

## Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, November 5, 2013 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

**Present were:** Supervisor Mark Scott and Council Members: David Putney, Shirley Robinson, Robert Dalton, and Travis McKnight.

**Also present:** Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Terry Mayette, Highway Superintendent, Janet Cassada, Mayor, Jane Layo, Sandy Wright, Bruce Cook, Shaun Prentice, Ronnie & Kelley Martin, Patty VanPatten, Bill Alexander, and Rob Company.

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order @ 7PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Dalton, seconded by Putney to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: All

**Public Hearing:** The public hearing was opened @ 7:15 PM with the Clerk reading the legal notice. Supv. Scott reviewed the changes that were made at the last meeting. He then asked if there were any public comments on the preliminary budget. Sandy Wright asked several questions including why the Assessor didn't get a 2% raise like other employees. Supv. Scott stated that he is part time and receives health insurance. The Board further discussed this and the following resolution was passed. The Board decided that they would give the Assessor a 2% raise. This will be a \$324 increase.

### Resolution #71

Motioned by: Scott

Seconded by: McKnight

WHEREAS, the Waddington Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the public notice on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the preliminary budget as revised is hereby adopted as the annual budget for this town beginning January 1, 2014. Such budget as so adopted will be entered in detail or physically placed therein the minute proceedings of the Town board and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of this Town shall prepare a certified copy to the Clerk of the County Board of Legislators.

Roll Call Vote:

Supv. Scott:	Aye	Councilor Putney:	Aye
Councilor McKnight:	Aye	Councilor Dalton:	Aye
Councilor Robinson:	Aye		

**Citizen's Comments:** Shaun Prentice asked if it would be worthy of the Town Board to review the budget throughout the year rather than just at budget time. Supv. Scott stated that he reviews the budget comparison report throughout the year. If the Board would like to meet to do this it can be done.

**Solar Project:** Rob Company was present to give the board further information on the different types of solar power projects that can be done with the space that we have. He has suggested a 55,000 watt system that would cover all of the Town's electrical expenses on the five electric accounts that the Town currently has. (Town Barns, Library, 2 @ old Town hall, and the lighting district). The Board asked questions and further discussion was held. Rob noted that the next step that should be taken by the Board would be to submit their application to NYSERDA to get into the queue.

The Mayor asked how the Village can get started to be considered for solar power. Rob told her that they would have to start with their most recent National Grid bills and they can do an analysis for them. Shaun Prentice noted that he believes that he had gotten all this information in the beginning of the process. He will let them know if he has the information.

Resolution # 72

Motioned by: Dalton

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize Fourth Coast Inc. to submit an application to NYSERDA on behalf of the Town. Ayes: All

**Dog Control:** Supv. Scott reported that he had received some complaints about dogs not under control of their owners on Leishman Point. There have been a few altercations between the animals. He also stated that there is a dog law which states that dogs must be leashed or under the control of the owners at all times. Ronnie Martin addressed the board about his concerns with the dogs. His dog is on a leash at all times that they walk Leishman Point and has been attacked by several dogs that were not leashed. He stressed that something needs to be done so that everyone can enjoy walking there. Supv. Scott stated that the town should install signs along the way stating dogs must be leashed and an article can be put in the Journal reminding people that there is a leash law in the Town of Waddington.

Resolution #73

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Putney

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the installation of 2 signs stating that dogs must be on a leash at the bottom of Leishman Point and one at the top. Ayes: All

**Life Flight:** Supv. Scott reported that he received a request from LIFE FLIGHT requesting the Town renew its contract for 2014. The Town contributes \$100.

Resolution #74

Motioned by: Putney

Seconded by: Dalton

WHEREAS, North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation which is responsible for all aspects of patient care by providing medical equipment, training medical personnel and administering the medical portion utilizing the New York State Police helicopter based in Saranac Lake and private fixed-wing aviation resources; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Police aviation resources do not provide a medically trained team or medical equipment for patient transports; and

WHEREAS, The people of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, and St. Lawrence Counties receive a vital emergency medical service which is free of charge to critically ill and seriously injured patients, and therefore municipal governments are asked to pledge monies for this worthwhile program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waddington hereby authorized the Supervisor to enter into a contract with North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. for the purpose of operating the medical component of the medevac program, which will serve its residents and visitors, and paying the amount of \$100 which represents the Town's share for 2014; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$100 is hereby appropriated to Account No 1010.4A for payment to North Country LIFE FLIGHT, Inc. Ayes: All

**Road Sign:** Supv. Scott reported that he was contacted that the sign on the French Rd is missing. The people that live on the road asked if the name could be changed to the Kahrs Rd since they are the only house on the dead end road. The Board discussed and decided that this is not something that they would like to do. They requested the Highway Supt replace the road sign that is missing.

**Committee Reports:**

**Library:** C. Robinson reported that the Library meeting is tomorrow evening.

**Economic Development:** C. Robinson reported that on October 24<sup>th</sup> she had met with Supv. Scott, Mayor Cassada, and Kevin Kitsman. Mayor Cassada spoke about the success of the BASS Elite Tournament and the possibility of having a smaller event in 2014. She told them about the repairs and updates that will be done at the arena.

There will not be skating inside the arena this winter. It was suggested having a rink at the Town Hall corner where it was years ago. They will need a warming shack like Madrid has. She looked at the one that is out by the sand pile and thinks that it would need too much repair to move. Supt. Mayette noted that it is not in good shape and couldn't be moved.

**Highway:** C. Putney reported that the Highway Department has been working on the dozer repairs, putting shoulders on the Hanlon Rd, hauling sand for Norfolk and Madrid, cleaning up the brush from the recent storm and maintenance on the trucks.

**Campground:** The campground committee met to review the comments and suggestions from the public meeting. They are also going to contact National Grid to get an estimate for power to the top of the hill.

**Rescue Squad:** C. Dalton reported that the meeting was being held this evening.

**Old Town Hall:** C. Dalton reported that they are waiting on final bids for change orders to the ceiling & plumbing. They are working with National Grid for new lighting.

**Recreation:** C. McKnight reported that the committee discussed a rink in the center of town. No final decisions have been made. They are working different ideas for an outside rink. They are looking at short boards and white plastic to go under the ice because the black asphalt draws too much heat and melts the ice too fast. They are also pricing cameras for the beach. They will talk to the sheriff's office about plate readers.

**Agriculture:** C. McKnight reported that he is working on grant application through DEC that Supv. Scott gave him last month. It is due by December 4<sup>th</sup>. This can be used for tree planting, tree inventory, management of plants, maintenance and invasive pest protection and a \$1,000 Arbor Day grant.

**Chamber of Commerce:** They have done an audit report. They are working on lights on the river display. They are working on the Seaway Trail guide and Christmas in Waddington Campaign. The annual meeting is on Wednesday at the Iroquois Farm.

**Budget Adjustment:**

Resolution # 75

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Dalton

Resolved, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the transfer of \$400 from Capital Expense 7410.203 to Petty Cash, 7301 as per requested by the Library Board. Ayes: All

**Bills:** A motion was made by Scott, seconded by Robinson to pay bill # - in the amount of \$. Ayes: All

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Scott, seconded by McKnight to adjourn the meeting @ 8:30PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk