

**WILMINGTON TOWN BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 13,, 2021
7:00 PM-COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Town Board Members Present: Supervisor-Roy Holzer
Councilman-Darin Forbes
Councilwoman-Dawn Stevens
Councilwoman-Rarilee Conway
Councilwoman-Paula McGreevy**

Public Present: Nancy Randall Town Clerk, Tim Follo -Newspaper Reporter, Louis Adragna-Highway Superintendent, Doug Nemec-Code Enforcement, John Langford- Park Superintendent, Karen Peters, Robert Peters, Al Armstrong, Stephanie Gates, Tina Preston, Mary Werner, Charlie Wilson, Ella Wilson, Brandy Wilson, Henry Loher, Erica Loher, Cliff Holzer, Becky Rondeau, Michelle Preston, Chris Barnes

Supervisor Roy Holzer opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the first order of business being RESOLUTION 13-21 TOWN BOARD APPROVED MARCH 2021 MINUTES. MOTION-Paula McGreevy SECONDED-Rarilee Conway ALL IN FAVOR

There was a presentation by the Hardy Road Kids showing improvements made to the bike trails during phases one and two, and highlighting the improvements they hope to make during phase three of the project. They would like to have installed, a water pump and a display board to show Town maps and Flyers and a map of the bike trails.

Supervisor Holzer stated that the Town must adopt and place on file a Public Employer Health Emergency Plan for the Town of Wilmington as required by the State of New York. The Town will use the Essex County plan as a template for our policy.

RESOLUTION 14-21 TO ADOPT THE WILMINGTON PUBLIC EMPLOYER HEALTH PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON. *→ Emergencys*

MOTION- Dawn Stevens SECONDED- Darin Forbes ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTION 15-21 AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR HOLZER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ESSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKFARE PROGRAM.

MOTION-Rarilee Conway SECONDED- Paula McGreevy ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTION 16-21 TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ESSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ADOPT A PORTION OF SPRINGFIELD ROAD FOR CLEANING ROADSIDE DEBRIS.

MOTION-Paula McGreevy SECONDED-Dawn Stevens ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTION 17-21 TO ALLOW THE HOPE FOR MIRACLES ORGANIZATION AND VISITORS BUREAU TO USE THE TOWN PARK FOR AN EVENT ON JUNE 11, 2021.

MOTION-Darin Forbes SECONDED- Dawn Stevens ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTION 18-21 TO PERMIT STEPSIDE CAR CLUB TO USE PRESTON FESTIVAL FIELD ON AUGUST 28, 2021 FOR THE ADIRONDACK SHOW AND SHINE CAR SHOW.

MOTION- Paula McGreevy SECONDED- Darin Forbes ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTION 19-21 AUTHORIZING SUPERVISOR HOLZER TO PURCHASE A KAYAK LAUNCH ASSIST FOR THE TOWN BOAT LAUNCH WITH FUNDS COMING FROM THE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUND.

MOTION-Rarilee Conway SECONDED-Dawn Stevens ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTION 20-21 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 WESTERN STAR TRUCK. SAID TRUCK TO COST \$113,970.00 HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT LOUIE ADRAGNA STATED THIS TRUCK WILL NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL NEXT YEAR. HOWEVER, THE VEHICLE HAS TO BE ORDERED NOW AND COMPLIES WITH THE TOWN'S VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM. ALSO AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 VIKING PLOW AT A COST OF \$81,838.00.

MOTION- Paula McGreevy SECONDED-Dawn Stevens ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTION 21-21 AUTHORIZING THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO HAVE A BAY OF THE TOWN GARAGE POURED WITH CEMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$2000.00.

MOTION-Darin Forbes SECONDED-Dawn Stevens ALL IN FAVOR

Social Security	Amt.	155.58
Health Insurance	Amt.	404..30
Other:	Amt.	
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Dated: APRIL 13, 2021

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Attest: _____ Town Clerk

Supervisors Report to the Wilmington Town Board for April 2021

I am really happy we are now conducting in person public meetings again. As we hit the "reboot" button post pandemic, I would like to get back on track with a few things. The Northern Borders Grant is one of them. As the town board knows, a grant was awarded to the town in the sum of \$123,112.00 to purchase land that might be able to facilitate a decentralized waste water sewage system. A matching amount of \$30,778.00 was required. Anna Reynolds from the County Community Resources is investigating if that amount can be in kind or donated as part of a land purchase. It was hoped our contribution of \$30,788.00 would have to come from a New York State Grant that did not materialize. We have at least one more set of test wells to complete for the grant requirements. An issue we have now is that land that was considered has either sold or the price is way out of our purchasing range. Even if the town chooses not to move forward on the sewage grant as presented, I am told the town could move forward to purchase land and maybe start a Wilmington Land Bank for Homestead Housing down the road. To keep things transparent, I would like to do a general public notice soliciting proposals from anyone that may want to submit a proposal to the town board. Clearly, it should be land within the town water district. All town board members agreed with placing a notice up and receiving proposals.

We are planning on putting up splash boards on 4/14/21 to raise the water level of Lake Everest. Also, I wanted to advise the board that we continue to get Wilmington residents that are concerned with the rapid sediment that is filling in the river.

As many are aware, the town has explored this issue before. In fact, I think we did a voter referendum on the issue that failed narrowly. It may be worth investigating again. In the last couple of years, extensive river work has been approved by the state on the lower end of Haselton Road. Also, the town of Keene received a grant through the county to rebuild their entire brook. For spring issues, we are moving along with the normal yearly tasks. With all the visitors, the beach restrooms will be reopened for the season soon. Portajohns will be ordered for the park and dam parking areas. Our water feature at the town sign is running as well.

As a general note, we continue to advertise for lifeguards. We have not had a single application. There is a lifeguard course in Moriah coming up, so help spread the word.

For an update on Preston Festival Field, the siding for the new restrooms is pretty much completed. I will be getting prices on a cement slab from contractors in the next week. I will email you my results and hopefully get the green light to move ahead.

We should have a clean and revised copy of the short term rental ordinance for you by our work session on April 28th.

I wanted to make the board aware that New York State and Federal Government is proposing a host of spending programs to stimulate the economy. Quite frankly, regardless of how we personally feel about these programs, we should position the town to take advantage of any funds that could come our way.

Anna Reynolds from Essex County Community Resources is assisting with exploring funding sources for the covered skating rink at the town park. If we were able to secure some funding for a pole barn this size, the seasonal uses could be endless from an events perspective.

We need a resolution approving placing two more completed ski lift benches in town. No set location has been secured. We are trying to get sponsors for the benches at a cost of \$1500.00 each that helps cover the cost associated with this project. RESOLUTION 23-21 Motion to approve made by Rarilee Conway, Seconded by Dawn Stevens and carried with all in favor.

Another resolution we need is approving entering into a contract with the Wilmington Fire District for Ambulance services. This is a FIVE year agreement, reviewed and approved by the town attorney and we also have an insurance binder naming the Town of Wilmington as an insured party. RESOLUTION 24-21 Motion to approve made by Paula McGreevy, Seconded by Dawn Stevens and carried with all in favor.

Our new phone system should be installed anytime. This system will even have call forwarding to the Highway Superintendent, Water and Codes Departments to their cell phones. This new system should streamline phone operations.

Board approved getting prices to either rebuild or update the town's website.

Resolution to approve additional pay for Planning Board Secretary Michelle Preston at \$20.00 an hour to be vouchered for any extra work required due to the Dollar General planning application. RESOLUTION 25-21 Motion to approve made by Rarilee Conway, Seconded by Dawn Stevens and carried with all in favor.

Finally, Chip Grundon from the KOA has agreed to donate garbage bags for the roadside cleanup. This worked well last year in our community cleanup efforts.

Respectfully Submitted: Nancy P. Randall

Nancy P. Randall/ TOWN CLERK