

Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024
Town of North Elba, 2693 Main Street, Lake Placid, NY 12946

Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on the above date beginning at 5:30 in the Meeting Room of the North Elba Town Hall, 2693 Main Street, Lake Placid, New York and via GoToMeeting.

Members Present: Supervisor Doty, Councilman Preston, Councilman Leon, Councilwoman Kilburn-Politi, Councilman Cummings, and Adrienne Relyea.

Others Present: Fred Balzac, Glen Glover, Sydney Emerson

Via GoTo Meeting: Cathy Edman

Supervisor Doty opened the Regular Town Board meeting by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Doty asked for a motion for the minutes of December 5th, 2023

Councilwoman Kilburn-Politi moved and Councilman Cummings seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written and presented. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

SPONSORSHIP – Peter Sayward

Supervisor Doty – If you did notice I sent you a newer copy of the request. In most basic terms, it's an appeal for \$2,500 to a grant program. This is for Summer and Fall, it's certainly varied it covers a wide variety of arts and music, very few questions. We had a couple but they certainly wouldn't deny us sponsoring this direction unless there are objections to this, basically all we are is a sponsor, we help with the application process, Fred gets the ultimate ok through your division then you send it back to us and we send the check to Peter right?

Fred Balzac – Right, technically a fiscal sponsor such at the Town, is considered the direct applicant, because NYS Council of the Arts is not an individual. In this case an individual artist such as Peter, he has the Lake Flower Landing in Saranac Lake, which is not a non-profit so he needs a fiscal sponsor, I think the Town sponsored last year.

Councilwoman Kilburn-Politi – We sponsored him and Karen, two years ago.

Fred Balzac – So basically you're a conduit, we do ask fiscal sponsors to make sure the final report is filed, I usually work directly with the sponsored artist and make sure all that happens, so when the project is approved by the panel, we would send a check to the Town and then we would expect the Town to write a check to the artist. Some fiscal sponsors take a fee, it's uncommon and I don't encourage it but they are allowed too. It's a great way to get more arts activities in your Fred Balzac –own and it brings in more money, there's actually no limit on how many sponsorships, I think 3 is a good max number just to keep things from getting too chaotic.

Supervisor Doty – Thank you. Any reservations?

Councilwoman Kilburn-Politi – I just want to add one comment, in light of some things we learned in the last year, when Peter approached us about this, I made sure that Haley put something on social media and our website that just made it more public so if there were other artist out there that wanted us to ask us to be their fiscal sponsor, we publicly said this is how you do it. Fred provided us with the materials that were shared and we didn't hear from any other artists.

Supervisor Doty asked for a motion to sponsor Peter Sayward

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Councilman Leon moved and Councilman Cummings seconded the motion to approve the sponsorship of Peter Sayward. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION #1 – Haneman Real Property Assessment

Supervisor Doty – This resolution is #1. Anyway this came up in January and we talked about it. We didn't pass the resolution...Derek Reads the Resolution...

Roll call vote: **Supervisor Doty; Aye, Councilman Preston; Aye, Councilman Cummings; Aye, Councilwoman Kilburn Politi; Aye, Councilman Leon; Aye.** There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION – NYSDOT Aviation Capital Project

Supervisor Doty – Resolution #2, to the State Department of transportation for their share of funding in these projects that have been ok'ed by FAA. This concerns the AWOS, which is a warning system that is also been ok'ed by FAA, and conversely the Town. We accept 5% of that. It's a formality.

I'll accept a motion to accept the AWOS contract at the Airport. Councilman Cummings moved and Councilwoman Kilburn-Politi seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

All of the documents are being kept by Chelsea or Adrienne if anyone wants to view them. I'll be in further contact with Doug Bauer tomorrow on both of these to make sure the right boxes are checked for seekers. There are 5 different categories, he keeps all if the charts on all of our contracts.

Next is the runway rehab, that's a big project, same rules apply the seeker I need to go over with Doug Bauer, Doug is actually coming up to sit down with the airport people to understand the best dates to put this in, as you know they are buying new planes and proposing new hangars which won't be done prior to this. We don't want to interrupt income for them. So the later we can push it off so it can get done right we are going to try to accommodate them. Those bids will be going out soon. I'm not sure they want to put it off as long as possible, because in their effort to buy new aircraft, maybe that doesn't come until August, the bid document says work right away, so that's what we're going to work out in another week or so he's coming up.

*Note, there was a motion for the 3rd resolution but it was ultimately not needed, per Cathy.

TROLLEY / LACROSSE FIELDS

Supervisor Doty – I think I brought this up before, Brad has asked me for some help with the trolleys, in the winter the County pays for the expressed services but they are stored here. When the village and the highway trucks have the big plows and the wings on, it gets tight down there where the trolleys park. We have an opportunity to help let the trolleys park up at the lacrosse fields, we have the stations for them to plug them in. What they would need, is a temporary little office set up, so I'm offering the new cabin for them to use until springtime. It will mean turning on a couple of the little heaters, I think it's the least we can do to help the congestion down there then as soon as the mud declines they'll go back.

Councilwoman Kilburn-Politi - Right now they use office space in the highway garage?

Supervisor Doty – The village. So there will be more discussion on the trolleys because, I've been doing some research in to the MOU's between the village and the county. Ironically, more than half of the routes for the trolleys are in the town outside of the village. So, they are servicing both of us, we don't contribute, this is one way we can contribute and help out. At a

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later date I'll get into what the actual costs are, what the federal government pays for transportation in communities, which is the bulk, the village does pay per head/per person riding, it's like .30 cents per. It's another way we probably should be working better together. Anyway, we'll pick that up at a later date as I learn more.

Councilman Cummings – What is the purpose, what do they need the building space for, specifically?

Supervisor Doty – Their paperwork.

Councilwoman Kilburn-Politi - It must be beginning and ending paperwork.

Councilman Cummings – That's fine, I don't know if they wanted it for a lounge or something like that.

Supervisor Doty – Right now it only works out because we agreed to keep that area plowed this winter because of the eclipse and the need for tremendous parking or at least the anticipation for it.

Councilman Cummings – I just got thinking about that later, and that's what I foresee is somebody sign in and out, look at your schedule, whatever. I just want to make sure.

Supervisor Doty – I'm sure they have to make reports on number of passengers and any problems.

Budget Adjustments

Cathy reviewed budget adjustments.

TOWN OF NORTH ELBA		BATCH		BATCH TOTALS		FUND TOTALS					
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That said, the trails have some challenges associated with them at this point and that is primarily around erosion, water erosion is the enemy for all trails and that's true here. I'd say the trails were well done trails, but not at the level of current design guidelines, I think there's a lot we can do to improve them. The result of that improvement will be one: a better user experience, the riders and runners it's very important. The improvement of the user experience will come about through that. It will also result in more long-term sustainability of the trails, and by that I mean the ability to maintain trails with a regular but low impact attention to it. Not requiring any sort of heavy equipment to maintain trails. That is the goal you want to create, is not needing heavy maintenance on trails because you're able to stay on top of it with regular maintenance. You can do that by planning as you design and build the trail you plan for where the water is going to go, you can't stop water from going on a trail but you can make sure you get it off the trail quickly and by doing that you avoid the erosion. So, better user experience, greater sustainability and then we also are hoping we will be able to improve the trail coming from the Bird Song Lane side which would include some bike re-routes of the Jack Rabbit trail to improve the experience coming from the North, and by doing that you'd also be able to reduce the usage and parking required at the trail head.

Councilwoman Kilburn-Politi – Where are people parking if they are accessing it?

Glen Glover – I've been told numerous locations in that area, some people ride straight out of Lake Placid, and follow out to Bird Song Lane. My understanding that folks are coming at it from numerous different directions.

Councilwoman Kilburn-Politi – So there's not like a trail head anywhere?

Councilman Preston - It seems like the parking is at the turn, where the porta-potty is during the summer. You can access the Lussi trails from there.

Discussions continued regarding trail locations....

Glen Glover – We can a really big impact through this proposal, this is not going to fix everything out there, that's a bigger stretch and that's something we'll work on over the next few years, but this will take us 70% of the way of where we should be in the Craig Wood trails. What I'm asking for is \$25,000 in funding from the Town for that, which we would match with \$8,000 of cash funds from BETA, and ball park estimate of about \$2,000 of volunteer labor (at a minimum). Which would be about 6 man days of labor out there.3

Councilwoman Kilburn-Politi – So it's not just for materials, you also have paid labor?

Glen Glover – Correct, our paid labor and also, we don't have the capacity to do all of the work we need to do so we would be contracting.

Supervisor Doty – What type of machinery? It's got to be pretty narrow, and are you talking about crusher run or like what kind of material will you be using? I'm guessing there's bridges and crossings you'll be fixing?

Glen Glover – I'm not aware of any bridges that would be part of this, the equipment would be mini-excavator and possible a power toter. To bring material in or to transport material, that could be quarried on site.

Councilman Leon - Do you have a running list with photos, what you intention to do are?

Glen Glover – We would go through to essentially quantify what we need work in these locations, we would drop pins and identify the areas, in consultation with either BETA staff or the contractor. Exactly what it is were looking at.

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Councilman Leon – Because you want to get funding first before you start the dialogue?

Glen Glover – Correct, I'm not in the position to bring in a contractor on and spend their time unless I believe that we can move forward with a contract. The trails that we would be looking to work on are listed at the bottom there.

Councilman Preston – Are there any other sources for funding that anyone can think of besides the Town? ROOST perhaps?

Supervisor Doty – Tell us timing for you to be organized to do this work this year, you would need a response from us by the end of February?

Glen Glover – I would say 6-8 weeks would be fine. One other thing I do want to say is, part of our effort, there are technically challenging riding features out there. One of the things we want to do is make sure that there's an opportunity to progress riding skills, so there's no gaps in the skills only gaps in the trail. When you ride a particular feature, you have had an opportunity to practice on things that raise your skill level to the point where this is appropriate for you now. There are some areas where we can improve that at Craig Wood and part of that is included in this proposal, we would be increasing the opportunity for progression of skills out there.

Councilman Leon – You would add features, would signage be part of that? As a way to indicate progression.

Glen Glover – Oh absolutely, I did take a look at signage when I was out there and the signage I think is appropriate, the difficulty all of the trails is there, I'm not concerned that anybody could unintentionally ride something that they did not know was as challenging as it is. I think there are some opportunities to enhance that even more and that's something that BETA will be taking on.

Discussion continued regarding signage and skill levels...

Supervisor Doty – Glen, maybe talk just a couple minutes about your expectation, because all of the relevant information on this event has maybe come from BETA. People that know the following, maybe what might we expect for exposure out there?

Glen Glover – So there's a great amount of uncertainty about the number of people who will be attending, I'm relying on Patrick our Board President I think he's significantly closer to a rational number and that's in the 2,500-3,500 range. I believe ORDA still put out the 8,000, that would be the spectators coming. Not the racers, the spectators who would be coming to watch. Some portion would be riding their bikes, a large number of spectators for that kind of thing do want to take their bikes and do want to try the local trails.

Councilman Leon – Your saying ORDA is saying 8,000 but BETA has a much more conservative number?

Glen Glover - It is much more conservative, I think it is on the more realistic side. From what ORDA said, they are trying to run some data to come up with a more accurate number, for what they think the number of spectators will be, it is still a substantial number. Coming in over a 2-3 day period, many of who will want to ride local trails. We would be asking for this even if this race wasn't coming, we are not a tourism organization, we are a community organization who loves to have outsiders use and experience and enjoy our trails also. The more we do the more it's going to be recognized as an area to come. There was talk at one of our UCI Stake Holder meeting about this area becoming a destination for mountain biking, I pushed back on that a little, I don't think that's a likely scenario but what I think it this area IS a destination and it will become even more popular for people to be able to ride the trails when they come here. They

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are coming here because it's Lake Placid / North Elba the High Peaks, a really good quality mountain bike trail system is one more reason for them to come here.

Supervisor Doty – Not to mention because they are on our property, we inherently carry some responsibility. I can't remember the last time we have put money into those trails. In any respect we'll put this high on our list and have a good honest discussion on what we can do, and in February we meet the 2nd Tuesday.

Requesting organization
BETA Trails Alliance

Background
Craig Wood trails are greatly valued, and heavily used, by the residents in and around North Elba as well as a draw for tourists. Parking at the trailhead near Route 73 allows for a very fun tour of about 7 miles, including Scotts Cobble, on trails purpose-built to be enjoyable for mountain biking and trail running. The trails include some technically challenging features and an opportunity to develop bike handling skills although some enhancements to this "progression" are incorporated in this work proposal.

What
We are requesting \$25,000 in financial support from the town with an additional \$8,000 of financial support being donated by BETA plus an as yet undetermined amount of volunteer labor. These funds, a total of \$33,000, are necessary to pay for heavy maintenance and reroutes that will enhance sustainability and the user experience. A stretch goal for this effort will be to make improvements to the access from Bird Song Lane on the Jackrabbit Trail which would increase the popularity of riding to the trail system from the north and reduce crowding of the Craig Wood trailhead.

Why
All trails require ongoing maintenance to counter the effects of erosion from water and use. While many of the trails at Craig Wood were built to be sustainable, the oldest ones were not created with today's construction guidelines and are showing the impacts of extended use. In all cases the recent record rainfalls have made issues worse and highlighted any problems that already existed. These trails now require heavy maintenance in some locations and small reroutes (such as turns on fall-line climbs) in others to restore their usability and reduce maintenance efforts that will be required in the future.

How
Work is proposed to include a combination of a trail contractor and BETA staff with volunteers. Machinery, including a mini excavator and power toter, would be utilized to maximize efficiency and to form trail surfaces which are best suited to withstanding erosion and providing enjoyable trail use.

Trails proposed for work
Back Nine, 19th Hole, Mulligan (new climbing trail for Green & Gold Jacket), Cobble Wood Connector

Committee Reports

Supervisor Doty – Just a couple quick items, I got a call today from Adirondack Landfill out of Plattsburgh that does the monitoring for us at our landfill, measures methane and the different gasses that come up from the old landfill, as you know we've been trying to figure out when our 30 years is up and we can utilize some of that property for different uses, long story short we still don't know, DEC holds the final card on that. In talking to Jeff May that does this monitoring for us, our recognition levels of gases of any sort are virtually non-existent, He's had two years with no readings. Doesn't mean that we still don't have to do this on a yearly basis but we can get out of what's called, this baseline determination he's writing a letter to DEC on our behalf to get it lessened. So that's a good sign.

Davina the supervisor of St. Armand in Bloomingdale has put together 3 letters asking National Grid for street lights around Moody Pond, as you know we own a very short section over there. It boils down to 2 telephone poles, I'm just asking for your permission for a letter to be sent to National Grid along with the Village of Saranac Lake and St. Armand for street lights. It's the Mirror Lake of Saranac Lake for walkers and such. There's no sidewalk over there, lighting will be important. There's no charge for the lights to go in, minimal for the actual hours that they run, to give a comparison Bloomingdale has just over 100 lights and its \$8,000/year.

Discussion continued regarding LED light conversion...

The other thing I neglected to put as an agenda item is appointing Joint Review Board and Zoning Board members. If you don't mind, I'd like to follow the recommendation of the Building department because they did the interviews, so under review Board for a 5 year term that expires in 2028 Michael Ballard and Bob Liseno and also for the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 2 year term that expires in 2025 Adam Wild and Greg Fisher. Any input from anyone?

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Councilwoman Kilburn-Politi – For some reason I thought it was only one appointment to the Review Board? I think it's only one. There's an updated email where Darci goes into more detail. These people applied, but they recommended one person.

Discussion continued regarding Darci's email....

Supervisor Doty – So it's one and one, Michael Ballard and Adam Wild.

Councilman Cummings – Then one other member for the ZBA is Gary Kaltenbach which he is going to continue.

Councilwoman Kilburn-Politi – and the STR. Bob Dimarco to be renewed.

Further confusing discussion...

Supervisor Doty – So to re-clarify that would be Michael Ballard for the Review Board – 5 year term, Adam Wild for Zoning Board of Appeals – 2 year term, Gary Kaltenbach to renew tenure on the ZBA and Bob Dimarco to renew his tenure on the STR Rental Appeals Board.

Councilwoman Kilburn-Politi makes the motion to approve to appoint Michael Ballard for the Review Board – 5 year term, Adam Wild for Zoning Board of Appeals – 2 year term, Gary Kaltenbach to renew 5 year term on the ZBA and Bob Dimarco to renew 5 year term on the Short-Term Rental Appeals Board. Councilman Cummings seconded. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Sydney Emerson – You guys were faster than the Village Board.

Supervisor Doty – I'll take that as a compliment

This week we also received a letter of resignation from a Town Justice, Alec Friedman. I'd like to publicly thank him for 5 years of service to us, he's been a great community guy it was his way giving back, even in leaving he said if you find something else you need help with give me a call. At 78 years old, I think that's impressive. Thanks to Judge Alec Friedman.

The only other thing I have, we need to accept officially our new recommendation for Park District Manager Matt St. Louis. I'll take a motion to accept. Councilman Preston motioned to accept Matt St. Louis as Park District Manager, Councilwoman Kilburn-Politi seconded. Certainly the press release covered our high hopes and impressive stature of Matt and what he'll bring to the Town, or continue to bring to the Town and certainly I wish him the best of luck, I know he'll represent us well. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Other Committee Reports?

Councilwoman Kilburn-Politi – I'll try to be as quick as I can, I feel like it's also another confusing discussion. We talked at the workshop about the Smart Growth grant, and what we possibly wanted to apply for, I said I'll go back to Hailey and dig a little more, to see what we think is the most fundable. I spoke with Hailey this morning and she looked into it, and I will forward the email she sent to me. Basically her recommendation was more along the lines of something through the master plan at the horseshow grounds, but her concern is that it's not project ready, but neither are the ones we discussed are project ready. She also says in the email that we can apply for more than one project, so I was kind of thinking maybe we could ask for money to implement plans for the horseshow grounds. Can we leave it as generic as that? She also said there's parts of the application that ask for public support, since we haven't discussed this idea of a pump track that doesn't exist, she said that maybe the board could pass a resolution that says we support the idea of a pump track at the horseshow grounds and she adds that to the

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application. I've been trying to think maybe bigger picture, and it's we ask for money for the implementation.

Discussion continued regarding a pump track...

I don't want to leave potential money on the table, if you can think of any other project that is ready.

Discussion continued regarding other projects...

Supervisor Doty – That's it? Anyone else? Before we adjourn to go into executive session, I want to offer Fred or Sydney have any questions?

Person's opportunity to Speak / Press Questions

Sydney Emerson – Is the Lake Placid Sports Council different than the Adirondack Sports Council?

Councilman Preston – Yes, the Lake Placid Sports Council has been around since what 1928, it was put into law before ORDA existed and it's function is somewhat like the Adirondack Sports Council by gaining events but the primary drive behind the Lake Placid Sports Council right now is selectin a committee to serve as ORDA advisory Board and the other is working with the Adirondack Sports Council and ORDA to work on volunteerism and events, were under the Park District.

Sydney Emerson – When I talked to you earlier today you mentioned the Lake Placid Sports Council I wrote that in my article, and Elizabeth corrected it to the Adirondack Sports Council. Now I have to call her. The article tomorrow might need a correction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –Personnel

Supervisor Doty – We are in need of an Executive Session, we have some personnel issues and a contractual issue, I suspect that we will take action on one of those and we will report when we come back out. It's nothing earth shattering but we could be tied up 15 minutes if you want to wait, if not call me tomorrow.

Councilman Preston moved and Councilman Leon seconded the motion to go into executive Session at 6:41 pm for the purpose discussing personnel. The motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Leon moved and Councilman Cummings seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:30 pm. The motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Preston moved to accept the resignation of Jennifer Preston from correspondence on 12/31/23. Councilman Cummings seconded.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Town Boards, Councilman Preston moved and Councilman Cummings seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48.

Respectfully,

Adrienne Relyea
Deputy Town Clerk