

WILMINGTON TOWN BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**TUESDAY, July 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**

ALSO PRESENT: Nancy Randall-Town Clerk, Doug Nemec-Code Officer, John Langford-Parks Superintendent, Tim Follos-Newspaper Reporter, Michelle Preston-Visitors Bureau, Travis Holzer-Highway Department.

Members of the Public Present: Joe Wichtowski, Becky Rondeau, Tina Preston, David Lally, Celia Stephenson, Sarah Holzer, Cliff Holzer, Ed Masi, Matt Stanley, Jeri Wright, George Buck, Carol Wiebe

Supervisor Roy Holzer opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the first order of business being the approval of the minutes from the previous session.

MOTION-Darin Forbes SECONDED- Paula McGreevy All In Favor

A presentation from the Adirondack Community Action Programs, Inc. showcased all of the services they provide to the towns and communities in Essex County. They provided both the services and the people in charge of each service, with contact information. These services are underutilized and they hope the information they provided will aid us in recommending their services to anyone in need in the community. The opportunity to have a booth at the Festival of Colors this fall was presented to them by Michelle Preston and they welcomed the opportunity.

The town offered to sponsor a kids bouncy house for the Festival of Colors this year at the cost of \$1200.00 .

A motion to approve was made by Dawn Stevens, seconded by Darin Forbes, with All in Favor

The town beach remains closed Sunday and Monday until we have two people there at all times.

The July revision of the short-term rental regulations will be distributed to all of the board members. A discussion of when there would be a public meeting on the short-term rentals was held. The decision was made to hold it on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at the Fire Station at 7:00 P.M. Copies of the proposals are available on the first page of the town webpage at townofwilmington.org or hard copies can be picked up at the town offices. Written comments can either be emailed to townclerk@townofwilmington.org or mailed to Town of Wilmington, P O Box 180, Wilmington, NY 12997.

The question was raised as to whether the short-term rentals provide any revenue to the town. They benefit the town by providing jobs, such as house cleaning, property managers, etc. A portion of the proceeds goes to the town.

Resolution to Authorize Submission of 2021 NYS LWRP Grant Application

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State has made grant funds available in 2021 through the Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, which provides grant funds to eligible villages, towns, and cities located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways to advance the preparation or implementation of strategies for community and waterfront revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilmington is proposing to implement a trail and park pavilion construction project that will provide connectivity and enhance a local and regional tourism and recreation resource; and

WHEREAS, this project is identified in the Wilmington Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and is eligible for Environmental Protection Funds through the NYS Department of State; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilmington intends to submit a grant application for funding in an amount not to exceed \$1M, with a local match requirement not to exceed 25% of the total grant request, to the 2021 NYS Department of State Local Waterfront Revitalization Grant Program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Wilmington hereby supports and authorizes the submission of a grant application on behalf of the Town of Wilmington, including provision of the required local match, to request funding for the purposes of implementing a trail and park pavilion construction project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if awarded, the Town Supervisor of the Town of Wilmington is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents relating to the NYS Department of State 2021 Local Waterfront Revitalization Program grant application.

RESOLUTION 35-21 WAS INTRODUCED TO APPROVE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION

MOTION- Dawn Stevens

SECONDED-Paula McGreevy

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTION 36-21 TO APPROVE EXPENSES AND TRANSFERS

MOTION-Darin Forbes SECONDED-Dawn Stevens ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLUTION 37-21 TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$3000.00 FOR PURCHASE OF VEHICLE LIFT

MOTION-Dawn Stevens SECONDED-Paula McGreevy ALL IN FAVOR

The Highway Department proposed buying a lift for the garage and obtained bids from NAPA in Lake Placid in the amount of \$22,500.00 and NAPA in Elizabethtown in the amount of \$20,000.00. The decision was made to accept the bid from NAPA Lake Placid, as we do a lot of business with them and also receive service from them.

Motion to approve-Dawn Stevens SECONDED-Paula McGreevy ALL IN FAVOR

The town-wide yard sale will be taken over this year by the visitor's bureau, and they plan to hold part of it at festival field. They plan to have booths for people who cannot have it at their home or prefer not to have it at their home. They also hope to have music and food trucks there to make it more like a community event. Maps will still be provided to direct people to the individual's homes. The yard sale will be held on August 14th.

The Festival of Colors will be held on September 11th.

There are 18 more business banners to be hung up in town. The visitor's bureau is also looking into having service member's banners. Anyone interested should contact Michelle Preston.

At this time, the meeting was closed for executive session.

At the request of the Wilmington Fire Department and on the procedural advice of our town Attorney, the following Resolution 38-21 was made by Rarilee Conway and seconded by Paula McGreevy with all in favor to declare the home belonging to Peggy Grant, Springfield Road Tax Map number 26.6-.27.000 unsafe and unfit at this time. Said home reflects a safety and health hazard.

