

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 7:00 p.m.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Kirkby
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson Morrison
Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

Keven Severance, Highway Superintendent
Kate Simmer, Town Clerk
Gabe Palmer
Michael Fergot
Daniel Rutz
Susan Bullock
Brian Larose

PUBLIC COMMENT: Gabe Palmer is present to discuss the blown down wood on the watershed. He is willing to pay 20% stumpage after trucking. He is not certain the condition of the wood since it was blown down this can stress the wood. The Forrester can walk you through the area. The first gate on the right can be used as the header.

**RESOLUTION #82
GABE PALMER-20% STUMPAGE AFTER TRUCKING**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Kirkby, and approved with an all in favor.

4 Ayes Kirkby, Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to allow Gabe Palmer to harvest the blown down wood on the Westport Watershed property and pay the town 20% stumpage after trucking.

YOUTH COMMISSION: The Town Board is in receipt of the Boquet Valley Youth Commission Appropriated Expenditures, Revenues, Monthly Statement of Treasurer for March 2023 and the March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes.

**RESOLUTION #83
APPROVE MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens and approved with an all in favor.

4 Ayes Kirkby, Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the March 28, 2023 Regular Board Minutes as presented.

**RESOLUTION #84
APPROVE THE BILLS**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, and seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Kirkby, Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to pay the bills on the Abstracts 11, 12 and 13 as follows:

- Abstract #11 for \$111,582.64; vouchers 194-227
- Abstract #12 from H-22 for 2,775.00; voucher 228 and
- Abstract #13 from H-23 for \$70,832.93; voucher 229

THE TOWN BOARD IS IN RECEIPT OF MARCH MONTHLY REPORTS FOR:

- Westport Town Court
- Westport Town Clerk
- Westport Town Supervisor

**RESOLUTION #85
RESOLUTION OPPOSING PASSAGE OF CONSERVATION SUBDIVISION
DESIGN BILL A04608**

On a motion by Councilperson Kirkby, and seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved with an all in favor.

4 Ayes Kirkby, Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

WHEREAS, The Adirondack Park Agency adopted a Large Subdivision Permit application that incorporated many of the action items in the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill, and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Adirondack Park Agency Large Subdivision Permit

is possibly more protective of the Environment than the Conservation Subdivision Design allows for, and

WHEREAS, Conservation Design laws are seldom mandatory, and are a tool to keep open space in urban areas, and

WHEREAS, there are more than 3.3 million acres of the 5.9-million-acre Adirondack Park that will never be developed or subdivided, and

WHEREAS, of the remaining 2.6 million acres of private land, existing development, roads, lakes, rivers, streams, steep slopes, wetlands and high elevations render most of these areas as not suitable for development, and

WHEREAS, bill number A04608 has been introduced in the New York State Assembly, and said bill would require Adirondack Park residential subdivisions that meet specific lot size thresholds to comply with certain conservation subdivision design criteria, and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would amend the existing Adirondack Park Agency Act, which has been in effect for 50 years, and

WHEREAS, before major Adirondack Park Agency permit application processes are changed, a public hearing process needs to be implemented so that property owners have an opportunity to understand and comment on how this proposed law will affect their property values, and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would require private property owners to incur undue burdens in order to complete additional ecological assessments associated with proposed developments, and

WHEREAS, this proposed legislation could eliminate the potential for development on certain lands, constituting a “taking” without compensation, when current law already protects and provides for regulation of these same lands by the Adirondack Park Agency, and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation places additional burdens on property owners that are not necessary to protect environmental and ecological systems and are not beneficial to the well-being of the Adirondack Park and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages does not approve of the proposed legislation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages does hereby call upon our local governments to stand together, individually and through our associations, to insist that the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill (A04608) be withdrawn, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Stewart-Cousins, Senator Stec, Senator Griffo, Senator Walczyk, Senator Tedisco, Assembly Blankenbush, Adirondack Intercounty, Adirondack Local Government Review Board and the Chairs of the Encon Committees, Senator Harckham, and Assemblywoman Glick.

**RESOLUTION #86
BUDGET TRANSFER**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, and seconded by Councilperson Kirkby, and approved with an all in favor.

4 Ayes Kirkby, Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to transfer funds from Budget Expenditure A1355.4, Assessment Contractual in the amount of \$21,000.00 to Budget Expenditure A1355.1, Assessment, Sole Assessor in the amount of \$21,000.00.

**RESOLUTION #87
HIRE DONALD LAROCK AS A PART TIME SEASONAL LABORER**

On a motion by Councilperson Kirkby, and approved unanimously.

4 Ayes Kirkby, Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to hire Donald LaRock at \$18.00 per hour as a part time seasonal laborer.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Egglefield Ford has another pickup truck that will fit our needs. It is less expensive than the other one. Truck #2 came back and immediately broke down. It needs to go elsewhere. The county will be towing it to Charleboise for us. We have been sweeping the roads, the village is done and the county roads are done. The county will be paying us for this service. Jason has been servicing the vehicles. COUNCILPERSON VIENS inquired about the pot holes on Dudley. They are getting pretty big and campers will be coming down there soon enough. Keven will be checking it out now that other areas are calming down.

RESOLUTION #88
PICK UP TRUCK PURCHASE

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, and seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved with a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Kirkby, Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to purchase a 2022 Ford F350 Super Duty from Egglefield Ford in the amount of \$39,990.00.

SUPERVISOR TYLER invited any additional comments from the public.

Michael Fergot thanked the Board for everything they do and their support with the spring clean-up effort. He also would like to announce to the Board he will be running for a seat on the Town Board this fall.

SUPERVISOR TYLER and the Town Board thanked Michael for his interest. Supervisor Tyler reinforced that there will be three positions open this fall for the Town Board.

RESOLUTION #89
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Catherine Simmer,
Town Clerk