

HAGUE TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING

April 9, 2019

The regular meeting of The Hague Town Board was held Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at The Hague Community Center at 6:00pm with the following members present:

Supervisor Edna Frasier

Joshua Patchett

Jack Bast

Absent: Steve Ramant, Martin Fitzgerald II

Others present: Melissa Patchett- Deputy Town Clerk, Cathy Clark- ZEO

A motion made by Josh Patchett, seconded by Jack Bast 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: Pat Swinton, Dolly Kennedy, and Robert Myers.

Public Hearing - Town of Hague Amendments to the Solar Code for SEQRA Review

A motion made by Jack Bast, seconded by Josh Patchett to open the Public Hearing.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

No questions from the public for the SEQRA Review.

A motion made by Jack Bast, seconded by Josh Patchett to close the Public Hearing.

Welcome Guests/ Privilege of the floor:

Donna Wotton presented the Ticonderoga Alliance reference guide for trade education programs and financial aid in the area. Grant funded paid internships will be available.

Kevin Obrien from Upstate Insurance Co. requested client feedback. Edna Frasier will look into.

Minutes

On motion made by Edna Frasier, and seconded by Josh Patchett IT IS RESOLVED, that the minutes of March 12, 2019 be accepted. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #65 Pay Bills

Resolution introduced by Edna Frasier, and seconded by Jack Bast.

IT IS RESOLVED, to pay the following warrants as outlined in #4-19 for a total of \$ 71,685.60

General	\$ 24,406.89	Sewer	\$ 4,682.16
Highway	\$ 29,568.06	Other	\$ 13,028.49

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Josh Patchett, Jack Bast.

Nays: None

Carried 3-0

Regular Committee Report:

- Administrative: Frasier
Assessor/Justice
Finance/Insurance
Recreation/ Promotion
- Buildings & Grounds: Fitzgerald/Patchett- Hague Beach walkway project is in progress. Edna Frasier reports that the Hague Beach maintenance room repairs are done. New bulbs have been replaced, estimating a \$2,000.00 savings per year at highway and sewer.
- Highway: Ramant/ Bast- Highway saved a lot this year on salt with the road brining.
- Museum/Historian: Patchett/ Ramant- April Historical meeting was cancelled. Josh Patchett reports that Mary Behr is looking into records pre-1928.
- Personnel: Bast/Fitzgerald- Edna Frasier reports that Jaeger & Flynn Associates is working on a new draft of the employee manual.
- Planning/Zoning: Fitzgerald/Patchett- Cathy Clark reports that she is very busy this spring season. Cathy Clark also reports that the APA conference she recently attended was a good session. The APA and Warren County meeting discussed how towns can apply bed tax to private home rentals. Also, Cathy Clark and Hague Town representatives met with Lyme Timber representatives for a better understanding of forestry practices.
- Town Park/Beautification: Ramant/Frasier- No report.
- Sewer District#1 & #2: Bast/Frasier- Jack Bast reports that the sewer enforcement project is moving along well. There are 21 non-connected; 8 are going to connect, 5 are probably going to appeal, and the other 8 are still in progress.
- Environmental Concerns: Ramant/ Patchett- Josh Patchett reports that the knotweed project is still in progress.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Supervisor Edna Frasier received a letter from Clair Best seeking approval to use the community center room for a RSVP Exercise Class. She would like to hold the classes twice a week beginning in May 2019.

On a motion made by Josh Patchett, and seconded by Jack Bast IT IS RESOLVED to permit the use of the community center room for the RSVP Exercise Class.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #68 Resolution in Support of Snowmobiling and Increasing Snowmobile Trail Miles in the Adirondacks

Resolution introduced by Josh Patchett, and seconded by Jack Bast.

WHEREAS, various actions of the state have limited snowmobile trails in the Adirondacks, including limiting the total miles of snowmobile trails in the Adirondacks at a level which is below the amount that was contemplated as far back as 1972, and the closing of existing snowmobile trails for various reasons, including the acquisition of lands upon which existing snowmobile trails run, prior to the construction of replacement trails which have been called for; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hague supports the call by the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Adirondack Park Agency to abandon the snowmobile mileage cap, and to allow any snowmobile trails on State Lands acquired after 1972 to remain as long as those lands are not Wilderness or Primitive; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Cuomo, DEC Commissioner Seggos, Senate Majority Leader Stewart- Cousins, Senate Minority Leader Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Heastie, Senator Little, and Assemblyman Stec.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Josh Patchett, Jack Bast.

Nays: None

Carried 3-0

Resolution #67 Adapting a Negative Declaration of the SEQRA Review for Proposed Modifications to the codes of the Town of Hague.

Resolution introduced by Josh Patchett, and seconded by Jack Bast.

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Hague at their March 12, 2019 Town Board meeting made the following resolution,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Hague has declared itself the Lead Agency for the proposed SEQR review of Modification to the Codes of the Town of Hague,

WHEREAS, the Town of Hague Board has reviewed the SEQRA Environmental Assessment Form pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law and determined that the above action will have no significant adverse environmental impacts; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hague Town Board does hereby determine that the modifications to the Town Zoning Codes to include a new Supplemental Regulation to address Solar Energy to the Codes of the Town of Hague will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and therefore authorizes issuance of the SEQRA Negative Declaration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution and the final draft copy of the proposed “Solar Energy Code” be forwarded to Warren County and Adirondack Park Commission.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Josh Patchett, Jack Bast.

Nays: None

Carried 3-0

SUPERVISORS REPORT & COUNTY REPORTS: None

On motion by Jack Bast, seconded by Josh Patchett IT IS RESOLVED, to adjourn the town board meeting at 6:30 PM. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa L. Patchett
Deputy Town Clerk