

**July 23, 2014**

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

Justin A. Taylor	Lance Peterson	Robert W. Cantwell III
Christopher D. Matthews	Mary Zovistoski	Robert D. Boulton
Kathleen E. LaClair		
Terra Bach	Janet Sullins	Mary Lundy
Chuck Ebbing	Matt Morgia	Katie Clark
Ed Ostrowski	Sandy Ostrowski	Ken Walker
Sally Walker	Bonnie Davenport	Skip Tollette
Don Pickworth	Brenda Patch	Erma Slate
Brenda Pflug	Pamela McDowell	Liz Raisbeck
Linda Jackson	Fred Jackson	Dennis Weller
Dan McPhail	Janice McPhail	Henry Custis
Clay Kolle	Yuvon Marra	Carol Faust
Art Couch	Jeri Couch	Charles E. Smith
Doreen Meeks	Ricki Brown	Brenda Slate
Phil Marra	Debbie Taylor	Lili Draper

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

**Guests:**

Liz Raisbeck – Grindstone Island Heritage Center: Thanked the Board for stopping by the Schoolhouse and checking the display of artifacts at the Schoolhouse; The Schoolhouse is hosting an EMT training; the picnic will be August 10<sup>th</sup> and she has been conferring with Keith Wood, Foreman of Recreation Park and Buildings and Grounds Supervisor about the next phase of renovations at the Schoolhouse. Mr. Wood has indicated that he will be working on the ceiling starting the end of August.

**Dennis Weller-Clayton-Orleans Development:**

A presentation was given by Dennis Weller on a Proposed Development at Blind Bay, which is at an intersection of the Town of Clayton and Town of Orleans boundaries. Mr. Weller showed depictions of his proposal. He has had a meeting with the Town of Clayton Planning Board concerning the division of the 6 acres, within the Town of Clayton and the subdivision of the same with proposals of building on each of the four lots that front the St. Lawrence River. Now in the process, he is at the Town of Orleans Planning Board, with which he has had a meeting on the 55 acres within their township, which would be bisected with a road. The road would start on NYS Route 12. Mr. Weller needs both Clayton & Orleans Planning Boards approval in order to continue. The differences are in the square footage being different, therefore making it non-conforming in one township or the other. Next year the Town of Clayton Sewer line will be coming thru this area. Their ordinance is difference than ours. Question is if it is possible to annex either the six areas from Clayton into the Town of Orleans or annex the acreage from Orleans into the Town of Clayton. The parcels in the Town of Clayton are completely landlocked without the Town of Orleans approval. The Town of Orleans doesn't want to take on a road with little to no building in the near future in their township. For Mr. Weller, the issue to be taken care of first would need to be the road. Both Town Attorneys will need to confer on this issue.

Supervisor Taylor stated that Plan A- would be the recommendation that both the Town of Clayton and Orleans Planning Boards work with the applicant; and Plan B would be for the Town Boards to jointly discuss.

The remaining acres are significant and could be subdivided, however the Town of Orleans zoning ordinance is much more restrictive. Also the applicant couldn't sub-divide anything more for at least 5 years per State Law.

The Town Board is comfortable with proceeding with Plan A & B. Both Attorneys need to collaborate. Supervisor Taylor suggested that the Applicant communicate with the Clayton Planning Board to set up an escrow account, etc. needed for this Development.

**Public: Comment on Agenda Items:**

**Town Clerk:**

**Correspondence:**

- ✓ Grants Action News – July 2014 issue.
- ✓ Metz Boathouse and Docks (Existing facility) Notice seeking permitting for existing docks and boathouse, as well as, a new permit for steel piling expansion.
- ✓ Time Warner Cable-July 16, 2014 Programming Notice.
- ✓ Received Town of Clayton – Agreed Upon Procedures for y/e 12/31/13 from Bowers & Company, CPA's, PLLC.
- ✓ Request from Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization for adoption of a resolution from the local governments supporting Fort Drum and asking the Army to keep the base and the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division whole.
- ✓ Request from Save the River for a resolution expressing support for Plan 2014, a modern water levels plan for Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, and urging its speedy implementation by our federal government.
- ✓ Correspondence received from Carol Ballantyne.

**Minutes:**

Minutes of July 9<sup>th</sup> were **tabled** until the next regular meeting.

**Resolutions:**

**RESOLUTION # 46 OF 2014** was introduced by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Mary Zovistoski, a resolution in support of the International Joint Commission's Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Plan 2014. Taylor-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye; Matthews-aye; Zovistoski-aye. **PASSED.**

**RESOLUTION #47 OF 2014** was introduced by Lance Peterson, seconded by Chris Matthews, a resolution supporting Fort Drum and asking the Army to keep the Base and the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division whole. Taylor-aye; Peterson-aye; Cantwell III-aye; Matthews-aye; Zovistoski-aye. **PASSED.**

**Supervisor:**

**Grindstone Island Items:**

Charles Ebbing inquired about the "pick up" timeframe for Grindstone Island. There seems to be confusion as to what time of year or just when it will be.

