

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD
FEBRUARY 11, 2013 COMMENCING AT 7:05 P.M.

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

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: MARY JANE GODFREY, TOWN CLERK

Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence was held for a deceased person; Phyllis Krause.

Motion was introduced by Mr. Burch and seconded by Ms. Stark to approve the minutes of the Organizational and Regular Town Board Meetings of January 14, 2013 with the following corrections:

Page 1, second paragraph, second line should read "2012," not 2011.

Page 6, seventh paragraph, on Recreation Committee should read, new sentence Starting "Work on the hike/bike trail from Kingsbury to Fort Ann will be at no Cost to the Town and will be under the direction of Champlain Canalway Trail Action Committee."

Motion was carried with corrections.

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor's Report: The Monthly Statement to Supervisor will be on the Town's website. A paper copy is available upon request.

The Fort Ann School Board President and the Supt. of Fort Ann School requested Supervisor Dumas to attend a meeting to discuss the Summer Recreation Program and other topics. Supervisor Dumas received 50 phone calls for the month of January. Fort Ann Business Committee is now chaired by Tom Jarrett due to the resignation of Howard Denison's.

The Town now has a Planning Board Secretary; Danielle Abernathy of South Glens Falls, NY. Ms. Abernathy's phone number is 793-6203.

The 2013 Fire and Rescue Squad Contracts are ready for signatures.

Chocolate Moose Hillock Campground: Supervisor Dumas will meet with the said Campground with concerns that the Campground has cut trees that were not in the original plans. The Town Attorney has been informed of this issue. APA stated they will investigate if said Campground is in compliance with the plans. Jeff Myer, a Town Attorney gave information to Supervisor Dumas that the Town has some options. As to APA, the clearing is within approved limits. Any existing plans/modifications will have to go back to the Planning Board which will occur. Supervisor Dumas stated the steps to take and stated the first thing to do would be for Mr. Jarrett to check plans and do a Site survey. Mr. Burch stated APA should police this issue. Mr. Whitney stated the first step should be to obtain a copy of the plans of the said Campground. APA would have jurisdiction on the site of the trees in question. There are many questions to be answered. It was stated by Mr. Whitney and Don Bedeaux, Planning Board Chair, that the APA is to be trusted in this matter.

Food Pantry: The Town still does not have a site of the Pantry.

Insurance for Hadlock Pond Dam is due in March, 2013.

Town Clerk's Report was given for January, 2013.

Public Comment opened at 7:22 p.m. Richard Moore, Summer Way, Fort Ann, NY commented on the Town's website. The Town Board Minutes will be placed on the website.

Hearing no further comments, the Public Comment Section was closed at 7:24 p.m.

Supt of Highways Report: Mr. Winchell gave report of the highways activities; tree work, brush work, repairs to the trucks and also requested a resolution for the posting of the Town roads to 8 ton.

Resolution No. 2013-024 was introduced by Dunlop and seconded by Ms. Stark authorizing the Highway Supt. to post all Town roads to 8 ton.

Resolution No. 2013-024 was duly adopted.

Recreation & Tourism Committee: Ms. Stark submitted fliers on what the people in Fort Ann want; programs, hiking trips, bus tours, Community Day, etc. and the survey to be completed by interested persons. The closing date to submit said survey is June 30, 2013.

Champlain Canalway Act Committee: Ms. Stark attended meetings and the committee is working on a bike trail from Waterford to Whitehall and is requesting the Town to draft a letter of support. This is through the grant process and is at no cost to the Town.

Mr. Dunlop spoke on the Village Park; the Department of Army Corps of Engineers permit has been received with other permits being completed. The Army Corps is concerned with the cutting of trees during the bat season and is to be completed the end of March, 2013.

Lake George Park Commission invasive species; the boat inspections mentioned in previous meetings are now only on a volunteer basis this summer.

Lake George Watershed Coalition Committee on grants was discussed.

Fertilizer on Lake George: Mr. Dunlop described this problem and has a brochure on the information. The Town Board is not opposed on going forward on this issue.

Virginia Parrott spoke on receiving a letter on the Old Stone House Library being placed on the State Register of Historic Places.

Alternate Planning Board Member: The Town received no applicants.

Planning Board Member: the Town received only one; Howard Denison.

Resolution No. 2013-025 was introduced by Ms. Stark and seconded by Mr. Dunlop to appoint Howard Denison as a Planning Board Member.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	3	Mr. Dunlop, Ms. Stark, Supervisor Dumas
	Nays:	2	Mr. Burch, Mr. Whitney

Resolution No. 2013-025 was duly adopted.

The Town received, with regret, the resignation of Kim Tompkins as Fort Ann Summer Recreation Director.

Washing County: Supervisor Dumas received an e-mail questioning the Hospice Program. Copies were submitted to the Board of Supervisors stating that the Hospice will not go away. Supervisor Dumas read the article in the Post Star of the County not being able to dissolve the Hospice.

Public Discussion Section opened at 7:42 p.m.

Virginia Parrott on her concerns of the Chocolate Moose Hillock Campground and the West Fort Ann cemetery; the said Campground could destroy the cemetery.

Chad Wilson stated a fence should be around the cemetery.

Gina Neron stated her concern of the burial plots.

The West Fort Ann cemetery on the north side has been taken over by the State. The newer plots are privately owned.

A gentleman in the audience stated the Town should get more involved in this campground issue.

Dale Grinnell spoke on tourism and the cemetery clean-up.

There is no association for cemeteries in Fort Ann except the one in the village.

Kanes's Falls Bridge: There is no report from the County on this issue.

Richard Moore questioned the amount of bill from Glens Falls Business Machines. Mr. Moore commented on the resolutions of 2013 full content not being read at the meeting of January, 2013. Supervisor stated anyone can obtain copies of the resolutions upon request. Also, the same comment on the budget. Supervisor Dumas stated the budget was reviewed line by line. As to the fertilizer issue, the septic system is the number one problem on this issue.

Eugene Connell, Hadlock Pond Road, Fort Ann, NY spoke on the footage from lake, as to the fertilizer problem. Mr. Dunlop will study.

Public Discussion Section was declared closed at 7:59 p.m.

Motion was introduced by Mr. Dunlop and seconded by Ms. Stark to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts:	General	\$23,756.08	Highway	\$28,293.41
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Respectively submitted,

Dated: February 14, 2013

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