

On August 12, 2013, the Fort Ann Town Board met for their regular monthly meeting. In attendance were the Supervisor Darlene Dumas and Board Members, Duane Burch, Bruce Whitney, and Gretchen Stark. Also in attendance was the Highway Superintendent, Paul Winchell and Secretary to the Supervisor, Helen Denno. Deputy Town Clerk Inez Mattison was there to record the meeting.

The meeting began at 7:04, after the observance to the flag led by the Supervisor. A moment of silence was asked for the loss of two of Fort Ann's residents. A Mr. Phillip Atkinson and Mr. Don Geer.

A motion was asked to accept the minutes of the July meeting, it was made by Duane Burch and seconded by Gretchen Stark and was passed by the board.

Another motion was asked to pay the bills which was moved by Duane Burch, seconded by Gretchen Stark and passed by the board.

The Supervisor reported that she had only received about 25 phone calls this month which seemed low but not entirely unpleasant. She had been in touch with Mark Brownstein representative of Haley and Aldrich who had inspected the Hadlock Dam three weeks ago and reported to her the things he would like taken care of. He inquired as to whether Fort Ann had a maintained manual and an emergency response plan. Darlene said she was going to check with the law firm as they have all the paper work on the Hadlock Dam. Fort Ann definitely has the emergency response plan but is not sure about the maintained manual... He feels there's a difference in the crest of the dam and that perhaps a surveyor should be hired to check this. Duane said that depending on where he was concerned about it may have been near the spillway and it was designed differently with a purpose in mind toward safety.

The supervisor asked if there should be a special meeting to appoint someone to fill the vacancy left by board member, Al Dunlop. She stated that a resident had come forth to say that he would be happy to fill the position for the remainder of the year and he did not plan on running. She then made a motion to appoint Mr. Denny Fletcher to the position. Gretchen Stark responded to the motion with a yes vote as did Duane Burch. Bruce Whitney voted no, and Darlene voted yes. The motion was passed.

The water front Park Committee agreed they needed more lighting. The amount would be an additional \$3900. For the wire and poles, it would be reimbursed by the state. The village mayor has agreed to pay the monthly bill.

A resolution to approve the \$3900. Was made by Duane Burch and seconded by Bruce Whitney and was approved by an all in favor response from the board.

At 7:22 the Public Comment was opened

Richard Moore asked if the dam's breakaway was sinking. Mark Brownstein wants to survey the elevation settlement around the east side of the fuse plug. Duane explained the breakaway and spillway elevation, Darlene will have the report.

Richard remarked that the law firm has the maintenance report. Public Comment closed at 7:26.

A Highway report was given by the superintendent Paul Winchell, He stated that the culverts on Farley Road were done and it was scheduled to be black-topped this year. They are now working on West Starbuck Lane, which shall also be black-topped this year, probably one week after Labor Day. West Fort Ann has been mowed and next week East of Fort Ann will be started. They have also been screening sand.

Gretchen gave a report on the beach. Things are going well. Paul took care of the signs last week. There are tourism pamphlets for the Adirondack Park. The Hadlock people might be interested.

The recreation committee met and will meet again next month. The plans for the Farmers Market didn't come off quite as well as they had hoped so more energy will have to go toward it next year.

The Deputy Town clerk gave the clerks financial report for the months of JUNE AND JULY. The revenues for June were \$354.80 and the revenues for July were \$343.00

Correspondence:

There is a letter from Nancy Moore regarding the Blossom Commentary. She handed out informational pamphlets at the board meeting. It was stated that according to the laws of 1947 Blossom cemetery was a public one at that time but that it is now regarded as private owned property. The best way to find out how this came about is to get the current record and work your way back.

There was a letter from William Jones from Whitehall. He said the flag display needs to be replaced. This is the Community flag, exchanged for a Betsy Ross flag. Kin Bender will look into this.

Nimer, suggest that safety checks be incorporated by the town of Fort Ann as part of the background checks when going through job applicants. This would help screen out sex offenders. The sheriff Dept. Will provide social security numbers and dates of birth at no charge.

Kristine Milligim helps to acquire a grant for historic preservation in the amount of \$47,000. 'She was instrumental in getting one for the Saratoga Battlefield.

It should be noted our Supervisor will be entering a milking contest at the Washington County Fair next Friday.

Public Discussion; Kim Bender inquired what the status of the lights on the soccer field was? Duane Burch said they should be pro-rated with whoever owns the park, till they are dismantled.

Gloria Quinlin a resident of Hadlock spoke on her perception of the rights of the Hadlock residents who owned property but had no lake front rights. She also provided a map showing their property rights.

Eugene Connors remarked that the state would accept her literature and probably say going forward you could get out of it (making reference to the higher taxes since the dam breach) but you still need to pay for the past.

Public discussion closed at 8:02

The Supervisor than called for an executive session to discuss personnel issues. The motion was moved by Gretchen Stark and seconded by Bruce Whitney and passed by the board.

Upon returning from executive session the motion to return to the regular board meeting was made by Bruce Whitney and seconded by Gretchen Stark. The regular meeting was over so a motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Whitney and seconded by Duane Burch . All were in favor and was passed.

TOTAL ABSTRACTS: GENERAL \$ 4697.81 HIGHWAY 16,162.34

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK: INEZ A. MATTISON