

July 24, 2013

The regular workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Clayton was held at Dodge Hall, Grindstone Island, Clayton, NY with the following people in attendance:

Justin A. Taylor	George E. Kittle	Lance Peterson
Robert W. Cantwell III	Christopher D. Matthews	Robert D. Boulton
Kathleen E. LaClair		
Bill Sherman	Candie Pecor	John Pecor
Chuck Ebbing	Bob Edwards	Lloyd W. Edwards
Pam McDowell, TI Sun	Fred Jackson	Art Couch
Jeri Couch	Henry Custis	Don Metzger
Zell Steever	Liz Raisbeck	Doreen Meeks
Erma Slate	Debbie Taylor	Grady Draper
Lilly Draper	Brenda Patch	Pat Patch

Meeting Opened & Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Guests:

Town Clerk:

Correspondence:

- ❖ **1)** 2013 Fall Rabies Vaccination Clinic Notice – Clayton, will be Thursday, August 15th @ the Highway Barn, East Line Road, from 6-8 PM. **(See attachment file.)**
- ❖ **2)** July 2013 issue of Grants Action News received. **(See attachment file.)**
- ❖ **3)** Time Warner Cable notice of PEG Access Channel Conversion – 7/23. **(See attachment file.)**
- ❖ **4)** Time Warner Cable notice of beginning on or about 7/30, the following services will no longer be available on channels 101-105: WWTI, WWNY, WNYF, WSTM, WWTI DT2; These stations will continue to be found below channel 20 and in the 1200's. **(See attachment file.)**
- ❖ **5)** Notice from USDA, Stanley Telega, State Director, announcing that a grant of \$500,000 was approved by Rural Development for the construction of Route 12 sewage collection system and to make upgrades to the sewage plant. **(See attachment file.)**

Minutes:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Lance Peterson, to approve the minutes of July 10, 2013 as written. Motion carried.

Public: Comments on Agenda Items:

Liz Raisbeck, Chair of the Grindstone Island Research & Heritage Center thanked the Town Board for budgeting for the yearly renovations to the Schoolhouse to keep it in good conditions. In 2012 and 2013 the Town remodeled the smaller bathroom for a research and work area. The ceiling and woodwork had been painted in various rooms, and more shelving was put in for storage.

The Heritage Center has been responsible for window treatments, painting of the shelving and the purchase of viewing equipment, computer, monitor, printer and a research desk and chair. The

Heritage Center is also responsible for painting and reorganizing the entrance hall, interior of the storage closet and the closets in the classroom. They have also put up curtains and will be restoring the original world roll up map and reattach it over the black board.

In 2014 the plan is for the Town to remove the drop ceiling and light fixtures in the classroom; replace the battens and paint the ceiling. They're hoping the Town will put in new period correct light fixtures, including the outside outlets on the north side of the building. Also the Town would strip the vinyl flooring of old wax, repair needed sections with a closely matched tile; then wax and buff the floors throughout the interior including the entry hall.

The Heritage Center would purchase new industrial quality, period correct, roll-up blinds for the classroom windows.

Mrs. Raisbeck stated that the Heritage Center Oral History volunteers are taping the older generation's reminiscences of life on the island in the early to mid-20th century. Currently they have over two dozen interviews in the video library and they plan on continuing interviewing long-time Islanders and hope to include former Schoolhouse teachers.

There is also a very active children's program that provides educational programs. Children explore the natural history of the island and learn about the heritage of farming, cheese making and quarry operations.

A five year plan was provided for planning purposes.

Supervisor:

Wind Liaison:

The Town Board at the last meeting expressed that a draft letter be compiled that would be sent to the Town of Cape Vincent. Discussion if we should be writing to support Cape Vincent Zoning. Consensus of the Town Board that the letter be reworded to state that the Clayton Town Board is in agreement with support of "Home rule" and the second part that they should further evaluate the scenic vista from the St. Lawrence River area and not impair it. Also this letter should be sent to both the Town of Cape Vincent and the Public Service Commission (PSC).

JHG Lighting Upgrade Proposal:

Supervisor discussed a "National Grid Small Business Program Overview". This project, if we did it, would be to install high efficacy lighting at the Joint Highway Garage. This would have an estimated annual savings (KWH) of 6,624.80 and an estimated annual savings in dollars of \$736.68. The estimated job would cost \$3,424.50 with a customer contribution of \$1900.80 and National Grid estimated contribution of \$1,523.70. This would have a payback period of about 31 months.

Consensus of the Board for the Supervisor to continue to work on this.

FEMA Grant – Generators:

The Town of Clayton is one of seven towns and villages in New York State that supplied paperwork and signed up to FEMA for a Mitigation Grant. The program is good for a five year period and there are two more years before you can reapply for this grant program? The program has different grant possibilities yearly for assistance in acquiring funds or equipment. Currently there is an application out for State Contract Generators and the town could utilize a generator for the Town

Hall and another generator that would be mobile for use at Recreation Park or other town owned buildings. The grant money is funded out of disaster funds where 15% of the funds go into a state account specifically to help fund the local grants.

The Town is looking at State Contract Generator for the Town of Clayton, Town Hall, 100kW, 277/480V, three phase, diesel, SD Industrial with Heavy Duty Maximum Performance Package (HDMPP). The total cost of the Generator and Transfer Switch with the Recommended Options is \$36,488.

The cost total for the State Contract Mobile Power Generator Item #GENGM130S, 108-110kW standby, with selectable voltage, Model GM130DT2H2 with 4-cylinder John Deere 4.5L engine Interim Tier-4i is \$64,125.

RESOLUTION No. 44 of 2013 was introduced by Robert W. Cantwell III, seconded by Lance Peterson, to support the towns application(s) to FEMA for both generators. Taylor-aye; Kittle-aye; Peterson aye; Cantwell III-aye; Matthews-aye. **PASSED.**

Grindstone Island Cemeteries:

The Town of Clayton would like to thank Mr. Marra and his grandsons for doing a wonderful job with the mowing of the cemeteries here on Grindstone. Now that the grandsons are older and off to colleges they're no longer available for mowing. This year T.I.L.T. has helped us out and they are also doing a wonderful job. We have been receiving nice comments from various people that have attended the Memorial Day Services on how nicely the cemeteries are being kept up. We will be going out again for competitive mowing bids in the future.

Three lots have been deeded over to the Town of Clayton this week and within the next few weeks we're hoping the last lots of 1, 2 & 3 will be deeded over to the town. The Town will now own the cemetery and anyone buried there will be properly recorded in the Town Clerk's Office.

Heritage Heights Sewer Rates:

Supervisor distributed a copy of the letter from the Village Clerk-Treasurer concerning the Heritage Heights Sewer District Rates for 2013-2014 (Town Tax Year 2014). These figures will come in handy for the budgetary process.

Next Month Changed Agenda:

Supervisor discussed that he has changed the look of the agenda starting next month.

Rink Rescue Article:

Supervisor distributed an article about floor replacement to Board members.

Public Service Commission:

Supervisor discussed that there will be a meeting at the State Office Building, Watertown, on August 6th about the two (2) concepts for addition of telephone numbers in the local area as the 315 area code is out of numbers. The meeting starts at 2:00 PM and a Public Hearing will be at 7:00 PM.

Highway Superintendent:

-  Thank You for having us here on Grindstone again this year.
-  Drainage project going on this year on the island. Piping is now in and the gravel will be done by next week, then a liquid chloride will be put down to keep the dust down. In

some area, there has been an improvement on the line of sight with additional trimming back of brush.

🗑️ White Goods Pickup – Call the Highway Dept or the Town Clerk and leave name and number and they will go house to house to pickup while they are working on the island. Supt. Boulton gave the attendees his number(s) and said that he was available by phone 24/7.

🗑️ In scraping back the roads Supt. Boulton noticed that there were some spots that the Town will be re-visiting to re-roll anything that was dug up in the yards.

Discussion by Supervisor concerning the depositing of trash by a private citizen, on the Town of Clayton property at the landing. The Town will be dealing with this matter as we don't want unsightly materials being deposited there.

Question concerning the pile of gravel left at the Schoolhouse intersection. Residents are worried that the ATVs will be trying to climb this. Supt. Boulton will be directing that guard rails be put around this pile of stone.

Charles Ebbing expressed compliments to the Highway Superintendent concerning the upgrades and conditioning of the roads.

Supt. Boulton expressed that he has a great work force and they are the ones that make him look good.

Councilman Reports:

Councilman Kittle:

Thanked the Islanders for having us again this year.

Thanked Mr. Marra & his grandchildren again for a great job at mowing the cemeteries.

Thanked the Heritage Center for helping to maintain the school and for doing upgrades.

Thanked Brenda and her sisters for keeping us attuned to what is going on at Grindstone Island.

Thanked Erma & Doreen for having good food.

Councilman Peterson:

Thank you for having us here.

Recreation Park is busy and doing fine.

Chamber of Commerce: the Farmer's Market has been going great. We continue to get new vendors every week. They are happy with the new location.

The Summer Concert series have also been very well received. They are getting a good turnout every Thursday night.

The Punkin Chunkin t-shirts are in. There \$20 for adult and \$15 for kids.

They have two different designs. Greg Lago designed the orange t-shirts for Punkin Chunkin and Ian Ingerson designed the black t-shirts for the BBQ. The Committee continues to meet on a bi-weekly basis for planning the event.

The Clayton Fire Police took over the Field Days and that event was last weekend.

Currently planning again for the vintage & Classic Car Show that will be September 21-22.

The Chamber office has been extremely busy with tourists. They are having many people say that they are visiting Clayton for the first time. People continue to bring in the courtesy envelopes they have received. Locals are still complaining however the tourists are very appreciative of not receiving a ticket and they plan on taking the concept back to their home towns.

Councilman Cantwell III: Paynter Center meeting is tomorrow night.
Thank you for having us again and thank you to those in attendance.

Councilman Matthews: Nothing for this evening.

Public: Submitted Requests to Address the Board:

Charles Ebbing discussed Horse Creek and understands that the Town has not received any official application as yet. He is concerned with the Article X process and wants to make sure that the Town responds to the PSC web site. Mr. Ebbing feels that the Town Board should be discussing how to handle the situation when an application has been submitted.

Response by the Town Supervisor to Mr. Ebbing was, we have been discussing how to formulate A process to insure that all parties have an opportunity to be heard and to properly present the results and the Town Boards position to the Public Service Commission in the required format. We have discussed hiring a consultant to make sure that everything is handled properly and we will put out an RFP for a Managing Consultant.

Motion by Chris Matthews, seconded by George Kittle, to put out an RFP for a Managing Consultant to handle and compile information. Motion carried.

Zell Steever commended the Town Board for being light years ahead of other Town Boards and staying attune to the issues.

Adjournment:

Motion by George Kittle, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to adjourn this regular workshop meeting at 6:10 PM. Motion carried.

Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk