

October 13, 2015

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, October 13, 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 and Jerry D. Smith, Members of Council. Absent: Michael J. Buysse, Member of Council. Also present were: 3 Residents, Gary Manley, Highway Superintendent and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Ferebee, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution No. 176 – 15

Mr. Martin offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board approve the Notes from the Budget Workshop held on September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Notes from the Budget Workshops held on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting and the Bi-Monthly Town Board Meetings held on September 29<sup>th</sup>, all as presented. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Privilege of the floor was offered.

Martha Gallagher was present and asked the Board if she was correct that FEMA buyout land was in the County's hands and would be turned over to the Town it is in. When answered yes, she said the piece she is interested in is Linda Deyo's. She said it was a beautiful piece of land that is now overgrown and neglected. She said she understands that buyout property cannot have permanent structures, but she said that it would make a beautiful small Town park. She said it could be kept low maintenance and that of course there could again be flood water there. She said it is approximately 4 or 5 acres and could have a handicap trail along the river through the woods and could have picnic tables both in the sun and in the shade. She said she has talked to some other people who are enthusiastic about the idea. She said she was putting the idea forth to the Town Board and said if they were interested maybe a committee could be formed to work on some ideas.

Mr. Ferebee said that he had been thinking about a similar idea, he said he had thought about a community garden. He said the Town would be going there soon to mow, he said he would love to have a committee bring ideas to the Town Board saying they are open to suggestions; the Board seemed to agree.

Mr. Ferebee gave some brief updates on ongoing bridge constructions;

- He said that at "Bridge #7" (the bridge on Route 73 near Biesemeyer's Office), Verizon is done, the subcontractor has to come back to do some drilling and then the road will be opened up to 2 lane traffic. Construction will resume in the spring.
- He said that construction is gearing up at Shaw Bridge, covered signs have been installed and they are getting ready to start some tree cutting.
- He said on the Little Johns Brook Bridge, they are waiting for the guardrail company to come put up the rails and are waiting for the paver to smooth out some of the hump.
- He said on the pedestrian bridge, they are still looking at November 15<sup>th</sup> as the completion date. He said the steel is coming tomorrow, the bridge will be set on the 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> and that a ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned.
- He said the Bartlett Road Bridge is still scheduled for completion on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Resolution No. 177 – 15

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board file the Preliminary Budget with the Town Clerk with the only revision from the tentative budget being an increase of \$33.15 for an increase in the 2016 SPCA contract. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Ferebee supplied the Board with a copy of the 2015 End of the Year Report for the Summer Youth Commission Program submitted by the Director, Mitch Estes. He said that it was a good program, that everyone was happy and that the 2 lowest attendance days were days spent at the Community Center saying that the children like to be on the go.

Resolution No. 178 – 15

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the End of the Year Report submitted for the 2015 Summer Youth Commission Program. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Ferebee said the next topic of discussion would be the Highway request to have the option to turn overtime hours into comp time. He said that Dean Smith was present saying he was one of the signers on the letter of request.

Mr. Biesemeyer said he has a concern with accruing 3 more weeks of vacation a year. He said this wouldn't be allowed by small business. He said he would be cautious about labor laws regarding the taxes involved. He said he didn't feel it was a good idea and needed more research.

Mr. Smith said the school allows it.

Mr. Martin said there may be considerations when someone has a long trip planned.

Mr. Ferebee said the County does it through a CSEA program. He said some of the details would need to be worked out. He said the way it works is if the comp time is not used by the end of the year, the employee gets paid for it.

Mr. Biesemeyer said he would not agree to it. He also said the bookkeeping on this would be a nightmare and asked who would keep track of it.

Mr. Ferebee said he doesn't want to make any decisions tonight saying he would like to do more research on it.

Resolution No. 179 – 15

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

(Breakdown of funds, next page)

Multi-Fund Vouchers numbered 626 to 661, totaling \$53,109.84, as follows;

General Fund Bills	\$15,646.57
Highway Fund Bills	34,189.42
Library Fund Bills	298.04
Water District No. 1 Bills	977.26
Water District No. 2 Bills	1,998.55

Resolution No. 180 – 15

Mr. Biesemeyer 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. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk  
October 15, 2015

William B. Ferebee, Supervisor  
Paul R. Martin, Councilman  
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Councilman  
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