

September 11, 2017

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Monday, September 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: Carla Beuttner, Legal Counsel, Dan Mayberry, KCS Superintendent, 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 7:01 PM and invited everyone present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution No. 193 – 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 Tuesday, August 8, 2017 and the Special Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, August 22, 2017, as presented. 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

Mr. Wilson explained to those present that the Board was going to hold an Executive Session early to prevent holding up the Town's Legal Counsel.

Resolution No. 194 – 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. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Wilson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Biesemeyer, Mr. Smith, Carla Beuttner and Dan Mayberry entered Executive Session at 7:02 PM.

Resolution No. 195 – 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. Biesemeyer.

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 no decisions were made in Executive Session.

Privilege of the floor was offered.

Karen Glass was present, representing the Keene Valley Library. She said she was asking for a one-time donation of additional funds for the Library, due to the project they have going on which includes expanding the children's room, adding a second floor which will add community space for meetings, etc. She said that at this time they are short \$200,000 and are asking the Town for a \$10,000 contribution to add to their capital campaign.

Jerry Smith asked how much the School contributes to their budget; she said \$2,500 per year.

The Board discussed the Town's annual donation of approximately \$6,000 and told Mrs. Glass that there is not extra in this year's budget, but they are working on next year's budget now and would consider it for 2018.

Mrs. Glass said the Library has already finished phase 1, which included stabilizing the foundation, etc.

Mr. Biesemeyer explained that the Town Board has to stay under a 2% tax cap and said they could see how this plays out.

Mike Hartson was present to ask the Board for a Resolution of Support for the upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hill Climb Reunion.

Resolution No. 196 – 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board offer a Resolution of Support for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hill Climb Reunion. 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 handed the floor over to Ryan Hall for an update on Water District #2.

Mr. Hall said he has been working with the school to gain access for a test well.

He said he's had a lot of problems happening but a lot of them have been solved.

He said one of the problems may be that the water building is not grounded saying they have had a lot of computer issues out of the blue.

Mr. Wilson said that Ryan has been getting a lot of help from Todd Hodgson, who works for the County.

There was a brief discussion about the location of a big leak that was found and has been fixed on Beede Lane.

Mr. Wilson gave an update on the hiker parking situation.

He said he had talked to Bob Wei about Mr. Wei's offer for a parking lot on his property on Johns Brook Lane. He said he asked Mr. Wei to put his ideas together for a presentation to the Town.

He said a jurisdictional inquiry from the APA will need to be the first step.

Mr. Smith questioned whether this location is feasible.

Mr. Martin said there is another location near the bottom of Johns Brook Lane which may be available, he said he would know more in a couple days.

Mr. Wilson said that the shuttle bus drove 240 miles on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and transported 197 people.

He said the Adirondack 46ers had counted 805 people and 44 dogs who hiked Cascade Mountain the same day.

Mr. Wilson shared the draft of the community map which was designed by Julia Gronski and paid for through a grant from ROOST.

He said at this point they are looking for public input.

He said that next year he would like to see it in mobile form for availability on cellphones.

Mr. Wilson said a request to hold a wedding on Marcy Field in 2018 has been received. He said now is the time to set fees for such events, he suggested charging \$1,000 as the baseline for non-residents. The Board was in agreement.

Resolution No. 197 - 17

Mr. Biesemeyer offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that permission be granted to Kelsey Marvin to hold a wedding on Marcy Field in the Fall of 2018, with a fee of \$1,000 to be imposed, provided the date is available, liability insurance is provided and any permits required are obtained. 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 Estes gave an update on the collection of water rents which showed that \$26,898.92 was collected in August for Water District #1 and \$72,287.00 in August for Water District #2.

Ms. Estes spoke to the Board about the laptop for the tax collection program. She said the laptop currently being used belongs to the Town and the School, which will not work when she begins collecting taxes. She said laptop is 5 or 6 years old; she said she has \$1,000 in her 2017 equipment budget and would like to begin with a new laptop. The Board was all in agreement on this request.

The next discussion was in regards to an LED internally lite, digital sign that is being proposed by the Keene Fire Department.

Mr. Wilson said this does not meet the requirements of the Site Plan Review Law saying that the Planning Board is asking for a second opinion.

Ellen Estes explained to the Board that the Planning Board is looking for the Town Board to give a waiver since this is a municipal project.

The Board looked at and discussed this sign.

After a brief discussion about this sign, Mr. Wilson suggested that the Town Board decline to make a decision and send this issue back to the Planning Board.

Everyone seemed to agree.

Resolution No. 198 – 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. Martin.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Multi-Fund Vouchers Numbered 520 to 586, totaling \$191,591.46, as follows:

General Fund Vouchers	- \$67,504.82
Highway Fund Vouchers	- 93,254.45
Library Fund Vouchers	- 1,283.95
Water District #1 Vouchers	- 2,362.44
Water District #2 Vouchers	- 27,185.80

Resolution No. 199 – 17

Mr. Smith offered the 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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk  
September 14, 2017

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