

July 11, 2017

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 7:00 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor, Paul R. Martin, Robert M. Biesemeyer, Michael J. Buysse and Jerry D. Smith, Members of Council. Also present were: 7 residents, Ryan Hall, Water Superintendent and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

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

Resolution No. 167 – 17

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held June 13, 2017, as presented. 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

Privilege of the floor was offered, there were no questions or comments.

Mr. Wilson began by saying that the estimate for the proposed renovations for the Community Center came in at \$131,500 which is \$31,500 over the proposed DASNY Grant. He said he needs a resolution from the Town Board authorizing that the Town will cover this difference if this grant is awarded.

Resolution No. 168 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that contingent upon receiving the DASNY Grant for Community Center renovations, the Town Board authorizes \$31,500 from Town funds be earmarked for this project. 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 Board felt that earmarking these funds could also show commitment to this project.

Mr. Wilson asked for a resolution appointing Bailee Van Ness as a Counselor/Lifeguard for the Youth Commission Program and Elly Smith as a Counselor to the day program and a Lifeguard for the night swim at the Country Club pool. He said the extra counselor was necessary to meet the required Counselor to Camper Ratio for the Department of Health due to the acceptance of Pre-Kindergarteners.

Resolution No. 169 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that Bailee Van Ness and Elly Smith be appointed to the Summer Youth Commission Staff, as described above. 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

(discussion continued)

Mr. Buysse and Mr. Wilson explained that the program does not have a Water Safety Instructor this year so there will be no swimming lessons. Mr. Wilson said that the Town has contracted with the Lake Placid Recreation Department to have the Keene campers evaluated by their WSI for swimming, this will categorize where the swimmers are allowed to swim. When asked, Mr. Wilson said the Town will pay \$500 for 3 days of evaluating.

Mr. Wilson said he needed an okay to sign the Water District #2 Contract with the Hydrogeologist to have them identify where the best location for the Water District #2 back up well would be. He said the cost for the first location would be approximately \$11,500 to \$14,500 and if an additional location needs to be identified that would cost \$4,000 to \$6,000.

Mr. Biesemeyer stated that the Town has no choice.

Mr. Wilson said he would sign the contract if there were no objections, no objections were made.

The next discussion was in regards to hiker parking for the Owls Head Trail.

Tony Goodwin was present to say he was not giving up on the proposal for a parking lot and new easement from Route 73 near the Rustic Furniture Store. He said that he would like to talk to the Adirondack Land Trust to see if they would consider purchasing this property for the State. He said that he doesn't think that DEC will become interested in this option since they own access property on the Molly Nye Road.

Mr. Wilson said he spent time today with Bob Stegeman from DEC and Dan Stec and he said DEC has a slightly different idea.

He said he would like to hold a forum in Keene Valley to discuss hiker parking and see what the people want to do.

Mr. Biesemeyer pointed out that at last month's meeting the Town Board adopted a resolution opting for the Route 73 option over the Molly Nye Road option, he very strongly stated that he thinks the Molly Nye Road option is a "terrible idea".

Mr. Wilson said he has suggested that Bob Stegeman drive that road.

Mr. Biesemeyer suggested that the State should use some of the \$32 Million they plan to spend making Frontier Town the "Gateway to the Adirondacks" on issues like this.

He suggested before the Town volunteers to build infrastructure, that we secure help from the State for shuttles, drivers and interpreters. He said after all the Town of Keene is "Home of the High Peaks."

Mr. Martin said he feels people are in a hurry to get to the Adirondacks and won't stop at a visitor's center 27 miles away.

Mr. Biesemeyer said he would just like to know that everyone is on the same plan.

Ms. Estes gave an FYI that Ray Grimshaw would like to sell an unused cemetery lot back to the Town. No one objected.

Resolution No. 170 – 17

Mr. Martin offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the list of damaged DVD's discarded from the Keene Public Library. (This list will be kept in the Library's records.) 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 dog waste in Norton Cemetery and at the Veterans' Memorial Site.

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Resolution No. 171 – 17

Mr. Martin offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that a sign be posted near the bridge on Cemetery Lane banning all dogs from Norton Cemetery and the Veterans' Memorial Site. 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

Ms. Estes said that someone brought it to her attention that dogs are being brought to the Town Beach, she said this person felt this may stop if the sign prohibiting dogs was repositioned for the public to see.

The next discussion was in regards to events held on Marcy Field.

Mr. Wilson told the Board that a \$200 donation was given to the Youth Commission by the couple who had a wedding on Marcy Field over the weekend.

He went on to say that they had left a mess behind that had to be cleaned up before another event could be held the next morning.

Mr. Wilson said there has also been a problem with the Farmers' Market leaving trash and not monitoring the parking which sometimes spills onto the runway. He said he has spoken to Dick Crawford, the event organizer, about these issues.

He said his new position on allowing use of Marcy Field is to require a deposit which will not be returned if everything is not cleaned up.

Mr. Biesemeyer agreed that the Board should reformulate a new policy for using Town facilities.

Mr. Martin stated that the Town should go in and blast the rocks at the gorge where a boy drowned a few years ago.

The rest of the Board did not agree this would be allowed.

Resolution No. 172 – 17

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation. 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 Town Board entered Executive Session at 7:30 PM.

Resolution No. 173 – 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 7:54 PM.

Resolution No. 174 – 17

Mr. Wilson offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the Monthly Financial Statement of the Supervisor for May, as presented and have it placed on file with the Town Clerk. 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

Resolution No. 175 – 17

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

Multi-fund vouchers numbered 393 – 477, totaling \$148,108.75, as follows;

General Fund bills	- \$37,043.28
Highway Fund bills	- 62,002.05
Library Fund bills	- 10,299.40
Water District #1 bills	- 1,831.56
Water District #2 bills	- 14,228.66
Gulf Brook West Capital Project	- 22,703.80

Resolution No. 176 – 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. Buysse.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk  
July 14, 2017

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