

July 22, 2009

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their Annual regular meeting at Dodge Hall, Grindstone Island, Clayton, New York with the following persons present:

Justin Taylor	George Kittle	Donald Turcotte
Lance Peterson (Absent)	Bob Cantwell III	Bob Boulton
Kathy LaClair		
Henry LaClair	Debbie Taylor	Grady Draper
Candie Pecor	John Pecor	John Kehoe
Doreen Meeks	Alicia Dewey	Ken Knapp
Robert Cox	Pamela Mc Dowell, TI Sun	Jamie Lee
Don Metzger	Peter Marks	Phil Marra
Bob Baum	Jae Lee, WDT	Deanna Marra
Frances Rossmassler	Peter Rossmassler	Ken Walker
Sue Smith	Dave Smith	Yuvon Marra
Ann Clark-Moore	Mary Emma Sorth	Rick Spencer
Patrick Patch	Brenda Patch	Carol MacDonald
Ron MacDonald	Fred Jackson	Brenda Slate
Jay Slate	Brenda Luce	Jason Luce
Jennifer Churchill	Curtis Dundon	David Taylor
Chris Williams	Gary King	Louise Ford
Patsy Parker	Sylvia Anderson Shoultes	Ken Larson
Erma Slate	Caroline Larson	Charlie Moehs
Eliza J. Moore	Bruce Baird	Art Card
Janice McPhail	Zell Steever 5 th	Mary Prichert
Mark Schwartz		

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by Supervisor Taylor.

Guests:

Janice McPhail, Grindstone Island Research & Heritage Center President, gave a report of activities at the Schoolhouse. She thanked the Town of Clayton and in particular Chris Badour for all the repairs and work he had done and also the Thousand Islands Young Leaders Organization and Alicia Dewey for painting the schoolhouse.

Mrs. McPhail spoke of the Annual Picnic being held on Sunday, August 9th at noon. This year's recipient of the Grindstone Island Research & Heritage Center scholarship is Nathan Lashomb. This is the 35th scholarship that is being given out. She also stated that this is the 10th year they're celebrating as a Chartered Museum. The GIRHC is honoring Mary Lou Rusho, who passed away in the Fall of 2008, with the Mary Lou Nunn Rusho Memorial Scholarship to be awarded to a student each year in addition to their regular scholarship. They will have a plaque board made to put the name of each year's winner.

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- NY Board of Fire Underwriters notice of discontinuance of receiving any new applications for inspection effective July 14th, but will honor and provide service for all pre-existing applications until October 16th. **(See attachment file.)**
- Laberge Group sent notice of several funding programs with the application deadlines. **(See attachment file.)**
- Another e-mail from Barry Schwartz, Senior Counsel Appeals Division NYC Law Dept. concerning Collateral Source Legislation S.6004/A.7504-B. **(See attachment file.)**
- Energy Services Providers (ESPI) confirmation of enrollment of two (2) electric utility bills being added to town listing with ESPI. **(See attachment file.)**
- Copy of Village letter confirming their appointment of Twyla Cushman Webb as a Jt. Town/Village Planning Board member to replace John Eppolito. **(See attachment file.)**
- Letter of introduction from Hyde-Stone concerning their HVAC repair and maintenance programs. **(See attachment file.)**
- Letter of introduction from Green & Seifter, Certified Public Accountants, PLLC, Syracuse, NY. **(See attachment file.)**
- E-mailed letter from Mary Prichard concerning security at the Town Dock on Grindstone Island. **(See attachment file.)**
- Grants Action News – July 2009 issue. **(See attachment file.)**
- 1000 Islands Land Trust “Reflections” – Spring 2009 issue.) **(See attachment file.)**

Minutes:

Motion was made by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by George Kittle, to approve the minutes of 7/8/09 as written. Motion carried.

Zoning Amendment SEQR:

Supervisor Taylor stated that we would be holding off on the SEQR process at this time.

Zoning Amendments Public Input 5:30 PM:

ZEO Henry LaClair gave an over view of the proposed amendments. Several people in attendance questioned the notice concerning “Wind” on Grindstone Island.

Supervisor Taylor stated that no thought or vision has been considered for Grindstone Island in connection with large wind turbines. The zoning amendments listed were not totally for Grindstone Island but for the entire township.

Many people talked against changing the zoning districting for the island, citing they didn’t want to change the pristine make-up of Grindstone. Changing to allow marinas would have much more traffic on the island than what they would like to see.

Several people spoke in support for dockage as more docking is necessary for the residents.

Route 12E Sewer District Meeting:

Supervisor Taylor stated that he has set up a meeting with the Proposed Route 12E Sewer District enrollees for August 19th at 6 PM at the Town Offices

Docking – Security/Cars:

Several people discussed the vandalism that has been occurring at the Town Dock.

Mary Prichard had written a letter to the Town Board requesting having cameras at the dock for security purposes. Mrs. Prichard suggested that the Town check with Steve Weed Productions in Watertown for price quotes.

Councilman Kittle advised that we have evaluated and that the cost was between \$3500 to \$4500 plus power cost.

Grindstone Island 911 GIS Project:

Thousand Islands Land Trust and Alicia Dewey, Exec. Assistant to the Town Supervisor have mapped all the docks on Grindstone Island. This information will be shared with Jefferson County 911 Dispatch and Fire Depts. The longitude and latitude of each dock has been logged for emergency use. This will give an immediate ability to get to the closest dockage.

Wind Committee Recommendations & Planning Board Responses:

The Wind Committee has given the Town Board recommendations concerning sound & setbacks of Wind Turbines in relationship to updating Local Law #1 of 2007. The Planning Board has reviewed these recommendations submitted and have made some recommendations and/or comments to the Town Board. Supervisor Taylor suggested that the Town Board take thirty (30) days to review what has been submitted and be prepared to discuss this topic amongst the Board at the Annual meeting in Depauville, the 26th of August.

Planning Board Appointment:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to ratify the Village of Clayton's appointment of Twyla Cushman Webb to the Joint Planning Board to replace John Eppolito. Mrs. Webb's term ends 12/31/2013. Motion carried

Audit for 2008:

Supervisor Taylor stated that the results of the Poulsen & Podvin Audit for 2008 have been received & distributed to the Town Board members.

KeyCapture/Town Clerk's Office:

Motion by Donald Turcotte, seconded by George Kittle, to be supportive in the acquisition of a KeyCapture depositing system for checks, for all Town deposits to KeyBank, by the Clerk's Office. Motion carried.

Lifeguards:

Motion by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by George Kittle, to approve the following lifeguards and rates to the sub listing: Erycka Phelps, Emily Kellogg & Elizabeth L. Thomas at a rate of \$8.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Report:

- Brush cutting, rolling/graded/gravel & liquid chloride at about \$6,000 has been completed on Grindstone. Highway crew has done a great job.
- Questioned by Louise Ford as to why brush hadn't been cut back more in her area. Hwy. Supt. Boulton stated for 30 years or more, the Highway hasn't cut any further back than Bubby Bazinet's.
- Don Metzger thanked Mr. Boulton for doing a great job on the mainland roads.
- Mr. Heck doing a great job on mowing the cemetery.

- Discussion as to what could be done from the area at the intersection being cut back, which keeps eroding away individuals grassy lawns.
- **Motion** by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by George Kittle, to put out to bid the 1968 GMC truck tanker. Motion carried
- **Motion** by George Kittle, seconded by Donald Turcotte, to advertise for sand for the upcoming winter season. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

George Kittle: Thanked everyone for their comments and respect their opinions.

Cemeteries: Alicia Dewey met with a representative from the Town of Lyme concerning their cemetery. We're learning more everyday concerning the ownership and duties of having cemeteries.

Donald Turcotte: Haven't gotten any feedback concerning the correspondence to Heritage Heights Sewer participants. They haven't found another Committee member as yet. Hoping to have someone in place for this committee by the September 9th meeting.

Lance Peterson: Unavailable for meeting as there was a family emergency.

Bob Cantwell III: Thank you for having us here at Dodge Hall.

Public – submitted request:

Peter Marks suggested that the Town could offer services to the island by having parking stickers and maybe a dumpster for trash & recyclables.

Mark Schwartz suggested that the Town Board look into how the State Parks operate and their concessions. He believes that the South Shore area next to the proposed docks is a spawning area. He is opposed to rental docks at Browns.

Ken Knapp stated "farming" should be allowable on Grindstone Island and needs to be included for the redistricting. The "wind" issue is very controversial, however he is on the small wind committee and they will be reviewing for the entire township.

Motion by Bob Cantwell III seconded by George Kittle to adjourn this regular meeting at 7:19 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk