

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019 AT 7:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.

Present:	Daryl Legg	Supervisor
	David Kukle	Councilman
	Raymond Legg	Councilman
	Sean Mahoney	Councilman
	Dolph Semenza	Councilman
	Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Secretary to the Supervisor
Others Present:	John Farrell	Superintendent of Highways
	Sgt. Robert Haines	Hunter Police Department
	Erika Bain	Hunter Area Ambulance
	Larry Gardner	Town Attorney
	Plus, all names on attached listing.	
Absent:	Corina Pascucci	Town Clerk

Supervisor Legg calls the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag. A moment of silence is held for the passing of past Supervisor, Anthony Bucca

AUDIT

The following vouchers were audited and approved for payment by the Town Board:
 General Fund (TW) Voucher #280 through #321 in the amount of \$42,730.72
 General Fund (TOS) Voucher #1033 through #1035 in the amount of \$112.78
 Highway Fund (TW) Voucher #90 through #101 in the amount of \$45,282.59
 Highway Fund (TOS) Voucher #1046 through #1063 in the amount of \$90,779.91
 Landfill Closure Fund Voucher #57 through #65 in the amount of \$7,078.42

MINUTES

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting 7/16/19, Public Hearing & Special meeting 7/30/19, & Special meeting 8/15/19. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 7:05 PM to consult with counsel. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 7:20 PM. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

POLICE-Monthly report acknowledged.
Town of Hunter Police Department

Monthly Report

July 2019

Calls for service:	146
Arrests made:	3
Criminal charges levied:	5
Criminal complaints:	11
Non-criminal complaints:	82
Assists to other agencies:	22
Uniform traffic tickets:	35
Parking tickets:	312
Accidents investigated:	8
Report requests:	1 = \$10.00
Property checks:	58

AMBULANCE-Monthly report acknowledged. No electronic copy provided.

E. Bain states that there are two drivers taking the EMT class beginning in September. She too must recertify so she will not be able to attend Town Board meetings during that time.

ASSESSOR -Monthly report acknowledged.

The Assessor's computer is down, unable to forward a report electronically.

Acknowledged received from NYS Dept. of Tax & Finance reporting appointments & reappointments by 9/30/19.

****Town Clerk Note****This item requires a motion to be made if the Town Board wishes to reappoint the Assessor. This shall be placed on the agenda for the September meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT- Monthly report acknowledged. No electronic copy provided.

Supervisor Legg states that the Town Board sent a letter to the Code Enforcement Officer to address some issues.

Mr. Abrahamsen requests a private meeting with the Town Board.

Attorney Gardner states that the decisions made by the Town Board will be public information.

Supervisor Legg reads letters into the minutes regarding this issue. (see attachments)

Supervisor Legg asks Ed Abrahamsen if he is living in the house on his property.

E. Abrahamsen states "No, I am yes but I am not now. I will be in the camper."

Discussion on where the sewage is going.

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to direct the Code Enforcement Officer to serve papers tomorrow to inform Ed Abrahamsen that he is to be out of the house within ten (10) days which is August 31, 2019. He is to no longer occupy any structures on that property.

Discussion about occupancy of the trailer and requiring proof that effluent is being pumped or dumped at a facility.

Seconded by Councilman Semenza

L. Gardner states that the travel trailer can't be occupied if it is hooked up to the septic system and no dumping is allowed on the property. He adds that one can't occupy a travel trailer unless disposing of the effluent lawfully and until this is set up to do that it can't be occupied.

Supervisor Legg questions how that would be enforced.

Roll call vote was somewhat inaudible. I believe I heard two noes, but they didn't state their names.

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION that this property is not to be inhabited in any permanent structures, three are listed, and it can't be inhabited by any structures that are hooked up to any legal or illegal septic systems on the property which we believe are two or three and any utilities meaning water or electric.

Discussion – Councilman Legg asks if the meters on the property are inspected, why can't the electric be used.

Supervisor Legg clarifies that it can't be illegally hooked to any utility.

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to rescind all above motions regarding this issue. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-5-

Noes-0-

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to direct the Code Enforcement Officer to serve papers tomorrow to compel that the three permanent structures on the property are not to be occupied after 8/31/19 and that the travel trailer is not to be occupied after 8/31/19 unless it has been disconnected from the existing thing in the ground and he has made arrangements that are verifiable to dispose of the effluent lawfully and directing the Code Enforcement Officer to look at those verifications and schedules weekly. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes-5-

Noes-0-

Town Board acknowledged training information.

PLANNING -Monthly report acknowledged.

