

SPECIAL MEETING, FORT ANN TOWN BOARD, JANUARY 28, 2014

A special meeting of the Fort Ann Town Board was held Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at the Fort Ann Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Darlene Z. Dumas
	Councilperson	Gretchen R. Stark
	Councilperson	Howard Denison
	Councilperson	Floyd Varney
	Councilperson	Deborah Witherell

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara J. Winchell, Town Clerk, Mary Ellen Hill-Pierce, Assessor, Roseanne Lemery, Assessor, Laura Chadwick, Washington County Real Property Director, Bill Toscano, THE POST STAR, Richard Moore, Gene Connell, Kim Bender, Mrs. Gannon, and Duane Vaughn.

Supervisor Darlene Dumas called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was led by C. Denison.

The previous meeting minutes were not available to read.

There were no reports from officials and no public hearing held.

Public Comment was open at 6:03 p.m. and there were none so the public comment was closed at 6:04 p.m.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other Business: Resolution No. 2014-027 was introduced by C. Varney and seconded by C. Witherell to accept resolution entitled "Resolution calling upon the State Legislature to enact Legislation authorizing the Town of Fort Ann to diminish the Lake Hadlock Park District in the Town of Fort Ann by removing certain parcels pursuant to Town Law section 202-c".

ADOPTED: AYES 5  
NAYS 0

Resolution No. 2014-028 was introduced by C. Stark and seconded by C. Witherell to accept resolution entitled "Resolution Appointing a Fort Ann Planning Board Member". (Chad Wilson)

ADOPTED: AYES 5  
NAYS 0

Public Discussion opened at 6:06 p.m. with Mr. Moore asking S. Dumas about the status of remapping Hadlock Pond district that had been discussed at a previous meeting. S. Dumas couldn't recall this.

MaryEllen Hill-Pierce, Assessor, distributed correspondence to the Board members and read the information that she distributed regarding her budgeted salary for 2014. MaryEllen Hill-Pierce asked the

Town Board what her salary is and C. Varney responded that it is \$48,726.00. C. Denison stated that there would be an executive session. S. Dumas and C. Stark stated they don't want to see MaryEllen Hill-Pierce's salary decreased that MaryEllen does a great job for the Town of Fort Ann.

Bill Toscano of The Post Star asked why there was going to be an executive session because salaries are a public meeting item. S. Dumas replied that there were other items that had to be discussed in the executive session.

Public Discussion was closed at 6:19 p.m.

A motion was made at 6:20 p.m. by C. Varney to enter into executive session and seconded by C. Witherell.

Executive Session ended at 7:04 p.m.

Resolution 2014-029 was introduced by C. Witherell and seconded by C. Stark to appoint Mr. Dennis Fletcher, 29 Morgans Lane, Comstock, NY 12821 and Mr. Lewis Barrett, 204 Burquist Rd., Ft. Ann, NY 12827 to serve on the Fort Ann Planning Board.

ADOPTED:     AYES 5  
                  NAYES 0

Four requests for proposals were received and opened by S. Dumas at the January 13, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting from the following law firms:

- Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth PC, 16 Pearl St., Glens Falls, NY 12801
- Miller, Mannix, Schaachner & Hafner, LLC, 15 West Notre Dame St., Glens Falls, NY 12801
- Harris Beach PLLC, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
- Meyer & Fuller, 161 Ottawa St., Lake George, NY 12845

Resolution 2014-030 was introduced by C. Witherell and seconded by C. Varney to have Meyer & Fuller, 161 Ottawa St., Lake George, NY 12845 effective February 1, 2014 as the Town of Fort Ann attorneys.

ADOPTED:     AYES 5  
                  NAYS 0

Resolution 2014-031 was introduced by C. Witherell and seconded by C. Varney to have Meyer & Fuller, 161 Ottawa St., Lake George, NY 12845 effective February 1, 2014 as the Town of Fort Ann Planning Board attorneys.

ADOPTED:     AYES 5  
                  NAYS 0

Other Business: S. Dumas advised that MaryEllen Hill-Pierce's salary is still being discussed and decision to be made by the end of the week so she could expect a paycheck.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Winchell  
Fort Ann Town Clerk