

Special Town Board Meeting held June 12, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at the Town Hall

in Schroon Lake N.Y.

Present:

Town Supervisor: Michael Marnell

Councilpersons: Roger Friedman, Meg Wood, Don Sage and Clara Phibb

Town Clerk: Patricia Savarie

Also Present: Albert May, Rosemarie Ritson, Steve Cass, Agnes Harris, Judy Weissman, Jane and Bob Claus, Michel Michelsen Lee, Sue Repko, Val Pachla, Dan Riggins, Dan Hay, Chuck and Nancy Harste

Supervisor Marnell called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. with a salute to the Flag.

Public Participation

A letter from Joan Cunningham was read out loud in support of the proposed waterfront development sponsored by Julia Pitkin Shantz it stated, the project is essential to the long term success of the Town and the business community's efforts to increase the marketability of our community as a tourist destination. She also would like to applaud the Board for increasing accessibility through their mobi-mat program and look forward to putting her feet in the water.

Jane Claus is in full support of the Consolidated Grant application for Seagle Colony, Inn on Schroon Lake and the Chamber of Commerce and would like the Board to support it.

Judy Weissman stated she had grown up in Schroon Lake and is in full support of the Grant and feels the Town needs more lodging. I don't see this changing the town but bringing it back to the way it was. It can only be a positive thing if it happens.

Christy Keppler stated she was speaking on behalf of the Keppler family. Her family has many concerns, one being the bad smell from the Sewage Plant. How can you have a 41 room lodge with the smells of the plant? The water lily's that are in the lake by their house are now covered with algae. My family has real concerns as to what Julia will be building. Is the grant that she is applying for a matching grant? Councilman Friedman stated it was a reimbursable grant, she put up \$800,000.00 and then gets reimbursed. You can only get 20% of your total project. Julia has received 10% so far and is going for the other 10% in this new grant application. Christy asked if any architectural engineering design plans had been drawn up for the Lodge and the Board stated no. The Keppler's also have

concerns about the right away road that they have, it has been a mess with garbage and also the beach area. We have many people who come down and think it is a public beach and pull right up in their boats and then get upset when you tell them it is a private beach and they have to leave.

Steve Cass stated he would like to know if the Town of Schroon has any guidelines and rules and regulations for architectural design and would hate to see anything go in that does not compliment the Town.

Bob Claus stated that he sits on the Zoning Board of Appeals and that they are very diligent to make sure this doesn't happen.

Patrick Siler from the Schroon Lake Chamber stated that they will not be applying for the grant and are not eligible this year, but fully support the Seagle Colony and The Inn on Schroon Lake for this grant.

Resolution #127 Support for Inn on Schroon Lake to apply for Grant

Councilwoman Wood moved a resolution to support a grant application for Inn on Schroon Lake, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

Town of Schroon

The Town of Schroon is a four season destination of Adirondack tourism, enthusiastically building on its infrastructure and future growth of year-round facilities'.

Funding available through the North Country Regional Economic Development Council grant program, acknowledging that tourism is a critical element and economic necessity to small towns in the Adirondack Park restrictive "Blue Line" zoning is essential.

WHEREAS, The Town of Schroon Master Plan recognizes the need of a year-round hotel to meet the requirements of four season tourism, and

WHEREAS, The North Country Regional Economic Development Council, NCREDC, acknowledges that tourism is the critical economic engine to small towns in the Adirondacks, and

WHEREAS, The addition of a full service hotel would greatly increase the number of tourist visits to the town and increase patronage of existing business and

WHEREAS, A quality hotel private investment by business partners is virtually impossible due to restrictions applied to the Adirondack Park, and

WHEREAS, The Inn on Schroon Lake, formerly Wood's Lodge, was awarded a Round 3 funding of the Consolidated Funding Application, CFA, process in 2013, for phase one of rehabilitation and construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Schroon supports the full rehabilitation of the historic and iconic Steamboat Gothic Lake House, built in 1883 to preserve this unique architectural structure and treasure of the town, and be it

RESOLVED, that The Town Board of the Town of Schroon supports the construction of a full service hotel that will operate year-round, and be it

RESOLVED, that The Town Board of the Town of Schroon fully support the Inn on Schroon Lake request for additional funds through Round 4 of the CFA process to attract sufficient private investment to proceed with the design and construction of the full service hotel project.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Marnell	Aye
Councilman Sage	Aye
Councilwoman Phibbs	Abstain
Councilwoman Wood	Aye
Councilman Friedman	Aye

Resolution was carried

Councilman Friedman stated for the record, that he had received two request to excuse himself from voting on the Inn on Schroon Lake Resolution because of a conflict of interest and I'm not aware of any conflict of interest. I have no interest in this project at all, other then it to succeed.

Councilwoman Wood stated she also had received two request to excuse herself from voting because of a conflict of interest. I never had a financial interest in the Wood's Lodge or the family trust. The spouses were not included in the trust so I never had a conflict of interest.

Resolution #128 Amend Resolution #90 To Include Approval Letter for Marathon

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to amend Resolution #90 to state “to support the Adirondack Marathon, Half Marathon, 2 and 4 Marathon Relays and the One K Kids Fun Run to be held September 27 and 28, 2014, also known as the Adirondack Marathon Distance Festival, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

Letter of Support for Seagle Music Colony Grant

Councilwoman Phibbs moved to have Supervisor Marnell write a letter of support for the grant application for the New York State Consolidated Funding Application which Seagle Music Colony is applying for, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

As the Seagle Music Colony located in the Town of Schroon approaches its 100th anniversary in 2015, it has become nationally known as an elite summer voice music program in the United States. The Town Board of the Town of Schroon is proud of the Seagle Music Colony’s achievements of providing superior voice training and world-class opera and musical performances to North Country audiences.

Seagle Music Colony has a fine educational program that brings opera to schools throughout the region. It trains talented singers who go on to opera and musical theater companies throughout the country and internationally.

The Town Board of the Town of Schroon enthusiastically supports the Seagle Music Colony's funding requests that include:

- 1) Embarking on an extensive marketing program in its Centennial year (2015) to bring new music lovers to the Adirondacks and increase awareness of the Colony's brand throughout the Northeast and in Canada. A grant for this purpose is being sought from Market New York.
- 2) Architectural preparations for a new theater to replace the present building, which was cobbled together from two 18th Century barns. The new building will be technologically and environmentally contemporary. A grant for this purpose is being sought from Empire State Development.

Supporting these 2 funding objectives will have a direct positive economic impact on the Schroon Lake area and Essex and Warren counties, but also the entire North Country.

The Town Board of the Town of Schroon requests that the funding for the Seagle Colony is approved in its entirety.

Mobimat for handicap accessibility to Lake

Councilman Friedman moved to **Table** the discussion on the Mobimat, so the Board can get information from a possible grant through the American Disability, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

Councilwoman Wood moved to adjourn at 4:45 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; 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: June 24, 2014 _____
Town Clerk