do it, and do we need it – how much is it going to cost – who is going to pay for it. Those questions the Town of Ticonderoga constituents that elect you people, that is their right to know those questions, so when they come to a public hearing, they can at least talk intelligently about what the hearing is all about. Yet, when he looked at these petitions that he was asked to be signing, one says – allow the citizens to have the opportunity to hear the proposal, ask the questions, provide an avenue at which we can express concerns. Exactly the same kinds of things we were asking for 5 years ago almost to the day in August. We even said there is an opportunity for you to do this, you go to the Elks, you go to the VFW, go to the American Legion, you go to the Fire Departments, you have these organizations that you visit and you explain to them – look, we have a police station issue here, we want to build a new one, we got one we can renovate, what do you think? You let those people have an idea what is going on and let them have some feedback and some concern. So, if you have a public

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hearing at that point after, at least they can come, they heard the pro's the con's and they can make a legitimate request. They are not just hearing it for the first time while they are sitting here. He wonders why there is not a lot more people from Chilson because he has heard a lot of people concerned about the water district, but obviously they are not too sure of what is being proposed so they are not showing up. To him, it just makes sense that you have the transparency. After they made that presentation, three of the board members voted in favor of it and a resolution was passed for you people to do just that. He went to Florida for a couple of weeks and when he came back, he found out that it was rescinded and Wayne said, well we have Everbridge. Well, Everbridge is a nice thing, that is where you get notified on the phone to tell you there is a public hearing tonight, but all that does is tell you a notification. It doesn't ask what, why, how much, it doesn't tell you who is going to pay for it and what the alternatives are. To him, he thinks you need to revisit that and if you people that are on the board are not in favor of that kind of transparency then you should stand up and say, we are not in favor of letting the people of Ticonderoga know what is going on, so that people can make a legitimate decision come November when it comes time to vote and if you do believe in it, there is something there that...he can't understand why you wouldn't support it 100%, why wouldn't you want to get feedback from the people about what you are doing and find out whether or not they are going to either endorse it for you and say yes, go ahead or have reservations that they have about it and want to talk about those. It is only healthy guys, for you to get feedback from the Town, rather than sit there and have to make decisions in a vacuum. He is not saying you are not trying to do the right thing, obviously you are out in a position that pays very little to try to make Ticonderoga a better place, he won't fault any of you for that, except that with this thing that we brought forward and they decided against it, one of the reasons was well, there is no such way we can have an official referendum. We asked for an informational referendum, Stu Baker came back with the Town and said that is illegal to have an official referendum or an unofficial referendum. Let him tell you, this is a referendum – these petitions that over 100 people signed is your referendum telling you that they would like to revisit that issue. They are not saying don't do what you are thinking about, they are just saying that they would like for you to re-visit it. They think that there is more information there that could be brought forward that might change your minds and to him that is why he signed it. It makes sense. It makes sense to re-visit something that people aren't totally happy with. He has probably burned his 2 minutes, thank you.

Town Clerk Thompson read the titles of the Petitions – Petition to reexamine decision for Town Police Department location and Petition to prevent any Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation Facility at the former Hudson Headwaters Network facility.

Supervisor Giordano brought up the old resolution and one of the items that was talked about the unconstitutionality of it, #3 after holding all informational meetings and prior to public hearings an informational public referendum will be held to gauge public support for or against the proposed zoning – which is not a legal thing that the Town can do because by virtue of the fact that everyone up here has been elected to be the representative of the Town, they by default have the ability to .....

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Mr. Dolbeck understands that, and he understood that when Stu presented it, but it seems to him that you threw the baby out with the bath water. There were a lot of good reasons to do that, that if you had to manipulate or get around that or at least hold the informational meetings it would have been worth doing and he remembers Matt Fuller not seeing a problem with this at the time, he asked him if he thought there was a problem with it.

Councilman Cunningham wanted to make a comment, we had multiple Municipal Facilities Committee meetings where this was discussed and power points that were put up. Those meetings were open to the public to come and look and ask questions at that time and we put that out there and we have been very transparent as to what we were doing and why we were doing it and we answered all the questions that you have brought up, how much, why, where, when all of those questions were answered. We did review all these things that you want reviewed, it was out there in the minutes of the Municipal Facility Meeting. Did we go personally to different organizations to present that? There is a point where the public needs to inform themselves as well as opposed to us informing them. We are here, we have meetings, we have board meetings, we have committee meetings, the public needs to show up and understand what is happening. We have the same issue with the Portage project. We are trying to be as transparent as possible, but we can't knock on everybody's door and say, hey, this is what we are doing here.

Mr. Dolbeck stated that nobody is asking you to knock on doors, it is like this water District, you could have made a presentation at the Community Center and picked up five times more than what you had here tonight.

Supervisor Giordano stated that we did that, we've had several community meetings for this district.

Mr. Dolbeck stated that the thing is tonight on this public hearing you had a thing that is going on at the country club and music is being played, you have the Washington County Fish & Game club meeting, you have other things that people can't always attend. So, he knows that you are not maybe trying to hide this, you are putting it out there. What he is saying is get it out there, just even going to the Fire Departments, you realize how much that thing would move around, they will have the idea to pass it over and make some comments one way or the other. It's just, get the information out, he knows what you are saying the public should come, but they don't and....

Councilman Russell stated that just last September we did a meeting at the Ticonderoga Fire House and at that time what was a mutual agreement and the discussion on the Police Department actually pre-dates everyone on this board by going back over 10 years ago, so there has been a long history of work that has been done and a little bit of money spent. We will take a look at the petitions, one of them actually applies to it. One of those applies to another board in the Town which would be Zoning as far as use of private owned buildings that the Town doesn't own, and he will steal a quote from Mr. Rowland, he doesn't think it makes good sense for us as a board to make a decision based on blocking use of a privately owned building in our Town and that is a totally separate discussion. There is a lot of passion over that and if there is a concern

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about an entity that may go into that from a public safety standpoint, and we did bring that up at a public safety where it was addressed previously. So, there was a concern regarding other facilities in Town and he did reach out and he stated that he would and the night that this was brought up, he knows that the Chief was here, and he had the opportunity to speak, but he provided later the number of calls to the property. For us to make a decision to support the passions of some people that didn't want something else happening would be a poor decision on their point. We did do our homework, we got objective, independent feedback from our Engineering firm that we have selected as a board multiple years in a row to give us guidance. There has been some feedback that we made this decision quickly and there is feedback that we didn't make it quick enough, so, .....

Mr. Dolbeck stated that this is not the only issue that he was making reference to, that is the one that spurred him to come tonight and talk to you about that resolution that we came here 5 years ago for, and he is talking about major things that you have zoning, whatever, passing new laws. To him it makes sense to really let the people know what you are up to so that they can.....

Councilman Russell believes that we can look at doing a better job at that, communicating. That is the one, he has tried to move the times of some the meetings so that individuals can come especially this one. Municipal Facilities is a passionate one. Some of his committee meetings find that more accommodating also. We will take note and it is important for us to work collaboratively as a board in those discussions and he appreciates you guys coming and giving us that input. The last meeting when we met was actually off-site. We did a tour, Mr. Wright was there, along with Mr. Rowland and that was more to evaluate some future steps beyond our police department. He believes Mr. Rowland had done a good job supporting and helping us with getting this information out. We will take a look at the surveys and discuss the feedback and also better communication; more transparency is always better.

Mr. Dolbeck agreed yes, you know Eagle Lake is a long way away from you, but it is still part of Ticonderoga and people don't make that trip down as frequently as they should for a board meeting, and he is sure that your board meetings aren't that heavily subscribed to at any time, so that is why it is important to get out there into the public and he realizes it is hard to hold a meeting in certain places. That is why he suggested the Fire Departments or the KofC. Those people pass a lot of information around. He knows you all, Mark and Dave and Joyce, he knows you are reasonable people, he has known Joe for the last 10 years or so, he doesn't know Mr. Cunningham as well, but he is sure that you are reasonable people and that is all he is asking is..

Councilman Russell thanks, Mr. Dolbeck – he has learned a lot and Mr. Dolbeck was the one that actually suggested to him as a development opportunity to run for the board because there is a lot to learn and every day, he learns something new, and he sincerely means that. It is very rewarding when you drive through town and there are things happening and you may have had an impact with.....

