HAGUE TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING July 11, 2017

The regular meeting of The Hague town board was held Tuesday July 11,2017 at The Hague Community Center at 6:00pm with the following members present:

Present: Supervisor Frasier M. Cherubini

M. Fitzgerald II S. Ramant

Absent: G. Kuenzel

Others present: Janet Hanna- Town Clerk, Donny Smith- Highway Supr.

A motion made by E. Frasier, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II to open the meeting at 6:00pm to audit bills. All voted aye. Motion carried.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a Moment of Silence was held for Rev. Charles B. Holliday, Jr. Cathy Burdick, Brian Jordan, Eloise Shakeshaft and the sixteen servicemen from Stewart Air Force Base who died in a plane crash in Mississippi.

Memorial service for Jerry Crammond on July 16, 2017 at the Silver Bay Chapel.

Welcome Guests/ Privilege of the floor:

Tim Costello of Warren County Soil and Water provides technical assistance based on the resource concern as well as grant writing for project funding. Please contact us. They have provided low cost tree and shrub seedlings and fish fingerlings in the past. M.Cherubini said that the Fire Chief had contacted them about dry hydrants and they are receiving help to obtain a grant.

CEO, John Remillard of InterLakes Health to update us on what is happening at Moses Ludington. VP Matt Nolan was also present to explain the building improvements that will be on going for the next eighteen months. All departments will continue while under construction. The hospital will be part of the University of Vermont Health Network by the end of the year. The nursing home will be part of Post-Acute Partners by the end of the year.

On motion made by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by M. Cherubini. IT IS RESOLVED, that the minutes of June 13,2017 be accepted. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #96 Pay Bills

Introduced by M. Cherubini, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II.

RESOLVED, to authorize payment the following warrants as outlined in # 7 -17, audited at tonight's meeting (\$31,191.34.)

General \$10,550.98 Sewer \$10,418.50 Highway \$7967.44 Other \$419.44 AYES Supv. Frasier, M.Fitzgerald II, M. Cherubini, S.Ramant NAYS None ABSENT Kuenzel Carried 4-0

Regular Committee Reports:

Assessor & Justice, Building & Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement, Finance & Insurance, Highway, Museum & Historian, Personnel, Planning/Zoning/Storm water, Recreation/ Promotion / Youth, Sewer District 1&2, and Town Park & Beautification.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITION

It was decided that more information should be gathered on DEC's acquisition of property in Town of Hague, near Sabbath Day Point. Edna will write a letter.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution # 99 - INTRODUCING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MORATORIUM ON SOLAR PANELS IN THE TOWN OF HAGUE

On a motion by Supv. Frasier and seconded by M. Cherubini.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE HAGUE TOWN BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Title and Authority This Local Ordinance shall be known as the Town of Hague Solar Panels Moratorium Ordinance. It is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law §10.
- **2. Purpose** The Town Board recognizes that solar energy may offer benefits for energy conservation and reduction of reliance on fossil fuels. However, the installation of solar panels may have impacts on neighboring properties including visual impacts and clearing of trees. The Town Board believes that this moratorium is necessary in order to allow the Code Committee and Planning Board time to investigate the relevant issues and adopt a Local Ordinance regulating solar panels consistent with the development objectives of the Town. It is the intent of the Town Board to adopt a Local Law to address the installation of solar panels in general.
- **3. Definitions** "Solar Panel" means a device that produces electricity from sunlight using photovoltaic cells or other technology and any related equipment and accessories for use in an associated building or buildings or for offsite sale and/or consumption.
- **4. Moratorium** The Town of Hague hereby imposes a moratorium on the construction, installation, review or approval of any solar panels or applications for solar panels commencing ten days after the publication of the new ordinance in the town's official newspaper and

terminated six months after that date. The provisions of this Local Ordinance shall be applicable to any construction, installation, review or approval of any solar panels or applications for solar panels, including any applications which are currently pending, unless all necessary approvals have been obtained and actual physical construction or installation has been substantially commenced as of August 8, 2017. For the purpose of this Local Ordinance, construction, installation, review or approval shall include undertaking of any new or expanded solar panels, issuance of a building permit, application of review standards, conducting a Public Hearing or rendering a final decision or any approval which would in any way authorize the construction, installation or use of solar panels.

- **5.** Extensions This moratorium may be extended for such additional periods as the Town Board may determine to be necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Hague.
- **6. Variance Procedure** The Town Board shall have the power, after a Public Hearing, to vary or modify the application of any provision of this Local Ordinance upon its determination that strict application of this Local Ordinance would impose extraordinary hardship upon an applicant and that the variance granted would not adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the Town. Any request for a variance shall be filed with the Town Clerk. If the Town Board, in its sole discretion, determines to consider the variance application, the Town Board shall conduct a Public Hearing on at least five (5) days' public notice and make its decision within thirty (30) days after the close of the Public Hearing.
- **7. Termination** This moratorium shall be terminated upon adoption of a Local Law or Ordinance governing the siting, installation, construction and/or use of solar panels in the Town of Hague.
- **8.** Severability The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph or provision of this Local Law shall not invalidate any other clause, sentence, paragraph or part thereof.
- **9. Effective Date** This Local ordinance shall take effect after adoption by the Town Board and ten days after the publication of the new ordinance in the town's official newspaper.
 - 10. Public Hearing A Public Hearing shall be set for August 8, 2017 at 6:00pm

Duly ADOPTED by the following vote:

AYES: Supv Frasier, M. Cherubini, S. Ramant, M.Fitzgerald II

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kuenzel

Carried 4-0

Comprehensive Plan, Vision 20/20 public meeting will be July 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Supv.Frasier, seconded by for permission to use Hague Beach for July 28th John Costello Memorial Coffeehouse at 7pm. All voted aye. Motion Carried.

Resolution #97 Salary Increase

Introduced by S. Ramant seconded by M. Fitzgerald II.

RESOLVED, to make Justin Hardcastle head lifeguard and increase his salary to \$13.00 per hour from \$12.00, retroactive to July 10,2017.

AYES: Supv Frasier, M. Cherubini, S. Ramant, M.Fitzgerald II

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Kuenzel

Carried 4-0

SUPERVISORS REPORT & COUNTY REPORTS: None

On motion by S. Ramant, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II. IT IS RESOLVED, to adjourn the town board meeting at 6:40PM. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Hanna Town Clerk