

May 8, 2023 the regular Town Board meeting was held in the Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Coun. Wilbur, Coun. Barber, Coun. Diekel, Sup. Ferguson

Absent: Coun. Brown

Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag.

A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Diekel and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

Old Business: Highway Superintendent, Rick Hobus, inquired of the DEC about widening the road leading to Chubb's Dock. He received an email from Rebecca Terry, and copies were given to the board members, outlining the allowable activities for town and county highways that cross State Lands. Widening, expanding, and relocating roads by use on Forest Preserve lands are prohibited activities. The work described for Chubb's Dock includes a significant amount of gravel and will require a Temporary Revocable Permit. Also, no gravel or material may encroach on wetland vegetation. Rock can be placed to hold material but the lines that were painted a while ago will need to be repainted to know the boundaries. Mr. Hobus will wait until the water recedes from over the road to have the lines repainted. During discussions, it may be necessary for the town to have a meeting with the DEC and APA to address the public safety issue. Further discussions included a dry hydrant placed at the firehouse in the brook for them to gain access to water to refill the tanker with. As for the town hall upgrade, an electrician met with Coun. Wilbur to discuss the entrance wire being moved. The electrician will be putting a bid in by mail. He stated that National Grid will give recommendations for where the entrance wire can be placed. The town is still in need of (2) Board of Assessment Review members.

New Business: The financials were given to the board and are on file in the clerk's office.

Resolution #12-2023 titled **Bond Resolution For the Purchase of 2023 International Truck For the Highway Department and Authorizing the Issuance of BAN.** Sup. Ferguson made the motion and Coun. Wilbur seconded it. Roll call vote is as follows: Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Diekel-AYE; Coun. Barber-AYE; Sup. Ferguson-AYE; Coun. Brown-ABSENT

Resolution #13-2023 titled **Town of Dresden Code of Ethics** was put forth by a motion made by Coun. Diekel and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur. The roll call vote is as follows: Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Diekel-AYE; Coun. Barber-AYE; Sup. Ferguson-AYE; Coun. Brown-ABSENT.

A contract between the Town and Kenyon Pipeline Inspection LLC has been agreed upon and is the last part of the project to move forward with the grant. The contract was passed and written by the town attorney for the purpose of the grant for Sewer District #1 Study Project.

An additional discussion about the draining of rain water runoff and clogging a sewer drain was brought up. A catch basin catches heavy water overflow and that the slow drainage is a county issue and Sup. Ferguson will contact Wash. Cty. DPW to investigate it. The Sewer District #1 committee will be holding monthly meetings on the fourth Monday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. beginning in June. There will be minutes taken during the meetings and will be given to the Town Clerk to have them posted on the town website. Also, the members of the SD#1 Committee will have their names and contact information posted as well.

During the March meeting held this year a discussion about the use of ProcellaCOR was had. It was brought to the board's attention that it should have heard all sides and perspectives on the issue before passing a standing resolution against the use in Lake George. During the April meeting it was announced that Mr. Wick did not attend the meeting he was invited to attend. However, it was determined that there was no invitation offered for the April meeting and that Mr. Wick sent out an email to each of the board members and only Coun. Wilbur and Coun. Diekel responded that they received the email. Since the discussions the Lake George Park Commission and the APA have withdrawn any intention to move forward with the application and that the Supreme Court found the applications for the permits to use ProcellaCOR were incorrect. There will be no new applications for the remainder of the 2023 year.

Stephanie Aiken Copeland described to the board and those in attendance about the upcoming septic inspection of her families property with extensive details of the procedure.

There was a concern from a local homeowner about the TDI line coming through the town and the use of explosives to break the rock ground and the effect it could have on ground water wells. Coun. Wilbur reached out to Josh Bagnato about the concern and a return phone call came from Terry Bishop and he is trying to make himself available for the June meeting to discuss any concerns.

Sup. Ferguson handed out to the board a list of addresses that will be funded by the county at a time to be determined for the upgrade of high speed internet. There will be more information as it becomes available.

Brian Davis, commander of the American Legion in Whitehall, in conjunction with Jackie Grant would like to refurbish the cannon located at 14082 St. Rte. 22. Sup. Ferguson has emailed the owners for permission to follow through with the renovation. The owners have tabled the discussion about donating the property to the town to discuss it further among themselves.

County Business: The most recent Flood Plain map fully updated is hanging on the wall at the town hall. If a property floods but the house does not it isn't necessary to carry flood insurance. There are fewer properties now located in the flood zone. Marilyn Borden was once again recognized for her effort to get the county to repair the buildings located at Hulett's Landing Beach. Meghan Ashe will once again reach out to the anonymous donor of funds to replace the playground equipment and update the tennis court. The town would like to implement the Firefighter/EMS-EMT tax exemption and will need to be passed by a resolution and a local law. This will require a public hearing and the hearing will be held during an upcoming town board meeting. The monthly bills for April are as follows:

GEN-\$5470.57

HWY-\$19560.85

SD#1-\$1652.28

SD#2-\$2978.51

Public Comment: Tom Mowatt presented the board with the idea that his property located on Lake Champlain on Catden Road has been designated on the New York State Register of Historic Places and that through the Adirondack Architectural Heritage organization, announced funding opportunities through the Adirondack Rural Revitalization Program for projects. Mr. Mowatt has begun the process of documentation and the application. A letter expressing informed local support from the Dresden Town Board would help with his effort. There would be no further action on the part of the town board necessary. The application deadline is August 11, 2023.

There were no further discussions and a motion to adjourn at 8:35 was unanimous. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur-Town Clerk

Attendance: Linda Barber, Kim Brown, Stephanie Aiken Copeland, Warren Gordon, Thomas Mowatt, Bill Clough, Mary Labrie, Margaret Stoutenburg, Meghan Ashe, Suzy Shad, Jane Carter, Rick Carter, EJ Conzola-Whitehall Times