

June 9, 2015

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 7:00 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: William B. Ferebee, Supervisor, Paul R. Martin, Robert M. Biesemeyer, Michael J. Buysse and Jerry D. Smith, Members of Council. Also present were: 3 residents, Donna Austin, Tax Collector, Gary Manley, Highway Superintendent and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Ferebee, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and invited everyone present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution No. 125 – 15

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Minutes from the Town Board Meeting held May 12, 2015 be accepted as presented. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Yes
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

Privilege of the floor was offered.

Donna Austin was present with her 2015 Tax Collector's Report, which she briefly explained.

Resolution No. 126 – 15

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the Tax Collector's 2015 Report as presented. This report has been attached to and made a part of these minutes. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Yes
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

Privilege of the floor was again offered.

Donna Combs said she had some questions regarding wages. She asked if the Town had anyone working under the categories of seasonal or part time.

Mr. Ferebee explained that the extra help in the summer falls under seasonal.

She then asked what title Andrew Wadsworth was hired under. Mr. Manley said he was hired as an MEO (medium equipment operator). She asked if he was hired to replace Ned Whitney and if it was at the same rate. Mr. Manley said yes.

She asked if Andrew's probationary period had been extended and why.

Mr. Ferebee responded that the Board shouldn't discuss personnel on the open floor saying personnel issues require Executive Session.

Ms. Combs thanked the Board for their cooperation.

Jake Burns introduced himself saying that he lives on Route 73 and made the request that the speed limit be lowered and that signs be put up prohibiting engine brakes. He said besides the noise, this could slow people down to see more of our Town.

Mr. Ferebee explained that the State sets the speed limit, but said if Mr. Burns would send him a formal request, he would add his own and forward the requests onto the State.

Mr. Ferebee gave updates on various bridge constructions in Town.

He said the new sections were scheduled to be set tomorrow on the bridge by the Keene Post Office. He said they plan to pour concrete on the 19th and that it would need to cure for two weeks. He said they are going to try to open both lanes for the Fourth of July and are now looking at a completion date of July 25th.

He said on the bridge further up Route 73 that the heavy construction was not scheduled to begin until after the Ironman. He said they will be doing one lane this year and the other lane next year.

He said that Route 73, at the bridge over the Johns Brook Overflow in Keene Valley, would be closed beginning at 9:00 on Monday, June 15th until 6:00 on Tuesday, June 16th to allow work to be done overnight.

Mr. Ferebee gave an update on the dam at Marcy Field saying FEMA has given the go ahead. He said he is meeting tomorrow with Dave Reckahn from Essex County Soil and Water Conservation and Kelly Tucker from the AuSable River Association.

Resolution No. 127 – 15

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at the request of the Youth Commission Board, authorization be given for an extension to the Summer Youth Commission Program making it a 7 week program. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Yes
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

Resolution No. 128 – 15

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the following Staff be reappointed with a 3% increase for the hourly employees and a salary adjustment (for the extra week) for the Director:

Director – Mitchell Estes @ \$6706

Bus Driver, Counselor, Aquatics Director – Lydia Gonyea @ \$23.64 p/h

Counselor, Health Director – Andrew Murphy @ \$11.81 p/h

Counselor, Lifeguard – Teesha Coolidge @ \$11.81 p/h

This resolution was seconded by Mr. Buysse.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Yes
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

Resolution No. 129 – 15

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at the request of Vinney McClelland, a highway permit be authorized for The Mountaineer to hold their annual “Trail Run” on Saturday, June 13th and also resolved to waive the fee. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Yes
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

Resolution No. 130 – 15

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at their request, the Keene Valley Hose & Ladder Co. No. 1 be issued a highway permit for their 2nd annual Remembrance Run/Walk on Sunday, September 13th and also resolved to waive the fee. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Buysse.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Yes
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

Mr. Ferebee informed the Board that he had given them the 6 applications received for the vacancy of the Code Enforcement Officer. He asked the Board how they wanted to handle them suggesting they review the applications and then meet for a Special Town Board Meeting with interviews. In the meantime, he said Tom Worthington, Jay's BCO will perform inspections at \$20 an hour and mileage and John Hudson will continue to issue permits.

Mr. Biesemeyer said he felt it was difficult for a contractor to hold the position of BCO, saying it was a conflict of interest.

The Board agreed to hold a Special Town Board Meeting at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, June 16th and to have Mr. Ferebee set up 3 interviews for that night beginning at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Ferebee gave the Board a reminder that the Ironman is scheduled for Sunday, July 26th.

Donna Austin asked for an update on the Dr. Ray Pedestrian Bridge.

Mr. Ferebee said the plans are here at the Town Hall and the County is just about ready to put the project out to bid.

He said the bridge has been moved out of AuSable Forks and the only completion date he has is that it will be done this year.

Mr. Martin initiated a discussion regarding the boulders upstream in St. Hubert's and the need to prevent damage should a flood occur.

Mr. Ferebee said that NY Rising has earmarked \$50,000 to formulate a plan for that area.

Mr. Biesemeyer commented that Grievance Day went well.

Mr. Ferebee said that everyone seemed as happy as you can be.

Mr. Smith asked about the trucks that were bid out.

Mr. Ferebee said they have been ordered and should be delivered by the end of the month.

Resolution No. 131 – 15

Mr. Martin offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the Supervisor's Monthly Financial Statement for April, as presented, and have it placed on file with the Town Clerk. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Yes
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

Resolution No. 132 – 15

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the following bills be approved for payment, including those that were prepaid. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee:	Yes
Mr. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Mr. Buysse:	Yes
Mr. Smith:	Yes

Multi-Fund Vouchers Numbered 314 to 372, totaling \$48,281.98 and 1 KPL Voucher in the amount of \$300.00 to be paid from their fund raising account.

General Fund Vouchers	- \$18,850.91
Highway Fund Vouchers	- 25,756.49
Library Fund Vouchers	- 1,791.35
Water District #1 Vouchers	- 248.56
Water District #2 Vouchers	- 1,634.67

KPL - \$300.00 from fund raising account

Resolution No. 133 – 15

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that with all business having been transacted, this meeting be adjourned. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Ferebee: Yes

Mr. Martin: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Mr. Buysse: Yes

Mr. Smith: Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk
June 12, 2015

William B. Ferebee, Supervisor
Paul R. Martin, Councilman
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Councilman
Michael J. Buysse, Councilman
Jerry D. Smith, Councilman