

**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2013**

The Supervisor opened the first Public hearing at 6:00 PM and led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

Present with the Supervisor were Board Members Donald Dresser, Jean Gokey, Marshall Gero and Laureen DeZalia along with the Town Clerk, Sarah Vinskus.

The only guest present was the Code Enforcement Officer, Don Sage.

The first hearing concerned the property at 5 Lazy Street owned by Allen Dobie. Mr. Dobie does not reside in North Hudson at present and was unable to attend the evening's meeting. He did, however, send communiqués to the Code Enforcement Officer as well as speaking in person with the Supervisor. He said that he had contacted the APA to see if a new building could be erected where the old house stands now. In his communiqué he said that he was going to advertise for bids for the demolition and cleanup and asked if he could have an extension. After discussion the Board's decision was to give him until December 31, 2013 to accomplish the demolition and clean-up.

The second hearing concerned the Belle Restaurant and warehouse and house located on 80 Frontier Town Road and is in the name of the Sunrise Land Development. To date there has been no response to the letter sent by the Code Enforcement Officer nor did any attend the Public Hearing. At the present the Town must follow the Town Law #1 of 2013. These properties have been deemed unsafe and a hazard to public safety. If any of the three structures can be repaired and deemed up to code, they could be repaired. If any are deemed in such disrepair that they are dangerous, then they must be demolished and the area they stood upon cleaned of all associated debris. The Codes Enforcement Officer said that in his opinion both Belle's Restaurant and the warehouse should be demolished and if possible, the house made habitable.

Resolution #58 of 2013

Resolved that the North Hudson Town Board, at a Public Hearing held on August 8, 2013, approved an extension for the demolishment and removal of buildings and structures located at 5 Lazy Street, North Hudson, NY 12855 and in the name of Allen Dobie, until December 31, 2013.

So moved by Marshall Gero and seconded by Jean Gokey. On roll call:
Laureen DeZalia.....Aye

Marshall Gero.....Aye
 Ronald Moore.....Aye
 Jean Gokey.....Aye
 Donald Dresser.....Aye

Resolution #59 of 2013

Resolved that the North Hudson Town Board, at a Public hearing held on August 8, 2013, affirmed that the Belle Restaurant and warehouse located on 80 Frontier Town Road, and in the name of Sunrise Land Development Westchester, are unsafe and unfit for human occupancy and therefore are to be demolished and removed. The house located at 80 Frontier Town Road and adjacent to the warehouse is in disrepair and is a hazard to public safety and is to be repaired and brought up to current code. Said repairs and demolition and removal are to be completed by November 1, 2013.

So moved by Laureen DeZalia and seconded by Marshall Gero. On roll call:

Laureen DeZaliaAye
 Marshall Gero.....Aye
 Ronald Moore.....Aye
 Jean Gokey.....Aye
 Donald Dresser.....Aye

The Supervisor adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM.

The Supervisor opened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 PM and led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag.

The Board Members and Town Clerk were still present.

Tracee and Jake Parent were guests.

The Clerk read the minutes of the July 11 Regular Board Meeting.

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Jean Gokey to accept the Minutes as amended. All voted "Aye".

The Clerk then read the Minutes of the July 22 Special Board Meeting.

Marshall Gero moved and was seconded by Laureen DeZalia to accept the Minutes as amended. All voted "Aye".

The Supervisor then went over the contents of the Board Members' packets.

The Supervisor's Financial Report is as follows:

CHECKING ACCOUNTS:

General Fund (due to Fire Dist. \$15,937)	.15%	\$644,737.20
Highway Fund	.15%	\$692,478.85
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$1,337,216.05

The Civil War Encampment, which was held July 19 – 21, went very well. There are thoughts about a similar event next year, possibly with North – South skirmishes next year.

The Northway signage issue is being addressed by both Senator Little and Assemblyman Stec. There is an extension to around Labor Day and hopefully it will be settled by then.

Resolution #60 of 2013

RESOLUTION URGING NEW YORK STATE TO AMEND THE NEW YORK TRANSPORTATION LAW TO ALLOW SIGNAGE ON EXIT AND ENTRANCE RAMPS ON THE ADIRONDACK NORTHWAY WITHIN THE ADIRONDACK PARK

The following Resolution was offered by Supervisor Moore, who moved its adoption.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE North Hudson Town board hereby urges an amendment to the New York Transportation Law to allow signage on exit and entrance ramps on the Adirondack Northway which is within the Adirondack Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board be, and is authorized and directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Charles E. Schumer, Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Congressman William Owens, Senator Elizabeth O’C. Little and Assemblyman Dan Stec.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

The wood furnace has been sent out for inspection/repair. The Town has three options which would cost \$150, \$350, or trade-in for \$8,000.

A Department audit was conducted with the Town Clerk’s office which went well with no major discrepancies.

The Highway crew did an excellent job with the repairs on the right field fence at the ball field. The State Police informed Mr. Moore that they had no leads on the vandalism at the beach and the case is closed.

Schroon Lake Senior Citizens held a picnic in the park on July 17th and the next picnic will be held August 21st, with a donation of \$3.50 requested.

The 5 Towns held a meeting at the DEC offices in Albany regarding the future classification and use of the newly acquired lands from Nature Conservancy. Present were many DEC officials, the Commissioner Joe Martens, and people from the Governor’s office. This gave the 5 towns the opportunity to express what classification they hope to see and why.

The Highway Department has returned the excavator. The new truck had power problems and an emission valve was replaced. Ken and Steve have started cutting the wood for winter.

The Court has had more computer problems and Paul Burns had to be called. The paving has been completed at the Courthouse.

A new Democratic Commissioner, Mark Whitney, has been named. A tax foreclosure sale may be held in September.

Meetings will be held August 13th and 14th between the 5 Towns, the DEC and the Grafton Trail Riders, who have expressed an interest in riding the newly acquired and to be acquired lands.

Resolution #61

Resolution of Condolence to the Family of G. Jeffrey Haber

The following Resolution was offered by Supervisor Moore, who moved its adoption.

Whereas, G. Jeffrey Haber of Schodack, New York, passed away on July 26, 2013, and

Whereas, G. Jeffrey Haber was the son of Glenn S. and Dorothy Dorn Haber, and

Whereas, in 1974 he was elected to the Schodack Town Board and four years later served four consecutive terms as Supervisor of the Town of Schodack; and

Whereas, in 1985, G. Jeffrey Haber was selected the Executive Director and Treasurer of the Association of Towns of the State of New York, a position he held for 27 years until his retirement in 2012; and

Whereas, G. Jeffrey Haber was a founder of the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR), the largest property casualty insurer of municipalities in New York State, and of the municipal workers compensation alliance which provides coverage to municipalities in the state.

Be It Further Resolved, that the North Hudson Town Board hereby express and extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of G. Jeffrey Haber.

This resolution was unanimously seconded and adopted.

Mr. Moore received a call from Virginia Kugler. She was concerned about a tree and its roots were a source of potential damage to her family's burial plot. The tree was planted on Caza family burial plot. The Highway Superintendent contacted Bruce Caza who gave permission to remove the tree.

Norman Lague, Patrol Agent in Charge, Champlain Station, US Border Patrol, met with the Supervisor and some members of the Town Board and provided an overview of operations and answered questions. Mr. Moore and the Board expressed support for their mission and hoped that there would be an increased presence in North Hudson.

The Adirondack Community Action Programs, Inc., is applying to be authorized to conduct raffles in our Town and are asking for our approval.

Resolution #62 of 2013

Resolved that the Town of North Hudson hereby authorize the Adirondack Community Action Programs, Inc., to conduct raffles in the Town of North Hudson.

So moved by Donald Dresser and seconded by Marshall Gero. All voted "Aye".

Essex County Public Health Department has sent out notices about Lyme disease and how to prevent it.

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Donald Dresser to approve the audited vouchers for Payment. All voted "Aye".

General Fund.....	\$ 5,141.55
Highway Fund.....	\$11,550.96
TOTAL.....	\$16,692.51

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Jean Gokey to accept the Judges report. All voted "Aye".

Ronald Moore moved and was seconded by Jean Gokey for the Board to move into Executive Session for Personnel at 8:00 PM. All voted "Aye".

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Marshall Gero for the Board to come out of Executive Session at 8:18 PM. All voted "Aye".

Laureen DeZalia moved and was seconded by Jean Gokey for the Board to adjourn. All Voted "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Vinskus, Town Clerk