

September 8, 2015

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, September 8, 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 4 Residents, 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. 164 – 15

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board approve the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, August 11th, as presented. 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

Privilege of the floor was offered to Tom Both.

Mr. Both said he had 3 short items to discuss.

First, he said on behalf of the American Legion, he was here tonight to ask the Town Board how they felt about the American Legion putting flowers on some of the bridges like what is done in Elizabethtown. He explained that Rob Hastings would supply the flowers. He said for starters they were asking the Board's approval to put flowers on the new pedestrian bridge.

Resolution No. 165 – 15

Mr. Martin offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board give their approval for the American Legion to plant flowers on the new pedestrian bridge. 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 second topic that Mr. Both wanted to discuss was the trees at the Veteran's Memorial site.

He said they had some of the trees cut down because they were dying and there seems to be more now, he asked if they could also be removed.

The Board was in agreement, Mr. Ferebee said he would look into it.

Mr. Both explained to the Board that at the American Legion's Annual Flaming Leaves Event on September 26th and 27th they would be displaying Dr. Goff memorabilia at the Holt House. He said the American Legion thought it would be great to have a plaque honoring Dr. Goff's first flight of air mail out of the area in 1938. He said the American Legion would put out a box for donations to do this, but needed permission from the Town to have the plaque installed on Town land. The Board Members were all in agreement.

Rusty Hall and Doug Downs were present to discuss the donation to the Fire Departments for back country rescue equipment from Hiker Parking funds.

Mr. Hall said he would like to clear up some misconceptions.

He said first he would like to thank the Board for the recent donation of \$3,000 to the Keene Valley Fire Department, he said it is being put to good use.

Mr. Hall explained the difference between the Fire District and Fire Department. He said the Fire Department has fundraisers and has saved the District a lot of money. He also said the Department has just received a grant and is working hard to keep the District budget down. He said the District budget is only allowed a 0.75% increase this year.

He said the Department would like to see a certain percentage donation per year for wilderness equipment saying they are respectfully making that request.

Mr. Martin asked if Keene Fire Department is involved in Mountain Rescue; Mr. Hall said yes. He said they share equipment and back each other up.

Mr. Biesemeyer said a percentage sounded reasonable, he mentioned that the Town Board had talked about starting a capital fund for the purchase of a new bus when needed.

Mr. Both informed the Board that the agreement was providing the Town had collected a surplus.

Mr. Buysse said this sounded like the resolution adopted recently would need to be changed.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked the hypothetical question, if there was a surplus of \$5,000 per year, would say 25% of that, be split between the 2 departments?

Mr. Hall explained that the Department provides most of the equipment.

Mr. Downs pointed out that they are very frugal and use equipment until it is taken out of service.

Mr. Ferebee thanked Rusty and Doug for coming and said that the Board will see what they can do. He thanked them for explaining the difference between the Department and the District.

The Board agreed to wait to take action on rescinding last month's resolution until a decision is made on how to move forward.

Mr. Ferebee gave a brief update on the Dr. Ray Pedestrian Bridge saying they are still on target with the completion date of November 15th.

Mr. Ferebee gave an update on the Marcy Field River Weir project.

He said the project is complete, he said it came in at the final cost of \$60,000; the voucher is in the bills for audit. He said that all agencies involved have performed their final inspections and that the project has met their specifications.

Mr. Martin said he is wondering if the Town should get a letter from the agencies involved as to what their next move for repair will be if this weir is washed out during another flood.

Mr. Ferebee pointed out that it was engineered.

Mr. Martin asked Mr. Ferebee to get him a copy of the specs.

Mr. Ferebee said the Route 73 bridge west of Keene has been put on hold by Verizon. He said they still intend to get one lane done this fall and the other lane done next spring.

Resolution No. 166 – 15

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the Water Collection Report for Water Districts #1 & #2, as presented. This report has been attached to and made a part of these minutes. 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. 167 – 15

The Town Board adopted Resolution No. 167 – 15, a Resolution to Amend the 2015 Budget. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Resolution No. 168 – 15

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the Supervisor's Monthly Financial Statement for July, as presented and have it placed on file with the Town Clerk. 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. 169 – 15

Mr. Martin offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the following bills for payment, including those that have been prepaid. 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

Multi-Fund Vouchers Numbered 518 to 582, totaling \$164,867.41 and one voucher in the amount of \$180 for the KPL to be paid from fund raising money.

General Fund Vouchers	- \$74,063.46
Highway Fund Vouchers	- 22,507.89
Library Fund Vouchers	- 854.31
Water District #1 Vouchers	- 1,913.21
Water District #2 Vouchers	- 4,928.54
Irene Capital Project	- 60,600.00

and 1 voucher from the KPL fund raising account in the amount of \$180.00.

Resolution No. 170 – 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. Buysse.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk
September 11, 2015

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