

**Town Board Meeting held May 9, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in Schroon Lake N.Y.**

**Present:**

**Town Supervisor:** Michael Marnell

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

**Town Clerk:** Patricia Savarie

**Also Present:** Albert May, Jay Phibbs, Mark Granger, Skip and Fran Mahler, Chris Savarie, and Jane and David Jenks

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

A moment of silence was in honor for Rose Marie Ritson.

**Historical Society Update**

Loris Clark, from the Historical Society made a presentation to the Board discussing changes to their programs and events going on this summer. Loris thanked the Town Board and the community for their support.

- The Historical Society will continue to do the following annual events:
- Strawberry Festival, Sing-a-Long - Ice Cream Social & the Victorian Tea and the Hudowalski Essay Contest that was brought back in 2007 (50 yrs from the first essay contest in 1957) still going.
- (Revised) The Hudowalski Essays have changed the format to fit local history through videos, pictures, the family traditions and stories. Noah Gath wrote about his great grandfather and his Mom, Tracy helped gather some photos. (Vernon Kipp)
- It is the intent of the 46r to expand the essays to within the blue line. The HS will not be involved but we certainly help them with the process. (Minerva)
- **Grants:** We receive a grant from the NYS Council For the Humanities for Halle Bond's Material Remains —textiles quilts, clothing - June 12 - 2:00 at SLCS - free.
- Grants to Gore Mountain (South Schroon Tour) (June 26 Opening Day) for costs of signs/printing of booklet - it will match the style of the booklet of the Charley Hill Tour (second of more tours - village hopefully next year).
- Constellation: Mentoring program for possibly two students to be at the museum (displays, preservation, docenting, filing) and would include a stipend. Look good on school resume — and maybe they would like a career in museums or at the government level.
- CAP Grant (Paul Slocum) combining with the Underground Railroad museum in Ausable. Solomon Northup, "Twelve Years A Slave" (Laura Dewey) July 16th - Craft Fair
- **Promotions Committee:** Flags on the poles — feather signs in front of the museum — lawn signs - increase web page with help from Tammy at the Chamber — extensive advertisement in newspapers, Magazine ads in North Country Living — brochure of activities — placemats, & coasters. (they have been handed out already to local businesses.)
- If we are going to promote the museum we had to expand when we are open — so it will be 5 days 1-4 pm —Special programs on Sundays (Hammondville)— Programs for Kids - Storytelling will be between the boathouse and the museum.... (Paintings by Duke Connor)

Loris stated they would be needing a new roof in the near future.

### **Public Participation**

Mark Granger stated that the 2016 Hobie Cat Sail Regatta, sponsored by the Schroon Lake Association, will be in Schroon Lake June 17 – 19, 2016. The Schroon Lake Association, Paradox Lake Association and the East Shore Schroon Lake Association will be having a party at the Schroon Lake Fish and Game Club Saturday, August 27, 2016.

### **Resolution #116 Approval of Minutes**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to accept the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting held April 11, 2016 at 5:00 P.M and Regular Board Meeting held April 11, 2016 at 6:00 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; carried.

### **Resolution #117 Appoint Laurie Bruce to Board of Assessment Review**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to appoint Laurie Bruce to the Assessment Review Board for a five year term and to be payed \$10.00 an hour plus mileage of \$.445 a mile, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

### **Resolution #118 Appoint Lynn Donaldson to Board of Assessment Review**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to appoint Lynn Donaldson to the Assessment Review Board for a five year term and to be payed \$10.00 an hour plus mileage of \$.445 a mile, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

### **Resolution #119 Appoint William Van Gorp as Waste Water Trainee**

Councilwoman Wood moved a resolution to hire William Van Gorp as a Waste Water Trainee at the rate of \$14.00 an hour effective May 18, 2016 and after 6 month probation go to \$14.50 an hour, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

### **Resolution #120 Approve agreement to Spend Highway Funds**

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to agree to spend Highway Funds in the sum of \$156,315.00 for general repairs upon 63.1 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof. On the road commencing at Miller Road and leading to US Route 9 a distance of 5/10 mile, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$30,000.00. On the road commencing at Charlie Hill Road and leading to US Route 9 a distance of 2.5 mile, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$126,315.00, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

### **Resolution #121 Boat Wash Station in the Town of Chester**

Councilwoman Wood moved a resolution to pay 66.66% of the total bill of \$15, 600.00 for the Boat Wash Station in the Town of Chester but would like Supervisor Marnell to look into paying equal

amounts between the Town of Horicon, Town of Chester and the Town of Schroon, seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

**Resolution #122 Approval of Audit of Claim**

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

General Fund \$36,440.13 Water \$1,554.19 Highway \$52,541.53 Sewer \$5,869.57 CDRLF \$864.14

**Resolution #123 Board Approval to arrange schooling for Waste Water Trainee**

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to approve William Van Gorp to attend school from December 5-16 2016 at the cost of \$975.00 plus travel and hotel expenses, seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

**Resolution #124 Approve Snowmobile Club to purchase Fuel from the Highway Garage**

Councilman Sage moved a resolution to approve the Schroon Lake Snowmobile Club to purchase gas from the Town of Schroon, seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

**Resolution #125 Appoint Lake Stewards for Schroon Lake and Paradox Lake**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to hire the 2016 Lake Stewards for Schroon Lake and Paradox Lake at the rate of \$10.08 an hour, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

Joelle Kowalka, Liam Wilson, Alysen Bruce, Jonathan Kowalka, McKenzie Bertsche, Claudia Young and Michael LaFountain will be stewards, Casey King will be volunteering Saturdays as needed.

**Resolution #126 Approve the Repair of Post at Wall by Square Dancing Park**

Councilman Sage moved a resolution to hire Blair Gregson to repair the 8 posts and install the caps by the wall at the square dancing park in the amount of \$3500.00, seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; carried.

**Resolution #127 Approve the Road Name of Walton Way off of Nawita Road**

Councilwoman Wood moved a resolution to approve a new road name which will be located off of Nawita Road, Tax Map # 136.4-2-19.120, the new road name will be "Walton Way", seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

**Resolution # 128 Water Project Money from EFC**

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to use the \$29,000.00 Water Project money from EFC for repairs to the Water Department building if it is allowed, otherwise use the money to pay off some of the debt, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

**Resolution #129 Table Broadband Committee Member David Kuttler**

Councilman Sage stated that there was no need to appoint anyone to the Broadband Committee since they are just about done with the committee and the Town needs to sign a contract with SLIC.

Councilman Sage moved a resolution to table the appointment of David Kuttler to the Broadband Committee, seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; not carried.

Roll Call Vote:

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

motion was not carried.

**Resolution #130 Appoint Broadband Committee Member David Kuttler**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to appoint David Kuttler to the Broadband Committee, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

Roll Call Vote:

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

motion was carried.

**Resolution #131 Approve Ban Renewal on Dam**

Councilwoman Wood moved a resolution to accept the Bond Renewal on the Starbuckville Dam for 1.67% interest rate and balance of \$114,277.18, seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

**Resolution #132 Kayak Rack**

Supervisor Marnell moved a resolution to not have a Kayak Rack on Town property, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried. (Councilman Friedman - opposed)

**Resolution #133 Approve Golf Course Clubhouse Attendants**

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to hire the 2016 Club House Attendants, Mark Whitney, Laurie Bruce, Brad DeZalia and Tom Erickson at the rate of \$10.08 an hour, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

**Resolution #134 Declare Chain Link Fence from Tennis Court as Surplus**

Councilman Sage moved a resolution to declare the Tennis Court chain link fencing as surplus, seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

**Resolution #135 Approve Laborers at Golf Course**

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to hire the laborers at the Golf Course, seconded by Councilman Friedman; carried.

Joe Branigan laborer \$12.30 an hour

John Swinton laborer \$12.30 an hour

Alex Shaughnessy student trainee \$10.08 an hour

**Resolution #136 Approve Replacing Veterans Monument with Cut Stone**

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to approve replacing the Veterans Monument with a Granite Lake Placid Blue Stone at the cost of \$7,200.00 with donations being made to cover part of the expenses, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

**Resolution #137 Amend Resolution #108 Change Order**

Councilman Sage moved a resolution to amend Resolution #108 to state that the change order would be to seal and strip both Tennis and Basketball Courts at the cost of \$38,500.00 for the total cost of \$202,990.00 and install chain link fence around perimeter of Tennis and Basketball court for \$55,700.00 for a total of \$164,490.00, seconded by Councilwoman Phibbs; carried.

**Resolution #138 Public Hearing on Amending Local law #1 of 2012**

Councilwoman Wood moved a resolution to conduct a Public Hearing on amending Local law #1 for 2012 “Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species in the Town of Schroon”, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

**TOWN OF SCHROON Public Hearing**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Town Board of the Town of Schroon, New York, will meet at the Town Hall, 15 Leland Avenue, Schroon Lake, New York, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016 at 5:30p.m. for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing on amending Local law #1 for 2012 “Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species in the Town of Schroon”.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that at said Public Hearing to be held at the time and place set forth above, the Town Board will consider this amended Local Law #1 for 2012 and hear all parties interested therein concerning the same.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that a copy of the full text of amended Local Law #1 for 2012 may be obtained upon request from the Town Clerk of the Town of Schroon.

**TOWN OF SCHROON**

**LOCAL LAW NUMBER 1 OF 2012**

A local law in relation to preventing the introduction and spread of aquatic species into the waters of the Town of Schroon

**TITLE:** This local law shall be known as “The Town of Schroon Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Law.”

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this local law to provide guidance to all residents and visitors to the waters of the Town of Schroon to prevent the introduction and spread of non-native invasive species,

animals, plants, etc. into and within the waters of the Town of Schroon, and to protect aquatic native species populations, biodiversity, and aquatic recreational activities for the public good.

**APPLICABILITY:** The provisions of this law shall apply in addition to any other local law or ordinance, or any New York State laws, regulations, etc. Where there is a conflict, the most restrictive provision shall apply.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**“Invasive Species”** are non-native species that can cause harm to the environment or to human health. As a threat to our biodiversity, they have been judged second only to habitat loss. Invasive species shall include all plants and animals that are listed by the New York State Department of Conservation, Department of Agriculture, and other agencies as detrimental to native vegetation, animal, fish, shellfish, wildlife, or natural resources.

**“Habitat loss”** is a problematic effect on our ecosystems including all natural systems that includes agriculture, forests, food supply, wildlife, fish, shellfish, infrastructure, industry, gardens, pets, recreation, human health, and our environment.

**Users:** A person, individual, firm, partnership, company, society, corporation, association, group, government entity, or others seeking access to or use of the waters of the Town of Schroon.

**Launch:** To place a watercraft, dock, or other floatable device into or on the waters of the Town of Schroon, including any activity that takes place within fifty feet of the high water mark, moving by trailer or other device, or carrying said object.

**Watercraft:** A motorized or non-motorized boat, canoe, kayak, or other vessel capable of being used or operated as a means of transportation in or on water.

**“Waters”** means all lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, creeks, and all other places wet (more than one foot of water), impounding reservoirs, springs, wells, estuaries, marshes, inlets, canals, within the territorial limits of the Town of Schroon, and all other bodies of surface or underground water, natural or artificial, inlands, fresh, public or private, which are wholly or partially within the Town of Schroon or within its jurisdiction.

**Standing water:** shall mean bilge water or other water inside a water vessel’s compartments and shall be removed before launch of said vessel.

**PROHIBITIONS** – (Unlawful activities):

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to launch or attempt to launch a watercraft into the waters of the Town of Schroon with any aquatic invasive species, plant or animal, or parts thereof, visible to the human eye on or attached to any part of the watercraft, motor, or trailer, or other launching device. All exterior areas of the craft, motor, and trailer shall be inspected including, but not limited to, rudder, anchor, other appurtenant, equipment, gear that may come in contact with the water. Whenever possible a Lake Steward will be on duty at the primary Schroon Lake boat launch near the Public Beach and the boat launch at the Paradox Lake State Campground. The function of the Lake Steward is to insure user’s compliance with this local law and offer helpful advice and/or assistance. Failure to comply or follow the Lake Steward’s instructions will result in the boat registration number being taken and forwarded to the Essex County and Warren County Sheriff Departments, and to the DEC.

Private lake-front property owners shall enforce this local law on all crafts before allowing them access to the waters in the Town of Schroon from their property.

2. All persons utilizing boat launches within the Town of Schroon shall be required to first pass through the designated bilge emptying area where they will insure that bilges, live wells, and other water containing wells are drained. All vegetation, animal and other foreign objects shall also be deposited in this area.

3. All persons before placing a dock or other device on to the waters will inspect said device to insure it is free of all vegetation, animal, and other foreign matter.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The Prohibitions shall not apply to:

1. The carrying and use of legal bait for the purpose of fishing, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations related to bait fish.
2. The use of above water line native vegetation for camouflage of the craft, decoys, or other such items for the purpose of hunting, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.
3. Pets or hunting dogs.
4. The intentional transport of plants or animals, including for food, landscaping, habitat restoration, or other home related activity, provided they are fully secured within the craft.

**ENFORCEMENT:**

This local law shall be enforced by the Essex County and Warren County Sheriff Departments, the DEC, or other enforcement officers having jurisdiction in the same manner as a traffic violation.

**VIOLATION:**

Any person found guilty in court of a violation of this local law shall be subject to such fines or sentence prescribed by the local court with a maximum fine not to exceed \$1,250. Additionally, at the discretion of the local court, the New York State Boater Registration Office may be contacted by the court to request the suspension of the craft's registration.

**SEVERABILITY:**

If any section, subdivision, paragraph, subparagraph, clause, or item of this local law is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon written notice of filing by and in the New York State Department of State.

**AMENDMENT #1 TO LOCAL LAW NUMBER 1 OF 2012 – June 2016**

**Aquatic invasive species are one of the major threats facing the ecological health and economy of the Town of Schroon Area and the Adirondack Park. These invasive species can rapidly change the ecology of a lake, wetland, stream or river as well as significantly impair and diminish recreational enjoyment. Once an invasive species has been introduced the fight to contain or eradicate it can be cost prohibitive. Thus, our goal is to protect both our natural assets and the taxpayers.**

**Commencing on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_, 2016 all trailered boats being launched into Schroon Lake and Paradox Lake must undergo an inspection before they launch during the time that boat launch stewards are on duty. If it is the opinion of the lake steward that the subject boat is coming from a lake area that could jeopardize Paradox Lake and Schroon Lake the lake steward shall have the authority to have the boat go through a decontamination process at an official boat wash station.**

**The purpose of this inspection is to ensure that boats and trailers are clean, drained and dry, and are harboring no invasive species. The goal is to keep our lakes clean for the future, so that we can all enjoy their current high quality for generations to come. There is no cost to boaters for these inspections or the washing of the boat and trailer if determined necessary by a lake steward.**

**Exception: boats that have unbroken inspection tags (vessel inspection control seal -- VICS) signifying compliance with Clean-Drain-Dry standards from Schroon and Paradox Lakes will be permitted to re-launch with no inspection, the inspections tag will be removed upon launch and new tags will be secured to the trailer upon leaving the launch.**

**DEFINITIONS**

**“Cleaned, Drained and Dry” means that a trailered vessel is cleaned of all visible plant and animal growth, has had all bilges and other areas capable of storing water drained and is fully**

dried.

“Decontamination” means High Pressure Hot Water (HPHW) wash of a vessel and/or trailer, or other method determined to be as effective to eliminate any threat of introduction of AIS to Paradox Lake and Schroon Lake.

“Vessel inspection control seal (VICS)” means a plunger seal which is certified by the Commission and applied by a lake steward or authorized launch operator and which connects a vessel to its trailer, or other device to be equally as effective.

**Prohibitions**

It shall be unlawful for any person to alter or modify any VICS. This prohibition shall not apply to the removal of a VICS that has been properly installed to the vessel being launched into Paradox Lake and Schroon Lake.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use, or attempt to secure a vessel to a trailer, with an unauthorized VICS so as to avoid the requirements of this Local Law.

All vessels inspected shall be subject to decontamination if determined not to meet the cleaned, drained and dry standard by any lake steward prior to launching into Paradox Lake and Schroon Lake during the boating season. Trailered vessels decontaminated at an official decontamination station shall receive a VICS.

**Resolution #139 Accept Resignation of Fran Filshie to Library Board**

Councilwoman Phibbs moved a resolution to accept Fran Filshies resignation to the Library Board effective April 15, 2016, seconded by Councilman Sage; carried.

**Resolution # 140 Workshop to discuss Electrical and Control Improvements at the Main Well Site**

Councilman Friedman moved a resolution to have a workshop with David Clark, Water Department Chief Operator, to discuss electrical and control improvements at the main Well Site on May 19, 2016 at 2:00 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Wood; carried.

Councilman Sage made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Wood; 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: May 12, 2016

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Town Clerk