

HAGUE TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
February 13, 2018

The regular meeting of the Hague town board was held Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at The Hague Community Center at 6:00pm with the following members present:

Supervisor Frasier
M. Fitzgerald II
J. Patchett

M. Cherubini
S. Ramant

Absent:

Others present: Janet Hanna- Town Clerk, Cathy Clark- ZEO

A motion made by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by M. Cherubini 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 Nelson Waters, Sherry Gibbs, Dorothy Henry, and Martha Beck.

Public Hearing - Town of Hague Lead Agency for SEQRA Review

A motion made by M. Cherubini, seconded by J. Patchett to open the Public Hearing at 6:15pm. All voted aye. Motion carried.

No one spoke for or against the SEQRA Review.

A motion made by M. Cherubini, seconded by J. Patchett to close the Public Hearing at 6:17pm.

Resolution #56 of 2018

The Hague's Town Board's Determination for SEQRA Review for the Proposed Revisions to Chapter 4: Goals, Objectives and Recommendations, the Town of Hague's Comprehensive Plan.

Resolution introduced by M.Fitzgerald II and seconded by M. Cherubini.

WHEREAS, the Town of Hague's Town Board administers the Town of Hague's Comprehensive Plan, and on January 10, 2018 declared itself, by resolution, to be Lead Agency for State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA),

WHEREAS, the Town of Hague's Town Board recognized the need to update and revise The Comprehensive Plan, to better promote the health, safety and general welfare of the residents and property owners of the Town and to provide for a variety of housing opportunities and densities, new uses, and protect the property values and the environment and aesthetics of the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town has undertaken a multi-year effort to develop appropriate amendments to Chapter 4: Goals, Objectives and Recommendations, of the Town of Hague Comprehensive Plan and address those needs, and

WHEREAS, having considered the draft and final Environmental Impact Statement and having considered the preceding written facts and conclusions relied on to meet the requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 617.11, this Statement of Findings certifies that:

1. The requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 617 have been met; and
2. Consistent with social, economic and other essential considerations and that there will be no adverse impacts created to the Town by this action.
3. Consistent with the applicable policies of Article 42 of the Executive Law, as implemented by 19 NYCRR Part 600.5, this action will achieve a balance between the protection of the environment and the need to accommodate social and economic considerations.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 13, 2018 and the Town Board has reviewed all documents associated with the SEQRA review of this action. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hague Town Board hereby declares a Negative Declaration for SEQRA review of the proposed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan and directs the Town Clerk to send all appropriate completed SEQRA documents to the New York State DEC, and **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk to schedule a public hearing for the adoption of the proposed amendments to the Town of Hague Comprehensive Plan, for March 13, 2018.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supv. Frasier, M.Fitzgerald II, M. Cherubini, S. Ramant, J. Patchett

Nays: None

Absent:

Carried 5-0

Welcome Guests/ Privilege of the floor: None

Bobbi Jean Fish asked if the Fish and Game Club could use the Visitor Center the days of the ice fishing contest – February 24 & 25, 2018. Edna stated that at present there is no heat or water. A motion was made by M. Cherubini, seconded by J. Patchett to allow the Fish and Game to use the visitor center. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Chris Navitsky spoke about the Salt Initiative and the positive results from the live edge plow. The Town of Lake George has also been spraying brine on the roads. They have received a \$200,000 grant for industrial-sized mixer to produce brine. Hague will be part of the pilot program to receive

a spreader, an applicator and brine. The Fund for Lake George is also looking into a contract for the purchase of live edge plows to reduce the purchase cost for local communities.

Minutes

On motion made by M. Cherubini, seconded by J. Patchett. IT IS RESOLVED, that the minutes of January 9, 2018 be accepted. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #48-18 Pay Bills

Resolution introduced by M. Cherubini and seconded J. Patchett .

IT IS RESOLVED, to pay the following warrants as outlined in # 2-18 for a total of \$109,207.92.

General	\$ 33,944.05	Sewer	\$ 3,897.55
Highway	\$ 62,633.48	Other	\$ 8,732.84

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supv. Frasier, M.Fitzgerald II, M. Cherubini, S. Ramant, J. Patchett

Nays: None

Absent:

Carried 5-0

Regular Committee Reports:

- Assessor & Justice: (Fitzgerald/Patchett) Edna is getting quotes for a new generator.
- Building & Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement: (Fitzgerald /Patchett)No Report
- Finance & Insurance: (Ramant/Patchett) No Report
- Highway: (Fitzgerald/Ramant) Donny and Rick are attending training about salt.
- Museum & Historian: (Patchett/Ramant) The historical society is making a pamphlet about historical buildings in town
- Personnel: (Cherubini/Fitzgerald) Mike is working on the employee handbook.
- Planning/Zoning/Storm water: (Cherubini Patchett)

Permits Activity

	Month	YTD
• Land Use Development	6	6
• Site Plan Review	0	0
• Subdivisions	5	5
• Variance	2	2
• Wastewater	0	0
• Wastewater Variances	0	0

- Planning Board: February 1, 2018 Acting Chair Pam Peterson and Board members: Dan Belden, Judy Gourley, Meg Haskell, Bob Whitaker and Martin Fitzgerald were present. Dick Frasier absent.
Applications in front of the Board:
 1. JENKS, 36 Jenkin Point Dr. Lot Line Change – approved, no conditions
 2. ACKSON, 24 Holman Hill Rd. Sketch Plan Review for a 2 lot subdivision.
 3. MURY, 11 Sunset Hill Rd. Referral to the ZBA for a variance.
 4. DARRIN, 23-29 Abenakis Dr. Total replace of a nonconforming structure – approved
 5. WINTERGREEN LAKE, INC, 213 Summit Dr. Decision tabled until the board gets into the property to hold their Site Visit.
- Zoning Board: meeting of January 25, 2018 Chair Robert Goetsch, and Board members: Jon Hanna, Ray Snyder, Chris Navitsky, Maureen Cherubini, and Linda Mury. Lindsay Mydlarz was absent.
Applications in front of the Board:
The board held hearings and approved the following Variance for lot size requests:
 1. HASKELL-LAUNDREE-WELLS 9110 Lakeshore Dr. Appr. w/ conditions
 2. SANTANIELLO (59.20-1-25 & 26) 8417 Lakeshore Dr.
Both can now apply to the PB for Subdivision.
 3. MURY (25.4-1-31) 11 Sunset Hill Rd. Var. for a lot line change, hearing scheduled.
- Code Committee met Feb. 1, 2018 a draft copy for a Solar Code is in development.
- SEQRA document complete for the Comprehensive Plan.

- Recreation & Promotion: (Ramant /Cherubini) request for lifeguards
- Sewer District 1&2: (Frasier/Kuenzel) Operations report submitted.
- Town Park & Beautification: (Ramant/Frasier) Music in the park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #49-18 Accept increase of occupancy tax dollars.

Resolution introduced by S. Ramant and seconded by J. Patchett.

WHEREAS, The Town of Hague has entered into an agreement with Warren County by Resolution 61 of 2004, and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has now offered to the Town the additional sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for expenditure in accordance with the agreement, Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, that the Town accept the Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from the County, and Be It Further

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor be authorized to enter into the agreement with Warren County for Occupancy Tax funding.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supv. Frasier, M.Fitzgerald II, M. Cherubini, S. Ramant, J. Patchett

Nays: None

Absent:

Carried 5-0

Resolution #50-18 Cedarwood Engineering

Resolution introduced by S. Ramant and seconded by J. Patchett

RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a contract with Cedarwood Engineering for 2018.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supv. Frasier, M.Fitzgerald II, M. Cherubini, S. Ramant, J. Patchett

Nays: None

Absent:

Carried 5-0

Resolution #51 of 2018 Adoption of a Sewer Enforcement Response Plan

Tabled to next meeting March 13, 2018.

Resolution #52 of 2018 Contract with Ticonderoga Youth Services

Resolution introduced by M. Cherubini and seconded by J. Patchett.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Edna Frasier to contract with the Town of Ticonderoga to perform or be responsible for services to the youth of Hague for \$1000.00 for the year Jan 1, 2018-Dec. 31, 2018 subject to report of usage.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supv. Frasier, M.Fitzgerald II, M. Cherubini, S. Ramant, J. Patchett

Nays: None

Absent:

Carried 5-0

Resolution #53 of 2018 Contract with John Silvestri to be Town Attorney

Resolution introduced by M.Fitzgerald II and seconded by S. Ramant.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Supervisor Edna Frasier to enter into a contract with John Silvestri to be Attorney for the Town at the rate of \$175.00 per hour for the year 2018.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supv. Frasier, M.Fitzgerald II, M. Cherubini, S. Ramant, J. Patchett

Nays: None

Absent:

Carried 5-0

Resolution # 54 of 2018 Extending the moratorium on solar panel construction

Resolution introduced by M.Fitzgerald II and seconded M. Cherubini.

The Town of Hague hereby extends the moratorium (Resolution # 98-17 Local Ordinance 1-17 Establishing a moratorium on solar panels), on the construction, installation, review or approval of any solar panels or applications for solar panels for an additional six months.

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.

IT IS RESOLVED, to set a Public Hearing for March 13, 2018 at 6:15pm

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supv. Frasier, M.Fitzgerald II, M. Cherubini, S. Ramant, J. Patchett

Nays: None

Absent:

Carried 5-0

Resolution #55 of 2018 Paving of NYS Route 9N

Resolution introduced by Steve Ramant, and seconded by J. Patchett.

WHEREAS, the Town of Hague Town Board recognizes the immediate need to have NYS Route 9N in the Town of Hague, County of Warren, to and over Tongue Mountain, paved. This road is laced with potholes of various sizes. The current deplorable condition of this main roadway into and out of Hague is unsafe. Traveling at the posted speed limit and going over the many potholes will actually pitch/throw the vehicle into the oncoming traffic lane. There are stretches of this road when a safe speed is often less than 20 miles an hour. The safety of the Citizens of Hague and

those who travel this roadway are in peril. Tongue Mountain is treacherous at best and has had many fatalities, the Town Board is pleading to have this road paved before another tragedy strikes, and

WHEREAS, the Hague Volunteer Fire Department/EMS Squad finds using NYS Rt. 9N for patient transportation undesirable. Factors such as the patients' health, safety and comfort as well as equipment damage means taking an alternate route. For a patient in distress the potholes on NYS Rt. 9N make for a very difficult and uncomfortable trip. Recently answering a mutual aid fire call in Bolton, the fire truck never made it to the scene in Bolton as a front tire blew out on Tongue Mountain stopping their response. It was felt that striking a large pothole was the cause for the tire failure. The condition of NYS Rt. 9N is unacceptable for patient transport, and

WHEREAS, The Hague Town Board recognizes and thanks Michael Arthur P.E., Warrensburg DOT Resident Engineer, Warren County, for all of his efforts to patch the maze of potholes last summer. With this winter not even being close to completed most have opened back up and now present a hazard to the residents of the Town of Hague, the tourists and all who travel Tongue Mountain, whether for pleasure or for work, and

WHEREAS, The Hague Town Board recognizes the efforts of our State Senator Betty Little and our Assemblyman Dan Stec for their support in getting last years' potholes patched. We are once again asking for their assistance in securing a SAFE road for all who travel on NYS Rt. 9N by requesting their assistance in any and all manners to get NYS Rt. 9N paved in 2018, and

WHEREAS, Town of Hague Town Board recognizes the terrible, unsafe condition of NYS Rt. 9N is and asking that Governor Andrew Cuomo, DOT Region 1 Director, Sam Zhou P.E., both drive from the junction of Country Road 11 and NYS Rt. 9N and travel north over Tongue Mountain so that they can see and feel the deteriorated condition of this road. The Town Board feels that once they do, they'll be motivated to have this condition corrected immediately, and

WHEREAS, The Town Board feels that neglecting the paving of Rt. 9N jeopardizes the safety of the public and must be corrected immediately, and

WHEREAS, The Hague Town Board is seeking immediate paving of NYS Rt. 9N in 2018 before a tragedy can occur,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution be forwarded to Senator Betty Little, Assemblyman Dan Stec, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Sam Zhou P.E., NYS DOT Director Region 1 and Michael Arthur P.E., Resident Engineer NYS DOT

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supv. Frasier, M.Fitzgerald II, M. Cherubini, S. Ramant, J. Patchett

Nays: None

Absent:

Carried 5-0

Motion by J. Patchett, seconded by M.Fitzgerald II to appoint Ginger Kuenzel to the Sewer Advisory Committee as a citizen on the sewer system. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Patchett, seconded by S. Ramant to authorize John Sheehan, after regular sewer hours, to assist highway with plowing at the rate of \$16.59/ hour, if needed. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- Thank you to Judge Leslie Midgley for obtaining the judicial grant for our security system. A discussion followed about the location of the monitor (which is on administrator's desk). It was decided, Edna will talk to installer to have it relocated. The tapes can be reviewed as necessary.
- Electronics will not be accepted at the transfer station after February 15, 2018.
- Circulator was replaced on the boiler.
- Historian report from Sally Rypkema
- Tom Schaffer , our IT person, has decided to retire from doing our computer work. Michael Colvin will now be helping us out with our IT issues.
- Diane Trudeau is in the process of transferring purchase orders, vouchers, and warrants over to Janet Hanna. As this is part of Janet's job we feel now is a good time to transition.
- Logging has been suspended on the Carney property in Sabbath Day Point due to ice. They want to extend the right of ways use over town property until March 31, 2019. M.Fitzgerald II made the motion, M. Cherubini seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Hague Seniors and the Memorial Day Parade wrote several letters asking permission from the town for use of the visitor center, use of highway workers, financial support, closing of the launch on May 26, 2018. J. Patchett made the motion, S. Ramant seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Edna stated that she and board members audited the books of the judge, town clerk and the budget offices in January.
- Discussion on the dock project. M.Fitzgerald II has the Consulting agreements from Waterfront Solutions and Clothier Planning & Consulting. The result was a decision to move forward with the project.(See Resolution 57-18)

Resolution 57of 18 Dock Project

M.Fitzgerald II introduced resolution and M. Cherubini seconded.

WHEREAS, The Town of Hague wishes to obtain the services of Waterfront Solutions for the design specs and bids for the Dock Project for an estimated cost of \$2400 and

WHEREAS, The Town of Hague wishes to obtain the services of Clothier Planning and Consulting for the permits and grant administration for the Dock Project for a proposed cost of up to \$11,400.

IT IS RESOLVED, to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a contract with Waterfront Solutions and Clothier Planning and Consulting.

Duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Supv. Frasier, M.Fitzgerald II, M. Cherubini, S. Ramant, J. Patchett

Nays: None

Absent:

Carried 5-0

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 7:30PM. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Hanna
Town Clerk