**Town of Hunter Planning Board
Monthly MEETING Report
AUGUST 2019**

*Tuesday, August 6th, 2019. Regular meeting at 7:00PM - 25 people in attendance**

S. Basagic- Chairperson

M. Czermerys –Deputy Chairperson - ABSENT

S. Friedman - ABSENT

J. Michaud

C. Knopp

A. Dale

R. Haines

D. Senterman (alt)

B. Welch (alt)

-- Not official minutes; report prepared for Town Board— Attendance includes 1 Town Board Members*

PUBLIC HEARING: Stony Clove Ventures LLC/ Eco-Tourism Cabins Site Plan:

Chairperson S. Basagic opens the hearing. Applicants, Eric & Sean Ansanelli give a general summary of project description and business model.

Neighbors express concerns regarding: Noise, both during construction and when open for business. Many of the neighbors recall when "Steve's Campsites" were in operation. The excessive noise from rowdy parties, blatant disrespect to the neighbors and to the local area and natural resources still lingers. Neighbors state it took a long time for the garbage to be cleaned up from the campers and that there is still garbage in the streams today. The neighbors are looking for assurances from the applicants that their property will be kept private, that guests will not wander onto their lands and that there will be some type of monitoring of guests to ensure security for all. Additional concerns regarding the ingress / egress of the driveway. (comments summarized)

The Board votes unanimously to keep the public hearing open to the next meeting of Sept. 3, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Cortina Mtn Estates; Final Conditional Subdivision Approval Extension: Haines Falls. **B. Welch is recused.**

D. Baker of CME gives a status report that reflects the same information provided in the attorney's letter from Whiteman, Osterman, & Hanna (WOH). The Board acknowledges the letter from WOH Attorneys: request for 90-day extension of conditional approval. Chairperson S. Basagic states that before the subdivision can be filed it needs to be reviewed and

approved by the Department of Health as a Realty Subdivision. D. Baker states he will check the status with Attorneys and Chazen Engineers. **The Board Unanimously grants the 90-day extension of the final conditional subdivision approval. (2 absent & 1 recuse) (November 2019 meeting)**

2) Stony Clove Ventures LLC/ Eco-Tourism Cabins Site Plan: Edgewood- E. & S. Ansanelli

SEQR Unlisted action. Public hearing letters sent to neighbors & Legal Notice in Daily Mail Application, incomplete. Public Hearing remains open until the Sept. 3rd meeting.

The Board acknowledges submit of amended Site Plan on 9July 2019. The Board acknowledges approval letter from Greene County Planning 239 review.

The applicants state the pool & hot tub have been removed from the plan. Now proposed are the 12 – 16’ x 16’ wood framed, pier foundation cabins, 1 – 24’ x 21’ wood frame, masonry foundation clubhouse (basement storage and utilities and water treatment/ holding tanks), 12’ -wide dirt driveway extension, 20’-wide existing driveway, approx. 14 parking spaces/ pull off areas, 3’- wide dirt walking paths

Septic & utility trenching.

Chairperson S. Basagic states there was a site visit to the property on July 29th, 2019 at 1:30PM which she attended with Planning Board members C. Knopp & R. Haines and Councilman D. Kukle.

The Board reviews Part 2 of the Full EAF to identify areas that still require more information before a SEQR determination can be made.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Questions from C. Arleo, M. Nihan & J. Nihan regarding Haines Falls Auto : the approvals granted, when the work would begin and how long he has to complete. S. Basagic explains that details of the approvals can be obtained via FOIL request, approval are typically 2 yrs and that the Town Board did not grant Site plan approval but approved R. France’s 1 yr Scrap Facility Permit and 1 yr Junkyard permit. S. Basagic explains that R. France is still waiting to get approval from NYS DOT.

~The next Regular Planning Board Meeting will be on Tuesday September 3rd, 2019 at 7:00 PM~

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Elizabeth Hague of Haines Falls states that her residence is still using a DSL connection for internet and she is trying to find out more about broadband accessibility in her area of the Town. She reads from the franchise agreement which refers to a map of the coverage area which the Town does not have on file.

Supervisor Legg states that he will get copies of these maps.

L. Gardner will speak with Warren Hart at the County to work on this together.

Mike Tancredi states that he is petitioning the Town Board about developing a Property Maintenance Law for the corridor, the gateway and asks the board to give it serious consideration.

Councilman Mahoney adds that the board can’t enact just along the corridor without zoning.

Supervisor Legg states that the problem is enforcement and the laws need to all be the same from the Town to the Villages.

Paul Solodar questions the board members if they remember past conversations, he had with them regarding Williams Lumber, lawn mowing, and property maintenance. He feels that the Town of Hunter should not be doing business with a business that does not clean up their properties.

Discussion on enforcement of existing laws.

Supervisor Legg suggests that Paul Solodar and Mike Tancredi get a petition to see if the people want a lawn mowing law.

Councilman Mahoney urges the public to read the Town of Hunter Comprehensive Plan which considered hundreds of public comments.

Christine Arleo asks if Haines Falls Auto is waiting on NYSDOT for a site plan final approval. She was told that he (Rory France) has two years to comply once the approval is received. She questions why the two-year period.

Supervisor Legg states that if this was a response from the Planning Board then he believes it to be true.

Discussion on Haines Falls Auto blocking the viewshed for a car turning left from Sunset and why this is not being enforced.

Supervisor Legg states that he would have to check with NYSDOT but believes this would be enforceable by the NYS Police.

Genevieve Lutton states that a forklift is now using the driveway of the post office in Haines Falls and asks if that is allowable.

Supervisor Legg responds that he believes this has to do with NYSDOT and the traffic pattern, he will investigate this.

Elda Martocci states that he (Rory France) is only supposed to use his own property yet he has cars parked on other people's property.

Supervisor Legg states that he will investigate all of this over the next week.

Margaret Nihan asks if the town can place on their website the names of who is running for office in the Town of Hunter.

Supervisor Legg states that it is not allowable.

HIGHWAY

Acknowledged receipt of certificate for John Farrell PERMA Basic & Advanced Safety Coordinator Training
Christine Arleo thanks the Town of Hunter Highway Department for their work fixing Sunset Park Road.

NYC DEP LAND ACQUISITION

Acknowledged receipt of notice of properties being opened for single use public access areas prop ID#s 8579 and 8580

TRAIL FUND

Acknowledged receipt of donations in memory of Luke Patterson for Trail Development Fund
Supervisor Legg states that the donations will go towards the continuation of the walking trail and thanks all who have donated.

GRANTS

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to authorize letter of support for Clean Energy Communities Program. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

Acknowledged receipt of notice of engineering requirements for SMIP and Smart Growth grants.

Board states a special meeting will be held to authorize bid documents to go out.

SOLAR

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to sign letter of engagement for Grant & Lyons to draft laws. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

GREENE COUNTY

Acknowledged receipt of resolution # 156-19 Awarding fuel bid, 218-19 Awarding bid for Gasoline, #217-19 Awarding bid for propane, #219-19 Awarding bid for #2D diesel fuel

Discussion on fuel bidding.

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to put out to bid home heating, diesel, gas and propane with bids to be opened at the September meeting. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

CWSSI – notice of meeting on 8/22 and notice of public hearing on initiative held Town Hall 8/15

CWT

Acknowledged receipt of minutes 6/17/19 and agenda for 8/19

CWC

Acknowledged receipt of Resolution #'s 3582-3596

Acknowledged receipt of Aug Watershed Current w notice of Local Gov't Day 10/18/19

JUSTICE COURT -Monthly report acknowledged. No electronic copy provided.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Discussion Tannersville Day Camp costs. Town Board to investigate further, tabled to September meeting.

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS: Public Take notice of the following:

Domestic Violence, Farm Food Pantry, Back to School Free back packs, & volunteers are needed

HEALTH INSURANCE

To be discussed during Executive Session

CONTRACTS

Acknowledged receipt of a fully executed contract for Mountain Top Historical Society 8/24/19

Town Board to write letter to Sean Grodin on behalf of the Mountain Top Historical Society.

TOWN HALL

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to order retirement plaque for Keith Byrne.

Ayes-5-

Noes-0-

RESIGNATION

Acknowledged receipt of resignation from L.Miller-ambulance

TAX COLLECTOR

Acknowledged receipt of 2019 Tax Collector report

NYS RETIREMENT

Acknowledged receipt of requirements of compliance for retirement benefits SWD reporting

Discussion on requirement for some to keep a three-month log of activities. Some board members state that they believe they have turned these in.

****Town Clerk Note**** Suggest that those members check with the Town Clerk as those records have not been turned over to her.

ROAD NAMING

Discussion

L. Gardner states that a town may name a private road. This is a circumstance of a road which will have four houses which means the 911 numbers can't continue from the county road since over three houses on the road.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Multiple inaudible conversations going on at once, unable to transcribe.

CORRESPONDENCE

Acknowledged received from Dept. of Army to NYSDOT permit to work in stream on Route 214 for culvert rehab

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 9:20 PM to speak with counsel. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session, time unknown. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

Councilman Legg makes a MOTION for the sake of issuing a building permit and the issue up on Scano, the road name for the private road is to be Ryder Hollow Road. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to execute an agreement between future retirees and the Town of Hunter that are desirous of entering into an agreement with the Town of Hunter to make payments to or on behalf of the retiree relating to health care benefits. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to hire Part Time Police Officers Laszlo Hajnoczi, Joseph Murray, Marino Romito and Travis Rinaldi as of 8/20/2019. Pay rate to be the same as Russ McCabe. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to hold town board regular meetings twice a month starting in September of 2019. Meetings to be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

Councilman Legg makes a MOTION to adjourn at 10:38 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter