

March 10, 2015

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 7:00 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: William B. Ferebee, Supervisor, Paul R. Martin, Michael J. Buysse and Jerry D. Smith, Members of Council. Absent: Robert M. Biesemeyer, Councilman. Also present were: 8 residents (4 Youth Commission Board Members), Debra Whitson, Town Attorney and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

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

Resolution No. 85 – 15

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, with the amendment correcting Resolution No. 76 – 15 to read that the East Branch Friends of the Arts were given permission to use Marcy Field on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, to hold their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Kite Fest and the Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, both be accepted into record. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Ferebee said that the Youth Commission Board had asked to have Privilege of the Floor and turned the floor over to Jennifer Whitney and Stacey Martin, who introduced their newest member, Richard Durant. Sheryl Quinn was also present.

Ms. Whitney began by asking the Board how the Summer Staff hiring would be handled, would the positions be advertised or would last summer's staff be canvassed first.

Mr. Ferebee responded that the Town has received 3 confirmations of return and had one they had not heard from yet.

Ms. Whitney asked if the Town has returning staff fill out a partial application regarding felony arrests, Mr. Ferebee said they started that last year. He said that a check with the Dept. of Justice Sex Registry is also required as part of the Department of Health application.

Ms. Whitney asked how the Town Board felt about how many trips the program does and how they felt about spending a day a week at the Community Center.

Mr. Ferebee said that the attendance numbers seem to be better when the program stays busy.

Mr. Martin said he thought it would be good to try to stay there a day a week.

Mr. Durant suggested using this time as an enrichment program, etc.

Ms. Quinn said that having a professional come in for tye-dyeing last summer had been a big hit.

Mr. Ferebee said that he thinks the busy schedule is also good saying that some children wouldn't have the opportunity to make these trips on their own.

Ms. Whitney said that the Youth Commission Board is still not clear on how to read the budget. A discussion followed explaining the categories.

Ms. Martin said there are a lot of other summer programs that have registration fees.

Mrs. Estes pointed out that if a child attended all six weeks last summer and participated in tye-dyeing, that child had paid about \$35 or \$40.

The next discussion was in regards to having the program run for 7 weeks. Mrs. Estes checked the budget and said the money is still available in personal services.

There was a discussion about the night time swim at the Country Club pool. The Youth Commission Board said they would advertise the position.

Next was a discussion regarding t-ball and youth baseball.

Ms. Martin said that last year there were 3 age groups.

Mr. Martin said that he would love to be involved, preferably with baseball or softball.

Mr. Ferebee said he would like to recognize the Youth Commission Board, Meredith Dembrosky and Bob Gifford for the successful end of year skating party.  
Ms. Martin said that credit also goes to himself and Michael Buysse.

Michael Hartson said he would like to ask to reserve the Holt House, September 19<sup>th</sup>, for his Annual Hill Climb Reunion. Mr. Ferebee asked him to submit a written request to keep on file.

#### Resolution No. 86 – 15

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board give permission to Michael Hartson to use the Holt House and surrounding area for his Annual Hill Climb Reunion on September 19<sup>th</sup>. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Ferebee introduced Pat McFarland and Rene Hertz saying that Pat would like to make a disc golf proposal to the Board.

Mr. McFarland began by saying that in the last 30 years disc golf has become the fastest growing sport. He said there are 5 courses near here, with the Plattsburgh Recreational Park having the only free course.

He said he felt one in the Town of Keene would be the most beautiful while taking in the change in terrain. He said he would propose that a course have 18 or more holes. He showed what the pole with chain basket looked like from a picture and showed his own discs.

He said that someone at the Town of Plattsburgh told him that their course had cost about \$5,000 to set up and they had gotten a \$5,000 grant from the Department of Health for a "Get out & Move" grant. He said after construction, the highest cost for maintenance is the mowing.

He said if built he thought this proposal could bring tourist and tournaments to Keene. He said that 6,000 people had signed the log book at the Plattsburgh course saying he thought it could be a huge boom for the Town of Keene.

He said the parcel of Town land he thought would work is the 44.6 acres behind Marcy Field. He said it takes about 1 acre per hole and this area has views and the change in terrain he spoke of.

He said if the Board is interested, he would look for sponsors, etc.

Mr. Ferebee asked him if he had checked with the DEC or the APA. Mr. McFarland said he had talked to Tom Martin at DEC and would talk to someone at the APA.

Mr. Martin said it sounds interesting, Mr. Buysse agreed.

Mr. Ferebee told Mr. McFarland if he was willing he could go ahead with his research and pursue funding.

Mr. McFarland asked what the Board thought of using that parcel.

Mr. Buysse, Mr. Martin and Mr. Ferebee all seemed favorable.

Mr. Smith said he thought they should wait for a full Board.

#### Resolution No. 87 – 15

Mr. Martin offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at their request, Artists & Crafters be given permission to hold a small Arts & Crafts Fair on Marcy Field, Saturday, July 4, 2015. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Next Mr. Ferebee asked for a resolution to amend the 2015 Budget to reflect the \$500 grant awarded to Youth Commission from the Stewart's Holiday Match.

Resolution No. 88 – 15

The Town Board adopted Resolution No. 83 – 15, a Resolution to Amend the 2015 Budget. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Ferebee also said he would like to recognize the donation of 75 ice cream coupons made by Stewart's for the Town Skating Party.

Resolution No. 89 – 15

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the resignation of Regina DeZalia from the Keene Public Library's Board of Trustees effective immediately. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Ferebee said this vacancy will be advertised.

Resolution No. 90 – 15

Mr. Ferebee offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at the request of the Town of Wilmington, the Town Board authorize a Highway Permit for their annual Mountain Bike Race to be held on Sunday, June 7, 2015 and to waive the application fee. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Ferebee asked the Board for a resolution supporting Clyde Rabideau and the Village of Saranac Lake's endeavor to attract Bi-Lingual Tourists from within a two-hour drive of the area.

Resolution No. 91 – 15

Mr. Martin offered a resolution and moved its adoption. This resolution, a Resolution to Promote Tourism in our Adirondack/North Country Region, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Ferebee.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Ferebee asked for a resolution regarding the easements which were acquired for the Gulf Brook Streambank Restoration Project which was done last fall.

Resolution No. 92 – 15

The Town Board adopted Resolution No. 87 – 15, a Resolution Authorizing Town Supervisor to Sign Assurances Relative to Gulf Brook Streambank Restoration. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Ferebee said there is a voucher in the amount of \$405,000 and change, in tonight's bills for Tioga Construction for that project. He said this amount is \$68,000 under the budgeted cost. He said he is meeting with NRCS on Friday and that 75% of the cost would be received back in 2 to 3 weeks.

Mr. Ferebee said that the County has gone out to bid on engineering for the next Gulf Brook Project which will include the area from the Bucks Lane Bridge downstream to the River. This project will be funded by NY Rising. He said he didn't think construction would take place until 2016.

Mr. Ferebee said the reimbursements have been received for the hockey goals and slop sink that were bought with funds through the Healthy Places Grant applied for by Jennifer Whitney on behalf of Keene's Youth Commission. He said the new cross walk sign has been received and will be added into that grant.

Mr. Martin said he would like to see the Church Street parking situation finished saying he would like to see parking on both sides of the street.

Ms. Martin asked the Board if they thought a "Slide at your own risk" sign should be put up on the sledding hill at the Community Center. Debra Whitson said it wouldn't matter. She said what matters is the precautions taken to avoid accidents.

The next discussion was in regards to the signs entering the Hamlets.

Mr. Ferebee said the existing signs need to be replaced. He said he went to Daniel's signs and was told that the current signs had been coated with a plastic laminate and that moisture got between the layers causing the coating to split. He said they are willing to do a draft drawing for new signs for \$300.

Mr. Ferebee asked the Board what they wanted to do.

Mr. Martin said he would like to think about it again.

Mr. Ferebee asked if the Board was in favor of moving forward with taking the old signs down.

Mr. Buysse expressed concern that he didn't want to put off making a decision on the replacements for another year.

This discussion is planned to be followed up at the next meeting.

Mr. Martin said he would like to talk to Gary Manley, the Highway Superintendent, about digging out the frost heaves on Johns Brook Road.

Resolution No. 93 – 15

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Multi-Fund Vouchers Numbered 126 to 164, totaling \$440,806.99 plus 1 voucher to be paid from the KPL Fund Raising Account totaling 63.73, as follows;

General Fund	\$ 24,000.02
Highway Fund	9,823.68
Library Fund	608.85
Water District #1 Fund	915.66
Water District #2 Fund	112.83
Gulf Brook West Capital Project	405,345.95

and 1 KPL Fund Raising Account, \$63.73

Resolution No. 94 – 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. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk  
March 13, 2015

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