

**Regular Town Board Meeting**  
**May 10,2022 7pm-8:15pm**  
**Community Center**  
**Open Meeting and call-in 267-930-862**  
**Code 144461431:**

*Attending: Roy Holzer Supervisor  
Darin Forbes Deputy Supervisor  
Paula McGreevy Board Member*

*Tina Terry-Preston Board Member  
Tim Folloos Board Member  
Dawn Stevens Town Clerk*

*Also attending: Sasha Schaffer, Zuzka Schaffer, Michelle Preston, Doug Nemec, Cliff Holzer, David Lowery, Judi Nather, Asseen Nather, Rebecca Rondeau, Max Eaton, Jeri Wright, Jason Leon, Jason Winch, Donovan DeMacy, Chip Grundon, Karin Dunmire, Coco Dunmire, Nancy Gonyea, Eric Diehl, Terry Murphy, Ben Runyon, Susie Runyon, Meg Runyon, Tash Langedyk, Bert Yost, Heide Yost, Mike Goddeau, Laura Hooker, Louie Adragna, Call-in Ceil Stephenson*

***Meeting called to Order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.***

**35-2022 Resolution to approve of the minutes.**

**Moved by Tina Terry-Preston      Seconded by Paula McGreevy      all in favor**

**36-2022 Resolution to continue our pledge to reduce road salt.**

**Moved by Paula McGreevy      Seconded by Tina Terry-Preston      all in favor**

***Pledge to reduce road salt***

***Memorandum of understanding of municipal governments  
in the Adirondacks regarding the application of road salt  
for winter maintenance and de-icing***

*The purpose of this Memorandum of understanding is to describe an agreement among the municipal governments in the Adirondack Park regarding a program to address the levels of chlorides in Adirondack ground and surface waters by reducing the application of road salt for winter road maintenance and de-icing practices. This MOU is not a binding commitment, but it is a pledge of intent of the municipalities signing this document to work in good faith to create an effective program to reduce the levels of road salt application in recognition of the following.*

- *Whereas, there has been a measurable increase in the use of road salts in the Adirondacks to assist in winter road maintenance and de-icing; and,*
- *Whereas, within the Adirondacks there are a total of approximately 10,555 lane miles of local, county, state, and federal roads and an estimated 192,700 metric tons of salt is used per year: and,*
- *Whereas, there are numerous studies documenting the significant increases in road salt in*

Adirondack surface waters resulting from road runoff; and,

- Whereas, median lake chloride concentration in watersheds without paved roads were identical to background (natural and untouched) concentrations and lakes in watershed with paved roads show chloride concentrations that are, on average, 14 times higher than watersheds without paved roads; and,
- Whereas, recent concentrations of chlorides in many Adirondack Lakes are at thresholds that can alter the composition of the phytoplankton, periphyton and macroinvertebrate Communities altering the food web and hence potentially changing the biological productivity; and,
- Whereas, continued increases in salt loading in the watershed may also affect the physical circulation of the lake by increasing vertical density gradients that are more difficult to mix; and,
- Whereas, elevated salt concentrations in potable water is a health concerns to individuals who drink water from private wells in some parts of the Adirondacks because increased sodium consumption is linked to high blood pressure and if salt levels are allowed to continue rising at the current rate, within the next one to two decades, the lake's water will become a health hazard; and,
- Whereas, some of the most obvious toxic effects of road salt are observed in roadside vegetation where high concentrations of salt accumulate and persists and damage is observed with the browning of foliage, premature defoliation, suppression of flowers and die back of terminal roots and the erosion problems that occur when vegetation is affected; and,
- Whereas, road salt is responsible for the increased corrosion of road infrastructure and vehicles,

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties recognize the significant adverse impacts of excessive application of road salt for winter maintenance and de-icing; and it is further

AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties intend to reduce the salt loading into Adirondack Lakes through the reduced application of road salt; and it is further

AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties will curtail the increase of road salt through proven methods of road salt application (as demonstrated in New Hampshire and Vermont) and through utilizing Best Management Practices; and is further

AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties will, subject to research supporting their use, consider alternative de-icing materials that minimize the application of road salt; and it is further

AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties help to document the effectiveness of alternative road salt materials and/or substitutes; and it is further

AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties will investigate and consider Equipment to better manage and monitor the Application of road salt; and it is further

AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties will have highway department superintendents, collect data using consistent methods on the qualities and application rates of road salts within their jurisdictions, as well as truck loading and route distribution information in using this data for improved application methods and it is further

AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village, and Counties will have highway department supervisors assess and tailor road salt application rates based on level of surface, road grades and proximity to water bodies and runoff systems; and it is further

AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties will establish an education and training program for all highway department employees on the impacts of road salt in the Adirondacks and proven methods to reduce road salt application; and it is further

AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties intend to designate sections of public roads as "Priority Abatement Areas" where roads are located along or near Adirondack Lakes and/or tributaries that are determined to be critical runoff areas impacting water quality; and it is further

AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties will participate in an annual "Road Salt Summit" to discuss new technologies, application methods, best management practices and research aimed at minimizing the usage of road salt winter maintenance and de-icing; and it is further

AGREED that the undersigned Towns, Village and Counties will together achieve road salt reductions that through ongoing scientific monitoring; and it is further

AGREED that this Memorandum of Understanding may be signed in counterparts.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: May 10, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_

## **Resolution Opposing the Passing of Conservation Subdivision Design Bill**

### **S1145/A4074**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Roy Holzer, who moved its adoption.

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Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

**WHEREAS**, The Adirondack Park Agency Adopted a Large Subdivision Permit application that incorporated many of the action items in the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill; and

**WHEREAS**, implementation of the Adirondack Park Agency Large Subdivision Permit, is possibly more protective of the Environment than the Conservation Subdivision Design allows for; and

**WHEREAS**, Conservation Design laws are seldom mandatory, and are a tool to keep open space in urban areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New York as of March 20, 2018, owned 2,505,802 or 44.6 percent of the Adirondack Park in fee, the State as of November 12, 2018, also owns 785,434 acres of Conservation Easements, where development and subdivision rights have been extinguished; and

**WHEREAS**, this means there are more than 3.3 million acres of a 5.9-million-acre Adirondack Park that will never be developed or subdivided; and

**WHEREAS**, of the remaining 2.6 million acres of private land, existing development, roads, lakes, rivers, streams, steep slopes, wetlands, and high elevations are not suitable for development; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed legislation would amend the existing Adirondack Park Agency Act which has been in effect for 50 years; and

**WHEREAS**, before major Adirondack Park Agency permit application processes are changed, a public hearing process needs to be implemented so that property owners have an opportunity to understand and comment on how this proposed law will affect their property values; and

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property values; and

**WHEREAS**, this change would require private property owners to incur undue burden to hire external consultants to complete additional ecological assessments that will add significant time to proceed with proposed developments; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed law will effectively eliminate the potential for development on certain land use classifications, which are already protected and regulated by the Adirondack Park Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed bill places additional burden on property owners that is not necessary to protect environmental and ecological systems and is not beneficial to the well-being of the Adirondack Park and its residents.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wilmington Town Board does not approve of the proposed Bill; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Wilmington Town Board does hereby call upon the local governments to stand together, individually and through our associations to insist that the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill (S1145/A4074) be withdrawn; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Heastie, All the Adirondack Legislators, Adirondack Intercounty, the Association of Adirondack Towns & Villages.

**37-2022 Resolution, Written above**

**Moved by** Darin Forbes      **Seconded by** Paula McGreevy

**and adopted,**

**With roll call vote:**

Roy Holzer **Yes**                      Tim Follo **Abstained**  
Darin Forbes **Yes**                  Tina Terry-Preston **Yes**  
Paula McGreevy **Yes**

*There was discussion on how to move forward with the land use updates.*

**38-2022 Resolution to look at the whole land use code.**

**Moved by** Darin Forbes      **Seconded by** Paula McGreevy  
**Row call vote:** Roy Holzer- **Recused**      Darin Forbes-**Yes**      Tim Follo-**Abstained**  
                                 Tina Terry-Preston-**Yes**      Paula McGreevy- **Yes**

**39-2022 Resolution to seek a proposal for a complete review of the Land Use Code.**

**Moved by Darin Forbes      Seconded by Paula McGreevy      All in favor**

Resolution request from Charles Segard in reference to naming his subdivision **Timber Locke Way**. This is for 911 addressing only. The location of the property is 5385 NYS Rt. 86. **This does not make this a Town Road.**

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**40-2022 Resolution to approve name of 911 address**

**Hereby Resolved** that the location 5385 NYS Rt. 86 be called Timber Locke Way for 911 purposes only. **This does not make this a Town of Wilmington Road.**

**Moved by Darin Forbes      Seconded by Tina Terry-Preston      All in Favor**

**41-2022 Resolution to hire seasonal staff,  
Boat/restroom attendant**

*Emma Adragna @ \$13.00 per hour*

**Moved by Paula McGreevy      Seconded by Darin Forbes      All in favor**

**Lifeguards-**

*Hannah Trembley @ \$14.00 per hour*

**Moved by Tina Terry-Preston      Seconded by Darin Forbes      All in favor**

*Jacquelyn Boyea @ \$14.00 per hour*

**Moved by Paula McGreevy      Seconded by Tina Terry-Preston      All in favor**

**Senior Bus Driver/Parks/Beach/Cemeteries**

*Chip Grundon @ 14.50 per hour*

**Moved by Darin Forbes      Seconded by Paula McGreevy      All in Favor**

*One more person is still needed for parks/beach/cemeteries. Additional Lifeguards are also needed.*

*Patty McConvey is again organizing the Senior Student Banner Program. This was started during Covid to honor the Graduating Students from local High Schools. The program still needs to raise \$430. dollars. Donations are appreciated.*

**Homestead housing update.**

*The engineering phase of the project is complete and has been sent to the APA for their approval. Essex County is assisting with helping to set up financing for the future home buyers through First time home loans, low interest loans. They are also helping to find a Trust to manage the*

*property which is being purchased with a grant.*

**42-2022 Resolution to transfer the funds and pay the bills.**

**Moved by Darin Forbes   Seconded by Tina Terry-Preston   All in favor**

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### **Supervisors Report**

*We need a Resolution to transfer \$2,500. Dollars to Carl Rubino as a result of him being awarded a New York restart grant. As the board may remember, this was approved for him to apply for last year as part of an Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts Grant.*

**42-2022 Resolution to transfer the money for the above-mentioned Grant.**

**Moved by Tina Terry-Preston   Seconded by Paula McGreevy   All in Favor**

*A reminder that next Tuesday there will be a Budget/School Board Election held here at the Community Center from 2pm to 9pm. Also, keep in mind that on another part of the ballot is a vote on giving our Library Funds from the school district a increase. The new amount for approval is \$16,090. This was a \$620 dollar increase.*

*Dates have been set for anyone wishing to meet with the assessors concerning their property assessment. They are May 10<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Grievance day is Set for May 24<sup>th</sup>.*

*We are still raising funds for our summer concert series at the beach. We hope to have a list of bands and schedule completed next week.*

*Other updates, work will begin soon on the beach restroom roof. We are still waiting on workers comp. policy and other information before proceeding.*

*The interior plumbing of the restrooms at Preston Festival Field is just about completed. Wiring has started and the Highway Department will be starting on the septic system soon.*

*Work will start soon on the new electrical service leading to the park building. All necessary approval has been given by NYSEG. Darin Forbes has volunteered his time working on the new service and the Highway and Parks Departments will work on the service line install. We need a resolution to purchase materials up to 3,000. dollars for this project.*

**43-2022 Resolution to approve up to \$3000.dollars for materials needed at Preston Field.**

**Moved by Tim Follos   Seconded by Tina Terry-Preston   Darin Forbes- Recused  
All others in Favor**

**Covid / If you get sick go to the doctor, get the anti-viral, they do help.**

**Codes Report** 3 building permits issued / \$1976.00 fees collected-including \$750 water tap fee / 53 open permits / 20+ site visits

## SAVE THE DATE - - 2072

It was 1822, 200 years ago, the Town of Wilmington New York was established. In celebration of our town's bicentennial, later this year history will be sealed away.

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Plans are for a time capsule to be encased in a cement structure that will be placed at the Preston Memorial Festival Field for all to enjoy.

While sealed shut for 50 years, some of us will no longer be here. However, those younger folks and those yet to be born will have something to look forward to from the preserved past.

Monetary donations will be graciously accepted. Please make any donations payable to the Town of Wilmington with a notation in the memo "Time Capsule Project" The mailing address is, Town of Wilmington, PO Box 180, Wilmington, New York 12997

Space in the capsule is limited to a total of 2 cubic square feet capacity. If anyone has anything of interest to donate, or would like more information, please contact organizer Marjorie Swift at [mas7642@yahoo.com](mailto:mas7642@yahoo.com) Email subject header: "Time Capsule Project".

*Parks Busy getting ready for summer season.*

*Water 37,716,000 gallons produced, Daily average is 179,6000 / 61,100 gallons to Whiteface, Daily average is 2,000*

*Highway The boards are back on the dam for the summer. There is about two more weeks of winter clean-up left, then we will start work on the septic system at Preston Festival Field.*

*Visitors Bureau This is the Summer Events; May 19<sup>th</sup> Two Fly*

*5:30am June 4<sup>th</sup> Uphill bike race (volunteers are needed)*

*7:00am June 4<sup>th</sup> Wilmington 100k (all day event)*

*July 30<sup>th</sup> Motley Crew Tribute Concert*

*August 13<sup>th</sup> Town Wide Yard Sale*

*August 20<sup>th</sup> Parade and Town Get Together*

*Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Festival of Colors*

*The Farmer's Market is Growing and will start June 1st. We will have the addition of local artist playing during this weekly event.*

*Hometown Heroes' banners are here and will be put up soon. There will be a total of 54 banners put up.*

*Library Fund raiser at Hungry Trout went very well. This event was to raise money for the Kids Reading Program. The library is getting a facelift this year they would greatly appreciate*



donations toward this project. Thank you in advance.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Respectively submitted May 10, 2022

by Dawn Stevens Town Clerk/Tax collector



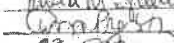

**AFFIDAVIT**

We, the undersigned, acting as a Board of Auditors of the Town of Wilmington, do hereby certify that the attached is a complete and true abstract of all accounts audited by the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting held on May 10th, 2022. Including the amount claimed and amount allowed therefor, and including bills audited from:

Name of Account	2022		Amt.
	From	To	
General Fund	G251	G308	15479.73
Payroll			28882.38
Social Security			2108.68
Health Insurance			11248.98
Other:			
Other:			
Highway	H101	H110	28563.07
Payroll			21343.92
Social Security			1557.50
Health Insurance			8132.89
Other:			
Other:			
Water	W74	W101	12550.80
Payroll			4434.40
Social Security			317.74
Health Insurance			1713.53
Other:			
Other:			
GARBAGE DIST.	GD18	GD20	788.28
Payroll			1776.80
Social Security			131.00
Health Insurance			
Other:			
Other:			

From To Amt.

Dated: May 10, 2022

 Supervisor  
 Councilman  
 Councilman  
 Councilman

Attest: Dawn Stevens Town Clerk