

**TOWN OF SARANAC
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 18, 2009, 7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL**

Members Present:

*Joe Gerardi (Supervisor)
Phillip Rice (Councilman)
Robert Blair (Councilman)
Michael Tedford (Councilman)
Gerald Delaney (Councilman)
Mary Bell (Town Clerk)
Leo Vann (Highway Superintendent)
Jeff Reisdorf (Code Officer)
Steve Petrashune (Assessor)
Mark White (Tax Collector)
Mark Plumadore (Dog Officer)
Jan Couture (Historian)*

Also attending meeting: Carol Plumadore, Warren Newman, Sylvia Newman, James Facticeau, Hannah Charland, Kathy Donnery, Joe Donnery, Angel Brown, Kellum Smith, and Peter Blaso.

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

Resolution 36-2009

*Consideration of the Minutes for meeting on April 27, 2009.
Motion to except minutes by: Phil Rice (C) second by: Jerry Delaney (C)
PHIL RICE-YES
BOB BLAIR-YES
MIKE TEDFORD-YES
JERRY DELANEY-YES
JOE GERARDI-YES*

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the floor:

No comments at this time.

Correspondence:

G. Michaels, Asst. AG, May 22, health care issues meeting:

The Supervisor received a letter from Glen Michaels (Asst. Attorney General) presenting a forum on health care issues. Any one wishing to attend the event , there will be a forum in Plattsburgh at 10:00 a.m. on Friday May 22, 2009 in the CVPH auditorium, In Saranac Lake the forum will begin at 1:30 p.m. on May 22, 2009 in the Redfield Board Room of AMC, 2233 State Route 86.

M. Holoboski, Selective Insurance requests:

Received letter from Michael Holoboski (SSMS) from Northern Insuring Agency, regarding Selective Insurance for the Town of Saranac. Because Northern is the Town Insurance carrier, they conduct a risk evaluation survey of the Town's property. The Town will be looking into if they already have adopted the New York State General Municipal Law, which would cover the recommendations Mr. Holoboski has spoke of.

T. Gilchrist confirms receipt of our stimulus request for SWD:

The Supervisor has received a confirmation letter from Timothy Gilchris, regarding the Governor Paterson's Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Cabinet. The Supervisor has submitted the Project and now it's confirmed that the State has reviewed the proposed projects for the Saranac & Standish Water Districts. The agency will be contacting the Town within the next several weeks.

D.J. Clark, request for support for Rt.11 corridor 4-lane highway:

Resolution 37-2009

Resolution for Support for the construction of the four lane highway along the US Route 11 corridor:

Motion by: Gerald Delaney (C) second by: Robert Blair (C)

PHILIP RICE-YES

ROBERT BLAIR-YES

MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES

GERALD DELANEY-YES

JOE GERARDI-YES

Whereas, the economic impact of North Country transportation improvements is a key component of the North Country Transportation Study, and

Whereas, the economic development impact analysis has measured the value to the regional economy of efficiency gain through user benefits such as reductions in travel time, reduction in operating cost, and reductions in accidents due to improve safety, and

Whereas, the gains through increased social and economic development opportunities due to improved transportation access will reduce unemployment rates, reduce government transfer payments such as social welfare and unemployment insurance, and increase employment in the region, and

Whereas, the transportation improvements can enhance access to labor, customer, tourism and supplier markets, as well as to intermodal transportation facilities, making the overall region more attractive to transportation-dependent industries, and

Whereas, the construction of four lane highway within the boundaries of the St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties will begin to address the transportation improvements necessary to foster such economic growth, and

Whereas, our elected New York State and Congressional representatives can be assured that the Saranac Town Board adamantly supports the four lane highway construction.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Saranac Town Board urges New York State Commissioner of Transportation, Ms. Astrid C. Glynn, to cooperate with local

transportation taskforce groups to push the construction of four lane highway within Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties, and

Be it Further Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the St. Lawrence County and the Citizens Coalition for Economic Infrastructure Development, Franklin County Legislators, Senator Little, Assembly Woman Duprey, Governor Patterson, Congressman McHugh, and this the 18th Day of May 2009.

Supervisor's Report:

Financial report

Resolution 38-2009

Motion to accept Saving Account Balance:

By: Bob Blair (C) second by: Mike Tedford (C)

PHIL RICE-YES

BOB BLAIR-YES

MIKE TEDFORD-YES

JERRY DELANEY-YES

JOE GERARDI-YES

SAVING ACCOUNT BALANCE

	<u>As of 4-30-09</u>	<u>As of 5-13-09</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>\$296,571.60</u>	<u>\$319,276.44</u>
<u>Saranac Ltg.</u>	<u>36,602.33</u>	<u>36,602.33</u>
<u>Standish Ltg.</u>	<u>4,712.75</u>	<u>4,712.75</u>
<u>General/Reserve</u>	<u>201,428.32</u>	<u>201,428.32</u>
<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>74,464.59</u>	<u>74,464.59</u>
<u>Highway</u>	<u>946,023.54</u>	<u>932,459.66</u>
<u>Roads & Bridges</u>	<u>186,143.37</u>	<u>186,143.37</u>
<u>Redford Water</u>	<u>93,693.75</u>	<u>96,957.10</u>
<u>Standish Water</u>	<u>17,543.85</u>	<u>17,543.85</u>

