

**Regular Town Board Meeting held March 9, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall**

**in Schroon Lake N.Y.**

**Present:**

**Town Supervisor:** Michael Marnell

**Councilpersons:** Roger Friedman, Don Sage, Clara Phibbs and Meg Wood

**Town Clerk:** Patricia Savarie

**Also Present:** Albert May, Rosemarie Ritson, Jay Phibbs, Gail Simon

David and Alana Clark, Fran and Skip Mahler, Dick Newell

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

**Resolution #87 Audit of Claim**

Councilman Sage moved a resolution to pay the bills as reviewed, seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; carried.

General Fund \$35,565.21 Water \$1085.25 Highway \$32,338.65 Sewer \$6273.18

Airport Project \$4681.36

**Resolution # 88 Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to accept the minutes of February 9, 2015 the Regular Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M and a Special Board Meeting held February 12, 2015, seconded by Councilman Wood; carried. (Councilman Sage Abstained on February 12, 2015 minutes)

**Resolution #89 To Accept Bid from Egglefield for the Sewer Truck**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to accept a bid from Egglefield Ford for the new 2015 one ton heavy duty truck for the Sewer Department for \$37,488.00, seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; carried.

**Resolution #90 To Appoint Code Officer Safety Person for NYMIR**

Councilman Sage moved a resolution to appoint Jon Senecal, Building and Codes Officer, as the safety person in charge of safety for NYMIR, with no change to salary, seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; carried.

WHEREAS the Town of Schroon strives to insure the safety of employees and the public, to prevent damage to equipment and vehicles, and to achieve the most economical healthy environment for the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Schroon establishes a Safety Officer to accomplish these goals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Officer will serve as a tool to seek input from employees and create an open line of communication within the organization; will receive information and provide recommendations regarding compliance with various rules and regulations; will disseminate information and monitor the types of losses experienced by this organization, will identify ways to reduce losses; will investigate areas in the municipality to minimize exposures; will make recommendations to

administration to minimize losses and will promote safety awareness.

**Resolution #91 Approve Specs for the Water Truck**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to approve two sets of specs for the Water Department Truck, for one new 2015 Ford F250 XL Super Cab 4x4 6.75' Box and bid it two ways - 6.7L power stroke diesel V-8, Electronic 6-speed Automatic (diesel) and the other a 6.2L EFI V8 engine, 6-Speed Automatic, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

**Resolution #92 Advertise to go out to Bid for Water Truck**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to advertise to go out to bid for one new 2015 Ford F250 XL Super Cab 4x4 6.75' Box and bid it two ways - 6.7L power stroke diesel V-8, Electronic 6-speed Automatic (diesel) and the other a 6.2L EFI V8 engine, 6-Speed Automatic, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

**TOWN OF SCHROON**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law that the TOWN OF SCHROON will accept sealed bids for ONE NEW 2015 FORD F250 XL Super Cab 4X4 6.75' Box. Two different bids will be accepted one with a 6.7L POWERSTROKE DIESEL V-8, ELECTRONIC 6-SPEED AUTOMATIC (DIESEL) and the other a 6.2L EFI V8 ENGINE, 6- SPEED AUTOMATIC.

Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained from the Town Clerk, TOWN OF SCHROON.

Sealed bids must be filed in the office of the Town Clerk on or before 1:00 PM March 25, 2015. After which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The bid will be awarded at the Town Board meeting on April 13, 2015 at 6:00 PM successful bidder will be notified promptly by letter and must be prepared to enter into a contract to furnish the required material or services.

The Town of Schroon reserves the right to reject or to waive any informalities in any and all bids if in the best interest of the Town of Schroon. Bids should be clearly marked BID ENCLOSED: ONE NEW 2015 FORD F250 XL Super Cab 4X4 6.75' Box.

**Resolution #93 Approve Emergency Squad Payment**

Councilwoman Wood moved to pay the first quarter of payment to the Ambulance Squad in the amount of \$28,750.00 to pay E5 for services, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

**Resolution #94 To Approve Eurasian Watermilfoil Management Agreement**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to approve the EWM Agreement, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried

.MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT between the Town of Schroon located at PO Box 578 Leland Ave. Schroon Lake NY 12870 (hereafter "Town") and The Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District (hereafter "District") located at 394 Schroon River Road, Warrensburg NY 12885.

