

**May 28, 2008**

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton held their regular meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Opera House with the following present:

Justin Taylor  
Lance Peterson  
Kathy LaClair

George Kittle  
Robert W. Cantwell III

Donald Turcotte  
Bob Boulton

Alicia Dewey  
Donna Cantwell  
Jaegun Lee (WDT)  
Martin Kerran  
Don Spurrell  
Jim Mellor  
Christine Stirling  
Karen Matthews Salisbury

Ryan Wincott  
Amy Flack  
Will Salisbury  
Henry Speckhalm  
Grace Spurrell  
Carl Fairbanks  
Shawn Hutcheon  
F. Sheppard Holt

Ken Knapp  
Cindy Hazelton  
Greg Lago  
Fred Padykuln  
Jean Mellor  
Gloria Musser  
William S. Blance

**Public:**

**Opera House Report:**

Donna Cantwell and Amy Flack presented an Annual report of the joint venture to Revive and Renovate the Clayton Opera House. **(See attachment file.)**

**Wind Turbines:**

Ken Knapp asked that the Town Board keep fresh in their minds that people are affected and think about daily possible ramification of having wind turbines in their back yards. Mr. Knapp also stated that several people have already put up for sale their homes because of the uncertainty.

Mary Mascott questioned the statistics and where this application is at the present time.

**Assessment Petition:**

Will Salisbury presented a Petition with 288 signatures to the Town Clerk and an oral & written request for the Town Board to direct the Assessor to roll back the 2008 assessment to the 2007 assessment to allow for review of the database information. **(See attachment file.)**

Henry Speckhalm of Round Island stated that data was not available to him to prepare for Grievance Day. Also he stated that the Assessor should visit every property and dwelling.

William Blance of Depauville stated he didn't see how the Assessor could have all ready covered the entire area.

Supervisor Taylor stated that the Assessor and her Clerk, as well as personnel from Jefferson County Real Property had started last summer and visited or reviewed every parcel.

**Time Warner Franchise Public Hearing -6:00 PM:**

All the above persons noted were in attendance at this public hearing.

**Motion** by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bobby Cantwell III, to open the public hearing at 6:00 PM. Motion carried.

Mr. Fairbanks of Strawberry Lane spoke in favor.

Person unidentified (woman) inquired if anyone had problems with static on their phones. She has the package deal with phone/cable/internet and her phone has had a lot of static lately. She didn't know if this was a cable problem or not.

No other persons spoke at the public hearing.

**Motion** by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Turcotte, to close the public hearing for the Time Warner Franchise at 6:10 PM. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #36 of 2008:**

**Resolution #36 of 2008** was introduced by George Kittle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Peterson, a resolution for renewal of Cable Franchise Agreement with Time Warner a ten year extension. Taylor-aye; Kittle-aye; Turcotte-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye. Motion carried.

#### **Minutes:**

Minutes of May 14, 2008 were reviewed a several minor changes were noted. **Motion** by Donald Turcotte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bobby Cantwell III to approve these minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

#### **Correspondence:**

- Newsletter received from Jeff. Co. Planning Board, Spring edition. **(See attachment file.)**
- Letter received from the NYS Office of the Atty. General, who will be hosting a meeting at the Case Middle School in Watertown on Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. **(See attachment file.)**
- Meeting minutes from Hawn Memorial Library for 5/20/08. **(See attachment file.)**
- Department of Labor boiler inspection report. **(See attachment file.)**
- Thank you from the American Cancer Society for participating in the 2008 Daffodil Days Campaign. **(See attachment file.)**
- Letter from Time Warner Cable that the franchise fee payment will be soon sent to the town. **(See attachment file.)**
- Northern NY Library Network Seminar on "Appraisal & Selection of Historical Records. Pre-register if attending. **(See attachment file.)**
- Village of Clayton Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2007. **(See attachment file.)**
- Notice from NYS Dept of State that Local Law #4 of 2008 was filed on April 29, 2008. **(See file.)**

- Certificate of attendance for Board of Assessment Review Training was received for John Davis. **(See file.)**
- Received written comments from Doug Eberhart. **(See attachment file.)**

**RESOLUTION #37 of 2008:**

Resolution #37 of 2008 was introduced by Lance Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bobby Cantwell III, a resolution of Amendments proposed by the Zoning Officer omitting #4 mining setback. Taylor-aye; Kittle-aye; Turcotte-aye; Peterson-aye; and Cantwell III-aye. Motion carried.

**Supervisor:**

**Depauville Library:**

We have received a check in the amount of \$69,431.81 from the Insurance Company for the recent fire at the Depauville Library. Also the Town has applied for a State Grant to help defray costs. And Money has been received from the Northern New York Community Foundation as well.

**IT Status:**

Shane Rowley is on extended leave due to medical problems with his Mother who resides in California. He is having difficulty finding someone to attend to his clients. Supervisor Taylor has had contact with The Store Computer Center located in Watertown who is willing to offer computer services. Consensus of the Board is to use the new vendor.

**Assessment Status:**

**Motion** by Don Turcotte, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Peterson, to appoint John Davis as a temporary panel member(1 year) person to the Board of Assessment Review. Motion carried.

**Fire Dept request:**

The Clayton Volunteer Fire Dept. is requesting use of the Recreation Park Arena & parking lot for the NYS Drill Convention which will be held August 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. Consensus of the Board to allow use.

**Highway Report:**

- Working on Grindstone Island Roads.
- The Highway crew will be working this Friday 6/6 & Sat 6/7 doing any repairs on equipment.
- Monday 6/9 will be starting at Frink's: repairing the fence and drawing fill to Rodman.
- We will be working in our gravel pit.
- We will be shut down 6/30-7/4.
- We have two (2) trucks working with the County.
- Highway Superintendent will leave this Sunday for Highway School and be back late Wednesday.

**Committee Reports:**

**George Kittle:** Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Banquet was well attended.  
Have had several Assessing phone calls. We need to keep the people informed. Another public meeting would be beneficial & alleviate potential problems. The Town Board needs to give support.  
Questioned if the Dan Wiley letter was taken care of. Yes.

**Donald Turcotte:** Heritage Heights: The pump is running great.  
Grindstone Island: Attended the Memorial Day ceremonies, about 50/60 persons attended.

**Lance Peterson:** Chamber of Commerce Dinner: About 300+ turned out for the dinner, which was excellent.  
June 14<sup>th</sup> is Trash & Treasures Day.

**Bob Cantwell III:** Rec. Park- filling up pool at this time.  
- New mowers up and running.

LWRP- Will meet tomorrow evening. There will be a public workshop on 6/5.

Paynter Senior center – nothing to report.

Will schedule a meeting with Keith Wood; Topic of discussion will be cemeteries.

**Motion** by Bob Cantwell III, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lance Peterson, to adjourn this regular meeting at 7:10 PM. Motion carried.

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Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk