# HAGUE TOWN BOARD MEETING February 11, 2014

6:00 pm

Motion by M. Fitzgerald II, seconded by G. Kuenzel to open the meeting at 6:00 pm. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Members present: Supervisor Frasier S. Ramant

R. Meola G. Kuenzel

Absent: M. Fitzgerald II

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence: None.

Welcome Guests/Privilege of the floor:

Tom Haskell, President of the Hague Chamber of Commerce reported on Hague Winter Weekend.

Feb. 14, 2014:

Hague Snow Queen Pageant 7:00 pm at the Hague Community Center

Feb 15, 2014:

Hague Firemen Breakfast from 7:30 am to 11:00 am and the Rotary Club Silent Auction Youth games and art crafts at the Hague Fire Dept. from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Chili Bake Off at 5:00 pm. Music by Calamity Rock.

Feb 16, 2014:

Cross Country Skiing at Rogers Rock 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Polar Plunge at Trout House Village Resort beginning at 1:00 pm. All proceeds will go to the Children's Miracle Network.

He also mentioned that the trails for cross country skiing have been groomed.

A. Graham Bailey spoke on behalf of the Kiwanis Club. The Kiwanis Club donates money yearly toward an item relating to children/youth. He would like the Town Board to come up with some suggestions for this year.

Resolution #44 of 2014: Introduced by R. Meola, seconded by G. Kuenzel Resolved; to authorize the Supervisor to pay General, Highway & Sewer Claims audited at Mondays meeting in the amount of \$82,557.63.

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

NAYS: None. Carried: 4-0

Motion by R. Meola seconded by G. Kuenzel to approve minutes as printed of 1/14/2014 & 2/10/2014. All voting yes. Motion carried

Councilman Meola asked if the letter was sent to the Department of Health in regards to the Sewer grease trap violation. Supervisor Frasier stated that a letter was sent to the property owners and a copy of the letter was sent to the Department of Health.

## **Regular Committee Report:**

- 1. Assessor & Justice: (Meola/Kuenzel): No report.
- 2. Buildings & Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement: (Fitzgerald/Frasier): No report.
- 3. Finance & Insurance: (Meola/Ramant): No report.
- 4. Highway: (Fitzgerald/Ramant): Superintendent Smith reported that the Highway Department will be purchasing a new truck. He asked permission from the Town Board to have Dick Frasier review the truck specifications and bid requirements. The Town Board does not see that this would be a conflict of interest.
- 5. Museum & Historian: (Kuenzel/Ramant): Councilwoman Kuenzel reported that the Historical Society & Historian were present for a meeting today. The Share & Tell program was very successful. The Historical Society has been working on their new upcoming programs.
- 6. Personnel: (Meola/Kuenzel): Councilman Meola mentioned that the committee is updating the Town of Hague employment application.
- 7. Planning/Zoning/Storm water: (Fitzgerald/Ramant):

# ZONING REPORT TO TOWN BOARD

## **February 11, 2014**

	Permits Activity	Month	YTD
•	Land Use Development	3	3
•	Site Plan Review	2	2
•	Subdivisions	0	0
•	Variance	3	3
•	Wastewater	0	0
•	Wastewater Variances	0	0

• <u>Planning Board</u>: meeting of January 16<sup>th</sup> the board gave conceptual approval for Sketch Plan Review/Subdivision and approved a two lot subdivision. At the meeting of February 6<sup>th</sup> the Board made one referral to approve a Variance application as submitted to the ZBA. They deemed two applications for Site Plan complete and scheduled a Site Visit for the 13<sup>th</sup> of February.

- Zoning Board: meeting of January 23<sup>rd</sup> the Board deemed two Variance applications complete, scheduled a public hearing for them on February 27<sup>th</sup>, and conducted a site visit to the properties. A December 19<sup>th</sup> Variance approval by the ZBA for a raised patio which was to be constructed within 50° of the lake was denied by the APA.
- <u>Code Committee</u>: Attached is the committee's recommendation for the modification to Chapter 85 Docks and 124 Parks. The Planning Board has returned a recommendation to approve to the Town Board. If the Board Members are agreeable to the modifications the Town Board should schedule a public hearing for their March meeting followed by a vote to approve/deny, by resolution, at the same meeting. There is a necessity to modify Section 124-6 A. by May 15<sup>th</sup> in order to be in compliance with the new LGPC regulations.

# The Zoning Office will be closed February 19-21, 2014.

- 8. Recreation & Promotion & Youth: (Ramant/Meola): No report
- 9. Sewer District # 1 & 2: (Frasier/Kuenzel): Supervisor Frasier reported that the committee has been meeting once a month with Paul to review and discuss the operation of the plant. Paul has been working with Steve Grimm on gathering information and has been working on the Enforcement Plan.

Councilwoman Kuenzel would like a card similar to the LGA sent to everyone in the Sewer District stressing "no flushable wipes." This has been one of the main problems with the system becoming plugged.

10. Town Park & Beautification: (Kuenzel/Ramant): The Board asked that the committee send letters to the prior 2013 lifeguards, park attendants, and visitor center attendants to see if they are still interested in positions for the 2014 season. Availability of summer positions at the Town Park will be published in the Hague Chronicle.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by S. Ramant, seconded by G. Kuenzel to appointment the following as members of the May Cemetery Committee:
Daniel Belden, Martin Fitzgerald, Dave May, Walter Waters, Bernard Denno.
All voting yes. Motion carried.

The Board will work on By-Laws for the Cemetery Committee to follow. Also there is a need to set prices for purchasing of lots.

#### 2. **RESOLUTION #45 OF 2014**

**TOWN OF HAGUE** 

#### **AUDIT OF 2014 TOWN BOOKS**

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hague audited the 2013 Town Books in the Supervisors, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Sewer Rent Collector, and the Town Justice offices in January of 2014 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

3. Motion by R. Meola, seconded by G. Kuenzel to hold the Hague Fireworks on Saturday July 5, 2014 if Alonzo Company is available for this date. If not the Fireworks will be held on July 3, 2014. All voting yes. Motion carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

- 1. Motion by R. Meola, seconded by S. Ramant to approve the request from the Hague Senior Citizens Club, Inc. for this year's Memorial Day Celebration and parade. All voting yes. Motion carried.
- 2. The proposal for Hague Boat Launch for 2014 season was discussed at the end of the meeting. See the attached proposal.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by S. Ramant, seconded by G. Kuenzel to authorize the Supervisor & Highway Superintendent to sign the Shared Service Agreement with the Town of Ticonderoga agreeing to maintain Hayford Road. All voting yes. Motion carried.

## 2. **RESOLUTION #46 OF 2014**

RESOLUTION TO AMEND AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY FOR SNOW & ICE REMOVAL, SWEEPING & MOWING

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Hague plows and sands 9.02 mile of County Roads in the Town of Hague for snow & ice control, and

WHEREAS, the Town and the County entered into an agreement dated December 26, 2012 wherein the Town agreed to remove snow and sand and control ice and snow and to sweep road sand in the spring after said winter operations on paved County roads in the Town for an amount not to exceed \$51,411.00 for a term commencing January 1, 2013 and automatically renewing on an annual basis for a period of five years unless there is an increase/decrease in the rates or mileage, and

WHEREAS, the County has increased the amount to Fifty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars and eighty-Two Cents (\$53,392.82) commencing January 1, 2014 for the aforedescribed services to be performed by the Town of Hague, and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren will pay the Town of Hague \$53,392.82 based on the attached rate schedule in January of 2014,

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the County of Warren for Snow & Ice Control on the paved County Roads in the Town of Hague for fiscal year January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NAY: None.

ABSENT: M. Fitzgerald II DATED: February 11, 2014

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3. Motion by R. Meola, seconded by S. Ramant to give permission to Ragnar Relay to use the Sabbath Day Sand Pit lot from 5:30 pm - 2:00 am on September 26 & 27, 2014. All voting yes. Motion carried.

## **ADDENDUM**

- 1. Adirondack Park Local Government Day will be held in Lake Placid on April 9 & 10 2014. Any Planning, Zoning, or Town Board member who wish to go, needs to get the request for attending prior to the next Board meeting for approval.
- 2. Motion by R. Meola, seconded by G. Kuenzel to give permission for the Hague Seniors to use the Hague Visitor Center from 4/9 to 5/23, 2014 to store items for the White Elephant Sale. All voting yes. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion by R. Meola, seconded by S. Ramant to authorize the Supervisor to sign agreement with Amerigas for propane. The price for propane will be the Company's

local area index, plus 0.35000 per gallon. Effective December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014. All voting yes. Motion carried

- 4. The Hague Chamber of Commerce & Hague Senior Citizens Club Inc. provided the Town Board their Financial Report for 2013.
- 5. A letter was received from Susan & Rich Sandman thanking the Town for providing their home on Streeter Hill accessibility to the town sewer line year around.

#### Other:

Councilman Ramant reported that he has spoken to a representative from Time Warner and they would like to finish the installation of cable from Summit Drive to Tim Costello's to the La Tour property.

Councilman Ramant & Councilwoman Kuenzel discussed the proposed Boat Launch regulations. Attached to the minutes is a copy of the proposal. The Town Board will hold an Informational Meeting on March 4, 2014 at 6:00 pm for public comment on the proposal.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by S. Ramant, seconded by G. Kuenzel to adjourn meeting at 7:30 pm. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah F. Manning Hague Town Clerk February 11, 2014

Draft Proposal for Hague boat launch for 2014 season

Background: New Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) regulations, designed to prevent aquatic invasive species from entering Lake George, will go into effect on May 15, 2014. Under these regulations, all trailered boats must be inspected – and, if necessary, decontaminated – before being launched into Lake George.

After passing inspection, the boat will be clipped to its trailer to indicate compliance. When the boat is launched, the clip is removed. When the boat comes out of the water, it is re-clipped to the trailer. As long as the clip is intact, the boat can be launched into Lake George at any launch.

There will be six to eight launches around Lake George with inspectors. The Hague launch will not have inspectors. However, the town must have an attendant on duty whenever the launch is open. When no attendant is on duty, the launch must be closed and locked. The attendants, who will be paid for by the town, have the following responsibilities:

Ensure that only inspected boats are launched. Inspection is certified through a clip placed on the boat by an inspector. The attendant will remove the clip before launching Keep records of all boats launched or delaunched (for instance time/date of launch, names of other bodies of water the boat has been in, other details to be developed)

Re-clip any boat coming out of Lake George at the launch

Signage with the opening times will be posted at the launch. In addition, the attendant will ensure that anyone who launches a boat is informed of the opening times as well as alternative launch sites that may have longer operating hours. A boater who returns to the launch at a time when the launch is closed will not be able to take their boat out of the water at the Hague site until the launch reopens.

#### Proposal:

Page two shows the proposed operating dates and times for the Hague boat launch in 2014, effective May 15, 2014. Prior to May 15, 2014, the launch will remain open 24 x7, as in the past. The Town will hire three attendants to work at the launch. The attendants will keep records on each boat launched and/or taken out at the launch. The launch fee will be \$20 | remain at \$15 | for non-residents of Hague. Hague residents can launch free of charge.

We also propose that parking for cars and trailers be made available on the Community Center grounds for a fee of \$10 per day per car with trailer. Launch attendants will collect this fee and keep records of the dates. They will also mark the trailer to indicate that it is authorized to park at the Community Center. We propose that approximately 10 parking spots be marked in an area on the Community Center grounds for this purpose.

The Town may enter into an individual agreement with a commercial marina operator to permit usage of the Hague launch outside of regular operating hours. The marina operator must have a signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Lake George Park Commission certifying that he/she will only launch boats that can legally enter Lake George (either inspected or Lake-George-only boats).

The wording in Chapter 124-6 (A) of the Town of Hague law will be changed to read: Boats may be placed into the lake and removed only when an attendant is on duty.

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Proposed Operating Dates and Times for the Hague Boat Launch for 2014
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May 15 – May 22: Closed

May 23 – June 26: Open Friday-Sunday, 7 am - 8 pm

June 27 – September 1: Open daily

Monday-Thursday, 9 am - 5 pm; Friday-Sunday, 7 am - 8 pm

Closed for the season from September 2

Attendants will be on duty during these opening times. When no attendant is on duty, the launch will be closed and locked. The Town also reserves the right to close the launch during special events or other times when it is deemed necessary. A key will be provided to the Hague Volunteer Fire Department to enable them to have 24 x 7 access for emergency use.

Signage with the opening times will be posted at the launch. In addition, the attendant will ensure that anyone who launches a boat is informed of the opening times. If the boater returns to the launch at a time when the launch is closed, he or she will not be able to take their boat out of the water until the launch reopens.

## **Associated Costs**

The costs to the Town, based on the operating hours and dates listed above, are as follows:

May 78 hours

June 104 hours

July 308 hours

August 323 hours

September 13 hours

Total 826 hours

Salary costs: 826 hours @ \$10.55/hr = \$8,714.30

## Next Steps and Items for Discussion

Invite town residents to a public meeting. At the meeting, residents will have the opportunity to express their opinions on the proposal contained herein. Copies of proposal to be available at Community Center before the public meeting. Meeting scheduled for March 4, 2014 at 6 pm.

Determine whether opening hours are the right hours and days

Determine whether or not the boat launch fee should be increased for non-residents

Determine whether or not the Town wants to offer parking on Town property

Develop an awareness-building program (article in Hague Chronicle, signage at the launch, etc.)

Verify with DEC whether Hague residents will be allowed to launch at Rogers Rock at no cost (Steve continues to work on this with DEC, but it looks unlikely at this time)