

June 13, 2017

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at 7:00 PM, at the Keene Town Hall. The following Town Board Members were present: Joseph P. Wilson, Supervisor, Paul R. Martin, Robert M. Biesemeyer, Michael J. Buysse and Jerry D. Smith, Members of Council. Also present were: 6 residents, Ryan Hall, Water Superintendent, Deb Whitson, Town Attorney and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

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

Resolution No. 153 – 17

Mr. Buysse offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board approve the Minutes of the Town Board Meetings held Tuesday, May 9th and Tuesday, May 30th, 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 comments or questions.

Resolution No. 154 – 17

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at the request of the Youth Commission Recreation Board, Stephania Zelinski be appointed to the Youth Commission Summer Staff as a Counselor/Lifeguard. 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 said the Youth Commission Board has requested permission to change the age requirement for attendance of the program from children having completed kindergarten to children enrolled to enter kindergarten at KCS.

Ms. Whitson questioned the State permit and began looking for information on the State website.

Mr. Wilson asked the Board what their opinion was.

Mr. Smith said he didn't feel the change should happen.

When asked how many children this would affect, Mr. Buysse, the Town Board Representative on the Youth Commission Board, said they wouldn't know until after registration.

Michael Hartson, a Bus Driver who happened to be present, questioned whether these children would require car seats.

Ms. Whitson said she found the answer on the Department of Health's website, saying that it is allowed, but would change the counselor to camper ratio.

Resolution No. 155 – 17

Mr. Smith offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that provided the Youth Commission Program has the proper staff to meet the Counselor to Camper Ratio required by the NYS DOH, the Town Board approves the change in age requirement for attendance. 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 said the first topic under new business is Water District #2. He said he just received the Report prepared by Hydrosorce Associates saying that the Board has to plan their next step. He said that as the next step, Hydrosorce wants to do some underground mapping to survey for drilling sites. He said the Town was recently written up by the NYS Department of Health for not having a suitable back-up well. Mr. Wilson told the Board that the estimate for this project is \$260,000, saying this included locating, drilling and upgrading the system to DOH code. Ryan Hall said this includes about \$40,000 of work needed inside the pump house. Mr. Wilson broke down the \$260,000 saying there is currently \$20,000 available in this year's budget, approximately \$97,000 in Water District #2's fund balance and that the balance could be taken out as a BAN and be paid back over the next 5 years. Mr. Biesemeyer said he can't understand how 6 months went by without any progress being made. He asked how do you know what to budget when there is no plan. Mr. Martin spoke about the abandoned sand well near well #1 saying that well #1 has an unbelievable amount of water.

The next discussion was in regards to a salt storage grant to work toward cleaning up the aquifer at the highway garage.

Mr. Wilson said that Todd Hodgson and Anna Reynolds from the County said that the Town has an excellent case for qualifying for this grant. He said the plan is to request \$750,000 in grant funds.

He said the County would work with us to help with in-kind service toward the \$187,500 Town match.

When asked, Mr. Wilson said the Town's maximum cost would be the \$187,500 match and \$5,000 for the engineering.

Scott Smith, a Highway Employee, explained that the Town's salt is stored at the State Shed, but the salt/sand mix is stored on site at the highway garage.

Mr. Biesemeyer said it seemed like an extravagant cost for a salt shed. He said he doesn't believe the salt contamination is the Town's problem, he said he believes it is road salt contamination.

Mr. Wilson said that Newcomb went through this 15 years ago and their contamination numbers continue to go down.

Mr. Martin discussed the monitoring from the landfill closure saying that the records from the monitoring should show when the salt contamination appeared. He referred to a memo he drafted in 2009.

Mr. Wilson pointed out that applying for this grant doesn't commit the Town to accepting it. He went on to say that due to this problem, the Town of Keene still has to conduct landfill monitoring twice a year, he said everyone else that closed their landfill at the same time are much further into the process.

The Board agreed to apply for the grant, but not be committed.

Resolution No.156 - 17

The Town Board adopted Resolution No. 156 – 17, a Resolution Authorizing Salt Storage Grant Application. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The next item on the agenda was the Owls Head Trail Closure.

Mr. Wilson said that the residents living near the Owls Head Trail had come to him asking that the trail be shut down. He said that on behalf of the Town he had put up signs for no parking and trail closure. He said that the residents will take care of the enforcement.

Aline Pepe, who lives on Sargent Nolte Way off Owls Head Way, said she had a couple concerns. She said it would have been nice to have been told before the signs went up and said she doesn't understand people buying near an existing trail if it bothers them. She told a story about giving permission to hunters to park on her property and them coming back to find a note from the "Residents of Owls Head Way" saying they couldn't park there and subsequently having their vehicle vandalized.

She said secondly, that she has asked for a school bus crossing sign multiple times and has been told by the Town that signs are regulated, she said that overnight, 9 signs at

taxpayer expense have appeared to stop parking and close the trail. She again said that she wants a school bus sign installed for the children's safety.

Mrs. Pepe went on to speak about the public road and stated that even though she is on a private road there is a state easement across her land to access state land. She questioned whether there is a state easement to the trail. She also questioned whether people could park on Route 73 and walk across the easements to state land.

Mr. Biesemeyer said there is a great idea on the table, to have parking and access from the Stipp property on Route 73. Mrs. Pepe agreed this was a good option.

Mrs. Pepe said, however, that she foresees people wanting to use the existing easements.

Mr. Wilson stated there are no easements at the base of the trail, saying one landowner has a 40-acre parcel and private property goes $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up the trail.

A discussion regarding the two options for this trail followed. Everyone was in agreement that though a new trail would need to be cut and an easement obtained, access from the Stipp property makes a lot more sense than access across State land from the Molly Nye Road.

Resolution No. 157 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene is in support of moving the Owls Head Trailhead and parking lot to the property owned by the Stipps on Route 73 adjacent to the Owls Head Rustic Furniture Store. 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

Nick Pepe, Aline's son, spoke briefly about the "old trail" up Owls Head.

Mrs. Pepe again asked the Board for a School Bus Crossing sign. She also said the signs for no parking and trail closure are redundant and an eyesore and asked if some could be removed or put into a zig zag pattern so they are not right across the road from one another.

Mr. Wilson said there is one that can be removed.

Resolution No. 158 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at his request, Michael Hartson be given permission to use the Holt House and nearby grounds for his annual Hill Climb Reunion on Saturday, September 16th. 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. 159 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that at their request, the Keene Valley Neighborhood House be given permission to use Marcy Field on Sunday, July 16th to hold their annual Golf Ball Drop. 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. 160 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption.

Whereas, the Keene Valley Hose & Ladder Co. #1 is holding their annual Field Day event on Sunday, August 6th with a BBQ and Raffle Events for raising funds for their Fire House;

Be it resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Keene offer a Resolution of Support for this event.

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

Mr. Wilson explained he had received a request from Cycle Adirondacks, a group of 200 cyclers that will be camping and cycling through Town. He said they will be camping at Keene Central and have requested use of the Community Center property as a refreshment and bathroom stop for a cycling event to be held on August 25th.

The Board discussed whether the community building could support this kind of bathroom use. Mr. Wilson said the organization is okay with bringing in port-a-pots if needed.

The Board was in agreement that they could use the grounds if they supplied the port-a-pots.

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that he needed the following resolution to move forward with a storm recovery project that had been moved up due to the condition of the Jackson Road. He said this project has been moved up by 2 years.

Resolution No. 161 – 17

The Town Board adopted Resolution No. 161 – 17, a Resolution to Award Gulf Brook Phase 3 Project. This resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The previous resolution brought about a brief discussion regarding the easements for the Gulf Brook Phase 2 Project. Mr. Wilson said that the easements had been done incorrectly by the State and would need to be redone.

Resolution No. 162 – 17

Mr. Martin offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. 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 and Deb Whitson entered into Executive Session at 8:02 PM.

Resolution No. 163 – 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. Buysse.

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 8:15 PM.

Mr. Wilson said there were no decisions made during Executive Session.

Resolution No. 164 – 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 April, 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. 165 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board accept the following vouchers 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 299 to 339, totaling \$20,210.08, as follows;

General Fund Vouchers	- \$9,710.20
Highway Fund Vouchers	- 8,621.39
Library Fund Vouchers	- 994.67
Water District #1 Vouchers	- 487.42
Water District #2 Vouchers	- 396.40

Resolution No. 166 – 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. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk
June 20, 2017

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