Motion to adjourn-Dawn Stevens Seconded-Paula McGreevy All In Favor

JULY 2021 SUPERVISORS REPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE WILMINGTON TOWN BOARD

Here¹ is a rundown of July projects and updates-

Last Sunday we ran the Poor Man's downhill bike shuttle. Around 40 bikers used the service. We have two more days planned. One in August and the other in September with the Bike fest sponsored by BETA.

The town received an official award letter from New York State in regards to Wilmington's portion of the American Recoveries Fund. We are slated to receive a total of \$127,686.00 half will be given to the town soon. The other half will be in summer of 2022

The projects that these funds can be used on have dramatically changed since the program was first announced. I will be giving the town board some options to consider. I do have a manual in my office that spells it out. I just want to make sure that whatever funds are utilized are totally within the parameters of the grant.

Our slab for the restrooms at Preston Festival Field will be poured this Thursday. This would have been done last week. However, weather and scheduling pushed everything back. The next step will be the framing of the building.

Essex County is working on a grant application to build out internet. I am compiling a list of residents/addresses in town to submit. Also included will be area that have basic services but could use an upgrade. If anyone knows of areas in town with poor or no service, please advise.

I am working with the county DPW to get some "shared roadway" signs for the pedestrian walkway on Springfield and Fox Farm roads. This is a start for some residential concerns.

We have identified two properties I will be working with Essex County Community Resources to do some test pits to wrap up the Northern Boarder grant. Once this is complete, we can take the next step on land acquisition or direction the board wishes.

Just a reminder that Bike Adirondack event will be held this Saturday and wrap up at the town beach. Live Music will also be on hand and everyone is welcomed.

Our July Town Newsletter is now out. ROOST and Nicole continue to work on Town website upgrades and we are moving in the right direction.

I will be on Vacation in Maine next month from August 5th through 15th not sure if the board would like to keep the monthly meeting on the 10th or set the monthly meeting for August 17th

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL DRAFT DATED JULY 2021

WILMINGTON FIRE STATION - JULY 28, 2021

7:00 PM

PRESENT- Supervisor Roy Holzer

COUNCILMAN-Darin Forbes

COUNCILWOMAN-Dawn Stevens

COUNCILWOMAN-Paula McGreevy

COUNCILWOMAN-Rarilee Conway

**ALSO PRESENT-Nancy Randall-Town Clerk, Allison McGahay-Town Attorney, Tim Follo-
Newspaper Reporter , Michelle Preston-Planning Board , Doug Nemec-Code Officer**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE AS FOLLOWS: Mike Goddeau, Celia Stephenson, Bethany
Kress, Tina L Terry Preston, Cliff Holzer, Sarah Holzer, Marcia McCullen, Judy Wilkins, Paula
Lyon, Eugene Loughran, David B Lally, Rebecca Rondeau, Judi L Gould, Hope Smith-Holzer,
Travis Holzer, Ed Hood, Jo Hood, Jenny Winch, Jason Winch, Ben Bjornstad.**

**Supervisor Holzer made a public comment on the draft, saying that its purpose was not to
malign Short-Term Rental owners, but to preserve and protect our community. Several of the
board members are directly or indirectly involved with short-term rentals. Roy-through
Whiteface Corners, Darin-through caretaking and Rarilee and Paula each having rentals.**

**LETTERS OF INTEREST HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING: Bethany Kress, Bill
Wonderlin and Linda Shuster, Paul Vaccaro, Ed and Jo Hood, Anthony and Leslie Goldsmith,
Margaret Mangum. ALL WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE BOARD AND ARE A MATTER OF PUBLIC
RECORD. Letters and emails will continue to be received until August 4, 2021. You may mail
them to us at P O Box 180, Wilmington, NY 12997 or email them to
townclerk@townofwilmington.org.**

**Members of the public who asked to speak were Ben Bjornstad, Judi Gould, David Lally and
Tim Follo.**

**The following is a synopsis of the speaker's comments and not a verbatim
account.**

**BEN BJORNSTAD has a couple of short-term rentals plus some long term rentals. His concerns
were that provisions have too much public information on them. He also has had complaints
from the community about the condition of his rentals, from people whose own homes do
not meet code. Also neighbors complain just because it is a short-term rental. The community**

should be aware of this occurring. Having 60 minutes to respond to a complaint is not enough time.

JUDI GOULD would like to commend the board for being pro-active and trying to get ahead of things pertaining to short-term rentals. She believes we should have a noise ordinance since a lot of the complaints are due to noise. It is hard to enforce complaints about noise if there is no ordinance on file. She also suggested that the paperwork and payment for the short-term rentals be online for easier access.

DAVID LALLY would also like the registration process and the paperwork for the short-term rentals to be online for easy access to the owners. He questioned whether, when ownership changes, the paperwork is transferable or the new owners would have to start the process again. He believes that when ownership changes, there should be 15 days to notify of the change.

TIM FOLLOS Thanked the board for drafting the ordinance. He believes the short-term rentals should be inside the hamlet only and owner occupied. He feels short-term rentals are a negative for Lake Placid and for Wilmington. Tim also thanked board member Dawn Stevens for her service to the community as a board member and in other capacities for many years.

With no further comments, the meeting was then adjourned.