Vic LaVallie interrupted and stated, “what he is saying is that your informational highway is broke and you've got to fix it”. He continued stating that this is the point, and you need more

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than one informational meeting, you need several. You need exactly what that referendum stated – you should read it to them..., read it to them and tell them what it says....so they understand it....

Mr. Dolbeck stated that you can read it to them...

Mr. LaVallie began -- Town Crier Reporting – and he actually wrote this. Resolution of Zoning Transparency - Be it resolved on August 11, 2016, that prior to the Ticonderoga Town Board adopting, amending, repealing or replacing any zoning law, zoning ordinance or any other law dealing with land use rules and regulations, the people of the Town of Ticonderoga will be duly and appropriately informed with informational meetings, radio, newspaper advertising, etc. followed by a non-binding informational referendum So the Voice of the people can be counted to gauge public support for or against new proposed land use regulations.

This can be used for any idea that you got, but with that – he and Keith worked for 4 or 5 months during the summer, he didn't even run his dog. That was a big thing for him, and he left that just to put the time in – the informational highway has been broken in the Town of Ticonderoga for years and nobody..... You have supervisor's sitting there, you have guys that have been around.....they can stand up and talk about it, so ....

In a very straight forward manner this resolution, required Town Board members to state their position on Transparency prior to passing laws and regulation affecting the lives of residents and taxpayers, 3 members voted for the resolution, 2 members voted against the resolution, and it passed with a 3-2 vote!!!

- We now know how each Town Board member stands today on the issue of Transparency and open Town Government as a matter of record in front of the camera in open Town Board session on August 11, 2016!!!!
- Will this resolution be passed into a historical “Ticonderoga Cornerstone Zoning Regulation Law” requiring the people to be duly and appropriately informed and the voice of the people being duly heard and counted?
- Only if the 3 members voting for the resolution don't change their minds. And what a shame of consequence that might be to voters in districts supporting their election as a Town Board member!!!
- Will a reversal in a town board member's mind set today be of political consequence in the 2017 general election? In 2017 the voters of 6 districts will answer this question!!!! And they did.

We got promises from you and the other Town Board members and you ... after that resolution got passed that night, we came back the next month and you guys decided that you needed more time, we need more time to get this implemented because we are not sure exactly how to do it, so Keith and he looked at each other and decided, ok, we are going to work together here...let's all work together. We asked you Joe and you said give us til the end of the year, well that was great....the end of the year came, he wants south down training and Keith went someplace on vacation, you guys held a board meeting, and you rescinded that amendment.



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(This is the Resolution that was brought and rescinded...)

Be it resolved on August 11th, 2016, that prior to the Ticonderoga Town Board adopting, amending, repealing or replacing any zoning law, zoning ordinance or any other law dealing with land use rules and regulations, the people of the Town of Ticonderoga will be duly and appropriately informed as follows:

1. The Town must hold at least two centralized (Town Community Bldg.) informational meetings which are appropriately advertised in three most widely read newspapers (i.e. Post Star, Press Republican and the Times of Ti Sun) and the two most listened to radio stations (i.e. WOKO, WVMT, NPR and PBS Vermont) prior to any public hearing.
2. Copies of the proposed Town legislation and its rationale must be timely sent throughout the 6 voting districts (i.e. via geographical town meeting organizations, fraternal organizations, local fire departments, Ti Chamber, etc.) and appropriately sent to out of Town Taxpayers prior to holding public hearings on said matters.
3. After holding all informational meetings and prior to any public hearing, an informational public referendum will be held to gauge the people's support for or against a proposed zoning change.
4. Be it further resolved that this resolution will become an amended provision to our current zoning ordinance as of August 11, 2016 for purpose of creating an informed public prior to the passage of regulations which seriously affect our resident's lives.)

Supervisor Giordano agreed the board rescinded it because it had....(interrupted)

Mr. LaVallie continued speaking loudly stating that resolution got scrapped and we were counting on you and you guys promised us that it would be a corner stone law to fix the informational highway. If you don't like that way, he wants to hear what you have to fix it? Because we don't see it, otherwise we wouldn't be discussing this issue now, if you have a better way, let's hear it. You can say anything you want about that informational referendum, but only an informational referendum will allow the voices of the people to be counted after the voices of the people is heard. That is all he has to say about it.

Jeff Cook would like to speak about an issue brought up at committee.....

Mr. LaVallie interrupted again to ask the board right now to reinstate the resolution and pass it with this board right here. He wants to see who wants to inform the people right now.... And who don't....let's just see who wants to stand up and be counted....

Supervisor Giordano advised Mr. LaVallie that this is just the public comment, so we appreciate the comment, and we will disseminate it amongst.....

Mr. LaVallie stated that this only takes about two minutes....

Supervisor Giordano asked any other public to speak.

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Steve Miller wanted to make a positive comment, he sees on the agenda that we will be having a hazardous waste clean-up and that is absolutely great. It is very important to keep out of the water, keep it off the streets, out of the ditches where people just leave stuff. He is glad that the town is having that again this year and making it known to everyone ahead of time.

Don Hardy stated that his wife and he both signed those petitions, and he knows as was pointed out, the Town Board maybe does not have jurisdiction over who uses their property, and he is sure that is true, but the Town Board certainly has jurisdiction over Zoning, and he has no objections to the police department being next door, if he needs help, they are close by. He certainly does not think, he knows it is not, to his interest, and he doesn't believe that it is in the Town's interest to put a so called re-hab facility, a home for drug addicts that are not even supervised. He does not want it next door to his house, and he thinks, again, it comes to this transparency issue, he thinks that probably 95% of the people in Ticonderoga know nothing about this issue and if they did, he thinks they would object just as he does.

Announcements

Coronavirus Update – the numbers have been increasing as far as positive cases, even with those that have been vaccinated due to the spread of the Delta Variant. CDC recently updated their public health recommendations even with fully vaccinated people they are recommending people wear masks at indoor setting. The county has been having discussions with its own Department of Public Health in terms of if we will be returning to wearing masks in the near future. Having said that, there are still efforts by the DOH to have areas where they are providing vaccinations, they are providing pop-up clinics throughout the summer, throughout the county. If you haven't been, please consider doing so.

Community Clean-up Days – this is an annual event; sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Montcalm Street Partnership and the Town: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – August 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> from 8-4. It allows for any resident from Town, one trip of free disposal, with the exception of Hazardous Waste or items containing Hazardous Waste, as well as tires, food waste brush, C&D, shingles, electronics and there may be other restrictions that may apply. Please consult our transfer station attendants as to whether or not items that you may bring will be eligible. Anyone over the age of 65 and those who are disabled can contact Sal Barnao our Highway Superintendent to have him and his crew pick up items.

Town Clerk Thompson reminded the public, Do Not put anything out, unless you have contacted them to schedule it. You will be responsible for the items that are on the curb.

Hazardous Waste Days will be hosted at the Highway Department on August 28 from 8 a.m. to 1p.m. There is contact information on the Town's website and the Town Clerk's office for the Essex County DPW if you have questions of what is considered Hazardous Waste.

Essex County Updates:

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Retention and Recruitment Task force has been formed. This is affecting the Essex County Government Center along with other businesses in the area.

Farmer's Market Coupons are still available – you can reach out to the office of the Aging

Human Services at the County Level will host a Chalk the Walk and have the Talk – support of Essex Counties Grief Coalition – Building resilience in Essex County Families Coalition during the week of September 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> with the September 10<sup>th</sup> being World Suicide Prevention Day. It is for anyone, the idea being, you write inspirational messages in chalk on the pavement and sidewalks throughout the community at your home or your business to spread awareness.

Committee Reports

Public Works – Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

**Town of Ticonderoga  
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 27, 2021  
10:30 am**

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

**Others:** Greg Swart (AES), Maddy Hetman (AES), Matt Fuller, Mark Wright, Raymond Francis,  
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**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Item for Discussion**

1. Follow up discussion on NYS moratorium on not re-levying water fees.
  - a. As a follow up from the June Water and Sewer Committee Meeting, Nancy contacted KVS (*the software company the Town uses for the billing*) to find out how the NYS moratorium on water fees will affect the re-levy for 2021, as well as running other reports.
    - i. As per the representative, they are hearing from other businesses that they are receiving about 1 % return rate on the self-certification form, which certifies that the water user had a financial hardship during COVID.
    - ii. For 2021, **water fees** will not be re-levied but will continue to accrue. However, for any outstanding **sewer fees** after November 1<sup>st</sup> those will be re-levied and placed onto next year's property tax bill.

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- iii. A payment plan can be set up between the water user and the Town, if need be.
  - iv. If a water user returns the self-certification form, they will not have water penalties for the duration of the moratorium. However, sewer penalties will still post.
2. Sewer Use Ordinance
- a. Nancy sent information to the Committee with regards to how the Town bills for water and sewer. The information will be incorporated into the updated Sewer Use Ordinance. AES will also provide information on mercury limits.
3. John Ryan – Letter regarding a sub-division on Black Point Rd./Windy Point Lane, and request for hooking to the Town’s sewer system.
- a. As a follow up from the July 28, 2020, Water and Sewer Committee Meeting, Mr. Ryan sent a letter requesting that the new parcel be hooked to the Town’s sewer system. The main lot, 388 Black Point Road is in the district, so the sub-divided parcels would be in the district as well. Those parcels would need to be billed for either a vacant lot fee or full sewer fee (once there is a structure). Also, the Black Pt. sewer district debt fee would need to be charged.
  - b. Tom stated that the property has been surveyed and is assuming it has gone through the sub-division, but that should be confirmed with Mr. Ryan. If it has been, then the parcels should be billed accordingly.
  - c. It is recommended that the Codes Dept. follow up with Mr. Ryan to go through the process of getting a building permit. Once that is in place and plans are available, they can be reviewed by the sewer department.
4. Steven Margolis – 86 Old Chilson Road
- a. Mr. Margolis is an out of district, contract water user, and the parcel is included in the proposed Chilson/Eagle Lake MPR. Years ago, there was a trailer on the property, but it has been removed. Currently Mr. Margolis is being billed a vacant lot fee for water.
  - b. The shut off is still there, and Mr. Margolis is looking to possibly put another trailer on the property. The question arose as to if that would be permissible under the DOJ Consent Decree.
    - i. As this would not be a new connection, and Mr. Margolis would not be a new water user on the system, it would be permitted. However, it’s recommended that the Codes Dept. follow up with Mr. Margolis and to make it clear about the parcel being included in the proposed Chilson/Eagle Lake water district and as per the DOJ Consent Decree the water supply will be changing.

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**AES Report**

1. Veterans Road

- a. The scope of the project still needs to be approved by EFC/DOH. The bid opening is on Thursday, and currently there are three contractors interested in the job. AES will take the bids in but will continue to follow up with EFC with the hopes of getting a response back soon. The project would be done by the end of the summer, so there would still be a little bit of time to work it into the long-term funding if it was approved by EFC.

2. Water Meters

- a. The IUP includes water meters, the Defiance tank, the by-pass water main and water softening options.
- b. AES has applied for a grant for the water meters (~ \$2,000.000) and plans on having a public presentation in September to go through the options and to get feedback. It's at a point where a determination on what project components the Town wants to pursue is needed.
- c. The propagation study was done, and a report will be given to the Town.
- d. Water modeling: Water modeling is part of the overall water project and will help with determining what route to go with for the water main. AEs is still working on scheduling the sub-contractor to coordinate the flow testing.
- e. The draft organizational chart was discussed, which would assist with making decisions on "who does what" for the meter project such as design work, construction, and construction management. The organizational chart is a good start and will be reviewed further.
- f. A brief discussion took place as to the properties that currently have shallow water lines and must run their water through the winter months, and if it would be part of the meter project to get the lines deeper. Greg commented that was not budgeted for, and that possibly a CDBG grant for laterals could be applied for but that would require income surveys. Although it would be ideal to do, it depends on funding. There are a few hundred properties with shallow laterals.

3. Water District Consolidation

- a. Another meeting will need to be set up.

4. Lead Service Line Replacement

- a. Reale Construction plans to start the project sometime after Labor Day.

5. SPDES Permit

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- a. The SPDES permit has the following requirements:
    - Updating the Long-Term Control Plan (grant awarded)
    - Wet Weather Operating Plan
    - Update the O&M Manual
    - Mercury Minimization
    - Compliance for new phosphorus limits
    - Permit is out for public comment
    - WWTP Evaluation – to meet the phosphorus limits
  - b. Maddy is working on a proposal for the Town (a draft proposal was reviewed) that addresses the list of the new requirements that are in the SPDES permit. It's suggested that some items Derrick and/or Eric could do for the Town to save costs, and these tasks will be discussed with Derrick. The information can be discussed at the next meeting as well.
6. Greg handed out a draft proposal of the Long-Term Control Plan that is required by NYS DEC. The plan includes a summary of all the sewer projects that have been completed to-date (since AES has worked with the Town). The Long-Term Control Plan is needed as it addresses how to reduce CSO's. Greg showed a map of the collections system and identified priority areas as the (sewer) IUP included collections work.
7. Evaluations of Pump Stations
- a. AES will set up a day/time to go through the information with Derrick.
8. The Portage Project
- a. Currently the Reale Construction contract is underbudget by ~\$140,000 if other tasks and/or issues don't arise. However, the full project budget still needs to be looked over.
  - b. Hannah from Essex County Community Resources can assist with handling the disbursement(s) of the WQIP funds.
  - c. The substantial completion for the contractor would be in September, but an extension of the schedule will be done, and the plan would be to have everything completed by December except final restoration.
  - d. Sidewalk work will be starting soon, and Keven Farrington from AES plans to hold an informational meeting with the effected property owners. The Town will send out a letter to the property owners with information on the date/time of the meeting.
9. MBO for projects

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- a. With Nancy's departure, Greg inquired about who will be the contact at the Town designated as the MBO (Minority Business Officer) for MWBE paperwork for projects.
  - i. Supervisor Giordano will look into this and will inform AES as soon as possible of the new contact.

10. Raymond Francis, II – 129 The Portage

- a. Mr. Francis was in attendance to discuss his property located at 129 The Portage. As part of the Portage project, the contractor installed a grinder pump in the back yard due to the elevation change (his gravity line had failed). He had spoken with Charlie Frasier about his property, and asked when more work would be done, and he was told they were waiting on an easement. Mr. Francis stated he did not receive an easement yet and would like to know when he could expect it as the old sewer line is causing issues in his back yard.
  - i. AES will address the easement ASAP and will also send someone to the property today to look over the line.

Supervisor Giordano adjourned the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting at 11:50 am.

The next Committee Meeting will take place on August 31, 2021, at 10:30 am.

**Resolution #204-2021** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Joyce Cooper to approve Agreement with AES for Long Term Control Plan Project services (AES Project #5001) awarded through an EFC Engineering Planning Grant (\$100,000) in addition to a Town match of \$20,000 through in-kind services. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #205-2021** brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Mark Russell to appoint Nancy Treadway as Water/Sewer clerk, part-time, no benefits at the hourly rate of \$19.87 and to waive the pre-employment screening process. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #206-2021** brought by Joseph Giordano, seconded by Tom Cunningham to appoint Amy Beeman as the Minority Business Officer for the Town of Ticonderoga. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Highway/Transfer Station – Tom Cunningham, Councilman

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**Highway and Transfer Station  
July 27, 2021, minutes of Meeting**

**Committee Members Present:**

Tom Cunningham

**Others**

Joe Giordano, Mark Wright – In Person, Greg Swart – in person, Joyce Cooper- In person, Matty Attman – In person

**Public Discussion**

- No Public discussion

**Committee Discussion**

No one present from the highway department

Committee members Dave Woods, John Deming and Heath Towne were not present

- Sidewalks to be replaced:
  - Tom Cunningham told the public that a Scope of Work and contract for Avery Energy was completed and given to Avery for review. This contract included a detailed SOW for Avery and the other SOW for someone else, hopefully the Highway Department, to complete. The contract includes details on what sections of sidewalk will be completed, with additional sections identified if funds remain.
- Roads to be paved:
  - Race Track Road, Canfield Road has been paved and sections of Cannon Ball Run have been paved.
- Update on painting road stripes and Crosswalks
  - No update as there were no highway department personnel present

**Repairs and replacements:**

- No update
- Transfer Station
  - No update
- Miscellaneous Projects
  - Nothing to discuss

**Opened up to public discussion**



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No Public discussion

**Resolutions for next Town Board meeting**

- No Resolutions

Next meeting scheduled for August 31, 2021, at 09:15

Meeting was adjourned at 09:25 AM

Minutes were taken and prepared by the Committee Chairman Thomas F Cunningham  
Municipal Facility Committee – Mark Russell, Councilman

Meeting was postponed for July – AES is finalizing a site plan for the Police Department. Hoping to schedule a date to tour Chief Merkel's facility in Vergennes, VT. Looking at a Municipal Town Shed and hoping to tour the new facility in Malone. Will be rescheduling the next meeting.

Airport – Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

**TICONDEROGA AIRPORT 4B6**

13 July 2021

The meeting started at 0830 in the Town Hall. Present were Joe Giordano, David Woods, Bryan Douros, Jon Hanna, Ernie Tobin, Mark Wright, Ash Alexander and Terry Smith.

Jon reported that we sold 1314 gallons of fuel in June.

We have had an upgrade to the QTpod firmware and this seems to have fixed the shutdown trouble.

Joe is still waiting for word from the FAA on the night landing approach to see if we meet current regulations.

The payment box is working well.

No waivers have been received for car parking yet.

Additional fill dirt was talked about, and the trees are growing up in the outside fence area that we cleared. Jon will check the lock on the contractor gate.

Much talk on the move of the old airport beacon and tower to the current airport. The FAA and APA must approve the location and height of the structure. Joe will check with IP about the time frame to make the move.

Bryan used Ernie's weedwhacker around the fuel farm and plans to do around the runway lights. He will also work with the highway guys about removing the weeds from the cracks in the runway.

Next monthly meeting will be 0830, Tuesday, 3 August, at the town hall.

Submitted by Jon Hanna

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3 August 2021

The meeting started, with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, at 0835 in the Town Hall. Present were Joe Giordano, David Woods, Bryan Douros, Jon Hanna, Ash Alexander, Alan Dunsmore, Chris Kneppers and Terry Smith.

Updated report by Joe about the old tower move from the old airport to the current airport. Ip has stated that they do not have a drop-dead date on the move as all the people and equipment will still be there after the name change. The FAA will need to approve the location and the height of the tower and must fit into the current long term master plan for the airport. The APA has a height restriction requirement that must be met. Talk about a location, whether it should be operational, will it need a fence around it or not. Terry will set up a date and time for Ash, Terry and Jon to go to the tower and check the condition.

Ernie has plans to sell his hanger to Chris as soon as the town approves the sale. The town is reviewing the old lease to see if any updates need to be made. This should be completed at the August Town Board meeting. Talk of some town equipment currently in the building and maybe putting up a sign about the airport being on a camera system. Jon reported that we sold 2100 gallons of fuel in July, a new record for us. 6,000 gallons was tested by Ernie and added to the tank. This should get us to a low point so we can fill the tank when the price is low this winter. We will look into tracking our monthly fuel sales into a spread sheet so the best decisions can be made going forward.

Joe has talked to the FAA about the night landing approach, and they will work with us on using their MAPS system program to see if any problems currently exist. If there are none the restrictions will be lifted

The payment box is working well.

Additional fill dirt was talked about, and the trees are growing up in the outside fence area that we cleared. Joe is working on a policy for adding fill to the low areas at the airport so contractors will only add what is required by the FAA for our expansion. Jon checked the lock on the contractor gate, and it is working.

Bryan will use Ernie's weedwhacker around the runway lights. He will also work with the highway guys about removing the weeds from the cracks in the runway.

Next monthly meeting will be 0830, Wednesday, 8 September, at the town hall.

Submitted by Jon Hanna

**Resolution #207-2021** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Dave Woods to accept the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 (ARPA) grant in the amount of \$22,000.00 to be expended at the Ticonderoga Municipal Airport and to authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement with the FAA. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #208-2021** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Joyce Cooper to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Passero Associates for the Environmental Assessment Project at the Ticonderoga Municipal Airport (4B6) in the amount of \$162,400.00 and to authorize the supervisor to execute said contract. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark

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Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #209-2021** brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Dave Woods to authorize the supervisor to execute the grant agreement with the FAA for the Environmental Assessment Project at the airport. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Public Safety – Dave Woods, Councilman

**Public Safety Meeting**

July 27, 2021

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

Guests: Mark Wright, Bill Morse, Joyce Cooper and Matt Fuller.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Woods asks if there is any public participation.

Bill Morse states he has submitted two petitions to the Town Board regarding the speed limit on Kennedy and Brookwood drive. The speed limit is currently 30 and he would like to see it reduced to 20, Mr. Morse states everyone on Kennedy and Birchwood has signed the petition to move forward, Mr. Morse adds that employees from Mt. Lake Services driveway to fast. Dave Woods reaches out to Sal from the Highway Department. Sal States that the Highway Department doesn't have anything to do with that.

Matt Fuller states that the Town Board will have to pass a resolution and contact DOT.

Dace Woods states he will make a recommendation to the town board at the next board meeting.

Mark Wright thanks officer Waldron and officer Towne for their presence over the weekend For the Star Trek event.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Hurlburt goes over the monthly report. (See attachment)

Joyce Cooper states she has concerns requiring the safety and wellbeing of the Lifeguards, Joyce asks who is in charge, who responds to calls because the beach is actually in Washington County and the Town of Putnam. Chief Hurlburt states that the Ticonderoga Police Department will respond and make a presence if need be and wait if necessary for either Washington County Sherriff or the State Police to arrive, Chief Hurlburt states he isn't against sitting down with the Lifeguards and talking with them on what they should do in different situations.

CODES DEPARTMENT:

Rhiannon Peters goes over the codes monthly report. (See attachment)

Dave Burrows talks about the Zombie properties, and it's funding.

Dave states they are trying to get the burnout structures taken care of, Dave states he recently talked to the demolition company that took down a structure on Cossey Street and he says as

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far as the state is concerned, anytime there is a fire in one of the buildings you don't do asbestos testing, you just treat it as if it has asbestos, So moving forward we no longer will test for asbestos on a burnout structure we will just treat as it has asbestos per the state.

Dave states he has a couple issues to address, first one being 8 John Street, a neighbor had a branch come down during one of the windstorms and wanted to know if the town owned the property, she was told no the town didn't own the property.

28 Lead Hill is also a burnout structure, we found out last week that it is listed for sale, we have a contract with the owner, as far as am asbestos survey that was done, we paid for it out of the funds, the agreement that was signed was that she was going to take it down in sixty days, she was given more time because of lack of funds, now it's been two years and we found out last week that it is listed for sale, I contacted to realtor and lawyer, the lawyer was unaware it was a burnout structure, I provided a copy of the agreement to thee lawyer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25

Next meeting will be August 31, 2021, at 8:00am

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Gendron.

The following is a summary of the activities of the Ticonderoga Police Department from 6/28/2021-7/26/2021

<u>Patrol Statistics</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Approx. Calls to Service:	458	2160
Incident reports:	21	192
Arrests:	11	113
Uniform traffic tickets:	96	367
DWI arrests:	0	6
Accidents investigated:	5	74

Speed Trailer: Currently on Lake George Avenue.

New Vehicle: 2021 Dodge Charger (Police Package) from Beyer Fleet. No new updates

\* On July 20th, 2021, the Department responded to Highland Street for a shots fired call. As a result of a police investigation, Cory M Benedict was arrested for Illegal discharge of a firearm within 500 ft of a dwelling and resisting arrest.

\* During the last month the department has received multiple reports of disturbances at the Ticonderoga Municipal Beach. The department wants to remind the public that visiting the beach is a privilege and not a right. If you disregard the rules and do not follow the instructions of the lifeguards employed by

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the town you may be made to vacate the beach. You may also be banned from returning to the beach in the future.

The following is a summary of the activities of the Building Inspection / Code Enforcement Department.