The Supervisor sent a letter to NYS Adirondack Park Agency regarding, having the Town Hall as a site to hold a meeting. The 14,291 acres north of the True Brook Road in the Town of Saranac is now part of the State Forest Preserve. The Town Board is opposing the land as Wilderness classification. The Supervisor is waiting for a response back from Mr. Stiles

Report on May 6, 2009 DEC meeting:

There was a meeting held at the Town Hall on May 6, 2009, about the Sable Highlands Recreation Proposals. Councilmen, Michael Tedford and Gerald Delaney were present at the meeting. The Sable Highlands Conservation Easement Lands consist of approximately 84,000 acres of land in the towns of Saranac and Ellenburg in Clinton County, and Belmont and Franklin in Franklin County.

The meeting provided the public with opportunity to comment on the plans known as IRMP (Interim Recreation Management Plan) the recreation plan is to develop and manage public recreational use of the easement lands.

Saranac Flatwater Challenge set for July 25th, 2009:

The Challenge is set for July 25, 2009. The Highway Department will mow the grass before the event takes place.

History bits from Richard Gregoire:

Supervisor (Joe Gerardi) has summary from Richard Gregoire related to the early years of Saranac.

Adirondack Association Of Towns and Villages, Meeting:

General Membership Meeting:

Reception (dinner) will be held on June 7, 2009 at High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid, New York. Breakfast will be held June 8, 2009.

Councilman Gerald Delaney will be attending meeting.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

Leo Vann reports:

The Highway Superintendent has applied and already has received permit for the Nashville pit.

The sand pick up is going well, there hasn't been as much sand to clean up, as there has been in past years so there are a few people that are upset about not receiving any, which the Superintendent apologies for that but the list is a first come bases. Also due to insurance purposes anyone asking for fill to be dumped near buildings, will not be receiving fill.

The Superintendent has the new signs for the Property of the Town of Saranac on Ganong Drive (Old Fire Station) signs: "NO PARKING BY THE ORDER OF THE TOWN OF SARANAC" no vehicles should be parked or left at the parking lot which is property of the Town of Saranac.

Culverts Permits:

The Town of Saranac will have applications available for Driveway Culvert installation: A representative of the Town of Saranac Highway Department will inspect the site to determine if a culvert pipe is needed and if so the size of the required pipe.

If determined that a culvert pipe is required, the applicant is responsible for purchasing the pipe.

The Town Board of the Town of Saranac

Resolution 39-2009

Resolved for applications for installations of culvert pipes in the Town of Saranac:

Motion by: Bob Blair (C) second by: Jerry Delaney(C)

PHIL RICE-YES

BOB BLAIR-YES

MIKE TEDFORD-YES

JERRY DELANEY-YES

JOE GERARDI-YES

There will be applications at the Town Clerk's Office and the Code officer's Office.

CHIPS information from Janet Duprey:

Letter from Assemblywoman, the CHIPS allocation for the Town of Saranac the amount is \$148,819.

Water Reports:

Redford Water:

Bob Blair reports:

By-laws review:

The by-laws for the Water District should be updated, so Buck Terry will be having a meeting for the Redford Water District.

Standish Water:

Jerry Delaney reports:

District blue prints:

Not able to find the blue prints for the water district.

The Supervisor will be getting in contact with Morris Engineering in Glens Falls.

Saranac Water:

Mike Tedford reports:

Still waiting for letter from Albany about the Saranac water filtration Project.

Code Officer's report:

Jeff Reisdorf reports:

<u>March</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Type of structure</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Fee</u>
03/26/09	Brenden Eveleth	Deck/porch open	174 Canning Rd .	\$42.50

April

04/30/09	Jon James Brousseau	Post/Beam	Standish Rd.	\$25.00
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04/30/09	Neil Hamel	Stick Build Home	3672 Rt #3	\$125.00
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May

05/07/09	Shane Champagne	Garage Detached	#37 Rd.	\$25.00
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05/04/09	Robert Blair	Garage Detached	22 Ryan Rd.	\$55.00
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05/11/09	Armene Desrocher	Garage Attached	901 Rt # 374	\$45.00
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<u>05/11/09</u>	<u>William Perry</u>	<u>Addition</u>	<u>177 Church St.</u>	<u>\$37.00</u>
<u>05/11/09</u>	<u>James Miner</u>	<u>Garage Deattached</u>	<u>4216 Rt #3</u>	<u>\$39.00</u>
<u>05/14/09</u>	<u>Freddie Boyd</u>	<u>Rehab</u>	<u>91 Clark Hill Rd.</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>05/18/09</u>	<u>James Facticeau</u>	<u>Module Home</u>	<u>20 Ron Craig Rd.</u>	<u>\$89.00</u>
<u>05/18/09</u>	<u>Alan Bailey</u>	<u>Stick Build House</u>	<u>Douglas Rd.</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
<u>05/11/09</u>	<u>Joel Revette</u>	<u>Garage Attached</u>	<u>1222 Hardscrabble Rd.</u>	<u>C/O</u>

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Dog Control Officer's report:

Mark Plumadore reports:

Mark has had several calls on cats, wildlife, raccoons, and other animals, he only takes care of our dog issues in town. He has advised people to call Sherwood Duprey because he will take care of other animal issues for a fee.

