

November 9, 2015 the regular Town Board Meeting, as well as the Public Hearing for the 2016 Budget was held in the Town Hall beginning at 7 p.m. with all members of the board present. Sup. Gang led the pledge to the flag. A motion to accept the previous months minutes was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Raymond and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

**The Public Hearing:** was opened at 7:02. **Resolution #33-2015** titled **Resolution introducing proposed local law to override the tax levy limit established in general municipal law section 3-C** states that there is a 7/10 of 1% raise in taxes, about a \$4,000 to \$5,000 increase so therefore we need to override the tax cap. The public hearing closed with no discussion.

**Old Business:** The town financials were given to the members of the board and are on file in the Town Clerk's office. There are a handful of home owners located in each of the sewer districts that have not paid the user fees and that amount will be inserted into the County and Town Taxes with penalties. Sup. Gang will submit a letter to the County explaining the amount to be added because of the delinquencies. There has been some progress on the Veteran's Sign to be placed on the Town Hall. A letter has been devised by the committee to be sent out to the resident's asking for updated information of names and times of service as well as searching for donated funds to pay for the sign. A question came up about the money being donated becoming tax deductible for the person giving it and the Supervisor will look into what has to be done in order for donations to be given and deposited through the town's bank account. Town attorney, Matt Fuller, emailed Supervisor Gang that Independent Tower contacted him about looking at the placement of a tower. There has to be a structural engineer to determine if a tower can be placed. We haven't heard from Independent Tower in months and there is another company working in Putnam and Ticonderoga looking for a placement in that area. Sup. Gang received a phone call from Representative Dan Stec's office that a local property owner wants to donate a parcel of land for the placement of a cell phone tower and that Mr. Stec would like to have a Town Hall Meeting held in the future.

**New Business:** **Resolution #33-2015** titled **Proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C** was introduced by a motion made by Coun. Raymond and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

**Resolution #34-2015** titled **Adoption of 2016 Town Budget** was introduced by a motion made by Coun. Greenough and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

**Resolution #35-2015** titled **Budget Amendment, Highway** to transfer money to the continued expenses for the T-11 bridge. It was introduced by a motion by Coun. Greenough and seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

**Resolution #36-2015** titled **Budget Amendment, Highway** to transfer money to cover the costs of State Retirement increases. It was introduced by motion by Coun. Raymond and seconded by Coun. Barber and all were in favor.

A resolution needs to be made up and will be available at the next meeting to re-do the contract with the two fire companies located in town. The budgeted amount for each of them remains unchanged at \$40,000 for Dresden and \$25,000 for Hulett's Landing. It was introduced by a motion by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Greenough and all were in favor. There will be the annual Christmas Party being held in the Town Hall on December 19, 2015 at 1 p.m. and any donations can be dropped off and accepted. The re-appointment of Craig Bascue to the Board of Assessment Review was made by a motion from Coun. Greenough and seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor. Sup. Gang met with representatives from Lake Champlain Blueway Trail to establish a system of trails from Rouse's Point Vermont to Whitehall. They will be setting up an informational board explaining historical sites and places of interest along the trail. This is for small water vessels that travel along Lake Champlain. Lake George waterkeeper, Chris Navitski, is looking for way to reduce the salt runoff into the basin by alternative ways to treat the roads in the towns located in the Lake George region. A meeting agenda was given to the board and is on file in the Clerk's office laying out the project phases. A monitoring device will be used to check out salt ratio at no cost to the Town and they have been doing monitoring for some time now.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:** The bridge replacement is completed on Pike Brook. The crew has been busy hauling 24,000 yards of winter sand. We also have finished sandblasting the TD-9 truck, has been primed and painted and is nearly complete. The crew has ditched the roadsides of Fenn Rd, Pike Brook Rd, and Mosier Rd as well as culverts replaced on these roads and 150 bales of hay were mulched for erosion control. Two tires were replaced on the sweeper broom and the 4630 Ford Tractor. Several hundred tons of #4 material has been hauled to the stockpile for future projects.

There were no further discussion's and the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk.

**Attendance:** Helen Marie Sunkenberg Carl Sobeck