<b><u>Building Inspection:</u></b>	(June)	YTD
Building Permits Issued:	5	52
Safety Inspections:	1	14
Pass/Fail:	0/1	8/2

**Permit & Inspection Notes:**

- Safety Inspection → Carillon St (Fail)
- Repairs/Alterations Permit → Colonial St
- Pool Pad Permit → Summit St
- Pole Barn Permit → New Hague Rd
- Demolition Permit → Amherst Ave
- Shed Permit → Sagamore Dr.

<b><u>Code Violation Notices:</u></b>	(June)	YTD
Order to Remedy:	3	21
Remediated:	2	9
Clean-Up Contractor:	0	0
NYS DFS	0	0
Other:	0	0
Condemned:	0	1
Do Not Occupy:	0	1
Appearance Tickets:	0	0

**Code Violation Notes:**

- Garbage/Rubbish OTR → George St
- Mowing OTR → Treadway St & John St

<b><u>Miscellaneous:</u></b>	(June)	YTD
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*Complaints:	3	12
Resolved:	2	5/8

**Misc. Complaint Notes:**

- Complaint from Tenant on Carillon St about Possible Mold issue. Inspection took Place, OTR sent to owner.
- Complaint from Local Business about neighboring property being littered with Garbage/Rubbish, Mattress etc....
- Complaint about Camper on Killicut Mt Rd with possible septic run off, inspection took place, septic hooked up properly no issues found

**Trainings:** N/A

**Safety & Resource Grants (YTD):**

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

**Noteworthy Highlights / Achievements:** N/A

**Resolution #210-2021** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Tom Cunningham to request a reduction of speed on Kennedy and Birchwood Driver to 20 mph. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

**Building and Grounds – Dave Woods, Councilman**

- Repairs to railing at the Armory
- Misc. repairs around the Community Building

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

**Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman**

Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes  
July 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Joyce Cooper. Present were committee members Jerry Cooper, Bill Dolback, Nancy Kelley, Grant Spaulding and Tonya Thompson. Also in attendance were Jeff Cook, Supervisor Joe Giordano, Terry Smith, and Mark Wright.

**Heritage Museum Request:** Terry Smith addressed the committee asking that an 8’ by 2’ professionally designed sign in brown with the word “Museum” in gold letters be approved for the Heritage Museum at the entrance to Bicentennial Park. The sign would be placed between

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the building and road into the park. The museum board feels the sign might attract more visitors to the museum who might otherwise not notice the building as they drive by. The committee appreciated the museum's concern but did not support this specific sign due to its colors, size and location. The committee also expressed the need to publicize all three of the museums on the Montcalm Street corridor and direct visitors from the fort intersection to their locations. It was suggested that this sign project be directed to the Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership's Design Committee which has the task of overseeing the appearance of Montcalm Street and the streetscape plan which was developed for the town by Elan Associates. Terry will be advised when this committee is meeting.

**Vandalism:** Grant Spaulding informed the committee that park vandalism has increased recently with picnic tables defaced and benches torn out of the ground. An additional camera is needed at the Kissing Bridge. Trees are blocking some of the views of current cameras. A camera is also needed at the beach where recent vandalism includes paintball damage in the pavilion and at the beach building's entrance. The beach open/closed sign was also pulled out of the ground and wedged in a lifeguard chair.

**Park Bollards:** These have not been installed yet. When installed they may create a problem for the Grounds Crew who collect garbage twice weekly. They work on tight schedule and removing the bollards may present a problem. This crew only has 2 vehicles at their disposal, a pickup which is used for many tasks and the aging dump truck which is used for garbage removal. This issue will be addressed.

**New Location for Ground Crew:**

Joyce noted that when the police department has a new home, the Grounds Crew will also need one, preferably at a central location similar to their present one. This issue should probably be taken to the Municipal Facilities Committee.

**Eagle Scout Project:** Monty Benedict is making progress on his project. Baskets and pole is as well as benches have been ordered and delivered. Dave Woods and Highway Superintendent Sal Barnao are helping with some of the technical aspects of the project. His project includes the installation of several smaller height backboards and baskets for younger children.

**Public Comment:** Jeff Cook addressed the committee regarding the lack of maintenance of land at the western end of Tin Pan Alley bordering the Lake George Outlet. He feels the land should be maintained and used to launch canoes and kayaks as well as fishing as it was in the past. The property is presently overgrown and unattractive and is bordered by well-maintained properties. Concern was expressed about the width of the road and the lack of parking and space to turn around without using private driveways. Until recently some committee members did not know this property existed and were unsure what was or should be its intended use. Town Clerk Tonya Thompson will research the ownership, road width and right of way of this property and report at the August meeting of Parks and Recreation.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 17.

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**Resolution #211-2021** brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Mark Russell to regretfully accept the resignation of Emma Merfeld as Library Aide effective August 14, 2021. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #212-2021** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Joyce Cooper advertise for library aide, part-time, no benefits. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Human Services: Youth – Mark Russell, Councilman

Discussion was held on a job description for our Youth Director and Use of the Armory

**Resolution #213-2021** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Mark Russell to advertise for a Recreation Specialist for the 2022 Youth Ski Program. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

Sign-ups for the Fall Soccer Program will be held this coming Monday and Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Human Services: Seniors – Tom Cunningham, Councilman

Seniors are considering in person meetings again later this month or maybe September. However, with the recent uptick in the Coronavirus in the area – they will let us know when they decide to resume the meetings.

Health Insurance – Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

Meeting will be set up in September.

Contract Negotiations – Joseph Giordano, Supervisor

No meetings.

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

A few more upgrades to be made to our computer systems, much has been completed.

At Spectrum Northeast, LLC, (“Spectrum”) we continue to enhance our services in order to offer more entertainment and communication choices, and to deliver the best value to our customers.

We are committed to offering our customers products and services we are sure they will enjoy.



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Programming fees charged by TV networks we carry are the greatest single factor in higher cable

prices, and continue to rise. Despite our best efforts to control these costs, this has resulted in a change in the rates we charge our customers.

Spectrum previously notified you that customer pricing changes would take effect on or after June 2, 2021, however, there was a delay for a subset of customers in your area. Accordingly, effective on or after July 19, 2021, those customers are being notified via bill message of the following monthly pricing changes, which will take effect on or after August 19, 2021. Customer promotional rates will not change until the end of the promotion period.

**Services/Products/Equipment Pricing Adjustment**

Broadcast TV Surcharge Will increase by \$1.54. This reflects the costs incurred from local

Broadcast TV Stations.

Spectrum Receiver/Digital Adapter Will increase by \$1.00 per receiver/adapter.

This letter will serve as notice that on or around August 23, 2021, Spectrum Northeast, LLC, ("Spectrum"), will launch ESNE on SPP Latino View HD on channel 947 on the channel lineup serving your community.

This letter will serve as notice that on or around August 30, 2021, Spectrum Northeast, LLC, ("Spectrum"), will launch WCAX 3 Circle on SPP Basic/Tier Starter TV on channel 1256 on the channel lineup serving your community.

This letter will serve as notice that on or around August 30, 2021, Spectrum Northeast, LLC, ("Spectrum"), will launch WCAX 6 Weather on SPP Basic/Tier Starter TV on channel 1259 on the channel lineup serving your community.

This letter will serve as notice that on or around August 30, 2021, Spectrum Northeast, LLC, ("Spectrum"), will launch WYCI 3 Decades on SPP Basic/Tier Starter TV on channel 1266 on the channel lineup serving your community.

Councilwoman Cooper understands that they are installing cable on Putts Pond Road.

Supervisor Giordano acknowledged that we have made some progress at the County. Lake George and Lake Champlain Regional Planning Boards and some other counties in the North Country have been really taking a proactive approach to putting the pressure on the State and the Federal Government for additional funding for broadband.

