

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 COMMENCING AT 7:04 P.M.

PRESENT: DARLENE Z. DUMAS, SUPERVISOR  
DUANE A. BURCH, COUNCILMAN  
BRUCE K. WHITNEY, COUNCILMAN  
GRETCHEN R. STARK, COUNCILWOMAN

OTHERS PRESENT: HELEN DENNO, CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE  
SUPERVISOR  
PAUL WINCHELL, SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS

RECORDING SECRETARY: MARY JANE GODFREY, TOWN CLERK

ABSENT: ALFRED E. DUNLOP, COUNCILMAN

Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A moment of silence was held for a deceased resident, Helen Dirga.

Motion was introduced by Ms. Stark and seconded by Mr. Burch to approve the minutes of August 13, 2012 with one correction:

Page 55 should read "1 failure, not two of the Hadlock Dam.

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0      Abstain: 0      Absent: 1 (Mr. Dunlop)

Motion was carried.

Motion was introduced by Mr. Burch and seconded by Mr. Whitney to pay the bills as warranted and audited.

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0      Abstain: 0      Absent: 1 (Mr. Dunlop)

Motion was carried.

Supervisor's Report: As to Gloria Quinlan's request to be removed from the Hadlock District; Supervisor Dumas has not received any definite answer from the Town Attorneys as of this date.

Senator Betty Little sent opinion explaining the process of removal from said District which can only be done by State Legislature and is not an easy process. It may be impossible to achieve. Mr. Whitney stated Ms. Quinlan should do the work associated with the removal, not the Town of Fort Ann. Mr. Whitney is against the Town forming a resolution to this effect.

Town Committees: The Town is still requesting volunteers.

Business Development Committee will meet with Howard Denison soon. Mr. Denison is the Chair for this Committee. The Committee is moving forward.

Battle Hill Project: As to a moratorium on mining at Battle Hill, the Town cannot have a moratorium to limit the applicability of the Battle Hill Project. The Town would have to limit all mining in the Town. The Town may have a legal problem with this from Jointa-Galusha or Troy Topsoil. The Department of Transportation (DOT) and Supervisor Dumas will meet on this subject.

Streetscape Project: Supervisor Dumas will attend a meeting with DOT on this subject and also, DOT stated they will do the other side of the street in the Village and will match as to lights, curbing, and others. The Town must have a resolution for the Municipal Betterment Agreement between the Town of Fort Ann and DOT.

Resolution 2012-045 was introduced by Mr. Burch and seconded by Ms. Stark to enter into the Municipal Betterment Agreement with DOT on the Town's Streetscape Project.

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0      Abstain: 0      Absent: 1 (Mr. Dunlop)

Resolution No.: 2012-045 was duly adopted.

Audit of Town books will take place soon.

Sheriff Jeff Murphy and Kristin Hardy, liaison for the Town, spoke on Mr. Murphy attending County Town Board Meetings. This would assist both parties and in contacting the Sheriff Department would streamline the process to discuss any issues.

Budget request forms for Town Employees has been completed and returned to Supervisor Dumas for consideration.

Town Clerk's Report for August, 2012 was read by Ms. Godfrey.

Public Comments opened at 7:25 p.m.

Dale Grinnell, St. Rte. 4, Fort Ann, NY spoke on the Battle Hill Project, the preservation of Battle Hill, removing stones from the side of Canal Street and Supervisor Dumas suggested Mr. Grinnell contact Paul Hawke on any suggestions. Mr. Grinnell stated this Project does not want history destroyed.

George Sherwood, St. Rte. 4, Fort Ann, NY spoke on Joint-Galusha mining, why the Planning Board does not report to the Town Board/Supervisor on Planning Board activities. ( Don Bedeaux is Chairman of the Planning Board.) Mr. Bedeaux stated there is no reason for this.

Supervisor Dumas stated the Town does not have zoning in the Town of Fort Ann. Mr. Sherwood suggested the Planning Board make the Town Board aware of any activities.

Public Comments was closed at 7:29 p.m.

Highway Supt. Report: Mr. Winchell reported on readying dirt roads for school buses, clearing debris from recent storms, brush cutting, ditches, gravel and the four tires purchased for the grader. (As per Resolution No.: 2012-040). Information on the Weed Harvester for Lake Hadlock motor repair was given. Mr. Winchell suggested perhaps the Town should remove the said Harvester from the water for the winter. A complaint was received on old tires on County Rte. 17a and it was stated this is not a Town concern.

Recreation Committee: Ms. Stark reported a meeting will take place soon. Friends of Little Notch and Camp Chingachgook requested they do Sunday afternoon events to be free of charge to the Town. Liability for trips was introduced. Brochures for ski week-ends were given.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Resolution No.: 2012-046 was introduced by Mr. Burch and seconded by Ms. Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Reappointing a Member to the Board of Assessment Review" (David Jacobsen.) Term is from October 1, 2012 and expires September 30, 2017.

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0      Abstain: 0      Absent: 1 (Mr. Dunlop)

Resolution No. 2012-046 was duly adopted.

Resolution No.: 2012-047 was introduced by Mr. Burch and seconded by Mr. Whitney to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating Money for Payment of the Hadlock Dam."

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0      Abstain: 0      Absent: 1 (Mr. Dunlop)

Resolution No. 2012-047 was duly adopted.

Resolution No.: 2012-048 was introduced by Mr. Burch and seconded by Ms. Stark to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Approving a Detailed Aquatic Plant Survey."

Ayes: 3 (Sup. Dumas, Mr. Burch, Ms. Stark)      Nays: 1 (Mr. Whitney)  
Abstain: 0      Absent: 1 (Mr. Dunlop)

Resolution No. 2012 was duly adopted.

Information: A letter was received from Assemblyman, Tony Jordan on the State's broad band application for internet. Application for grant information was included.

Washington County Veteran's Services Agency reported there were 200-300 veterans that have applied for an ID card for reduction on purchases from certain businesses who accept said cards. Supervisor Dumas has such applications and instructions.

Summer Recreation: Kim Tompkins submitted a letter on activities that occurred this summer.

Washington County: Flood Plain Development applications were discussed with requirements. Information will be transferred to the Chairperson of the Planning Board, Don Bedeaux. There have been many meetings with the budget and taxes were also discussed.

Public Discussion was opened at 7:46 p.m.

George Sherwood spoke on a meeting to be held on grants and also spoke on Senator Betty Little and Chris Gibson having a meeting soon.

Waterfront Park: The Town engineer stated information on taking action tonight on NYS Parks & Recreation Historical Preservation for an archaeological report.

SEQRA Form questions were answered by the Town Board and Supervisor Dumas on the Waterfront Park Project. Supervisor signed the form.

Inez Mattison, Mattison Road, Fort Ann, NY questioned when the chairman of the Planning Board picks up the Planning Board packets. Mr. Bedeaux said the night of the meeting. Ms. Mattison also spoke on the need for a Secretary to the Planning Board and the agenda for all the Planning Board Meetings. Ms. Mattison spoke on if the Town has a building chairperson the answer was "No." Ms. Mattison questioned the window inside the Town Hall not being repaired as yet and also the color of the outside door at the Town Hall.

Motion was introduced by Mr. Whitney and seconded by Ms. Stark to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0      Abstain: 0      Absent: 1 (Mr. Dunlop)

Motion was carried.

Total Abstracts:      General:      \$12,871.53      Highway:      \$21,826.39

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Jane Godfrey, Town Clerk  
Town of Fort Ann, New York

Dated: September 21, 2012