TOWN OF SARANAC
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2009, 7:00 P.M.TOWN HALL

Member Present:
Joe Gerardi (Supervisor)
Phil Rice (Councilman)
Robert Blair (Councilman)
Michael Tedford (Councilman)
Gerald Delaney (Councilman)
Mary Bell (Town Clerk)
Stephen Petrashune (Assessor)
Leo Vann (Highway Superintendent)
Mark White (Tax Collector)
Jeff Reisdorf (Code Officer)
Mark Plumadore (Dog Officer)

Also attending meeting: Sean Reynolds, Rick Weber, Jim Facteau, Abbey Fittin, Elise Betrus, Courtney West, Alex Holtsclaw, and Sean McCann.

Supervisor (Joe Gerardi) opened meeting at 7:00 p.m. Joe Gerardi led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Minutes for the November 23, 2009, and December 14, 2009.

Resolution 72-2009

Motion to except Minutes by: Phil Rice (C) second by: Bob Blair (C)
PHILIP RICE-YES
ROBERT BLAIR-YES
MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES
GERALD DELANEY-YES
JOE GERARDI-YES

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the floor:
Supervisor Joe Gerardi gives the floor to Sean Reynolds of DEC for a presentation about "The Lyon Mountain Tract Existing Facilities and Resource Conditions.

Quick Facts:
There are 14,291 acres in Saranac become Forest Preserve.
Domtar Inc. sold to The Nature Conservancy 2004.
New York State purchased the tract from TNC 2008.
Proposed to be classified as Wild Forest.

APA and DEC will be classifying the land in the months ahead. They will be Holding Public Hearing's, Hearings will take place at: The Town of Newcomb, Old Forge, Town of Saranac, Canton, and Albany. Anyone wanting more information can call the Saranac Town hall or DEC in Ray Brook, New York.

Correspondence:

Resolution 73-2009
Resolution for the Lyon Mt. Tract Wild Forest:
Motion to except the Resolution by: Joe Gerardi (S) second By: Jerry Delaney (C)
PHILIP RICE-YES
ROBERT BLAIR-YES
MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES
GERALD DELANEY-YES
JOE GERARDI-YES

Whereas, *The Adirondack Park Agency will soon classify a tract of recently purchased State land north of True Brook Road in the Town of Saranac, and*

Whereas*, of the three possible classifications, Wilderness, Primitive, and Wild Forest, the APA staff has recommended said Lyon Mountain Tract be classified as the least restrictive: Wild Forest, and*

Whereas*, the Department of Environmental Conservation has advocated along with the APA that said tract should be classified with the least restrictive classification: Wild Forest, and*

***Whereas**, before making its recommendation, the APA staff has taken into consideration the tract's physical resources, biological considerations, social resources, surrounding land use patterns, and other criteria, and*

***Whereas**, the APA staffs' analysis of these criteria, including the capacity of the land and its resources to permit a somewhat high degree of human use while retaining an essentially wild character, resulted in the staff recommendation to propose the Wild Forest classification for the area, and*

***Whereas**, the tract contains a number of existing structures and improvements including the Lyon Mt. Fire Tower, the lifts and old ski trails for the former Lowenberg Ski Area, old logging roads, and areas formerly managed as commercial maple sugar bushes, and*

***Whereas**, when the 14,291.00 acres of land to be classified is added to the other already owned and/or eased State lands in the Town of Saranac, the State will control or own nearly a third of town's total acreage, and*

***Whereas**, the Saranac Town Board has been approached by local citizens asking the board to support the classification to be Wild Forest, and*

***Whereas**, the least restrictive classification would be the most usable by the most number of people, particularly young adults, and in an effort to provide multi-faceted recreation opportunities in order to help encourage Saranac's population to continue to reside in town when they choose to build a home and raise a family, and*

***Whereas**, those who live outside of the Town of Saranac and who hold strictly environmental interests have gone on record supporting the Primitive classification, calling it "Wilderness-in-waiting," and*

***Whereas**, these same environmentalists have gone on record that, in order to have the tract classified as the most restrictive, Wilderness, it would mean "having to manage [a Primitive classification] ... until the nonconforming facilities [including the Lyon Mt. fire tower] are removed", and*

***Whereas**, were the tract to be classified as the most restrictive, Wilderness, the hiker could see, from the summit of Lyon Mountain, a developed shoreline on Chazy Lake, urban Plattsburgh on Lake Champlain, wind mills, and, on a clear day, see the third largest city in Northeastern America, Montreal, which would not support, encourage, advance, further, or uphold any sense of wilderness, thereby making the Wilderness classification less legitimate, convincing or justifiable,*

***Therefore, be it resolved**, the Saranac Town Board supports the Agency Recommendation that the Lyon Mountain tract be classified as Wild Forest.*

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Dept. of State, Shared Services reminder and deadlines:
Received letter, regarding grant applications are being accepted until February 24,2010
Questions about the grant program can be found on web site
www.dos.state.ny.us/lgss/sharedservices/index.html.

C. Stiles. APA Chairman, Invasive Species Resolution:
The Town received Resolution from the APA regarding Aquatic Invasive Species.

Maria Frei, True Brook Road resident, Sable Highlands:
The Supervisor received a letter from Maria Frei regarding the Barnes Pond area. She sent two pictures of a logging operation going on there. The Supervisor gave the pictures to Sean Reynolds DEC to review.

J.Duprey, Assemblywoman, Wild Forest designation support:
Assemblywoman J. Duprey sent a letter of support (Wild Forest) to the APA and DEC
Thank you, Assemblywoman Duprey for supporting the Town of Saranac.

M. MacPherson, NYS Retirement Systems, Regulation 315.4:
New regulations 315.4 requires that each official who is a member of the Retirement System and does not use their time and attendance system must maintain a record of his or her work-related activities.

Supervisor's Report:

Liability Insurance-Meeting 1-21-10
There will be a special meeting held on January 21, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Donation from the Saranac Hollow Jammers:
The Town received a $100.00 donation from the Saranac Hollow Jammers They play music on (Tuesday nights at the Town Hall) Thank you to the Jammers.

Letter of Support for New York Rural Water Association Circuit Rider:
The Supervisor wrote a letter of support for Eliz Tedford ARRA Circuit Rider.

Adk. Park Local Government Day, March 23 & 24, 2010:
Councilman (Gerald Delaney) will be attending the meeting.

January 28, 2010 APA Hearing:
The Hearing will take place at the Saranac Town Hall on January 28, 2010.

Appointments for 2010:
The Supervisor has asked all Town Board members to speak with the New Supervisor (Jim Facteau) regarding their appointments for the 2010 year.

Financial Report:

Resolution 74-2009

Motion to except financial report by: Phil Rice (C) second by: Jerry Delaney(C)
PHILIP RICE-YES
ROBERT BLAIR-YES
MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES
GERALD DELANEY-YES
JOE GERARDI-YES

SAVING ACCOUNT BALANCES

	As of 11/30/09	*as of 12/16/09*
General	*$105,565.39*	*$139,261.23*
Saranac Ltg.	*19,844.29*	*19,844.29*
Standish Ltg.	*3,099.95*	*3,099.95*
General/Reserve	*202,280.00*	*202,280.00*
Building Fund	*75,775.00*	*75,775.00*
Highway	*342,837.24*	*309,636.71*
Roads & Bridges	*186,545.16*	*186,545.16*
Redford Water	*88,011.87*	*87,926.57*
Standish Water	*8,648.83*	*8,648.83*
Saranac Water	*10,641.88*	*10,242.44*

Saranac Water Filtration Project:. $20,159.20

Expenditures in November $150,316.58
Revenues in November $ 6,120.72

Saranac Water Owes General Fund $20,000 for Filtration Project.

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Highway Superintendent's Report:
Lee Vann reports:
It's been a quiet month.

Some of the storms/cold temperatures have made and will make the roads have black ice on them The Superintendent gets the sanders out as soon as possible. Asking everyone to use caution when driving.
Received one request by: Kim Dashnaw, regarding plowing her driveway for the School bus to turn around in. The Superintendent will be calling the School to make sure that the bus will be using the driveway.
Highway Superintendent Thanked Joe Gerardi (Supervisor) for the four years he has worked for the Town.

Water Districts:

Redford Water:
Bob Blair reports:
By-Laws will be complete in January.

Standish Water:
Jerry Delaney reports:
Nothing at this time.

Saranac Water:
Mike Tedford reports:
Update on Water plant upgrade:
The Councilman will be calling the Clinton County Health Department to see if the Saranac Water District can get an extension on the water plant, due to the cold weather, Mike, doesn't want to run into any residents water being interrupted during the winter weather. The deadline is set for February and he would like it to be later when weather becomes better.

Code Officer's report:
Slow month.
No word on the Reed case as of December 21, 2009.

Dog Control Officer's Report:
The report is attached to these minutes.

Community Outreach Center:
Report from Cindy Alexander:
November 24, 2009- December 24, 2009

 # 118 Visits to center for all services.

 # 8 Trips were coordinated for medical appointments.

 # 6 Families utilized the food pantry.

 # 16 Purchased were made through the monthly food co-op.

 # 46 Volunteers hours were given to the center.

 # 27 Calls for referrals and information were received.

 # 22 Christmas Bureau applications were received.

 # 56 Children received gifts.

 # 12 Families applied for HEAP.

Recreation:
Nothing at this time.

Assessor:
Everything is going well, has done all exempts for the senior citizens.

Planning Board:
Nothing at this time.

Senior Citizens:
Phil rice reports:
Spoke with Cindy and the Middle School had a great food drive.
Councilman (Phil Rice) attended the senior's dinner banquet; there were about thirty people there. They donated for the toy drive.

Saranac Fire Department:
Nothing at this time.

Buildings:
Nothing at this time.

Newsletter, Website, Saranac Central School:
Nothing at this time

Historian:
Nothing at this time.

Attorney:
Nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business:

DOS 2007 LWRP contract:
The Town received the agreement (Contract) for (Town of Saranac Community Visioning and Revitalization Strategy)

New Business:

ATV report:
Gerald Delaney attended meeting for the ATV support. Councilman(Gerald Delaney) reported that the meeting went well and there was a lot of positive support for the Wild Forest.

Budget Transfers:

Resolution 75-2009

Motion to except the Budget transfers by: Mike Tedford (C) second by: Phil Rice (C)
PHILIP RICE-YES
ROBERT BLAIR-YES
MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES
GERALD DELANEY-YES
JOE GERARDI-YES

Debit A	*To:*		
	1220.2	*Supv. Equip.*	*1204.00*
	1620.4	*Bldg. Contr*	*1208.00*
	1920.4	*Muni. Ass Dues*	*650.00*
	1950.4	*Taxes & Assmts.*	*250.00*
	5010.1	*Supt of Hwys.Per*	*460.00*
	5010.4	*" " Cont.*	*1320.00*

5140.4	*Drug Test*	*167.00*
		$5259.00

Credit A From:

1990.4	*Contigent*	*$ 5259.00*

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Debit DB To:

5110.1	*Gen. Reprs. Per.*	*460.00*
5110.4	*" " "" Contr.*	*38.800.00*
9060.8	*Hosp. & Med. Ins.*	*6200.00*
		$45.460.00

Credit DB From:

5130.4	*Mach. Contr.*	*6000.00*
5142.1	*Snow Remov.*	*15.000.00*
5142.4	*" " Contr.*	*24460.00*

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$454.60.00

Debit SW2 To:

8310.4	*Water Admi. Contr*	*4050.00*
8320.4	*Source of Supply*	*450.00*

$4500.00

Credit SW2 From:

1990.4	*Contingent*	*3386.00*
8310.2	*water Adim. Equip.*	*1100.00*
8330.4	*Purification*	*14.00*

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$4500.00

Debit SW3 To:

8310.4	*Water Admi. Contr.*	*110.00*

Credit SW3 From:

199.04	*Contingent*	*110.00*

Approval of the Town of Saranac Employee Handbook:
Resolution 76-2009

Motion to except the Town of Saranac's Employee Handbook by: Bob Blair (C)
Second by: Jerry Delaney (C)
PHILIP RICE-YES
ROBERT BLAIR-YES
MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES
GERALD DELANEY-YES
JOE GERARDI-YES

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the floor:
Joe Gerardi, Thanked the Town Board and he said has enjoyed working for the Town of Saranac.

Authorization to Pay Audited Warrants:

Resolution 77-2009

Motion to pay Warrants (Bills) by: Bob Blair (C) second by: Mike Tedford (C)
PHILIP RICE-YES
ROBERT BLAIR-YES
MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES
GERALD DELANEY-YES
JOE GERARDI-YES

Motion to adjourn meeting by: Joe Gerardi (Supervisor)
Second by: Jerry Delaney.

Meeting was Adjourned at 8: 25P.M. the next regular board meeting will be held on January 25, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.
The Organizational meeting will be held on January 4, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Bell
Town Clerk
December 21, 2009