

**Regular Town Board Meeting held September 12, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall**

**In Schroon Lake N.Y.**

**Present:**

**Town Supervisor:** Cathy Moses

**Councilpersons:** Roger Friedman, Mark Whitney, Meg Wood (Clara Phibbs – Excused)

**Highway Superintendent:** Dana Shaughnessy

**Town Clerk:** Patricia Savarie

**Also Present:** Linda Milsom, Rosemarie Ritson, Albert May, Denis Christian, Mike Marnell and Bill and Chris Tribou, Skip and Fran Mahler, Anne and Peter Durkee, Paul McCann Sr., Bob and Jane Claus, Jane Bouchard and Harold Karaka

Supervisor Moses called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with a Pledge to the Flag.

**Art Council Presentation**

Jack Osbourne, President of the Arts Council, thanked the Town board for their support over the many years and realizes that the Board would like the different organizations that they support with taxpayers money to become more self sufficient. Budget time is approaching and Jack stated that they have less members this year and one of their big supporters had not given them as much this year. Jack stated that they need to start planning for next year and would probably have to downsize.

**Generator for Ski Tow**

Supervisor Moses stated that the board needed to be thinking about the generator at the Ski Tow for this winter. Jim Roblee from the Wastewater Department has an extra generator but at this time he is not comfortable with parting with it because of emergency situations. Supervisor Moses recommendation would be to rent a generator for the winter months the cost would be \$1800.00 a month. Councilman Whitney suggested that they go back to Jim Roblee and ask him again for the generator and let him know if he has an emergency he could rent one. Supervisor Moses will go back to Jim Roblee and ask him if he would consider this.

### **Boat House Roof Repairs**

Supervisor Moses stated that Keith Merrill had looked at the Boat House interior roof and the rafters and gave his suggestions. Keith estimated 120 - 200 hours with three men at the rate of \$80.00 an hour (\$40.00 for Keith and \$20.00 each for 2 workers) and \$1800.00 in materials. Councilman Whitney moved to **table** this until budget time, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

### **Public Participation**

Jane Bouchard would like to thank the Town for the wonderful firework display after the Street Dance September 3, 2011. Jane also stated that the Summer Reading Program was a great success with 62 readers involved reading 2840 books. Anne Durkee stated that the Library Crafts were a great success also and was very popular.

Bob Claus suggested that the Town should think about putting up digital signs at both ends of town to display their speed since there was a four car accident this past week by the bank. Councilman Whitney suggested that they discuss again the possibility to limit parking by the Glens Falls National Bank and at the corner of Route 9 and Leland Avenue since the visibility is poor for people to pull out. Dodie Seagle suggested that a petition stating, no parking in the limited visibility areas, may convince the Board to change their mind on this.

Peter Durkee stated that his phone service on Hoffman Road with Verizon has been very poor since 2002 and seems to be getting worse. He is very concerned since he and his neighbors have many health issues. Peter has sent letters to the State Commissioner and feels it is time for the Town to become involved. Supervisor Moses has been in contact with Betty Little's office and they are looking into it. Peter would like something in writing stating that Verizon has installed new cables and not repaired cables going up Hoffman Road and also Loch Muller Road.

Harold Karaka would like to know if the Board is upgrading the lights in the Town Hall with the NYSERDA Grant money. Harold stated that he had gotten three quotes and the lowest quote for materials was \$2,282.00. Supervisor Moses stated that he could go forward to do the work.

Mike Marnell suggested that the Town call Mike Howard to repair the Hockey Rink with his Foam installation that he uses on homes to see if that would help with the leaks around the edge of the Hockey Rink.

**Resolution #160 Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Whitney moved a resolution to approve the Special Town Board Meeting minutes from August 8, 2011 at 5 P.M. with the addition of Ralph Cook's comments to say that the new Library exterior should have an Adirondack architectural integrity, seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to approve the Regular Town Board Meeting minutes from August 8, 2011 at 6 P.M. ,seconded by Councilman Whitney; carried.

**Resolution #161 Audit of Claim**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to approve the bills to be paid as reviewed, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

General \$34,158.31 Highway \$21,352.41 Sewer \$3,774.47 Water \$3,152.90

Sewer Project \$81,175.04

**Thank You to Volunteers for the Street Dance**

Supervisor Moses expressed her many thanks to all those who helped make the Street Dance a great success, the Schroon Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Essex County Sheriffs and the New York State Police.