**WHEREAS**, invasive species have been identified as a serious threat to the biodiversity and the water quality of Schroon Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, the District and Town has established a Eurasian watermilfoil management program (EWM management program) for Schroon Lake to help combat the spread of invasive species; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has agreed to participate in the EWM management program, by providing funding support for the program.

In consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, it is agreed by and between the District and the Town as follows:

1. The District will act as the agent for the Town in obtaining, managing and reporting on the necessary permits for the EWM management program.
2. The District will manage the program (field work and financials) and provide reports to the Town on a timely basis and will organize an end of year review for the effectiveness of the program.
3. The Town will provide the District upon receipt of an invoice for 2015, a sum of \$12,838.17 to be used for the sole purpose of the EWM management program.
4. This Memorandum of Understanding may continue seasonally upon ratification by the parties hereto, and may be revoked at any time on fourteen (14) days prior written notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

#### **Resolution #95 To Approve MOU for Aquatic Invasive Species**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to approve the MOU for Aquatic Invasive Species, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

#### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION IN THE ADIRONDACK REGION**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to describe an understanding among the diverse undersigned organizations representing state agencies, municipal governments, property owners, lake associations, conservation groups, and businesses regarding a program to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species in the Adirondack region. This MOU is not a binding commitment, but rather a statement of the intent of undersigned parties to work together in good faith, subject to the requirements of SEQRA and the availability of lawful appropriations and funding, to create an effective program in the Adirondack region that recognizes the following:

- The Adirondack region possesses one of the largest natural assemblages of valuable and vulnerable waterways in North America, including 3,000 lakes and ponds, and 30,000 miles of rivers and streams that represent the region's chief economic asset; and
- Based on the most recent monitoring data from the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program and partners, the region is experiencing infestations of no less than 18 aquatic invasive and non-native species, and infestations pose a threat to the ecological health and economic future of the Adirondacks; and
- Nearly 200 aquatic invasive and non-native species exist in close proximity to the region including, as of 2011, 184 in the Great Lakes, 122 in the Hudson River, 49 in Lake Champlain, and 87 in the St. Lawrence River. Although a majority of these species are not spread by watercraft, this MOU pertains to those that may be introduced through the use of the same boat in different water bodies as a means of transporting an aquatic invasive species; and
- The aquatic invasive species which may enter the region's waterways or spread within the region include plants such as Hydrilla, Eurasian watermilfoil, and Water chestnut, and animals such as Quagga mussels, Asian clams, spiny water flea, Zebra mussels, and pathogens – viral hemorrhagic septicemia; and
- Aquatic invasive species can spread through various means at different life stages including through

boats in bilge waters, ballast waters, live well waters, anchors and in live bait containers often when they are in their juvenile, microscopic form; and

- A recent report commissioned by the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program entitled “The Actual and Potential Economic Impact of Invasive Species on the Adirondack Park: A Preliminary Assessment” very conservatively estimated that the spread of just eight high risk invasive species, including four aquatic invasive species, could result in an annual loss of \$48 to \$53 million to recreation & tourism, agriculture, and forestry sectors in the Park with a long-term loss of \$420 to \$840 million to lake shore property values; and
- A 2012 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service publication states that just one aquatic invasive plant, Eurasian watermilfoil, reduced Vermont lakefront property values up to 16 percent and Wisconsin lakefront property values by 13 percent. That report also states that the cost of damage from invasive species in the United States exceeds \$120 billion annually; and
- Very few invasive species can be eradicated once established and control often involves costly actions implemented and underwritten in perpetuity without achieving the objective of eradication; and
- The draft NYS AIS Management Plan released in October, 2014 for public comment has stated the overarching goal of stopping the introduction and spread of AIS into and within New York’s waters. The Plan includes strategies and actions for improving prevention, detection, response, and agency capacity to manage AIS; and
- Aquatic invasive species spread prevention depends on a variety of strategies including inspection and removal of visible vegetation; thorough decontamination of watercraft and mandatory “Clean, Drained, and Dry (or decontaminated)” programs; and
- The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYSDEC”) is currently developing regulations which will be effective statewide to assist in the efforts to minimize the spread of aquatic invasive species by incorporating reasonable precautions boaters shall take prior to launching a watercraft or a floating dock. These regulations will be in addition to the existing Department’s regulation for the prevention of the spread of AIS at DEC boat launch sites, specifically Parts 59 and 190, and the regulations which provide for the protection of waters found in Part 608 of the Department’s regulations, and furthermore, NYSDEC has existing signage addressing AIS at its sites; and
- Trailered boats are an important vector for the overland transport of aquatic invasive species from one water body to another. It is also well documented that investment in spread prevention of aquatic invasive species can be achieved at a fraction of the cost of managing subsequent infestations and avoids environmental damage associated with physical and chemical control actions; and
- Viable boat inspection, self-certification programs and decontamination programs have been established in New York State and other parts of the country with documented results in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species; and
- The Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program at Lake George is a 2-year pilot program implemented in 2014 that featured a partnership with State agencies and shared public/private investment to underwrite operations. More than 19,000 trailered boats were inspected and over 1,300 boats were decontaminated in its first season of operation. Nearly 150 cases of visible invasive species were “caught,” including Eurasian watermilfoil, Asian clams and Zebra mussels. Detailed evaluation of the program will be forthcoming at the conclusion of the pilot program but lessons learned from the Lake George program can be applied to invasive species prevention programs throughout the Adirondacks; and
- The Adirondack Watershed Institute Stewardship Program has been in place since 2000 with strong public support that provides a natural region-wide network for an expanded prevention program throughout the Adirondacks featuring full inspection and decontamination capacity for local municipalities and lake associations; and
- Recreational boating and fishing provides an annual economic impact of \$ 5.79 billion and \$ 1.9 billion dollars respectively on an annual basis to New York State and is an important component of the tourism based economy of the Adirondacks. Given the importance of boating and fishing to the economic well-being of the Adirondacks, any inspection, self-certification and/or decontamination programs will be done in such a way that does not unduly restrict these activities; and

- Fishing and boating are activities that are not restricted to a specific portion of the day or year. Anglers for example, prefer to get on the water early to avoid other recreational boaters or late to fish for species such as walleye that are most effectively caught during low light periods.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY**

**AGREED** that the undersigned public and private entities support the efforts of the undersigned municipalities and interested parties to develop a new region-wide aquatic invasive species prevention program that may include stewardship and data collection, infrastructure and administration, subject to the availability of funding, for boat inspection and when necessary, decontamination, in order to protect water quality, public enjoyment and economic value to the maximum extent practicable by proactively preventing the introduction of new, and the spread of existing, aquatic invasive species in Adirondack waters; and it is further

**AGREED** that the said entities support the development and implementation of a regional policy of "Clean, Drained, and Dry (or decontaminated)" standard for all boats entering and exiting the region, applied to both launching and retrieving watercraft where possible, subject to SEQRA for actions by public entities; and it is further

**AGREED** that the said entities who do not currently have signage in place intend to develop, where appropriate, consistent signage in collaboration with appropriate State agencies, to inform boaters on both the threat of invasive species and prevention methods, including a "Clean, Drained and, Dry (or decontaminated) standard for transport and launching of watercraft; and it is further

**AGREED** that the said entities will further coordinate and evaluate i) the need for trailered boats entering and exiting the region to be assessed by inspection to determine compliance with a "Clean, Drained, and Dry (or decontaminated) " standard, ii) whether launching or retrieving, that all boats and trailers not meeting the standard are to be decontaminated with high pressure, hot water or other appropriate decontamination methodology; and it is further

**AGREED** that the said entities intend to cooperate with each other, to support an expanded aquatic invasive species prevention program throughout the Adirondack Park which complies with NYSDEC regulations, to explore ways to fund inspection and decontamination stations for installation at strategic high risk locations, including major entry points to the Adirondack Park, areas of user convenience, invasion spread hubs and identify the most suitable locations for such inspection stations within the Park with reference to the report, "Boat Inspection and Decontamination for Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention; Recommendations for the Adirondack Region", and other sites as required to provide optimal coverage and spread prevention; and it is further

**AGREED** that the said entities intend to work with appropriate authorities on a plan to implement an inspection certification program to designate boats that have been determined to meet the "Clean, Drained, and Dry (or decontaminated)" standard or which have been decontaminated and have not been launched in another water body; and it is further

**AGREED** that the said entities intend to work together to establish a training program for volunteers to staff and operate the inspection and decontamination stations; and it is further

**AGREED** that the said entities intend to prepare Memorandum of Understanding with marinas, motels, and launch facilities in order to implement the protocol for complying with "Clean, Drained, and Dry (or decontaminated)"; and it is further

**AGREED** that the said entities recognize the importance of the State of New York properties and the ability to launch from these sites that provide public access, and that the NYSDEC has regulations in place to manage and minimize the entry and exit for aquatic invasive species introduction and spread at these publically owned sites; and it is further

**AGREED** that the said entities believe this serious threat to the ecological and economic health of the Adirondack region, through negative impacts to water quality and infrastructure, tourism revenues and property values, constitutes the need for the undersigned to cooperatively develop a reasonable protocol to follow at the earliest possible time, with the 2015 boating season as the target date; and it is further

**AGREED** that the said private entities, local municipalities and state agencies who are signatories to this MOU intend to work together to identify and develop opportunities to obtain public grants subject to lawful appropriations and private grants in order to support the development and implementation of a region-wide aquatic invasive species spread prevention and decontamination program in a similar manner as has been successfully demonstrated by the efforts at Lake George and by emerging local programs established by a growing number of lake associations; and it is further

**AGREED** that this Memorandum of Understanding may be signed in counterparts.

**Resolution #96 To Approve Year End Budget Amendment for Highway**

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to approve the Year End Budget Amendment for

Highway, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

A BUDGET AMENDMENT IS NEEDED TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS DA0-960 FROM APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE DA0-599 TO ACCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL COST FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND SNOW REMOVAL SALT AND SAND FOR YEAR 2014.

Appropriated Fund Balance	DA0-599	\$64,345.93
Appropriations	DA0-960	\$64,345.93

To amend budget per board approval to cover additional cost in 2014 for salt, sand and capital improvements.

DA0-04-5112.200 Capital Improvements	\$25244.74
DA0-04-5142.400 Snow Removal	\$39101.19

**Resolution #97 Approval of Year End Budget Transfers**

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to approve the Year End Budget Transfers, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

YEAR END BUDGET TRANSFERS 2014

GENERAL		FROM		AMOUNT
TO				
A00-01-1620.1	PERSONNEL	A00-06-7140.1	PERSONNEL	\$1,711.04
A00-01-1620.4	CONTRACTUAL	A00-01-1990.4	CONTINGENT	\$15,000.00
		A00-08-9060.8	HEALTH INS	\$15,469.72
A00-01-1680-1	PERSONNEL	A00-01-1670.4	MAILING	\$1,347.96
A00-02-3620.1	PERSONNEL	A00-02-3310.4	SIGNAGE	\$125.24
A00-04-5132.4	GARAGE	A00-03-4068.4	INSECT	\$5,864.67
A00-04-5182.4	STR LIGHTS	A00-06-7145.4	SNOWMOBILE	\$1,000.00
		A00-06-7110.4	PARKS	\$1,685.44
A00-06-7180.4	GOLF	A00-06-7180.1	GOLF	\$3,162.82
A00-06-7410.1	LIBRARY	A00-06-7410.4	LIBRARY	\$78.69
		A00-06-7140.4	SKI LIFT	\$337.95
				\$45,783.53
SEWER				
TO		FROM		
SS0-07-8110.4	CONTRACTUAL	SS0-07-8110.1	PERSONNEL	\$2,346.49
SS0-07-8130.4	CONTRACTUAL	SS0-07-8110.1	PERSONNEL	\$3,508.60
		SS0-07-8120.1	PERSONNEL	\$5,698.73
		SS0-07-8120.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$3,299.90
		SS0-07-8130.1	PERSONNEL	\$732.01
		SS0-08-9030.8	SOCIAL SEC	\$1,000.00
				\$16,585.73
WATER				
TO		FROM		
SW0-07-8340.1	CONTRACTUAL	SW0-07-8310.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$9,335.26
SW0-07-8340.1	PERSONNEL	SW0-07-8340.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$2,660.98
SW0-08-9060.8	HEALTH INS	SW0-08-9055.8	DISABILITY	\$28.60
				\$12,024.84
HIGHWAY				
TO		FROM		
DA0-04-5110.4	CONTRACTUAL	DA0-04-5110.1	PERSONNEL	\$19,269.98
		DA0-08-9060-8	HEALTH INS	\$12,237.24
DA0045130.1	PERSONNEL	DA0-04-5130.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$2,113.86
DA0-04-5130.2	EQUIPMENT	DA0-045130.4	CONTRACTUAL	\$327.04
		DA0-04-5142.1	PERSONNEL	\$2,797.55
		DA0-08-9060.8	HEALTH INS	\$5,310.34
		DA0-08-9030.8	SOC SEC	\$2,648.87
DA0-04-5142.4	CONTRACTUAL	DA0-04-5142.1	PERSONNEL	\$4,068.19
DA0-08-9060.8	HEALTH INS	DA0-08-9055.8	DISABILITY	\$174.00
				\$48,947.07

**Resolution #98 Rescind Resolution #114 of 2014**

Councilman Sage moved to rescind Resolution #98 of 2014 which stated: Councilman Sage moved a resolution to approve a budget amendment , seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; carried.

TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS DA0-960  
FROM APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE DA0-599 TO ACCOUNT FOR BALANCE DUE ON  
THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2015 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK

Appropriated Fund Balance	DA0-599	\$11,857.00
Appropriation	DA0-960	\$11,857.00

seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

**Resolution #99 Approval for Budget Amendment for Truck Received in 2015**

Councilman Sage moved a resolution to approve a Budget Amendment for a Truck received in 2015 , seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs ; carried.

A BUDGET AMENDMENT IS NEEDED TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS DA0-960 FROM APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE DA0-599 TO ACCOUNT FOR THE BALANCE DUE ON THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2015 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK

Appropriated Fund Balance	DA0-599	\$27757.00
Appropriations	DA0-960	\$27757.00

To amend budget per board approval for 2015 International Truck.  
DA0-04-5130-200 \$27757.00

Note: The truck was not received until 2015 and insurance money is pending . The insurance money will have to be appropriated when received to DA0-04-5130.200 in the amount of \$159,100.00. The sale of the salvaged vehicle was accounted for in 2014 when it was received in the amount of \$15,900.00. The amount above is calculated as original budget amendment of \$11,857.00 plus the salvage amount of \$15900.00.

**Update on the Landfill and Paper Recycling**

Supervisor Marnell stated he is waiting on information from Earthwaste for the recycling of the paper. There are containers over at the Landfill for now and is hoping to hear from Earthwaste soon.

**Resolution #100 Accept 2014 AUD**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to accept the 2014 Annual Update Document seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; carried.

**Resolution #101 Accept Town Clerks Annual Report for 2014**

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to accept the Town Clerks Annual Report for 2014, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried

**Resolution #102 Accept Justice Court Annual Report for 2014**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to accept the Justice Court Annual Report for 2014, seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; carried

**Discussion on Speed Lights on Main Street**

Supervisor Marnell stated he talked to Smart Growth America about our speed signs and cross

walks. Smart Growth will come to our town and provide customized advice as to where cross walks and signs should go in our community.

**Resolution #103 Accept Library Annual Report for 2014**

Councilwoman Wood moved a resolution to accept the Library Annual Report for 2014, seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; carried

**Resolution #104 Appoint Mike Ryan to Revolving Loan Fund Committee**

Councilwoman Wood moved a resolution to appoint Mike Ryan to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee, seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

**Resolution #105 Resignation of Library Employee**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to accept Dee Bowans resignation as a Library employee, effective March 31, 2015, seconded unanimously with regret; carried.

**Broadband**

Councilman Sage stated that the Broadband Committee would meet Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at the Town Hall he will have more information when he talks to SLIC.

**Board Comments**

Councilman Friedman stated that the Board needs to meet with the Revolving Loan Fund Committee very soon and go over the guide lines with them so they all know how it all works. When he went to look for the guide lines, pages 4,5 and 6 were missing. The Board needs to review the paper work and set up and appointment with the committee. Councilman Friedman also stated that they need to advertise for Lake Stewards at the next meeting and that he new Grant Thatcher was coming back and Ryan Bettie was not sure of his summer employment.

Councilwoman Wood moved to adjourn at 6:41 P.M., seconded by Councilman Sage; 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: March 12, 2015 \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk