

HAGUE TOWN BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

6:00 PM

Members present: Supervisor Frasier, S. Ramant, M. Cherubini, G. Kuenzel & M. Fitzgerald II.

Motion by S. Ramant, seconded by G. Kuenzel to call meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Cathy Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence: Hank Rowan, Eileen McGregor, John Goehrig, and Joe Cacici.

Welcome Guests/Privilege of the floor: No report.

Motion by G. Kuenzel, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II to pay General, Highway & Sewer Claims audited at tonight's meeting. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Ramant, seconded by M. Cherubini to accept minutes of January 12, 2015 as printed. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Regular Committee Report:

1. Assessor & Justice: (Cherubini/Kuenzel): M. Cherubini has been getting to know the processes of the Assessor & Justice offices.
2. Buildings & Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement: (Fitzgerald/Frasier): M. Fitzgerald II will contact DEC to see if the old tank can be filled with sand.
3. Finance & Insurance: (Ramant/Cherubini): No report.
4. Highway: (Fitzgerald/Ramant): Superintendent Smith reported that the new plow is working well. He thanked Matt Coffin for all of his help. The Highway Department has also been cutting back on the use of salt on the roads.
5. Museum & Historian: (Kuenzel/Ramant):
Town of Hague Historian Report

1/20/16

Dear Edna and town board members:

It seems another year has flown by, and it is time once again to reflect on all we were able to accomplish in 2015.

In January we installed an exhibit in the museum on Winter Sports in Hague from the 1800's to present. It was very well received, and stayed up throughout the winter. This was the first of many revolving exhibits to come.

I have been working on updating, and adding new information on files and photos. I researched and we purchased new display cases and flip panels for the museum. They make a huge difference in what and how we can show our collection.

A new roadside marker was added this past spring. It marks the steamboat landing and gives a bit of the history of the steamers and date the landing was built.

I have corresponded with a number of folks from all over the country looking for answers to questions on a wide range of topics.

The Historical Society presented a program on the Nathaniel Garfield family (descendants of President Garfield). He built the first building/business in the downtown area of Hague in the early 1800's. The Garfield Hotel and Tavern. The program was given by Steve Garfield and his wife Janet. The next day I was able to take them on a tour of historical sites in town by car and then by boat including the burial site of their ancestors. They loved the town and are having their Garfield Family Reunion in Hague this coming summer on the site where the Garfield Hotel once stood. They will be over one hundred strong!

In June a neighbor of mine came to show me a very large anchor he had gotten at a yard sale downstate. He went on to say the couple he bought it from who are now in their late eighties, decided it was time to let it go. Inquiring as to what the story was behind this, they went on to tell him they had been staying at the Trout House Hotel in Hague in the early 1940's on their honeymoon. There was an auction while they were here consisting of relics from the steamships on Lake George. The anchor was from the Ticonderoga that burned while on it's way down the lake in August 1901. They purchased it and had stored it in their garage all these years. I then contacted some experts to authenticate it. I am very happy to say it is the real deal! It is on loan indefinitely and being displayed in our museum along with stories and pictures of the fire, as well as other shipwrecks in our area. It just goes to show; you never know what is going to turn up on your doorstep!

Later in the summer we did an exhibit on The Hague Regatta and the Gold Cup Races. (The Hague Regatta started in 1883 and was the pre cursor to the Gold Cup Races) We had a weekend showing in the art gallery downtown and then expanded the exhibit and moved it to our museum. We have had very favorable reviews with some notable visitors such as the grandson of Dick Bowers who was the mechanical engineer that rode with George Reis in the famed El Lagarto Gold Cup boat in the early 1930's and winner of the race three years in a row. Also Rubin Smith who owns Tumblehome Boat Shop. They restore and build wooden boats. Rubin had El Lagarto on exhibit in his showroom this past summer on loan from the Adirondack Museum. Both were amazed by the extent of our archives on these racing events.

A pictorial history of Warren County was published this fall by The Post Star newspaper. Myself along with Ginger Henry and Mary Behr spent a great deal of time gathering photos and writing copy for the book. Hague was very well represented and we are pleased with the outcome.

I will continue with my organizing, research, writing and getting out there talking to the people who made and continue to make the history we all find so fascinating.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally De Larm Rypkema

6. Personnel: (Cherubini/Kuenzel): No report

7. Planning/Zoning/Storm water: (Fitzgerald/Ramant): S. Ramant reported that DEC has given the Town the proper paper work for grooming the trails at Rogers Rock and also permission to close off the road so no one can drive on the trails.

8. Recreation & Promotion & Youth: (Ramant/Cherubini):

9. Sewer District # 1 & 2: (Frasier/Kuenzel): Supervisor Frasier reported that they have still been working on preventive maintenance program.

G. Kuenzel reported that the Asset Committee has been working on re-writing the Sewer Local Law.

10. Town Park & Beautification: (Kuenzel/Ramant/Cherubini): G. Kuenzel mentioned that they would be advertising for Life Guards and possibly 1 more Park Attendant. It was also mentioned that Terri Davis would be certifying the Life Guards for CPR.

S. Ramant would like to know if other Towns have had the same problems with the Dept. of Health changing the rules and regulations yearly. If so, he would like the Board of Supervisors to send a letter to NYS Dept. of Health.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Motion by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by G. Kuenzel to sign contract with BENCHMARK for cutting of trees in the amount of \$4336.00 on the Sabbath Day Point sand pit property. All voting yes. Motion carried.

2. Motion by G. Kuenzel, seconded by S. Ramant to appoint Janet Hanna to the Planning Board. Term to expire on 12/31/2019. All voting yes. Motion carried.

3. Resolution #48 of 2016: Introduced by S. Ramant, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II

Resolved; that the Town Board appoint Michele Gautreau to the Board of Assessment Review, to fill the vacancy of Michael Cherubini, term to expire 9/30/2019.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Supervisor Frasier, M. Cherubini, M. Fitzgerald II, G. Kuenzel and S. Ramant.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

DATED: February 9, 2016

Deborah F. Manning, Hague Town Clerk

Resolution #46 of 2016: Introduced by S. Ramant, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II Resolved; that the Town Board appoint Karen Costello to the Board of Assessment Review, to fill the vacancy of Barbara Belden, term to expire 9/30/2021.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Supervisor Frasier, M. Cherubini, M. Fitzgerald II, G. Kuenzel and S. Ramant.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

DATED: February 9, 2016

Deborah F. Manning

Hague Town Clerk

Resolution #47 of 2016: Introduced by S. Ramant, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II Resolved; that the Town Board re-appoint Janet Hanna to the Board of Assessment Review, term to expire 9/30/2020.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Supervisor Frasier, M. Cherubini, M. Fitzgerald II, G. Kuenzel and S. Ramant.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

DATED: February 9, 2016

Deborah F. Manning, Hague Town Clerk

4. RESOLUTION #45 OF 2014

TOWN OF HAGUE

AUDIT OF 2015 TOWN BOOKS

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY R. Meola, SECONDED BY G. Kuenzel

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hague audited the 2015 Town Books in the Supervisors, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Sewer Rent Collector, and the Town Justice offices in January of 2016 and has found all records to be accurate and complete.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE HAGUE TOWN BOARD:

AYES: Supervisor Frasier, R. Meola, G. Kuenzel, and S. Ramant.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: M. Fitzgerald II

DATED: February 11, 2014

Deborah F. Manning, Town Clerk

5. Motion by G. Kuenzel, seconded by M. Cherubini to renew Cedarwood's contract for the year 2016. All voting yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

1. Motion by G. Kuenzel, seconded by S. Ramant to give permission to the Hague Senior Citizen Club, Inc. for the following events:

Memorial Day Parade 5-28-16

Use of the Visitor Center White Elephant Sale 4/13 to 5/29.

Use of the Visitor Center for the Senior View Café from 6/5 to 6/13.

Shelving for the Senior Citizen closet.

All voting yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by S. Ramant, seconded by M. Cherubini to authorize the Supervisor to sign Youth contract agreement with Ticonderoga for \$1,000.00. All voting yes. Motion carried.

2. Motion by S. Ramant, seconded by M. Cherubini to authorize the Supervisor to sign contract with LGPC stating that the Town of Hague has no objection to the LGPC serving as lead agency under SEQRA regulating mandatory boat inspections to limit aquatic invasive species. All voting yes. Motion carried.

3. Motion by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by S. Ramant to authorize Supervisor Frasier to sign letter giving permission for Ragnar Relay Adirondacks held on 9/23 & 9/24 2016 to run through the Town of Hague. All voting yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISORS REPORT & COUNTY REPORTS:

Other: G. Kuenzel reported that she has been gathering information on Knott Weed. She will see if the Water Quality members would be interested in attending a meeting in Bolton Landing.

The Hague Fire Dept. submitted to the Town Board their budget.

A question was asked in regards to the Fire Dept. mortgages. Treasurer Janet Hanna said that it will be about four years for the vehicles and boat and about ten years for the building.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by S. Ramant, seconded by M. Fitzgerald II to adjourn meeting at 7:00 pm. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah F. Manning, Town Clerk