Resolutions for Consideration

**Resolution #214-2021** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Tom Cunningham to accept/correct minutes of the Regular TB Meeting July 8, 2021. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

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**Resolution #215-2021** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Mark Russell to accept and award the Town Facilities Electrician bid to Hour Electric. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #216-2021** brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Joyce Cooper to accept the resignation of Terry Benedict from the Planning Board eff. July 26, 2021. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #217-2021** brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Mark Russell approving a proposed PILOT agreement by the Essex County Industrial Development Agency with respect to a certain project as described below to be undertaken by CHPE, LLC. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

**PILOT CONSENT RESOLUTION  
CHPE, LLC PROJECT**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Ticonderoga was convened on August 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA CONSENTING TO A PROPOSED PILOT AGREEMENT BY THE ESSEX COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS DESCRIBED BELOW) TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY CHPE, LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CERTIFICATE IN FURTHERANCE OF SAME**

WHEREAS, CHPE LLC, a New York limited liability company (the “Company”), has requested the assistance of Essex County Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) with a certain project (the “Project”) consisting of (a)(1) the acquisition of an interest in the Company’s interim permit and easement issued or to be issued by the New York State Office of General Services (“OGS”) in relation to submerged State-owned land located in the Towns of Chesterfield, Willsboro, Essex, Westport, Moriah, Crown Point and Ticonderoga, Essex County, New York (collectively, the “Land”), (2) the acquisition of two five-inch diameter high-voltage direct current (“HVDC”) transmission cables (the “Equipment”), and (3) the construction, installation and equipping on or under the Land of a fully-buried, up to 1,250-megawatt (“MW”) HVDC electric transmission line and related infrastructure (the “Improvements”, and together with the Land and Equipment, the “Project Facility”), all of the foregoing for use by the Company as a portion of an electric transmission line from the U.S.-Canada border to New York City, (b) the granting of certain “financial assistance” (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the foregoing, including exemptions from sales and use taxes,

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mortgage recording taxes, and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes) (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”); and (c) the lease of the Project Facility by the Agency back to the Company; all as contemplated by and in furtherance of the purposes of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Application for Financial Assistance (the “Application”) submitted by the Company to the Agency, the Project is expected to (i) entail a capital investment of approximately \$221 million in Essex County; (ii) create significant jobs and economic activity on a transmission system-wide basis, including more than 1,000 direct full-time jobs in New York State over the four year construction period, and over 800 long-term jobs in New York State once operational; and (iii) create substantial and sustained increase in revenue for involved tax jurisdictions with a PILOT proposal of approximately \$82 million in new revenue for involved Essex County tax jurisdictions during the first 30 years of operation; and WHEREAS, the Agency’s Uniform Tax Exemption Policy provides that projects whose terms deviate from the standard must notify and secure the consent of local taxing jurisdictions in order to structure the terms of a payment in lieu of tax agreement (the “PILOT Agreement”); and WHEREAS, in connection with the Application, and in furtherance of the Project’s positive financial impact within the Town of Ticonderoga and the County of Essex, the Company has requested the Town’s support and consent in establishing the terms of the PILOT Agreement as outlined below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF TICONDEROGA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Town hereby authorizes the Agency and the Company to enter into the PILOT Agreement whereby the schedule of payments to be made under the PILOT Agreement is more particularly described in Schedule A, which is attached to the Certificate (as hereinafter defined).

Section 2. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a consent certificate (the “Certificate”), in the form attached hereto, such Certificate to be delivered to the Agency as evidence of the Town’s consent to enter into the PILOT Agreement.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately. The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Supervisor Giordano	X	[]	[]	[]
Councilwoman Cooper	X	[]	[]	[]
Councilman Russell	X	[]	[]	[]
Councilman Woods	X	[]	[]	[]
Councilman Cunningham	X	[]	[]	[]

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

**Resolution #218-2021** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by authorizing the creation of the following new Budget Accounts:

- T.0028.3001            Clinton County SCU
- H53.0626.010        BAN Commercial Short-Term Loan (Portage Project)

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

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**Resolution #219-2021** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the following Budget Transfers:

A.1989.400	Contingency	(\$8,753.36)
A.1375.400	Credit Card Fees	\$12.26
A.1410.861	Town Clerk Benefits	\$7,102.10
A.6772.496	Program for the Aging Drug Screening	\$64.00
A.8160.411	Refuse & Garbage Coupons	\$175.00
A.8810.461	Cemetery General Supplies	\$800.00
A.8810.464	Cemetery Motor Fuel	\$600.00

Fund General accounts from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$41,283.47)

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

**Resolution #220-2021** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Dave Woods authorizing the following Budget Adjustment:

SS05.8110.492 Sewer District Wastewater Contractor \$283,000.00

Fund account from C/R Sewer per Resolution# 54-2021 (AES Project# 4932 WWTP

Ventilation / T. McElligott) **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

**Resolution #221-2021** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Tom Cunningham authorizing the following Inter-Fund Transfer:

A.9950.900	General Inter-fund Transfer	(\$1,124.00)
H61.5031	Eagle Lake Water Project	\$1,124.00

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

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

**Resolution #222-2021** brought by Mark Russell, seconded by Tom Cunningham authorizing the following Inter-Fund Loans:

SW06.0391	Central Water Due From Other Funds	(\$19,857.62)
H63.0630	Water Meter Project Due To Other Funds	\$ 19,857.62

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

A.0391	General Due From Other Funds	(\$2,302.08)
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H19.0630	Airport Apron Project Due To Other Funds	\$ 2,302.08
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Transfer funds from General to Airport Apron project under funding is received.

SW06.0391	Central Water Due From Other Funds	(\$16.00)
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H36.0630	Drinking Water Project Due To Other Funds	\$16.00
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Transfer funds from Central Water to Master Drinking Water project until funding is received.

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

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**Resolution # 223-2021** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to Pay the Abstract of #8 - 2021. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

<b>Board Meeting Date 8/12/2021</b>			
Gross Payroll # 15	111,632.72		
Gross Payroll # 16	112,477.83		
<b>Trust &amp; Agency Total</b>	<b>\$224,110.55</b>		
<b>Pre-Pays:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		

<b>ABSTRACT #8</b>	<b>8/12/2021</b>	<b>YTD Revenue</b>	<b>YTD Expenses</b>
General (A)	136,616.50	3,835,399.63	2,070,823.46
CD20 LaChute Trail Connector		-	-
CD21 LISC Zombie	-	30,250.00	3,000.00
CM Library Trust Special		8.08	-
Highway (DA)	387,940.70	1,190,587.84	1,216,120.64
H17 - Ticonderoga Airport Improvements		-	-
H18 - Airport Pavement Management	-	13,181.58	12,693.89
H19 - Airport Apron Reconstruction / Taxiway Rehab	541.92	19,999.11	12,160.08
H20 - Airport Environmental Assessment		-	1,800.00
H36 - C/P Chilson Res. Replacement	16.00	0.16	11,456.85
H45 - C/P Equipment Purchase		-	-
H48 - FEMA Chilson Water Main		263,064.75	-
H49 - GIGP Daylight Streaming		-	-

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H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP Disinfection	-	3,590.45	3,570.52
H51 - Res & Design French Sawmill	-	-	37,605.00
H53 - Clean Water Main Project	801,953.84	1,427,197.31	2,324,730.60
H54 - LaChute Signage Grant		-	-
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know		2.32	-
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path		0.59	-
H58 - WWTP HVAC Project		24.70	-
H59 - LCBP Storm Water Sewer Separation		124,541.43	-
H60 - Veterans RD Culvert/Bridge NY Project	-	-	54,145.10
H61 - Chilson/Eagle Lake Water Exploration	1,124.00	40,487.03	37,915.04
H62 - Lead Service Line Replacement Grant	294.80	22,385.43	22,529.15
H63 - Water Meter Project	19,857.62	-	58,808.43
PN - Permanent Fund Mt. Hope Cemetery		8.09	-
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)	32.03	4,558.86	1,164.44
Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)	11,321.45	35,210.34	34,102.16
Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)	7,590.46	24,504.63	23,706.95
Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)	3,743.44	13,126.80	12,408.45
Central Sewer (SS05)	35,208.78	945,380.79	762,252.36
Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)	16,210.77	54,844.79	48,530.33
Delano Point Sewer (SS07)	3,739.85	14,564.00	14,845.72