Hwy. Superintendent Boulton responded with we never are quite sure when the trucks would be coming to the island. The trucks usually have materials for the roads when they come over and certainly when

they go back, don't need to be empty. They will not take trash as it cost the town just the same as the landowner. The only articles going back would be like white goods, something big and bulky.

**Grindstone Island Cemeteries:**

The Town has not heard any complaints concerning the looks of the Grindstone Island Cemeteries. The consensus is that the Town is making these cemeteries look better.

The cemetery consists of six (6) parcels and at present only one of the six is owned by the Town. Supervisor Taylor indicated that he has the papers for signing with him this evening if any owner is present and willing to sign them.

**Public Meeting for Clayton Community-Items to Discuss, Facilitator:**

The meeting date was changed to Monday, July 28th at 6:00 Pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Opera House due to a conflict for the original date of Wednesday, 7/30.

**Drainage Issue Heritage Heights Update:**

Town Hwy. Supt. Boulton and the Town Engineer Rob Campany have visited this site and have concurred that this is a private issue and nothing concerning the Town.

**Zoning Officer Update:**

Town Clerk Kathy LaClair indicated that the Zoning Officer has been told that there are no restrictions from his operation and he may return to work as he sees fit. Mr. LaClair should be returning August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Transient Docks Update:**

Joseph Russell, Town Atty. Advises that the Town notifies Chippewa Bay Marine Technology, LLC that they are in Breach of their contract with the Town. Send the notice again by certified mail and wait seven (7) days, then move on.

Supervisor Taylor advised the Town Board that they should then have a Special Meeting to move forward with the docks.

**Planning/Zoning Clerk:**

Supervisor Taylor advised the Town Board that Kim Johnston has been re-assigned to the Zoning/Planning Office as a Clerk for two days a week.

**Highway Clerk:**

**Motion** by Bob Cantwell III, seconded by Lance Peterson, to hire Candie Pecor back, at retired part-time for clerk at the Highway Garage starting Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> for sixteen hours per week at \$13.50 per hour. Motion carried.

**Bowers & Company, CPA's, PLLC Agreed Upon Procedures:**

Town Board members have received a copy of the audit that was completed by Bowers & Company. They should review this document and contact the Supervisor should they have any questions.

**Garrett Zoning Correspondence:**

A letter has been received by the Supervisor and Town Board from Jody Garrett introducing himself and his wife as the owners of Lucky Star Ranch and new owners of the Fairview Manor property. They are

planning to have a Farm based Distillery using the Juniper and crops grown at Lucky Star and Bed and Breakfast along with a tasting room, catering kitchen and wedding venue in the Chapel area at Fairview. They're requesting that the Town Board look at changing the zoning back to Marine Development for the north side of Route 12 along the river.

**Depauville Library:**

Conceptual drawings were distributed for renovations at the Depv. Library. The Library has received a grant, along with help from the Town Hwy. Dept. for in-kind service. Hwy. Supt. Boulton stated that the Library is doing an excellent job with the kids. The expansion will help them to do more and they are renovating our building at little cost to the Town. Hwy. Supt. Boulton believes the Town Board should endorse this project.

**Motion** by Mary Zovistoski, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to approve the Depauville Library addition as depicted by drawings by Fourth Coast Inc. Motion carried.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:**

-  Expressed a thank you the Grindstone Island community for inviting us.
-  Thanks to Jay Slate for doing the projects that needed to be accomplished.
-  This fall, if time permits, like to do a couple major repairs to corners and also bring back over the boom cutter.
-  On a question of blacktop of some corners – this helps on washout areas and keeps the corners stabilized.
-  Gave accolades of having a good work crew for the Town of Clayton.

**Council Reports:**

**Bob Cantwell III:** Reiterating that the Community Meeting will be this coming Monday evening, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Opera House.

**Mary Zovistoski:** Depauville Library activities on Thursday's: Regi Carpenter – Soaring Stories; Wednesday's July/August: Kindermusik from 10-10:45; Kids Come Read with Dakota on Thursday's; Stargazing Class – people sign up by emails to receive notices; Models of Depauville's Historic Buildings have been donated and are on display.

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

Skip Tollette discussed with the Board possibilities of combining Village and Town Councils. Combining seems like a good thing. This doesn't really matter to him as he can't vote in NYS anyway. He just was sharing the information. Ans.: No resolution as this has to be the consensus of the Village government to dissolve into the Town. The Town has no say in that matter.

Ken Deedy became a full time resident of Clayton about 8 years ago. This community has a good governing Board and he thanked everyone for doing a good job for the constituents.

Phil Marra thanked the Board for coming to Grindstone Island and giving them the opportunity to voice their opinions. He also announced that this Sunday was the start of Old Home Weekend on the Island and that it also was his and wife Yuvon's 62 wedding anniversary and the picnic will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Schoolhouse.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** by Lance Peterson, seconded by Bob Cantwell III, to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:20 PM.  
Motion carried.

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**Kathleen E. LaClair, Town Clerk**