

April 12, 2017

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, April 12, 2017, at 7:00 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: Joseph P. Wilson, II, Supervisor, Paul R. Martin, Robert M. Biesemeyer, Michael J. Buysse and Jerry D. Smith, Members of Council. Also present were: 5 residents, Donna Reed Austin, Tax Collector, Ryan Hall, Water Superintendent, Deb Whitson, Town Attorney and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Wilson, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and invited everyone present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution No. 103 – 17

Mr. Martin offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board approve the Notes from the Bid Opening held Tuesday, March 7, the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, March 21 and the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, March 28, as presented. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

At his request, privilege of the floor was offered to John Schuler.

Mr. Schuler said he was present to approach the Board to see whether they are interested in co-hosting another summer concert. He said he has talked to a lot of people who seem to be interested in having Beatlemania return. He said he thought last year's event was a big success and he thought it could be built on by using NPR and more advertising. He suggested maybe this year's event could be an all-day event. Mr. Schuler said that last year the Town contributed \$2,500 toward the \$5,000, he said this year he was asking the Town to contribute \$3,000.

Mr. Schuler spoke about renting a baby grand piano for the event.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked what date he was looking at.

Mr. Schuler said he was looking at Friday, August 18th, but was willing to check out other dates if the Town wanted a different date.

The Board discussed dates, leaving the date open for now.

Mr. Schuler said that the communication would be better this year with last years' experience.

Resolution No. 104 - 17

Mr. Martin offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene participate in co-hosting this year's Beatlemania Concert on Marcy Field funding a total of not more than \$3,000. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Privilege of the floor was offered.

Tom Both said the view from the Town Trail behind Marcy Field is becoming obstructed. He explained that this trail was built 18 years ago without funding and said that he was asking if someone from the Town could help him to restore the view. He said there was probably around 9 trees that needed to be cut.

Mr. Wilson said that he would give him a hand, he and Tom will get together and co-ordinate a time to take care of this.

Mr. Wilson said that the guys have been working on increasing available space in the hanger for the hanger rental granted last fall. He said the doors on the hanger need fixing. The Board discussed taking a look at the doors to see what needs to be done. Mr. Wilson also informed Deb Whitson that the Town would need a rental agreement drawn up.

The next discussion was in regards to the DASNY grant for improvements at the Community Center.

Mr. Biesemeyer said that he felt it would be a mistake to put in a new kitchen when the downstairs needed attention. He said he would suggest cleaning out the "old" skating room, putting down ledger board around the edge of the room and repairing and replacing the electrical; he said then this room could again be used for storage. He also said the current skating room needs to have something done about the moisture seeping in and a new heater, he suggested that a monitor would work well for that space.

Mr. Smith suggested redoing the bathrooms.

Mr. Biesemeyer said he thought the structure was the first priority and said that bathrooms could be the second priority.

Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Biesemeyer to write up a proposal for the work he felt needed to be done saying this will only serve as a proposal for the requested work, not as a proposal as the contractor.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked about the \$3500 transfer for library maintenance; Mr. Wilson said that would come up later in the meeting.

Ms. Estes explained that the following two requests for use of Marcy Field overlap, she said both parties are aware of the other event and have no objections to the overlap.

Resolution No. 105 – 17

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at their request, the North Country SPCA be allowed to use the area of Marcy Field behind the Holt House as the location for their annual fundraising event to be held on Sunday, July 16th. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution No. 106 – 17

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at their request, the Present and Past Masters and Wardens Association (Masons) be given permission to use Marcy Field on Saturday and Sunday, July 15th and 16th, to hold their 23rd Annual Craft Fair. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution No. 107 – 16

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at their request, the Ironman Lake Placid and Ironman 70.3 Lake Placid be issued Highway Permits for their two events to be held on July 23 and September 10. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that Ironman has agreed to have two port-a-pots installed at the former Deyo property on Route 9N in Keene. He said the organization will publicize this availability to their participants.

Resolution No. 108 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at the request of Jim Walker, Team Placid Planet be issued a highway permit for their time trials to be held on Route 9N in Keene (& Jay) on Sunday, August 6th. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The next discussion was in regards to hiker parking and shuttle.

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that the hiker parking and shuttle expenses went over budget last year.

He suggested to avoid that this year, the attendant's start date be moved back and the parking fee and shuttle fees be raised. He suggested raising the \$5 round trip shuttle fee to \$10 and the daily parking fee from \$7 to \$10.

Mr. Martin said that he thought this program was making money.

Mr. Wilson said that he would not argue that it's not but said that the cost needed to be curtailed and a later start date could help, along with the higher rates.

Fees were discussed and the Town Board took the following action.

Resolution No. 109 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town increase the round trip shuttle fee from Marcy Field to the Garden Parking Lot from \$5 to \$10 and the daily parking fee at the Garden Parking Lot from \$7 to \$10 (with the Canadian exchange currently at 30%, the charge for either using Canadian currency will be \$13). This resolution was seconded by Mr. Buysse.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The hiker parking discussion continued.

Tom Both informed the Board that when it was started it was making money and it was a mistake to have not saved money for a new bus when needed.

Mr. Martin relayed a story he was told regarding the unsanitary habits that some people practice. He said there should be something similar to dog waste bags available for people to keep the trails sanitary.

The Board discussed when to begin charging for Hiker Parking at the Garden Parking Lot and when to bring the attendant back to work.

The Board was informed that the Shuttle Bus runs 2 holiday weekends in May; Victoria Day Weekend and Memorial Day Weekend.

The Board agreed to start charging the parking fees with a staffed attendant on duty the weekend of May 13th.

Mr. Biesemeyer asked if credit cards were accepted and suggested having this looked into. Mr. Wilson said he would explore this idea.

Resolution No. 110 – 17

Mr. Buysse offered Resolution No. 110 – 17, a Resolution to Amend the 2017 Budget. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Smith asked what the Library Board planned to do with the \$3500 that needed to be spent this year.

Mr. Biesemeyer said the Library Board wanted to replace the window in front, replace the front door and paint the exterior.

Mr. Smith expressed concern about replacing the front window saying it's always been there.

Mr. Biesemeyer said that window is horrendous, he suggested replacing it with a picture window with an operative window on each end.

Mr. Buysse suggested putting in another door for egress saying that would free up the small room in back for the Historian.

Mr. Wilson supplied the Board with a price list from Boyer's Septic Service for port-a-pots for this year.

With these prices up from last year, Mr. Biesemeyer suggested checking out the pricing for Morrisonville Septic.

Resolution No. 111 – 17

Mr. Buysse offered Resolution No. 111 – 17, a Retirement Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution No. 112 – 17

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board give Mr. Wilson authorization to sign the Renewal Agreement with AES Northeast for consulting services. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Biesemeyer mentioned the legality of wood chips getting into the river at the Hulls Falls construction site.

Mr. Wilson said that he asked about that and was told it was fine, saying he was told everything stays on site.

Resolution No. 113 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The Town Board entered Executive Session at 8:04 PM.

Resolution No. 114 – 17

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board reconvene into regular session. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The Town Board reconvened into regular session at 8:29 PM.

Mr. Wilson said no decisions had been made in Executive Session.

Mr. Wilson introduced a resolution he said he had missed putting on the agenda.

Resolution No. 115 – 17

Mr. Smith offered Resolution No. 115 – 17, a Resolution to Abolish the Elected Position of the Office of the Tax Collector. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution No. 116 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the Supervisor's Monthly Financial Statement for January 2017 and have it placed on file with the Town Clerk. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Buysse.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution No. 117 – 17

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Multi-Fund Vouchers Numbered 198 to 234, totaling \$25,643.40, as follows;

General Fund bills	- \$11,170.56
Highway Fund bills	- 8,902.27
Library Fund bills	- 640.40
Water District #1 bills	- 2,879.45
Water District #2 bills	- 2,050.72

Resolution No. 118 – 17

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. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Martin: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Mr. Buysse: Yes

Mr. Smith: Yes

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk
April 18, 2017

Joseph P. Wilson, II, Supervisor
Paul R. Martin, Councilman
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Councilman
Michael J. Buysse, Councilman
Jerry D. Smith, Councilman