The report is attached to these minutes.

Community Outreach Center (JCEO)

Cindy Waldron reports:

(April 27-2009-May 15-2009)

84 # Visits to center for all services including clothes, toys, household items.

9 # rides coordinated to medical appointments.

3 # households received emergency food.

23 # purchased monthly Co-op.

65 # Volunteer hours given to center

10 # information & referrals (health insurance, Red Cross, senior programs, weatherization, housing, etc.)

3 # HEAP applications.

The HEAP program has closed for the season. The furnace repair part will remain open.

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Recreation:

Bob Blair reports:

There was a request from Marci Gillette in Standish for swings for the young children to swing. Councilman (Bob Blair) will be looking into getting some for the playground.

Update on Pool drains:

Kenny Carter is taking care of the pool drains.

Assessor:

Stephen Petrashune reports:

Grievance day is on Tuesday May 26, 2009. The Assessor has received about 3 or 4 calls, and 2 or 3 visits from residents regarding their assessments.

Planning Board:

Jerry Delaney reports:

Nothing at this time.

Senior Citizens:

Phil Rice reports:

Councilman (Phil Rice) plans on attending this month's meeting.

Saranac Fire Department:

Mike Tedford reports:

Nothing at this time.

Building:

*Bob Blair reports:
Nothing at this time.*

Newsletter, Website, Saranac Central School:

*Joe Gerardi reports:
The Town Crier will be going out in June sometime. Anyone needing to send in reports to the Editor needs to have them in by May 26th, 2009.*

Historian:

*Jan Couture reports:
The Historian is looking into having another workshop here at the Town Hall for looking up more genealogy. There are about 300 students at the school that has past relatives dating back to Champlain/Hudson.
She applied for a \$1000 grant a year ago, but still hasn't received any money yet.*

Attorney:

*Letter regarding the Saranac vs. Reed case:
The case will go to trial on May 29th, 2009 in the Town of Black Brook.*

Unfinished Business:

Signs for Route #3:

The Signs that Councilman (Mike Tedford) has been in the process of having made for our Town are finished. Two signs were made by Camp Gabriel. A thank you to Mike Tedford for such a good idea and a thank you to Camp Gabriel for fulfilling the task. The Two signs will be placed one on each end of our Town.

Signs for old Fire house:

The Highway Superintendent has the signs, they will be put up this week.

Correction of Resolution 18-2009:

Corrections need to be made on the Resolution 18-2009

The Resolution needs to have A.P.A. in the place of Department of Environment Conservation.

The Town Clerk will make corrections:

Resolution 40-2009

Motion by: Joe Gerardi (S) second by: Phil Rice (C)

PHIL RICE-YES

ROBERT BLAIR-YES

MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES

GERALD DELANEY-YES

JOE GERARDI-YES

Project Advisory Committee meeting April 20th - next meeting is June 2nd:

The Committee will have their next meeting on June 2, 2009.

Video Update:

“Town of Saranac” “Getaway to the Northern Adirondacks”

The Video was a success, the Town residents attending meeting commented on a very good job the College students did putting the video together for our town. The video will appear on our web page soon.

Deborah De Silva the Course Instructor presented the video to the Town Council.

Her students did video field production and editing for the Town of Saranac for their class at Plattsburgh State College.

New Business:

Request from B. Pfeiffer for road name change:

Received letter from Mr. Pfeiffer regarding renaming the present Clinton Street extension in Redford ,to Coffey Way in memory of the Coffey Family. The only house that now resides on this extension has been in the Coffey Family since around 1925, The rename of the road would only affect one family and address and that would be Mr. Pfeiffer’s.

The Town Board discusses the petition, which Jerry Delaney commented he’s not in favor of changing road names. Also most all signs which contain “WAY” in them are a private drive, not a town road. The Board will be in Contact with Mr. Pfeiffer for further discussion on the matter.

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the floor:

Mrs. Newman comments about the Signs that were made for the Town should have the river in it.

Authorization to Pay Audited Warrants:

PAY WARRANTS:

Resolution 41-2009

Motion to pay warrants (bills) by: Bob Blair(C) second by: Jerry Delaney (C)

PHILIP RICE-YES

ROBERT BLAIR-YES

MICHAEL TEDFORD-YES

GERALD DELANEY-YES

JOE GERARDI-YES

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on June 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bell

Town Clerk

05/18/09