

**TOWN BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
57 SKENESBOROUGH DRIVE
7:00PM**

NOVEMBER 20, 2019

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Clerk, Patti Gordon; Town Attorney, Erika Sellar-Ryan; Highway Superintendent, Louis D. Pratt II.; Compliance Officer, Martin Rocque; Whitehall Times Reporter, PJ Ferguson; Pat Provost; Ginny Currier; Vicky Mattison; Kaylee Kelly; Tina Mattison;

Supervisor Rozell opened the with the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comments:

Pat Provost & Ginny Currier stated that they are representing the Whitehall Seniors. The Senior Center is a gathering place for seniors. We stay away from Political or Religious groups. Even though the rooms have not been used as much, it is utilized by AA, Tai Chai, Glens Falls Hospital, The Fish N Game Club, and Summer Lunch Program. We just will not allow the Out of the Box Worship to use our facility. Respectfully submitted.

Vicky Mattison asked about the Nuisance Law and how the Town is being notified about recurrent visits. Who is responsible for keeping track? Supervisor Rozell stated when we get complaints in the Town Office, we notify the Police Department and they handle it. Vicky Mattison asked Supervisor Rozell if he was aware that the Motel is in the process of being sold. He did say he knew it was on Auction International website.

Motion made by Councilperson Kingsley and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley to not allow the Out of the Box Worship to use the Senior Center.

ADOPTED **AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**
NAYS 0

Motion to approve minutes from October 09, 2019 Special meeting on Fire District and October 16, 2019 on 2020 Town Budget and Fire Contract made by Councilperson Hollister and seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

ADOPTED **AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**
NAYS 0

Heritage Report- No report by Carol Greenough

Rec. Report – No report by Julie Eagan

Dog Control Report- Written by Nancy Quell

Compliance Officer Report – by Martin Rocque

Nothing to Report at this time. He did however have someone come to him about rats on North Street, which is located in the Village. He will contact the Village Compliance Officer.

Town Clerk Report – written by Patti Gordon

Town Assessor Report- No report by Bruce Caza

Town Supervisor Report- Verbal report by John Rozell

-At the County level-The 2020 County Budget passed. I did vote against a couple items however. They will be borrowing 1.5 million against the savings account which I am not in favor of.

-There is a leak in the men’s shower in the pavilion. The water is currently shut off until it is repaired. Dave miles, who is the new contact person, should be contacting the office sometime in the next week to make arrangement to do the work.

-Supervisor approved the lights to go up in the Park but advised them they need to be neater than last year and could not be on as long due to the extremely high electric bills from the previous year. They were also advised not to unplug the cameras and not have any cords running on the ground. He will speak with the group about making sure they get the necessary insurance in the future.

-The Park and Pavilion have been decorated and the lights will be turned on Dec 7th until the week after Christmas when the decorations will be picked as well. The tree lighting will be on December 7th@ 5pm. Supervisor Rozell asked if anyone was aware of why they had containers around town for donations; councilperson Safka believes it is for the Christmas Party for the children when they have the tree lighting.

-The water fountain has been installed at the Recreation and Senior Center.

-I had a meeting with Joel and Jaeger & Flynn for 2020 Health insurance. The policy will be the same as the previous year with a 5.2% rate increase. They offered a few other policies but they would have cost the Town and Employees more, one did not offer coverage in Vermont.

Motion to accept the Jaeger & Flynn Insurance policy with a 5.2% rate increase for 2020 made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED **AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**
NAYS 0

Supervisor Rozell will get in contact with Saratoga Surveillance. Everything was set a month ago to get hooked into the police station. Once we get two antennas up, we will be able to get hooked into the Police station so that they will be able to view live feed of the park and pavilion area.

Budget Officer Report & Transfers– by Joel Carpenter **Resolution #54 Budget Transfer of 2019 Motion** made to pass Resolution #54 budget transfer made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka

ADOPTED **AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**
NAYS 0

Resolution will be filed with the minutes, website and in the Resolution Book.

NYCLASS interest rate has dropped down to 1.62%, same as at the County. Our year to date is approximately \$5,000.00 compared to approximately \$90.00 for all of 2019.

Town Planning Board Report- written report by Gregg Chappell
Resolution #55 to reduce speed on two town roads and one County Road.
Motion to approve Resolution #55 to reduce the speed limit to a maximum speed of 40MPH on Town Road’s Wade and Dodge, as well as County Route 18 to the Hampton line made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Safka.

ADOPTED **AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**
NAYS 0

Resolution will be filed with the minutes, website and in the Resolution Book.

Town Highway Report by Louie Pratt

- The docks have been taken in and the water and lights are off at the wall.
- CHIPS has been sent in for reimbursement for December.
- Roofer Ken Martin is preparing two proposals for us for the next board meeting. We can put it out to bid if necessary. They will engineer new designs. One will have new four inch standing seam with insulation and the other will have a four-inch lift with rubber roof on top of the remaining roof. This will not get started until next spring.
- The two new guys are doing OK.
- The summertime budget moved into personal services but, we will be able to move it back. - There will not however, be enough overtime dollars if the snow continues like this. It’s very early in the season to be dealing with this already. The shortage is due to training because of new employees.

Motion to approve monthly reports made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Supervisor Rozell.

ADOPTED **AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**

NAYS 0

Written reports will be filed with the minutes.

Motion to re-appoint John Steven to the Board of Assessment Review for a term of 5 years starting 10/1/2019 to 9/30/2024 made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Kingsley.

ADOTPED **AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**
NAYS 0

BUSINESS TO DISCUSS

We collected \$408.00 this year in donations from the docks and pavilion which covers our electric cost. That does not count the \$100.00 donation from AA to repair the bbq's in the park. We have gotten several notes this season to say Thank You and how much they love the area. Riley Ballard requests to use the park/pavilion on December 7th for Christmas in the Park with Santa and Tree lighting ceremony.

Motion to approve park use for December 7th, 2019 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm from Riley Ballard; Christmas in the Park Celebration.

ADOPTED **AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**
NAYS 0

Supervisor Rozell ask Town Attorney Erika Seller Ryan where we were on the pilots. Erica spoke with the new attorney and they are supposed to get back her to today but did not. She believes the hold up now is that they might need to re-calculate the math. Supervisor Rozell asked in whose favor; she stated just in reality as to when they went live.

<u>ABSTRACT #11 OF 2019</u>	General Fund V# 19-11-1	19-11-26	\$ 9,358.50
	Highway Fund V# 19-11-1	19-11-08	\$ 7,666.38

Motion made to approve the monthly vouchers made by Councilperson Hollister and Seconded by Councilperson Dudley.

ADOPTED **AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**
NAYS 0.

Written reports will be filed with the minutes and on the website.

Motion made to go into execution session made by Supervisor Rozell and Seconded by Councilperson Hollister.

ADOPTED **AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley, Safka, Kingsley**
NAYS 0

Motion made to come out of executive session by Councilperson Safka and Seconded by Supervisor Rozell

Motion to adjourn November 20, 2019 Town Board Meeting made by Councilperson Safka and seconded by Councilperson Kingsley

ADOPTED **AYES 5 Rozell, Hollister, Dudley Safka, Kingsley**
NAYS 0

Adjourned Respectfully Submitted

Patti Gordon Town Clerk