

**July 22, 2015**

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

Justin Taylor	Christopher Matthews	Mary Zovistoski
Lance Peterson	Robert W. Cantwell III	William Sherman
Kathy LaClair (Absent)	Janet Sullins	Alicia Dewey
Pam McDowell	Brenda Slate	Carol Forest
Erma Slate	Mike Matthews	Steve Dorr
Dave Storandt	Brenda Patch	Grace M. Wainwright
Liz Raisbeck	Zell Steever	Sylvia Anderson-Shoultles
Arthur L. Couch	Henry Custis	Jeri Couch
Debbie Donaldson	Steve Donaldson	Doreen Meeks
Phyllis Schwartz	Ralph Downey	Ken Deedy
Debra Taylor	David Geist	

**Opening and Pledge of Allegiance:** Supervisor Taylor opened the meeting at 5:00 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked Brenda Patch and the people of Grindstone for having us again and for their hospitality. He announced that Kathy LaClair could not be with us tonight but she sends her regards and regrets.

**Guest:** Legislator Docteur also wanted to be here tonight but had other commitments.

**Town Clerk:**

**Correspondence:**

- Robert E. Purcell – Stipulation of Settlement of Article 7-Assessment 2014. Date July 17, 2015.
- Notice from NYS Facilities Corporation – concerning the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 Draft Intended Use Plans for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Use of Monies expected and available through Sept. 30, 2016.
- Grants Action News for July 2015.
- Time Warner updates affecting subscribers in Central NY Division
- Justice Ramseier – June 2015 Comptroller Report
- Town of Clayton Fire District Audit of Financial Statements for Year End 12/31/2014

**Minutes: Motion** by Mary Zovistoski and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christopher Matthews to accept the minutes of the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, as written. Motion carried.

**Public comments on agenda items:** None

**Resolutions:** None

**Grindstone Island Items:**

**Schoolhouse/Heritage Center:**

Liz Raisbeck welcomed the Supervisor, Town Board and guests.

She said the Heritage Center now has new lights and will be getting a new floor.

August 9<sup>th</sup> is their Annual Picnic and Auction fundraiser. Since it is also the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grindstone Island United Methodist Church, there will be events starting August 2 and running through August 9th.

Linda Brown and Brenda Patch are working on a book of Historic Pictures of Grindstone, including the schoolhouse and church. There will be 300 copies printed.

They have been holding summer school, and over the last two and a half weeks, one hundred children have participated.

**Transient Docks Update:** Supervisor Taylor said the dock pedestals are installed, but the electric and water are not connected to the mainland. We hope to open the docks to the public next week. They will be complete; there will be no safety issues. The crane will be putting in one of the transformers on Monday. A small committee, comprised of the Supervisor, Councilman Matthews, Town Engineer- Rob Company -and the design engineers, Moffit & Nichol, met with TIOGA today. Moffit & Nichol and TIOGA have agreed to a construction schedule to finish the wave attenuator. There will be no extra cost to the Town. In August, the new beams will be installed by divers, and in September the outer wall will be placed, with an anticipated finish date of November.

Discussion followed as to whether to let docks sit idle or to utilize them, at no charge. Using them would bring people in who would be spending money in the Village and Town, helping to create sales tax revenue. Councilman Cantwell said that using dock water and electric will add up. However, the Boat Show is coming soon and it would be good if we use them. We can't charge a fee until the job is done and the contract is signed off, including the attenuator. People have been calling, but we can't take reservations. And, we have an ad in the paper for dock attendants. Councilman Matthews said the attenuator is structurally sound and would protect the docks if we allow their use.

The Boater Safety Building is essentially finished, but it still needs some basic items in place, like soap dispensers, hand dryers, baby changing tables and the laundry facility. But, it has the basics to be utilized.

**Supervisor's Reports:**

**Change Order #3 for Overlook and Amenities:** As a result of delays, the prevailing wage increased July 1<sup>st</sup>, and the work was supposed to be done by June. **Motion** by Lance Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bobby Cantwell III to authorize Change Order #3. Motion carried.

**Corrected May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Abstract:** Due to a duplicate check being sent, Abstract 5 had to be adjusted. **Motion** by Mary Zovistoski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bobby Cantwell III, to change the May abstract from the amount of \$813,401.11 to \$811,446.61. Motion carried.

**LDC Community Block Grant:** Unfortunately the Community Block Grant which was applied for by the Town for the CLDC-, was not awarded.

**Sales Tax Projections:** The Sales tax projections for this quarter are out and aren't as bad as anticipated. We budgeted \$1.7 million for the full year and we will meet or be under by possibly

\$25,000.00. Occupancy tax is public relations money, spent on promoting tourism and marketing the Town. What we anticipated with the new hotel is expected to be exceeded.

On August 20, time to be determined, David Hart and Peter Krog will be at the Hotel to receive a proclamation for receiving a Four Star rating from AAA.

**Assessment Stipulation:** The assessment stipulation we have received for the Lanzione parcels is correct as far as the amounts are concerned, but the Supervisor wants to go over it for particular details before signing it. He will discuss it with the Assessor.

Supervisor Taylor said he was at Boldt Castle today with a delegation from the New York State Assembly, which was touring the State and was in Jefferson County that day. He sat with House Speaker Heastie, and spoke to him about how certain things affect tourism along the Seaway. He talked about the importance of Plan 2014, of shipping channels and how invasive species are brought in foreign ships' ballast and threaten the river's ecosystem. Speaker Heastie stated that he was grateful for the information as he had no idea of the implications of those things.

Supervisor Taylor also met Eric Vinal, Film Commissioner for Onondaga County, who wants to use more of the North Country for settings. There are tax advantages to this, and Supervisor Taylor will act as an ambassador for the Commissioner.

**Highway Superintendent Report:**

- Roy Willmert is back, mowing part-time.
- They finally made it to Ellis Road to do work there.
- The boys did a good job on Grindstone; the landing area has been self-policed, cleaned up and then mowed.

**Council Reports:**

**Lance Peterson:**

- Nothing to report; just thank you for having us and for dinner.

**Bobby Cantwell:**

- In light of the recent accident on French Creek Road, we need to keep it on the radar. The bridge is still closed. In case of an emergency, it is very difficult for those vehicles to get through. When Bob Boulton was here, he was going to see if we could do the work; maybe we can still look into it and make it functional again. It was to be a DEC, Jefferson County and Town of Clayton joint venture. Hwy Superintendent Bill Sherman will make some calls and see if something can still be done.

**Councilman Matthews:**

- About the docks, the sooner we have them utilized, the more experience we gain from it. A "dry run" in August is better than waiting until next season.  
A brief discussion about the sales tax cap followed.

**Mary Zovistoski:**

- Construction continues at the Depauville Library. We will see the results at next month's meeting there.

**Public comments:**

Ken Deedy said the Town is doing a great job. Another voiced her appreciation that we make the trip every year to be there.

The Supervisor introduced a guest, David Geist, who will be performing Thursday evening at the opera house. He was enjoying his adventure on the river and island.

**Adjournment:**

At 5:40, **Motion** made by Lance Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bobby Cantwell to adjourn this meeting .  
Motion carried.

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Janet M. Sullins, Deputy Clerk