

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FORT ANN HELD  
MARCH 11, 2013 COMMENCING AT 7:06 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: INEZ A. MATTISON, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

ABSENT: MARY JANE GODFREY, TOWN CLERK

GUEST SPEAKER: KATHLEEN BOZONY

Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence was held for Fort Ann deceased residents; Ruth Allen and Edith McKey.

Motion was introduced by Mr. Dunlop and seconded by Mr. Burch to approve the Town Board Minutes of February 11, 2013 with the following corrections:

Page 11, correction to spelling of Washington County.

Page 11, correction of spelling of Campground.

Motion was carried unanimously to approve minutes of February 11, 2013 with corrections.

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Dumas stated the Monthly Statement to Supervisor is available upon request and is on the Town's website, fortannfornow.com which will contain new contents and more information such as date/time of the 2013 meetings. A draft of the Town Board Minutes will be posted, a new photo gallery and a place to exchange e-mail addresses for the Fort Ann residents will be available.

Supervisor is working on the insurance for Hadlock Pond Dam. This will be discussed with Haley & Aldrich Engineers. There is undesirable growth at the said Dam.

Supervisor has signed the Fire and Rescue Contracts for 2013.

Supervisor received 75+/- phone calls.

The Planning Board needs to be made aware of plans for the Moose Hill Campground and the blue ribbon on trees at said Campground being removed. Supervisor will speak with the Planning Board Engineer on this subject.

The Town Engineer and Supervisor Dumas walked the grounds of the new Chocolate MooseHilock and stated the observations; no erosion control, no exits, trees to be cut and stated she will meet with the Planning Board March 12<sup>th</sup> on these concerns. Also discussed was the 2010 resolution of the Planning Board; if rules have been broken.

Streetscape Project has been signed by DOT.

Agriculture & Markets has sent a report on unsatisfactory conditions at the Town's Dog Shelter. A new inspection will take place.

Liberty Ridge Farms stated in a letter that they were an agriculture-tourism destination that had small animals that could be enjoyed by families.

NYSDO Labor requested the Town to address the issue of entrapment to fire fighters.

Supt. of Highways Report: Mr. Winchell reported on the repairs done in February due to storms and that all machinery was "up and running." The workers are cutting brush on State Rte. 4, grading pot holes and will soon need new culverts. Mr. Winchell requested approval to purchase of culverts in the amount of \$5,000.00. Mr. Winchell also reported the Weed Harvester requires a new motor and the amount estimated is \$7,200.00.

Town Board/Committee Reports: Ms. Stark reported the Recreation/Tourism Committee has a Community Day planned for Fort Ann after the parade on Memorial Day. Also, a monthly calendar is studied. The Committee is moving forward with ideas for a Farmer's Market.

Mr. Dunlop reported the Canal Park Committee is progressing nicely and 16 volunteers have appeared to help with clean-up. Their contract was extended to the end of 2013.

Motion was introduced by Ms. Stark and seconded by Mr. Dunlop that the Town of Fort Ann endorses the Champlain Canal Trailways with Ms. Stark being representative for the Town for said Trailways.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Dunlop also spoke on the Lake George Watershed Coalition and a meeting was held on the issue of invasive species.

Resolution No. 2013-026 was introduced by Mr. Dunlop and seconded by Mr. Burch authorizing the Supt. of Highways to purchase culverts in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Roll Call:      Ayes:            5      Nays: 0      Abstention: 0      Absent:      0

Resolution No. 2013-026 was duly adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 2013-027 was introduced by Mr. Burch and seconded by Mr. Dunlop authorizing Councilwoman Stark and Diane Moore to create a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) for the hiring of a professional Aquatic Plant Lake Management Firm and to provide the “RFP” to qualified firms, said proposals to be submitted to the Town of Fort Ann no later than Friday, April 5, 2013.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstention: 0 Absent: 0

Resolution No. 2013-027 was duly adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 2013-028 was introduced by Mr. Burch and seconded by Mr. Whitney to approve Budget Transfers Between Appropriations – To Cover Excess Expenditures Year end 12/31/12.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstention: 1 (Dunlop) Absent: 0

Resolution No. 2013-028 was duly adopted.

Public Discussion: Topics were insurance policy for Hadlock Dam, rules of Planning Board, Chocolate MooseHill Campground and if plans were in place for any future dam breach.

Ms. Bozony gave a presentation regarding fertilizer restrictions for the Lake George Park.

Motion was introduced by Mr. Burch and seconded by Mr. Dunlop to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Total Abstracts:	General	\$ 4,751.44
	Highway	\$15,547.43

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Jane Godfrey, Town Clerk  
Inez A. Mattison, Deputy Town Clerk  
Town of Fort Ann, New York

Dated: March 27, 2013