

TOWN OF WHITEHALL
REGULAR MEETING @ 7 PM
57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE

March 21, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Rozell – Supervisor
Christopher Dudley Sr.-Councilperson
Stephanie Safka – Councilperson
Timothy Kingsley-Councilperson
David Hollister-Councilperson

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Clerk, Julie Millett; Deputy Town Clerk, Patti Gordon; Town Attorney, Erika Sellar-Ryan; Whitehall Times Reporter, Matt Saari; David Waters, Joe Pinkowski; Heritage Director, Carol Greenough, John Millett Jr. and George Armstrong.

Meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Whitehall Town Supervisor, John Rozell.

Pledge to the Flag and moment of silence for the passing of Horace Scott.

Supervisor would like to congratulate George Armstrong for his win on the election for Village Trustee. George led the meeting in prayer.

Motion to approve prior minutes of February 21, 2018 by Councilperson Kingsley and seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED **Ayes 5 Rozell, Safka, Kingsley, Hollister, Dudley**
 Nays 0

Heritage Report- verbal report Carol Greenough

Museum will probably open up around July 1, 2018.

Repairs need to be done due to leaking of water inside the building.

Rec. Report-no report by Julie Eagan

Dog Control Report- no report by Nancy Quell

Compliance Officer Report- nothing to report by Vernon Scribner

Town Clerk Report -written report by Julie Millett

Rabies Clinic will be held at Highway Garage on April 14th from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Town Assessor Report- written report by Bruce Caza for last three months

George Armstrong stated that there is a lot of activity in the village with new businesses where prior Aubuchon Building, Duncan Donuts and old McDonald's. Andre Hagadorn has also purchased a former stone property.

Town Supervisor Report – written report by John Rozell

- NYMIR Inspector came again to inspect things at Highway Garage and Rec. Center.

Need sign at Rec. Center for play area.

-Mahoney inspected the Municipal Building and it passed.

We are getting an estimate on alarm system for highway garage. Looks like it is going to be over \$6,000 with a monthly fee.

Foresight is also going to give us an estimate so we just won't have one estimate.

- Issues with the court phone system; we think it is taken care of.
- Vouchers need to be signed by all Board members.
- State of New York is going to be painting Route 4. They are going to narrow from 12' to 11'. This has nothing to do with the bike trail, it is state mandated.
- Broadband coming to Whitehall, looks like going to be Hughes Net for Whitehall.
- Congratulations to Codie Bascue, Whitehall Basketball Team and American Legion "99" years Birthday.

Update on the Bike Trail coming through:

Meeting this afternoon at the Municipal Center. It is going to come up and cross the Ryder Road bridge along Route 4, go across Swinton's go back down to the old canal and follow the canal up. They discussed it and now they are going to try to work with NYS Canal system and see if they can just come up through the edge of the canal. They were going to have a ten-foot tunnel underneath the railroad tracks. That would be very expensive. They are now going to try to come along the west-side of the NYS Canal property so they don't have to get easements, won't have to buy property from land owners and come the canal shoreline with about six bridges. This will go from New York City to Canadian border.

Planning Board Report- written report by Gregg Chappell

Supervisor Rozell will be attending the Planning board meeting next week to check on the decommissioning bonds due in June.

Highway Report- Louie absent

Highway fuel report submitted to the Board.

114 hours of overtime left. It is going to be a little tight because that needs to go to January 1st. Salt budget is going to be tight. We have enough to fill everything up hopefully till January.

Budget Officer Report & Transfers – written report by Joel Carpenter

Joel has supplied the fund balances for the end of 2016 compared to 2017.

	2016	2017
General Fund	\$267,362	\$270,175
General OS	\$ 4,150	\$ 4,650
HWY TW	\$113,991	\$118,217
HWY OS	\$ 49,767	\$ 47,443

Resolution # 33 "In Support of the Champlain Hudson Power Express Project"

Motion by Councilperson Hollister to bring up the Resolution and seconded by Councilperson Safka. All in favor to discuss resolution.

Supervisor Rozell would like to get something signed tonight and get it back to them in support of the project. Supervisor has a problem with one section where it states that "the Town of Whitehall grants its consent to CHPEI lay down wires, conductors, conduits and other fixtures in and under the streets, avenues, public parks and places in the Town of Whitehall." It's not on the projected route, but Supervisor has concerns. Attorney stated that the town is giving permission to change the route wherever in the jurisdiction of the town. They will need to get all the required permits to do the project. At this point it is just a concept. The Town of Fort Ann has gone with a resolution just like this one and the Town of Putnam made minor changes to their resolution before signing it.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor John Rozell, aye
Councilperson Safka, aye
Councilperson Kingsley, aye
Councilperson Dudley, aye
Councilperson Hollister, aye

ADOPTED **Ayes 5 Rozell, Safka, Kingsley, Hollister, Dudley**
 Nays 0

Resolution will be sent to Rick Chase representing CHPEI.
Resolution will be filed in the Resolution Book and with the minutes.

Motion to approve all reports made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED **Ayes 5 Rozell, Safka, Kingsley, Hollister, Dudley**
 Nays 0

All Written reports will be filed with the minutes.

Resolution #34 “Opposition to Taxable NYS Owned Land Conversion to PILOTS”

NYS wants to turn these into a PILOT program. The school would take a drastic hit by doing that because of all the state land in Dresden. Washington County has already voted against it. Whitehall Central School also voted against it. If passed a copy will be forwarded to Governor Cuomo, NYS Senator Betty Little and NYS Assemblyman Dan Stec.

Motion to approve Resolution in “Opposition to Taxable NYS Owned Land Conversion to PILOTS” by Councilperson Dudley and seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

ADOPTED **Ayes 5 Rozell, Safka, Kingsley, Hollister, Dudley**
 Nays 0

Part-time assessor’s clerk position requested by assessor.

Received three applicants. Supervisor would like two people from the board meet with assessor and set up possible interviews. Councilperson Safka would like the whole board to interview. Attorney noted that if the whole board interviews it has to be open to a public meeting and must given written notice in the paper of the meeting. Supervisor puts his faith in the committee to bring back which candidate they like. Councilperson Safka and Councilperson Dudley will be on the committee along with the assessor.

-Received a letter to approve a 30- day waiver on liquor license for Whitehall Field Club. Attorney stated that this happens all the time where a business would like the 30 -day waiver on a liquor license.

Motion to approve 30-day waiver on Whitehall Field Club’s liquor license at 61 Gray Lane in Whitehall made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

ADOPTED **Ayes 5 Rozell, Safka, Kingsley, Hollister, Dudley**
 Nays 0

Received fully executed copies on the PILOT agreements for the Millett Property.

-Attorney has typed up a contract for Dog Control for 2018. NYS Ag. & Markets requires a yearly contract between the DCO and the Town of Whitehall. Nancy Quell failed her first inspection and now AG & Markets has filed recent paperwork passing her second inspection. There are 14

