

June 23, 2020

Minutes of an Emergency Town Board Meeting held remotely on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 5:00 PM. The following Town Board Members participated: Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor, David R. Deyo, Jennifer G. Whitney and Robert M. Biesemeyer (who hooked in by telephone only after having trouble getting on through Zoom), Members of Council. Absent: Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Member of Council. Also present were: Bob Andrews, Town Health Officer, Dan Rivera, Farmer's Market Representative, at least one resident and Ellen Estes, Town Clerk.

The Chairman, Mr. Wilson, called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM, thanking the Board for attending at such short notice.

He said he had two things that needed discussing, saying that the first thing was requests for events on Town roads, grounds and buildings.

He said he has been getting a lot of requests and informed the Board that Lake Placid has canceled all events on Town property saying he is hoping the Town of Keene will do the same for this summer.

Mr. Deyo said he is totally in favor of that saying he was the first Member of the Board to be cautious about allowing the Farmers' Market. He said he is okay with ending all events until after Labor Day.

Ms. Whitney said she agrees with what Mr. Deyo is saying but asked if this would include the Youth Commission Drive-in Movie that was previously approved.

Mr. Deyo asked about the Kite Fest.

Mr. Wilson said that the Kite Fest was canceled on their own and said the Drive-in could still be held by the Town as long as they follow State guidance; he said this event is covered by Town insurance. He also said the Town is willing to take the risk by covering the Farmers' Market.

Resolution No. 128 – 20

Mr. Deyo offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town allow no more events to be planned and held on Town roads, Town property or in Town buildings, until after Labor Day. This resolution was seconded by Ms. Whitney.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Absent at this time
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Absent
Mr. Deyo:	Yes
Ms. Whitney:	Yes

Ms. Whitney asked if any future parades would be allowed.

Mr. Wilson said the Town would need to have a very firm, clear line and allow no setting up or turning around of parades on Town roads saying the parades would have to stay on Routes 73 and 9N.

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that the Ironman has tentatively been set for August 30<sup>th</sup>; he said they will need clearance from the State and multiple Towns to move forward.

Mr. Deyo suggested waiting for now to discuss this.

I believe it was at this point that Mr. Biesemeyer was able to get hooked into the meeting by telephone.

Mr. Wilson said the next discussion required is how to manage the operation of the Farmers' Market.

He said that the Market was attended by 1,150 people last Sunday and went on to say that it seems like benchmarks should be set up; he asked the Board how they felt the Town should manage the expansion.

Mr. Deyo asked how many vendors were present last weekend.

Mr. Rivera stated there were about 35 vendors, which was up 3 or 4 from the week before. He said most crafters didn't seem to be showing an interest in joining, explaining that they feel that people want to touch crafts before they purchase, further saying that is not allowed under the guidelines.

Ms. Whitney asked how many more want to join.

Mr. Rivera said maybe 5 or 10; he went on to say that he likes it the size it's at now, saying it is currently manageable. He went on to say that in the past there has been as many as 70 or 80 vendors.

Mr. Deyo commented that there is still room on the side toward Keene to add more vendors; he went on to suggest capping the number of vendors at 35 or 40.

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Mr. Wilson asked Bob Andrews, the Town Health Officer, who is organizing volunteers to help with parking, etc., his opinion.

Mr. Andrews said it is currently running nicely, he said the vendors are currently set up in two rows with lots of space between them. He said he is grateful to the volunteers and said they may need to “shake the tree” for more. He said he didn’t feel there was pressure to expand.

Mr. Rivera stated that in the past there has been at least 60 to 70 vendors. He said he felt some vendors were not participating in the Market this year.

He said the Saranac Lake Market has been reluctant to add crafters saying they had just added 6. He said everyone seems to be working together and said he felt that people like the larger space better saying “kudos to you all”. He said that Nancy Both and Bob Andrews are doing a great job.

Mr. Deyo said he thought the Board’s questions had all been answered and suggested keeping the number of vendors at 35; he said the Board can look at an increase “down the road”.

Ms. Whitney said she would suggest letting another 5 to 10 more join.

Mr. Deyo commented that there is room for 5 more on the side toward Keene and he was willing to go with that. He again commented that this could be readdressed in the future.

Ms. Whitney suggested it be discussed again at the July meeting.

Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Biesemeyer if he was able to hear the discussion and asked if he had any questions; Mr. Biesemeyer said he heard it and said he thought it had been covered.

Mr. Deyo asked Mr. Rivera how many vendors were present last week; Mr. Rivera said he didn’t have the numbers but said about 30, not over 35.

Mr. Deyo suggested using 40 as a cap.

#### Resolution No. 129 – 20

Mr. Deyo offered a resolution and moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board grant permission for the Farmers’ Market to expand to forty (40) vendors using the current layout.

This resolution was seconded by Ms. Whitney.

#### Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson:	Yes
Mr. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Absent
Mr. Deyo:	Yes
Ms. Whitney:	Yes

Mr. Wilson asked if anyone had anything to add; David Craig informed the Board that the Kite Fest had been postponed until September.

Mr. Andrews commented that the new layout being used by the Farmers’ Market has moved the parking and may force the Kite Fest to move farther down the meadow.

#### Resolution No. 130 – 20

Mr. Deyo 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. Biesemeyer:	Yes
Ms. Cheetham-Palen:	Absent
Mr. Deyo:	Yes
Ms. Whitney:	Yes

This meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM.

Ellen S. Estes, Town Clerk  
July 1, 2020

Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor  
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Councilman  
Teresa Cheetham-Palen, Councilwoman  
David R. Deyo, Councilman  
Jennifer G. Whitney, Councilwoman