**Thank You to Sharon and Mark Piper**

Supervisor Moses would like to thank Sharon Piper for organizing the Community Garden this summer, it was a great success, and Mark Piper for donating his time to play in the Park on Saturday afternoons performing his music free of charge for the public to enjoy.

**Thank You to Dave Valentine**

The Schroon Lake Ladies Golf League would like to commend Dave Valentine, the newest ranger at the Golf Course. He is always attentive, helpful and has wonderful people skills. He helps provide for a rewarding golf experience.

### **Thank You to Parks and Highway Department**

Liz and Dave Insull would like to thank the Parks Department and the Highway Department for cleaning up after the devastating rains and floods. She said “We can only give high praise and thanks for the time and work that it took to restore the Park, Beach and Boat House.”

### **Resolution #162 Park District Minutes**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to accept the Park District Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

### **Resolution #163 Planning Board Minutes**

Councilman Whitney moved a resolution to accept the Planning Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

### **Resolution #164 Adirondack Partnership Smart Growth Grant**

#### **RESOLUTION NO 164**

#### **AUTHORIZATON TO SIGN ADIRONDACK PARTNERSHIP MOA AND NAMING COUNCILWOMAN WOOD AS THE TOWN OF SCHROON DESIGNEE**

**DATED: SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

**BY: COUNCILMAN WHITNEY**

WHEREAS, many organizations within the Adirondacks have identified planning resources, a regional planning structure, and a strong regional voice as a need, and

WHEREAS, AATV through a partnership with ANCA, was successful in creating a great deal of meaningful data and information through APRAP, and

WHEREAS, it is important that the data created gets utilized and updated, and

WHEREAS, one of the first planning priorities needs to be the development of successful economic strategies for the Adirondack Park, and

WHEREAS, the local governments at the grassroots level are best equipped to lead this effort, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that such a process must include; Towns, Villages, Counties, State Agencies and other partners, and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Partnership is structured to accomplish this, and

WHEREAS, through the funding of Adirondack Community Trust this can be accomplished with no cost to the partners. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Schroon is hereby authorized to enter into the Adirondack Partnership MOA, and be it further

RESOLVED, Meg Wood be named as the Town Representative to the Adirondack Partnership, and be it also

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages.

Seconded by Councilman Friedman and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor Moses, Councilman Friedman, Councilman Whitney and Councilwoman Wood

NAYS:

ABSENT: Councilwoman Phibbs

**Resolution #165 Planning Board Secretary**

Supervisor Moses moved a resolution to hire Betsi Callhoun to record the minutes for the Planning Board Meeting at the rate of \$9.78 per hour, seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

**Road Name Considered**

Supervisor Moses moved to **Table** the road name for Albounorm Way until Don Sage can go back to the residents of that area and suggest Jacob Way or 532 US Route 9, seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

**Resolution #166 Court Audit**

Councilman Whitney moved a resolution to approve the audit of the Town of Schroon Court records and dockets as reviewed, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

**Resolution #167 Pre-Disaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to accept the Pre-Disaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded unanimously; carried.

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon with the assistance from Friends of the North Country, Inc., has gathered information and prepared the Essex County PreDisaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Essex County PreDisaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Schroon Town Council that the Town of Schroon adopts the Essex County PreDisaster Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011 at the meeting of the Town of Schroon

**Change October Regular Town Board Meeting**

**October 12, 2011 Regular Town Board Meeting**

**Budget Workshops**

**September 19, 2011 at 1:30 P.M. in Supervisors Office**

**September 28, 2011 at 8:30 A.M. in Supervisors Office**

**October 12, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. in Supervisors Office**

**Resolution # 168 Appoint Lifeguards**

Councilman Whitney moved a resolution to accept Ian Lowe and Brianna Hammond as Lifeguards at the rate of \$8.73 an hour, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

**Snowmobile Trails on Town Roads**

Councilman Friedman suggested that Dana Shaughnessy, Highway Superintendent and Dwayne Anderson, President for the Snowmobile Club, update the roads and come back with their recommendations to the Board which Town Roads would qualify for snowmobile trails.

**Resolution #169 Reuben Mick's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**TOWN OF SCHROON**

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS**

**TO REUBEN C MICK**

**ON HIS "100TH BIRTHDAY" CELEBRATION**

The following resolution was moved and seconded unanimously.

**WHEREAS**, Reuben C. Mick has been a respected member of our community for many years, and

**WHEREAS**, Reuben C. Mick has dedicated his life to the "education of youth" in his capacity as a Physical Education Teacher and in school administration as Superintendent of Schools at Wells, New York; Pottersville, New York and at North Warren Central School in Chestertown, NY where he retired in 1975, and

**WHEREAS**, Reuben C. Mick served as an active member of our community at our Schroon Lake Golf Course for several summers; as a member of our Zoning Board of Appeals; as a member our Our Lady of Lourdes Parish; and he was bestowed the honor of "Man of the Year" as a member of our Schroon Lake Lions Club, and

**WHEREAS**, Reuben C. Mick was known to be a devoted husband of 67 years to his lovely wife Jane Kelly Mick, and the loving father of Mary Mick; Diane Mick Feldman; Cathie Mick Miller and Noel Mick Moschetta, along with four grandchildren – Lisa Toucey, William Mahar, Benjamin Miller and Julia Moschetta; and two great grandchildren – Evan Touchy and Malin Standridge Mahar, and

**WHEREAS**, if one knew Mr. Mick, you know were always greeted with his pleasant personality, his warm smile and his gentle manner,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Schroon hereby congratulates Mr. Reuben Mick on the celebration of this “**100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY**”, and wishes him many more very happy birthdays!!

**Resolution #170 Authorize Superintendent to Apply for Energy Audit**

A Resolution to Authorize the Supervisor to Apply for Energy Audits and Technical Assistance for Municipally-Owned Buildings

Whereas, the New York State Legislature and Governor have identified energy efficiency as an important goal for New York’s public facilities and have established programs to assist in the fulfillment of that goal; and

Whereas the Town of Schroon is participating in a Community Energy Efficiency Management Pilot that will assist in improving the energy efficiency in the Town of Schroon; and

Whereas the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) offers an energy audit program for commercial spaces that will provide an energy efficiency road map for each facility at a cost of \$100 per building; and

Whereas NYSERDA also offers a technical assistance service for existing buildings experiencing significant rehabilitation;

Now be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Schroon authorizes the Supervisor to submit applications for energy audits to the NYSERDA Energy Audit Program on the following town buildings at a cost of \$100 per audit with funds to come from the accounts listed below:

<b>Building</b>	<b>Account Fee Paid From Account #</b>
Town Highway Garage	A00-04-5132.400
Town Landfill Building	A00-01-1620.403
Town Wastewater Treatment Plant	550-07-8110.400
Town Parks Building	A00-01-1620.402

And, let it be further resolved that an application be submitted to NYSERDA for its Existing Building Program for the building formerly housing the Schroon Volunteer Fire Department and now owned by the Town for technical assistance services to aid in improving the energy efficiency of the rehabilitation of the building.

Mark Whitney    Aye

Clara Phibbs    Excused

Roger Friedman    Aye

Meg Wood        Aye

Cathy Moses     Aye

**Tennis and Basketball Court**

Supervisor Moses received a quote from Vermont Tennis Court Surfacing for repairs to the Tennis and Basketball Courts. The Board would like her to get a few more quotes to repair these areas and get back to the Board during the Budget Workshops.

**Abandoned Car at Old Firehouse**

Supervisor Moses stated a gentleman from Pottersville was interested in the 1972 Pontiac Car that is abandoned behind the old Firehouse. The Town of Schroon owns the Firehouse but is not sure who owns the car. The Board would like Supervisor Moses call Motor vehicle and see who it belongs to before selling it.

**Board Comments**

Councilwoman Wood stated that the Adirondack Park Regional Assessment Project has updated the 2008 study to include new data on park school enrollments and changes in overall population. Copies will be available in the Town Clerk's office.

Councilman Friedman stated that he has a proposal for a joint agreement between the Towns of Chester, Horicon and Schroon regarding an emergency Milfoil Fund and passed it out to the Board. He would like to know the thoughts of the Board on this and get back to him on it. Councilman Friedman suggested that Essex County consider adopting an "invasives" local law similar to that passed by Warren County.

Councilwoman Wood moved to adjourn at 8:50 P.M., seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

I, Patricia J. Savarie, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct transcript from the minutes now on file in my office and of the whole such original minutes.

Dated: September 23, 2011 \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk



