

Joseph P. Wilson Jr, Supervisor
Robert M. Biesemeyer, Deputy Supervisor
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 14th,2021
6pm
Community Center Pavilion

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting held Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 at 6:00 PM, at the Town of Keene Pavilion. The following Town Board Members were present: Joseph P. Wilson, Jr., Supervisor, Robert M. Biesemeyer and David R. Deyo, Councilmen, Teresa Cheetham-Palen and Jennifer G. Whitney, Councilwomen. Also present were: Ryan Hall, Water Superintendent, Highway Superintendent, Scott Smith, Cori-Anne Favro, Town Clerk, and town residents.

The Chairman, Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

RESOLUTION No. 189-21

The following resolution was offered by Ms. Whitney who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board has reviewed and accepted the Town Board meeting minutes from August 10th, 2021 regular meeting and the meeting minutes from the budget workshop held on September 7th, 2021. This resolution was seconded by Ms. Cheetham-Palen.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Wilson opened the privilege of the floor, no one had anything to speak about. Next order of business was Covid-19 pandemic.

Mr. Wilson: I think everyone is following the news. There has been a rise in cases again. We are back to substantial transmission here in Essex County. So we are still with masks indoors, and the most pressing thing for us to decide is as the weather gets colder and darker. Do we still want to meet outside, if so at what time.

Mr. Deyo: I would like to keep meeting outdoors and if we could do it earlier in the evening the better. 4:30 or 5pm. I am not sure what people's schedules are.

Mr. Biesemeyer: I agree, I like meeting outdoors, I could do 5:00pm

Mr. Deyo: Yeah, I like meeting outdoors, I rather not meet inside with a mask and if things keep going it looks like we will be back to zoom. So if we could continue to be outside as long as possible, I would be happy with that.

RESOLUTION No. 190-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Deyo who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board will move its regular meeting time for the September 28th, 2021 meeting from 6pm to 5pm starting time. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Yes

Mr. Deyo: Yes

Ms. Whitney: Yes

Ms. Favro: I have a question about Covid before we move on. What is the cleaning protocol at the public buildings for Covid as far as the Town Hall and libraries?

Mr. Wilson: Cleaning surfaces, cleaning.

Ms. Favro: How often are they disinfected?

Mr. Wilson: Depends on the location.

Ms. Favro: The CDC has guidelines out for public buildings, if you are in a high transmission county it states that "all surfaces should be disinfected at least once per day for public safety." I know that is not happening at the town hall and I have requested it multiple times. Do we know if there is going to be some sort of protocol set in place?

Mr. Wilson: So because of this, the Library is the most high traffic area, and all the activity is taking place indoors. The librarians clean periodically the work surfaces right in front of them.

Ms. Favro: Yes, I am cleaning my own desk with wipes that I brought from home because we don't even have any at the town hall.

Mr. Wilson: We do, we have them there. The cleaning staff comes in everyday, but you have a high traffic area, especially that surface counter so that, once a day the cleaning will come but when there is a busy day like Friday it's going to be up to you to clean when you think it's necessary. Otherwise, unless the board wants to reassign people from outside task on things I keep hearing that we need to do, to stand next to Cori's desk and spray it down everytime someone comes into the Town Hall then we can do that.

But in the library the librarians are taking care of their workspace, in the high traffic areas because they are there to take care of the library. If you want someone to stand next to you then....

Ms. Whitney: I would say if the cleaners are coming in once a day and doing a full disinfection of the door knobs and the desk, counters, bathrooms.

Mr. Wilson: And we keep the windows open a lot. You know we do periodic cleanings. I do it myself and Ashley does. We have some individual responsibilities here, you know we need to take care of our own and the public's health. Did you have a proposal you wanted to make or was this just a complaint?

Ms. Favro: Well, I gave you a proposal about a month ago that was a cleaning checklist that they could sign off on, because I know since I have been there since December my floors have never been vacuumed, the doors are visibly dirty. I have been disinfecting my counter and workspace. My question was just wondering if they would be following any sort of written protocol. You had said to yourself that it was a good idea and you would be implementing the checklist but it has not been implemented.

Mr. Wilson: They have been cleaning, and your office door is locked so they don't go in there.

Ms. Favro: They have access with keys to my office and I only lock it on Monday's when there is Town court.

Mr. Wilson: I'll ask them again, so you want it vacuumed everyday?

Ms. Favro: No, this is kind of turning into a back and forth between you and me. It's not supposed to be like that. All I was stating is that there is Covid protocol per CDC, for public government buildings.

Mr. Wilson: And they are doing that.

Ms. Favro: Okay.

Mr. Wilson: As I said in the beginning, in those highest traffic areas we can't have someone dedicated to cleaning up. It's up to the people that work there. To look after some of that. That is not unreasonable to ask. If you disagree I want to hear it to my face.

Mr. Biesemeyer: I don't think it's unreasonable.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: I agree.

Ms. Whitney: No, I think that they should be going in and cleaning each day and staff can also clean their desk in the meantime.

Mr. Wilson: Okay, back to marijuana. We have our one time chance to regulate the sales of Marijuana. Retail sales and on-site consumption. We can't ban smoking marijuana, we can't ban possession or medical marijuana. It's just the retail sales that you take home and then on site consumption. Those are the two things the town can make a decision about. If we want to regulate, we have to have a local law in place by December 31st or everything is automatically legal. So, if we opt out and don't allow any sales we are opting out of any potential tax revenue as well.

Mr. Deyo: Isn't it true that if down the road we had a change in heart we can change our mind.

Mr. Wilson: Yes, we could opt back in. Jenn, do you want to share the limited results we got from the survey?

Ms. Whitney: So, I did a poll on google and realized that only people on google could respond and I did not think that was fair. So I created a survey on SurveyMonkey and the results started flowing in, but did not realize that SurveyMonkey only will allow you to see 40 results for free and then you need to pay for the rest. So we have about 150 votes that we cannot see, but they want \$400.00 to see the results. So we have 40 results to work with. So it looks like 75% were a yes in allowing adult use cannabis retail dispensaries to open in the Town of Keene. On site consumption was 47.5% yes allowing it.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: So that reflects the conversation we had at the open forum meeting, some people wanted both and a fair amount of people wanted to start with just the dispensary.

Mr. Deyo: We don't have a drug store in Keene, and we have done without one for a long time. I am not sure it's necessary. When I go out on the road, I like to stop and get McDonalds, but I don't ever want to see one here in town. I sort of feel that way about this, If you really want to buy pot then drive to Lake Placid, or Plattsburgh. They are going to pass it. I don't think it's necessary here. I don't have a problem with adults smoking Marijuana. That's entirely up to the individual, but I don't think there is a store here in the valley. If anyone doesn't get the just of it, I am going to be a no vote.

Mr. Wilson: I think we will have a more general discussion before we get to a vote. Jenn or Bob do you have any comments to make?

Mr. Biesemeyer: I honestly don't have a strong feeling of opposition, I am intrigued by the revenue it generates. It would be 3% of sales that we get, it's actually 4% and a quarter of it goes to the county and 75% goes to the town. I don't know the amounts a dispensary generates, if it's \$100,000 a year that would be \$3000.00 the town gets. So that is one thing I liked about the idea, but I honestly would feel most comfortable if it said something about us being allowed to have a permissive referendum on it.

Mr. Willson: It's on that, it's a permissive referendum.

Mr. Biesemeyer: So I would go with what a majority of residents want in town. If 70% people in the Town of Keene want to give it a try and generate revenue and see what we get. Then I am good with it. I also understand the opposition to it. I've seen dispensaries when I go out to ski races in Colorado and Beaver Creek. There is a place called the green mile which is a string of dispensaries, I can understand how people could be concerned. I don't know, so I would really like to know if there is a strong feeling one way or the other.

Ms. Whitney: I feel like the survey on NDK and I made the ending of the public forum, but I felt like most people there were in support of it.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: I came to that meeting neutral, I really didn't have a strong feeling one way or the other. I left going, "yeah okay, I would be okay with dispensaries."

Ms. Whitney: I did have one question, can someone open a dispensary inside a store. For example the Valley Grocery? Or does it need to be a separate store like a liquor store?

Mr. Wilson: No, it can be a part of an existing business. So a coffee shop, or hardware could sell, I am assuming over the counter.

Ms. Whitney: So it doesn't necessarily have to be a new store front.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: The licensing is actually going to be pretty tricky. I was talking to Kristy Deyo about this and asked if she would ever do this. She said she already looked into it, but its not that easy to do.

Mr. Deyo: On the flip side of that we don't have zoning laws here and I don't think we should. You cant necessarily say if one wants to open across the street from Keene Central.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: No, they can't.

Ms. Whitney: It has to be 500 feet from a school or a church.

Residents asked the question, what exactly was the breakdown of what % revenue the town would receive?

Mr. Wilson: So the Town would get a % of the tax collected, if we opt in. A proportion to the amount of sales we have here. So if we generate a big part of the revenue then we get a bigger slice of the tax receipts. If we are a small slice then we get a smaller revenue. So it's proportional to the volume of sales inside the Town of Keene.

Resident: So we have a big advantage for tourist use, so the idea is that they would stop here for edibles etc on their way into the park.

Resident: Do we have any estimates of how much revenue it would bring in?

Mr. Wilson: It's so new so we don't know anything yet, but we would have to sell a lot of pot to have it change our budget. Revenue is revenue, but it's not going to build us a new community center or you know really change how we budget.

Kim Smith: I was just wondering if all the board members were able to read the letter sent by Kathy's Weigans son in law.

Mr. Wilson: Yes, she emailed it to me and I sent it out.

Mr. Wilson: A. Do we want to make any decision tonight? We have 2 things to address. The retail sales and the on-site consumption. Do we want to make a motion?

Mr. Deyo: I would really like to get more community input and we only got 40 responses. I feel there is a lot of the community that doesn't come to these meetings and doesn't go online and I would really like to get more input.

Mr. Wilson: I set up a public meeting, and Jenn and Teresa came. Jennifer sent out a survey. So if you need more info that's your job to get.

Mr. Biesemeyer: I have reached out to some people in private. I think we should table it.

Mr. Wilson: Okay, So we are tabling further discussion at our September 28th meeting.

New Business: Vinny McClelland on the community connector path.

Mr. McClelland: Since 1996 we have been working on this safety path from Keene Valley to Keene, so I have been trying to get the 2 easements we need. From Holt Road to Airport Road and then from Marcy Field to Hulls Falls Road. The section from Marcy Field to Hulls Falls will go across Dennis and Susan Sullivan's land. That easement is in their deed and they were going to go along with it, but that is on hold right now. In the meantime I worked on the Airport Road to Holt Road easement and that section belongs to Esther Berezofsky . We have a signed easement agreement for Holt Road to Airport Road. The reason for me coming tonight was just to give an update on where we are at and what I see the next steps being.

RESOLUTION No. 191-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Deyo who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town Board has received and approved the easement for the safety connector path through Esther Berezofsky property to connect Holt Road and Airport Road. This resolution was seconded by Ms. Cheetham-Palen.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Yes

Mr. Deyo: Yes

Ms. Whitney: Yes

Mr. McClelland: Okay, so the next step is for me to put numbers on how much this is going to cost to build this path, so I will know how much money I will need to raise. There are a few ways we are going to go about that. Right now I am using a fund that I set up at the mountaineer for my parents. I thought that it made sense to transfer that money to the town. Let the town pay for a private contractor to do the work or use a force account and use the town crew. Scott can think about it if the highway wants to do it or if you want to put it out to bid. We have time to think about it. I am working to get the money, it's going to take a lot of work to get all the money. The McClelland family is going to kick in \$6,000.00, Kulukundis Family kicked in \$5,000.00 and my cousins also kicked in \$6,000.00.

Ms. Whitney: How much are you thinking the total project will cost?

Mr. McClelland: Probably around \$50,000.00, by the time you get the path in, and signage. It will go through the big trees, so we don't plan on cutting a bunch of trees. We are going to have to go through 2 wetlands and go through the APA and build a boardwalk. We also promised the Sullivans we would help with a more permanent fence structure. So it actually may cost more than \$50,000.00

Ms. Whitney: So if Scott says yes, are you expecting money from the town for this?

Mr. McClelland: I am going to get enough money to pay for this from donors. The Town will not be on the hook for any money.

Mr. Biesemeyer: I would love to see this completed. Anything we can do to help.

Mr. McClelland: So once we get the money I am going to need your support.

Mr. Wilson: I think this is a good time to jump to another topic about Marcy Field. Trying to keep the cars off the field and keeping it a recreational area. Scott put together an estimate of \$6500.00 for a parking lot on Marcy field.

Mr. Biesemeyer: Do you think it's really a good idea to co-mingle these two issues right now?

Mr. Wilson: Well, it's all Marcy Field.

Mr. Deyo: I don't think we need to keep Vinny standing there any longer. I think we agreed with Vinny and we will work with him and Scott however we can. I would be happy to go to the site and meet with you and Scott and take a look at the project. Thank you Vinny.

Mr. Wilson: Just know we are working on more parking and access to Marcy Field, to make the path user friendly.

Mr. Ferebee: What about future maintenance costs?

Mr. McClelland: That would have to fall on the town in the future.

Mr. Biesemeyer: Well I think if it's engineered properly built the first time around and you build the base up and the maintenance might require some, but nothing significant.

Mr. Wilson: Bill so a few things we have done in the past couple of years, like on old mountain road is to team up with the Ausable River Association and the Barkeater Trails Alliance and these 2 groups just built 2 bridges on the Old Mountain Road to increase drainage and wildlife habitat, protect the trails. BETA has expressed interest to help the town and continue to work on projects like this. So we are still starting to get partners that see the value in these types of trail projects. The total amount of labor the town had was Teresa and I carried out an old culvert out of the woods. So the partnership that Vinny is spearheading here is a really great thing.

Thanks Vinny, from the Board.

Next Agenda Item: Request from the Keene Diversity Committee to discuss possibility to put up banners or signs on telephone poles.

Monique Weston presented the idea about the signs and or banner possibly for the Town of Keene. It is a diversity sign that is stating "welcome to people that are diverse", using a similar idea from the Town of Indian Lake. The Town Board was given the opportunity to view the sample signs from Indian lake in advance. She stated that it was already a very welcoming town, but wants to make sure we are signaling to people of color that we welcome you here. She requested town board approval to move forward with a planning process to create the signs that welcome people from all colors, backgrounds, LGBTQ, handicap etc. This would be at no cost to the Town of Keene for the banners.

The following resolution was offered by Ms. Whitney which is was tabled until the Keene Diversity committee is ready to proceed. Be it resolved, that the Town Board has granted permission for the Keene Diversity Committee to move forward with the planning and design of welcoming diversity banners or signs to be displayed in the Town of Keene. This resolution was seconded by Ms. Cheetham-Palen.

There was discussion about the use of the power poles, the expense of changing the banners out and bracket pricing. It was decided that signs under the welcome to Keene signs may be a better option, due to the expense of the use of power poles.

It was suggested by the Town Board that the best option would have a sign under the welcome to Keene Signs. There are 4 of these signs.

The Keene Diversity Committee will start their planning process. Monique Weston will bring this information back to the committee and continue their planning process.

Next item of business:

RESOLUTION No. 192-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Wilson who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene is making the appointment of Bryan Liam Kennelly as the Town Attorney, for the fee of \$5000.00 annually. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Deyo.

Mr. Ferebee: Will there be an hourly rate set as well?

Mr. Wilson: Yes, hourly rate of \$150, if we go over the set amount.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Yes

Mr. Deyo: Yes

Ms. Whitney: Yes

RESOLUTION No. 193-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Wilson who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene Board accepts the resignation of Ryan Hall as the water Superintendent. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Deyo.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: I would just like to say thanks Ryan, I think you have done an amazing job for a long time and I think you will be missed. I thank you for all your efforts on behalf of the town.

Mr. Deyo: I'll second that.

Ms. Whitney: I will third that.

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes, I really hate to see you go.

Round of applause for Mr. Hall ensued.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Yes

Mr. Deyo: Yes

Ms. Whitney: Yes

RESOLUTION No. 194-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Biesemeyer who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene is making the appointment of Ryan Hall as the part time water operator and water license holder for \$25.00/hr during the transition period. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Deyo.

Ms. Whitney: If he is holding the license how are we paying him? Like just a fee for water license holder?

Mr. Wilson: We are paying the hourly rate on that.

Ms. Whitney: So how many hours will he be getting in a week? Are we going to be capping it?

Mr. Biesemeyer: We don't know yet.

Mr. Wilson: So here is what we have so far. Ryan is going to stay on full time, our new water super starts September 20th. Ryan is going to stay for 2 weeks full time to help with the transition and then we are figuring approximately 10 hours a week after that.

Ms. Whitney: Okay so he is training her for 2 weeks full time.

Mr. Deyo: So we have to keep Ryan on for a year while the new water superintendent gets her license.

Mr. Wilson: It could take more than a year.

Ms. Whitney: So after the 2 weeks she will call Ryan in when she needs help. So we are not actually paying a separate fee to hold the license?

Mr. Wilson: no, and Ryan is still going to be working because the new water superintendent may need a day off once a week. Because you have to test 7 days a week and emergencies pop up pretty regularly. I think we will be using the 10 hours a week and we have to have him on for the Department of Health or our water will be shut down.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Yes

Mr. Deyo: Yes

Ms. Whitney: Yes

The new town attorney arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Wilson then welcomed him to the meeting and officially to the Town of Keene.

Mr. Biesemeyer Suggested he get introduced.

Mr. Kennelly: I am Liam Kenelly, my family used to own the Woodruff Motel many years ago here in Keene. I have lots of connections to Keene, I currently live in Lake Placid.. I appreciate it.

Mr. Wilson: The next item of business is the Cemetery plots. Jerry Smith is concerned with the number of plots left.

Mr. Biesemeyer: Wait before we move on don't we need to appoint Savana?

RESOLUTION No. 195-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr .Deyo who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene Board is making the appointment of Savana Li as the Water Superintendent. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Yes

Mr. Deyo: Yes

Ms. Whitney: Yes

Mr. Wilson: Mr. Smith brought up that we are rapidly running out of cemetery plots. I think he talked to you a little bit too Cori? And you have sold some since this week?

Ms. Favro: I have sold one this week. I have only sold 3 my whole career as Town Clerk. It's not really rapid.

Mr. Wilson: oh, okay. So is your sense that we really need to put a pause on sales until you're deceased?

Ms. Whitney: How many do we have left?

Ms. Favro: We have about 16 left.

Mr. Biesemeyer: That's all? Wow

Mr. Deyo: Should we say you have to die before we can sell it to you?

Mr. Biesemeyer: We are going to run out, so I don't know what we are saving them for.

Mr. Wilson: I expected to see Kevin Hall at the planning board meeting this morning but he was not there. He is working on the layout for the new cemetery.

Mr. Deyo: I think we will continue to sell them.

Mr. Wilson: So if the board is okay we will continue to just sell them as normal.

Mr. Biesemeyer: I know we acquired some land where the veterans park is, isant there room down there for expansion of burials?

Mr. Wilson: Yeah, but we have to design it and build it. Kevin Hall is working on a proposal for a design and layout.

Mr. Biesemeyer: So I think we need to start getting something in gear.

Mr. Deyo: Yes we have been working on it with the cemetery committee.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: So I think if that is going forward then we are good.

Mr. Deyo: So I think if she has only sold 3 in the last 9 months we have a little time.

Mr. Biesemeyer: Well, until the word gets out now that there are limited plots left.

Mr. Wilson: Okay, so we will continue sales as normal and continue to work on the expansion project.

RESOLUTION No. 196-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr .Deyo who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene Board is allowing the Nature Conservancy the use of the pavilion on 9/15/21 from 11:30-4:30. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Yes

Mr. Deyo: Yes

Ms. Whitney: Yes

RESOLUTION No. 197-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr .Biesemeyer who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene Board is allowing the American Legion Post 1312 the use of Marcy Field for their Flaming Leaves Car Show on 10/2/21 from 10am-2pm. This resolution was seconded by Mr. Deyo.

Roll Call Vote:

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

RESOLUTION No. 198-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr .Biesemeyer who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene Board is allowing a wedding ceremony for non residents on Marcy Field 10/1/21 from 4-6:30pm for 23 people, no food or tent. For the fee of \$1000.00 This resolution was seconded by Ms. Whitney.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Wilson: Okay back to the parking lot at Marcy Field. There was a quote given by Scott Smith for \$6500.00, this will use the highway department to construct it. It is going to help with the demand of parking near the oval for exercise.

Mr. Deyo: Does this also include some maintenance to the oval itself?

Mr. Smith: No, but I don't think it would take much to do a little maintenance to the oval as well.

Mr. Deyo: Okay and this is just money moving from the general fund to the highway.

Mr. Wilson: Yes, and this is coming from the occupancy tax, not the property tax. So it will be a revenue stream for highway..

RESOLUTION No. 199-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr .Biesemeyer who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene Board is approving the \$6500.00 project to construct a 6 car parking lot at the entrance to the Marcy Field oval. IThis resolution was seconded by Ms.Cheetham-Palen.

Mr. Wilson: Any questions? Bill of course has a question.

Mr. Ferebee: Of course, the Scenic Byway. Has the DEC approved this project?

Mr. Wilson: Yes, it's out of the right of way.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: It's small too.

Mr. Deyo: It's going to be the Keene side of the paved entrance.

Mr. Wilson:The Chain will move in.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Yes

Mr. Deyo: Yes

Ms. Whitney: Yes

Mr. Wilson: We have unpaid water rent. During Covid the state put a pause on relveying water and sewer charges and collecting interest. We are kind of in a gray area now. Typically we would assign a 10% interest to late water bills then it would be sent to your taxes if unpaid. What's the date of when those go to the county?

Ms. Favro: I believe it's the end of october.

Mr. Wilson: Typically on that schedule we would send it to their tax bill but now it's unclear. Do you have any info on that?

Mr. Kennelly: I am going to follow up with you.

Mr. Wilson: I talked to the County Treasure and the county attorney and they said I am glad that is your problem and not mine because it's a gray area. If we want to play it safe we can wait till January.

Mr. Deyo: I think we wait till the next meeting and wait for Liam to see what he finds out. Then we can be sure about the penalty and when they go to the county.

Mr. Wilson: We will follow up at the next meeting and see what we find out. For now no penalty will be applied.

Next item of business is the Justice Court is applying for a grant from the Justice Court Assistance Program and they need a motion.

RESOLUTION No. 200-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr .Wilson who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene Board authorizes the Keene Town Court to apply for a JCAP Grant in the 2021-2022 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00 This resolution was seconded by Ms.Cheetham-Palen.

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: According to what I looked up online can be used for any purpose to cover things that are sufficient service to the court. So automation of court operations, recording equipment, law books, training for justices. But it cannot be used for reduce funding to court,

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Yes

Mr. Deyo: Yes

Ms. Whitney: Yes

RESOLUTION No. 201-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr .Biesemeyer who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene Board will go into executive session at 7:08PM to discuss personnel issues and 1 legal advice.This resolution was seconded by Ms.Cheetham-Palen.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Yes

Mr. Deyo: Yes

Ms. Whitney: Yes

RESOLUTION No. 202-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr .Biesemeyer who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene Board will return from executive session at 7:19 PM This resolution was seconded by Ms.Cheetham-Palen.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Yes

Mr. Deyo: Yes

Ms. Whitney: Yes

Mr. Wilson: We discussed legal and personnel issues. We have one change.

RESOLUTION No. 203-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr .Wilsonr who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene Board will raise the hourly rate of pay for the part time clerk from \$14.37/hr to \$15.50/hr This resolution was seconded by Mr. Biesemeyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Yes

Mr. Deyo: Yes

Ms. Whitney: Yes

Mr. Ferebee: Who is currently the part time clerk?

Mr. Wilson: We don't have one, so we are trying to recruit one.

Mr. Wilson: We don't currently have any resolutions to amend the budget, transfers, or supervisors report. So we need a motion to audit the bills.

RESOLUTION No. 204-21

The following resolution was offered by Ms .Cheetham-Palen who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene Board has audited the bill. This resolution was seconded by Ms. Whitney

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Yes

Mr. Deyo: Yes

Ms. Whitney: Yes

Mr. Wilson: Do board members have any other issues they want to bring up?

Ms. Whitney: I don't have an issue, but Ashley Leclair will be stepping down on the youth commission board. We need to fill her spot with Robyn Shumer.

RESOLUTION No. 205-21

The following resolution was offered by Ms. Whitney who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene Board has accepted the resignation of Ashley Leclair for Youth Commission Board and Robyn Shumer will be filling this vacancy. This resolution was seconded by Ms. Cheetham-Palen.

Mr. Wilson: Tell her thank you for doing that.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Yes

Mr. Deyo: Yes

Ms. Whitney: Yes

Next item: Mr. Smith presented that he sold items on Auctions international and was looking for approval to sell it.

RESOLUTION No. 206-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Biesemeyer who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene Board has accepted the sale of the following highway equipment:

2000 John Deere Tractor 5310 for \$9700.00

Airflo Sander for \$740.00

Western Snow Plow 1 for \$920.00

Western Snow Plow 2 for \$830.00

Western Snow Plow 3 for \$1175.00

Air Flo Sander for \$165.00

Tires for \$410.00

This resolution was seconded by Ms.Cheetham-Palen.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Yes

Mr. Deyo: Yes

Ms. Whitney: Yes

This resolution was seconded by Ms.Cheetham-Palen.

RESOLUTION No. 207-21

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Biesemeyer who moved its adoption. Be it resolved, that the Town of Keene Board has completed all business and will adjourn at 7:27PM. This resolution was seconded by Ms.Cheetham-Palen.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Yes

Mr. Biesemeyer: Yes

Ms. Cheetham-Palen: Yes

Mr. Deyo: Yes

Ms. Whitney: Yes

Respectfully Submitted

Cori -Anne Favro, Town Clerk

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