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Baldwin Road Sewer Dist (SS08)	5,654.07	32,738.12	34,808.89
Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	20,363.19	194,575.25	159,172.74
Hague Road Sewer (SS10)	2,905.35	8,740.11	7,765.44
9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)	7,573.74	21,180.75	20,340.71
9N & 74 Water (SW01)	14,747.40	45,458.98	44,257.54
Street Road Water (SW02)	6,085.80	22,626.45	18,257.40
Alex Avenue I Water District (SW03)	6,048.00	18,921.39	18,144.00
Homelands Water District (SW04)	2,397.60	7,562.46	7,192.80
Alex Ave II Water District (SW05)	9,363.60	28,692.19	28,090.80
Central Water (SW06)	221,652.76	792,541.20	710,187.70
Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)	7,122.60	21,622.62	21,367.80
Shore Airport Water (SW09)	20,250.10	171,008.85	183,737.91
<b>Multi Account Total</b>	<b>1,750,356.37</b>	<b>10,030,182.08</b>	<b>8,619,287.90</b>
<b>Total Expenditures This Abstract</b>	<b>\$1,974,466.92</b>		

**Resolution #224-2021** brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Tom Cunningham to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted. **All in Favor** Joseph Giordano – Aye, Mark Russell – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.**

## Supervisor's Report

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Account Title	GFNB	NYCLASS	GFNB ICS	Total
General	25,817.09	166,340.69	4,895,317.88	5,087,475.66
Airport	37,250.50			37,250.50
Highway	12,505.73	83,758.04	1,769,070.63	1,865,334.40
H17 - Airport	-			-

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H36 - Master Drinking Water	-			-
Clean Water H49 H50 H53	169,320.87			169,320.87
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right to Know	-			-
H57 - Parking Lot Cannonball Path	-			-
H58 - WWTP - HVAC Planning Grant	-			-
H59 - LCBP NEIWPC	-			-
H61 - Chilson Eagle Lake Project	-			-
<b>All other Capital Projects</b>	<b>1,486,795.30</b>			
SS01 - Claymore				-
SS02 - Park Ave				-
SS03 - Alex Ave				-
SS04 - Homelands				-
<b>SS05 &amp; All Districts</b>	<b>595,508.95</b>	<b>682,678.24</b>	<b>535,478.91</b>	<b>1,813,666.10</b>
<b>SW06 - Central Water All Districts</b>	<b>330,572.03</b>	<b>503,531.09</b>	<b>550,959.39</b>	<b>1,385,062.51</b>
C/R - Carillon Park	-	5,121.54		5,121.54
C/R - Liberty Monument	-	504.87		504.87
C/R - Unemployment	-	30,273.93		30,273.93
C/R - Police Equipment	-	54,376.73		54,376.73
C/R - Senior Bus	-	306.37		306.37
C/R - Frazier Bridge	-	6,606.44		6,606.44
C/R - Forfeiture	-	1,731.20		1,731.20
C/R - Building Improvement	-	325,569.16		325,569.16
C/R - Highway Equipment	-	49,631.10		49,631.10
C/R - Sewer Equipment + Infrastructure	-	7,058.97		7,058.97



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C/R - Sewer Repair	-	100,406.01		100,406.01
C/R - Water Equipment + Infrastructure	-	243,121.85		243,121.85
C/R - Water Repair	-	16,211.19		16,211.19
0	-			-
Library Trust	-	33,998.84		33,998.84
Mount Hope Cemetery	-	34,153.02		34,153.02
				11,267,181.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,657,770.47</b>	<b>2,345,379.28</b>	<b>7,750,826.81</b>	<b>12,753,976.56</b>

Town Attorney - Matthew Fuller

The Town Board has until December 31, 2021, to pass a local law at the Town Level to request the Cannabis Control Board to prohibit on site consumption licenses or retail sale licenses in the Town.

The Board agreed to start this procedure, further discussion will be held at a later date if the board decides to repeal this law.

We have need to have a discussion about a piece of property on Burgoyne that Councilman Cunningham now owns and years ago there was a boundary swap with the Town and the owner at that time. The survey shows that there is a sewer main on that property, there needs to be an easement and then we would need an offer for a dedication from Mr. Cunningham's LLC to the Town Board and the Board can adopt a similar resolution and of course Mr. Cunningham will need to recuse himself from that action. We should have known about this at the time of the property swap, but this will take care of it.

The Portage project, last month, ran into an issue with EFC fronting the money on the 5-million-dollar grant that we received. We were able to work with the Bond counsel to get that covered through alternate financing. In the meantime, EFC is going back to correct this wrong. This was a very interesting situation and nothing he had ever seen before. We will keep closer ties with EFC going forward.

Public Comments

Jeff Cook is here to speak about the minutes from the Parks and Rec meeting in regards to Tin Pan Alley of potentially becoming a Canoe/Kayak access site. It was discussed and there were

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concerns about the road width and there were a few other concerns. He did some research on his own and received a copy of the tax map showing the roadway through there. It was discussed with Bill Dolback who was at the meeting that this was a Town road, actually a Village Road of the Village of Alexandria which pre-dated the Village of Ticonderoga. He has provided this map to Tonya and assumes that she has given everyone copies. That actually showed that it is a two-chain road, which equals a 60-foot-wide road. It is not the width of the black top that is there. He spoke to John Deming, and his recollection is that this is 60-foot-wide road and he also referred to the 1808 map.. Mr. Cook also spoke to the director of the Lake George Park Commission and told him that he was not a representative of the Town, but simply asking a question about Canoe/Kayak launches and he said that Lake George Park Commission does not take jurisdiction over what he termed as a car top launch. If this does come to fruition, then he would like the Town to notify LGPC, but they don't control that same as a regular boat launch. The area prior to the state making a boat launch, was a Town boat launch for many years, there is cribbing still in the lake from where the dock system was in there. It hasn't been maintained for probably 30 years other than being plowed. He knows people on the street that have gone down there and cleaned it up off and on over the years. Nobody has done that recently and it is completely overgrown. The one thing that he has a big concern over is Ticonderoga, to the best of his knowledge, within their boundaries, is the only municipality that has no access to Lake George. We have the beach, which is in the Town of Putnam, which you have issues with what was discussed earlier. Technically, you would need to contact Warren County and ask for them to request Ti to go there and respond unless it is an emergency.....that is another subject. A suggestion is you should contact Warren ---- Washington county and make up some sort of written protocol so the police can respond automatically. Right now, there is nothing there. Anyhow, it would be detrimental in the long run to either get rid of or to disregard that piece of property. His big concern is that he has heard some discussion of potentially surplus it and selling it. Right now, it benefits three people. He can't see where we have something that is the Town's doing, why would it not be beneficial to make that an access point for a certain couple specific purposes and if nothing else, keep that property under the Town's thumb. To get rid of the only piece of viable property the town has for access to the lake would be ludicrous in his opinion. A neighbor of his brought it to his attention, that is why he brought it to the committee's attention. A former board member has also talked to him about it, he just thinks that this would be an ideal situation. There was concern about it being too overwhelming to take care of. It would probably take a day's work to take care of it once and he is sure people would assist in taking care of it following that. There are a number of people that have volunteered to help do what can be done. His understanding from when he was on the board is that there is actually a garage built on top of the Town's property. Same as there has been a garage on Lord Howe Street built on top of a sewer line. That is neither here nor there, but the point being is the Town taxpayers have been paid for years and years and years, paid taxes, why not have access to that. All the information he provided....

Councilwoman Cooper stated that this subject is on the agenda for further discussion at the Parks and Rec committee next week.

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Mr. Dedrick stated that he has a couple of things, first is that he has received a ton of complaints on Spectrum. They have raised his rates by 18%, and this doesn't make sense to him. He did reach out to Dan Stec and Elise Stefanic, and she did contact the FCC regarding this because these are exorbitant increases. Absolutely outrageous. In fact, he knows a lot of people that have cancelled Spectrum. Then he sees in your report that they are increasing broadcast TV surcharge and also increasing every receiver and digital adapter by a dollar. He thinks the Town needs to take a stand, if you keep getting complaints and he sure has. Spectrum has gotten out of control. They are a monopoly, there is no competition so they can raise your rates. If this continues, a letter has to come from the Town Board, you are the administrator of Spectrum. The Town is the administrator's of Spectrum. You can send a letter in a heartbeat saying that these prices are out of control and that you are getting a lot of complaints.

Next, Councilman Russell – when is your next Municipal Facilities Meeting? He got a chance to talk with Tom (Cunningham) and he talked with him about the Police Department building and he still has concerns about that and he was really good and talked him through it. Again, he is thinking about a 30-year-old building and why aren't we renovating that, and he got a chance to talk with Tom so he understands a little bit more, but he would like to understand a lot more. You are talking about 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of a use of it. If you put the court up there and you put the probation office up there and the police up there, he is not sure why you wouldn't use up to 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of it. He isn't questioning it, but he would like to become more informed. People probably think that Dave got to him, but nobody gets to Bob Dedrick. He is just as close to everyone of you as he is to Dave, but the police department way back has always been dear to his heart and the sooner we get them established the happier the people of Ticonderoga are going to be. They have been sitting in that pile over there long enough. It is about time that we make some kind of progress, and he thinks the progress that would be made to him and again he is not against it, but to take the HHHN building and renovate that for a police department. Again, Tom tried to steer him in other directions, so he wants to get more informed. So, he is asking when is the next meeting because he would like to attend them.

Councilman Russell stated that we are working on getting it scheduled in the evening.

Mr. Dedrick asked when were they being held.

Councilman Cunningham stated that they were being held at 1:00 in the afternoon on Tuesdays when we hold all of our other committee meetings.

Mr. Dedrick stated that he knew there was a reason why he couldn't make it because Tuesday's he drives that stupid senior bus. (Laughter) He apologizes, he shouldn't have said that.

Councilman Russell stated that we really need to be careful, what he understands is that there is a lot of passion about keeping other potential uses of that building out and not mixing those discussions because they are two very .....

Mr. Dedrick agrees you can't mix them, you have to separate them....

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Councilman Russell continued with that is where most of this feedback has been coming and there are two very different discussions. He fully agrees .... the Police Department, since we have taken this on, has made good progress. If you put it on a timeline, when the discussions started about the police department and how much we have been working on and the timeline starts here (figuratively) and we have moved this much of it that we have really been really engaged in it, at least this board. He takes it a little personally when he gets criticism, which is fine, but he thinks we have moved pretty quickly. Some of that he appreciates the input on, the resources that have been coming in – someone just said the old car was on Alexandria Avenue – they are very passionate about it, and that same person came to Joe.....

Mr. Dedrick stated, be careful – don't be thin skinned. He has been in that position, and he understands where you are coming from, and it is not easy where you are. Believe him, he knows that better than anyone, so it is not anything personal, it is.... To him, he is looking out for the police department. Period. He is sure you are as everyone else, he just wants to attend the meetings, that is all. He also was thinking about this also, we had an oil spill up there and it cost the Town an arm and a leg to remove that – have you ever had any studies done – looking at that ground if you are going to build on that piece of property? There is a huge amount of oil and salt on that ground....

Councilman Russell noted that this is why we have those professionals working for us. They will look at that.

Mr. Dedrick asked why the engineer hadn't already done that, you have spent \$10,000 – they have done that? He is just saying from his experience, it costs us thousands and thousands and thousands of dollars for the removal of that topsoil.

Councilman Russell stated that the engineering partners think this is a viable site and they think it may work and there may be challenges.

Mark Wright asked when the bollards will be installed (park) haven't we had them for like two years?

Councilwoman Cooper noted that this is being addressed. She is not going to give you a time thing because she will not talk about Grant's time.

Mr. Wright asked how long does it take to remove a bollard?

Councilwoman Cooper expressed that she does not know.

Mr. Wright stated that it can't possibly be hours that would be involved of parks and rec's time..

Councilwoman Cooper believes the issue is needing an additional vehicle to pick up the garbage.

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Mr. Wright stated that is a totally separate issue.

Councilwoman Cooper stated that it is, and it isn't.

Mr. Wright stated that it isn't....ok, he just thinks that the Town has expended money to buy these bollards and then you have parks and rec not wanting to install them.

Councilwoman Cooper stated that it wasn't true that they didn't want to install them....

Mr. Wright stated that he sat right here and listened.... He would like to see them installed, because if they are not installed then it just continues to create those other conflicts and cost us more money in the long run.. He also mentioned that the light pole that was put in next to the Heritage Museum, the light never lights up.

Mr. Cook asked about money to re-do the pavement (in the park). He has heard in meetings that the trucks don't fit on the black top. He would suggest making it wide enough, so they fit.

Councilwoman Cooper stated that we have money, we want to do a section by removing the blacktop and putting something different underneath. We need to ask IP for permission to do this.

More discussion on paving the walk in the park, this will be brought up at parks and rec.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

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**Pledge to the Flag**

**Presentations**

**Public Hearing**

- Regarding introducing proposed MPR for Chilson Eagle Lake
- Regarding the American Rescue Plan Act Funding from the Federal Government and listening to the input on how to use the funds
- Regarding the introduction of the Proposed Local Law Regulating Sewer Use and Septic Systems in the Town of Ticonderoga

**Opening Remarks -- Announcements:**

Coronavirus Update & Notifications

Community Cleanup Days – August 24, 25 & 26

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- Senior Citizens can call Highway Depart (518-585-7317) to schedule pickup  
Hazardous Waste Days – August 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00am -1:00pm at Town Highway Shed  
Essex County Update
- Retention and Recruitment
- Farmer’s Market Coupons left (reach out to OFA)
- Chalk the Walk – Essex Count Community-Wide Awareness Program

Board of Health – no report

**Committee reports:**

Public Works JG

RESOLUTION to approve Agreement with AES for Long Term Control Plan Project services (AES Project #5001) awarded through an EFC Engineering Planning Grant (\$100,000) in addition to a Town match of \$20,000 through in-kind services

RESOLUTION to appoint Nancy Treadway as Water/Sewer clerk, part-time, no benefits at the hourly rate of \$19.87 and to waive the pre-employment screening process

Highway / Transfer Station TC

Municipal Facility Evaluation: MR

Airport JG

RESOLUTION to accept the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 (ARPA) grant in the amount of \$22,000.00 to be expended at the Ticonderoga Municipal Airport and to authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement with the FAA

RESOLUTION to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Passero Associates for the Environmental Assessment Project at the Ticonderoga Municipal Airport (4B6) in the amount of \$162,400.00 and to authorize the supervisor to execute said contract

RESOLUTION to authorize the supervisor to execute the grant agreement with the FAA for the Environmental Assessment Project at the airport

Public Safety DW

Building Grounds Parks Rec Library DW/JC

RESOLUTION to accept the resignation of Emma Merfeld as Library Aide effective August 14, 2021

RESOLUTION to advertise for library aide, part-time, no benefits

Human Services: Youth MR

RESOLUTION to advertise for a Recreation Specialist for the 2021-2022 Youth Ski Program

Announce Fall Soccer sign-ups August 16 & 17 from 5-7pm Community Bldg

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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 July 8, 2021

RESOLUTION to accept and award the Town Facilities Electrician bid to Hour Electric

RESOLUTION to accept the resignation of Terry Benedict from the Planning Board eff. July 26, 2021

RESOLUTION to appoint Amy Beeman as the Minority Business Officer for the Town of Ticonderoga

RESOLUTION authorizing the creation of the following new Budget Accounts:

- o T.0028.3001 Clinton County SCU
- o H53.0626.010 BAN Commercial Short Term Loan (Portage Project)

RESOLUTION authorizing the following Budget Transfers:

- o A.1989.400 Contingency (\$8,753.36)
- o A.1375.400 Credit Card Fees \$12.26
- o A.1410.861 Town Clerk Benefits \$7,102.10
- o A.6772.496 Program for the Aging Drug Screening \$64.00
- o A.8160.411 Refuse & Garbage Coupons \$175.00
- o A.8810.461 Cemetery General Supplies \$800.00
- o A.8810.464 Cemetery Motor Fuel \$600.00

Fund General accounts from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$41,283.47)

RESOLUTION authorizing the following Budget Adjustment:

- o SS05.8110.492 Sewer District Wastewater Contractor \$283,000.00

Fund account from C/R Sewer ????? per Resolution# 54-2021 (AES Project# 4932 WWTP

Ventilation / T. McElligott)

RESOLUTION authorizing the following Inter-Fund Transfer:

- o A.9950.900 General Inter-fund Transfer (\$1,124.00)
- o H61.5031 Eagle Lake Water Project \$1,124.00

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 (\$19,857.62)
- o H63.0630 Water Meter Project Due To Other Funds \$ 19,857.62

