

**July 27, 2011**

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

Justin A. Taylor	George Kittle	Lance Peterson
Robert W. Cantwell III	Christopher D. Matthews	Robert Boulton
Kathy LaClair		

Alicia Dewey	Candie Pecor	John Pecor
Addie J. Russell, NYS Assemblywoman		Louise Ford
Chuck Ebbing	Sylvia Anderson Shoultés	Henry Custis
Ken Larson	Janice McPhail	Julie Tinney
Tom Tinney	Bill Sherman	Karen LaShomb
Doreen Meeks	Jada LaShomb Field	Ryan Dorr
Mrs. Dorr	Denise Trudell	Patsy Parker
Debby Smith		

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Supervisor Taylor opened the regular meeting at 5:00 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Guests:**

Phil & Yvonne Marra were recognized as celebrating their 59<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

NYS Assemblywoman Addie J. Russell was in attendance and had been on Grindstone Island for most of the day. Ms. Russell attended the Annual Quilt Show and toured the one room Schoolhouse and visited the Grindstone Island Cemeteries.

Supervisor Taylor thanked the Island residents for hosting our Annual meeting and for the generosity and hospitality at Dodge Hall.

**Town Clerk:**

**Correspondence:**

- Received from the State Education Department the Federal and State Grant Quarterly Status Report concerning the State Archives Grant. **(See attachment file).**
- Meeting Notice from Jefferson County Planning Board for July 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at Neighbors of Watertown Classroom, 120 Franklin Street, Watertown, NY. Several topics, one concerning the Town of Clayton, Text Amendment “within the Wind energy Facility Overlay District. **(See attachment file).**
- Received the second Archive Grant check today in the amount of \$2,880. **(See attachment file).**

**Minutes:**

Minutes of July 13<sup>th</sup>, were **TABLED** until the next meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION #45 OF 2011**, was introduced by George Kittle, seconded by Christopher Matthews, a

resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to submit a grant application to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation under their NYS Clean Air Grant for community outreach related to the safety/health effects of outdoor burning and the alternatives to outdoor burning, with the revised amount not to exceed \$3,930.25. Taylor-aye; Kittle-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye; Matthews aye. **PASSED.**

**RESOLUTION #46 OF 2011**, was introduced by Lance Peterson, seconded by Robert W. Cantwell III, a resolution to authorize the Town Supervisor to apply for a National Park Service "Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program" in the planning of a Bike Trail along NYS Route 12E. Taylor-aye; Kittle-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye; Matthews-aye. **PASSED.**

**Grindstone Island Schoolhouse:**

**Grindstone Island Research & Heritage Center:**

Janice McPhail offered a thank you to the Town of Clayton for its partnership with the Heritage Center in the preservation of the School House and island history. There would be more to follow concerning a Draft Lease Agreement. Mrs. McPhail shared current and future utilization of the schoolhouse building.

Ken Larson, Grindstone Islands Research & Heritage Grant Committee Chairman, read a letter from the Grindstone Island Research & Heritage Center. They desire to have an agreement between the Town of Clayton and the GIRHC to protect the structure of the School House and its grounds for future generations interested in the unique nature of rural education and island life.

**Lease Agreement:**

The Town has developed a formal lease agreement for use between the Town and the GIRHC, setting out responsibilities related to the maintenance and upkeep of the Schoolhouse.

**MOTION** by Chris Matthews, seconded by George Kittle, to authorize the Town Supervisor to enter into this five (5) year Lease Agreement with the Grindstone Island Research Center & Heritage Center for use and care of the Former Grindstone Island District #15 Schoolhouse. Motion carried.

**Grindstone Island Cemeteries:**

Supervisor Taylor explained that the GI Cemetery now consists of six (6) parcels. Former Landowners had started the process to deed off land to the town, but somewhere along the line the Transfers were never recorded with the Jefferson Count Clerk. We are now communicating with the current owners to get this process completed.

**National School House Historic Status:**

The Town has applied to the National Register of Historic Places to have the one-room Schoolhouse #15 on Grindstone Island added to historic status.

**Heritage Heights Sewer Agreement:**

The Town Board will review the proposed new Sewer Service Agreement between the Village and Town of Clayton. The Village has notified the Town that there will be an increase in the rate, increasing it to \$705.84 per EDU for July 2011-June 2012.

**Cerow Park Arena Update:**

Grater Architects will evaluate and get new plans updated by Monday. Additional room for locker rooms and showers will be considered.

**Zamboni:**

There has been no response from the ad placed in the National Magazine. We will try putting up for bid in the local area.

**Security System-Transfer Site:**

It has been decided that we will not add a security system at the Transfer Site.

**Financial Software:**

We have been reviewing different packages and a hoping for a January 2012 start up..

**Frink update:**

Supervisor Taylor met informally with the Developers and JCIDA last week. They are excited about the possibilities for this area.

**Highway Superintendent Report:**

- Superintendent Boulton thanked everyone for having us again at Dodge Hall.
- Having roof problems at the Depauville Garage and will need to replace this roof. Work will be done with municipal work force and material quotes are estimated at \$2200/2500. Roof is approximately 40X60 to 40X80. **MOTION** by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Chris Matthews, to expend \$2218.77 to replace with metal roof, which is the lowest quote. Motion carried.
- We have graded the Grindstone Island roads and have put down calcium.
- Discussion of abandoned cars and other debris during the TILT run that was on the island. Need an Island Committee to look into where a parking area should be placed. A letter came from National Grid, that they are having difficulty getting on & off at the landing. Hwy. Supt. Boulton is looking at putting a barrier half way down the landing to create a loading/unloading area. We will need to know the dead cars that need to be gotten rid of and there will be parking for only 5/6 cars. Councilman Matthews will headup this committee.

**Committee Reports:****George Kittle:**

Recognized the Marra Brothers that have been mowing at the Cemeteries and the great job they have been doing.  
Thank you for the great Memorial Day activities, the re-enactment, etc.  
This Friday, Martin Zonnenburg will be having a photo showing at his gallery.

**Lance Peterson:**

Clayton Chamber is working on the 9/16, 17 & 18 Outdoor Show.  
Street Meet will be on 9/24, with rain date of 9/25.  
Business with a Twist will be 9/15, from 5-8 at the Possum Lodge on Grindstone Island.

**Bob Cantwell III:**

Paynter Center meeting will be tomorrow.  
TIYLO hosting "Ignite Summit" at the Clayton Opera House on 8/12 from 9 – 2. Please sign up by 8/10 if planning to attend.

**Chris Matthews:**

Youth Commission is quite at this time.

Discussion about the Heritage Heights Sewer District and rate.

Supervisor Taylor introduced the following: Assessor Denise Trudell, Hwy. Clerk Candie Pecor, Supervisor's Assistant Alicia Dewey, Hwy. Personnel Steve Dorr and Deputy Hwy. Superintendent Bill Sherman, his wife Debbie Taylor.

**Public: Submitted Requests to Address the Board:**

Louise Ford – Questioned the “Gate” in the middle of the Town Road. She cited that this was a safety issue and that a tree had been down and on fire and she was not able to get in or out of her property as the gate was locked.

Supervisor Taylor stated that this subject is and has been litigated between the Leana's and Ms. Ford. The Town Board is not a party to that action.

**MOTION** by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6 PM.  
Motion carried.

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**Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk**