**Present:** Mark Wright, Supervisor

Dave Woods, Councilman
Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman
Tom Thatcher, Councilman
Tom Cunningham, Councilman
Matthew Fuller, Town Attorney
Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

Others: Heath Towne, David & Robin Wright, Donna Wotton, Bill Grinnell, Dan Blanchette, Elisha Bartlett, John DePofi, Vic LaVallie, Barbara DiPofi and others, along with Greg Swart via Go-To-Meeting

Supervisor Wright opened the meeting with the Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Opening Remarks**

Coronavirus Update & Notifications - Rates are trending down, but we still encourage everyone to take the appropriate precautions.

DMV – satellite office in Ti is on summer hours right now, if you or you know of someone coming to the Ti office encourage them to go to the county website or call the Town Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Wright would like to take a moment to give his thanks to the first responders who responded to the fire last night on Montcalm Street. Thanks to all of our mutual aid partners, any and all civilians who aided and supported the fire fighters. He would especially like to thank various Town Departments who also responded and lent their expertise in their particular areas. It required a lot of disciplined, multiple disciplines to rise to this challenge last night. This morning he received a phone call from the Chief Jason Parent, to thank him for the support that the Town gave to their efforts last night, there was a lot of great cooperation and things worked very smoothly. Thank you very much, to everyone.

#### **Public Hearing**

A Public Hearing will be held on June 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ticonderoga Community Building regarding granting a cable television franchise agreement by and between the Town of Ticonderoga and Spectrum Northeast, LLC a/k/a Charter Communications.

Supervisor Wright explained that this public hearing for the special franchise agreement is up for discussion. Spectrum came in with a 15 year agreement, they have done this in the past and typically the Board has asked for a 7 year agreement and this is what we are doing this year. For the record, he did have some conversation of should the Town seek to raise its franchise agreement. Right now it is at 3%, should we go to 3.2 or 3.3, the FCC limit is 5% of the gross revenue, but the contractor would just pass that along to the residents that same fee and it would essentially just become nothing more than another tax on the revenue, so we will keep it at 3% for 7 years and so at this point the public hearing is open for comments.

Bill Grinnell understands the reasoning for no increase, but are you aware of how often Spectrum increases the residents in this Town?

Supervisor Wright answered yes, and they would just increase it again if we increase that franchise fee.

Mr. Grinnell asked how they justify the increases. It is ok for them to raise our bill, but we are not supposed to raise theirs?

Supervisor Wright again explained, if we raise their bill, they will raise the resident's bill.

Mr. Grinnell stated that you won't know that until you try. Mr. Attorney, when was the last time there was an increase in the spectrum lease? 2014..

Mr. Fuller stated that the Town has never raised the franchise tax under the ....

Mr. Grinnell interrupted meaning the lease charge...

Mr. Fuller stated that we are not talking about the lease here. The lease is a separate agreement, this is the contract that may have come up during your term, but the franchise traditionally allows 5 years, but the statute was enacted to allow them to go to 15 years, so they have been trying to push them all to 15 years and the Town Board has settled on 7 years, so the franchise and the lease are two different things.

Mr. Grinnell asked if the lease is subject to an increase?

Mr. Fuller stated that the lease is still under the terms from when you were in office, it was a 10 year lease when you were....

Mr. Grinnell stated that it was subject to step increases, he remembers.

Mrs. Thompson stated that the lease has increase over the years.

No more public to speak on the franchise agreement.

Public Hearing closed at 6:06 p.m.

**Resolution #203-2022** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher to authorize the Supervisor to sign the franchise agreement between the Town of Ticonderoga and Spectrum Northeast LLC. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.** 

#### **Presentation**

#### Downtown Revitalization Initiative

Elisha Bartlett, PRIDE – This presentation is for an update from the Ticonderoga Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application Committee effort – the Town passed a resolution to support our effort back in February and since that resolution and since a funding commitment had also been by the Town for \$40,000.00 to assist this effort. The committee was formed prior to that, but they formed essentially on January 11 and had been meeting every other week through that time of the resolution and on April 12 we began meeting every week until today. This has been a robust effort, we have had 14 meetings, there are 9 committee members along with Town support and we very

appreciate Mark Wright who has participated in every single meeting so we have two Town resolutions 1 is an agreement between the Town and a non-profit organization to help oversee the funding effort which is PRIDE of Ticonderoga, we have brought on 1 facilitator team, created one video and brought on a web developer, so we have 1 website, 1 video, flyers, a design logo, constructed a survey, which is now live and open for public participation and we have conducted a live, virtual open house which is posted on the website and we are looking forward to having a live open house event next week. To date this morning, we had 64 responses to the survey, by 5 this afternoon we had 88 so that is about 2 ½ days the surveys have been open. Right now, we are hitting at about a 90% confidence level with 10% margin of error, we really want to ramp that up and get to about 350 responses or more, she thinks we can definitely achieve that. This would but us at a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error. It is a good thing, and anything above that would be even better. We can definitely achieve that. So, getting to the budget overview. With the facilitator that we hired, we initially have them under contract with the visioning, public engagement effort for \$13,310.00 and to date we have paid out \$4,478.00. That is about 33 % of their contract. We expect to be billed again at the end of this month for probably double that because the on-line live webinar public engagement and the live public engagement that they will be assisting with. We do have them secured to assist with the application, once the notice of funding comes out and that will be for an estimated sub-total of \$33,000.00. Not in addition to, in total, between the visioning effort and the application. We have contracted with a website developer that Ticonderoga Chamber and PRIDE uses and that developer gave us a significant cost reduction than what normal website design from scratch would take, the estimate was \$2,069.27 and we have already paid that out. The website is live and looking great and functioning well. We have Adirondack Drone that has completed a video for us to put on the website. Very graciously, Ti Alliance picked up the initial intro video bill for \$250.00 to make sure that this could get up and running, to publicize our effort and then we expect a final cost, with the final video of \$500.00. So, the total estimated amounts would come out to \$35,819.27 and then a total paid to date is \$6,547.27. We are moving along and doing well, we still have a fund balance that has not been allocated yet. We will be under the \$40,000.00 and still be able to complete everything in our effort that we are targeting.

Donna Wotton, TRA – The DRI – the Downtown Revitalization Initiative is a grant program from the State of New York. There have been 5 rounds of it so far and the way it is structured is, there are 8 or 10 regions in the State of NY, we are the North Country region and for the DRI, one town or city in each of those districts can be awarded 10 million dollars for downtown revitalization. The other Towns that have gotten it are Plattsburgh, Saranac, Tupper Lake, Lake Placid, Malone, Watertown and we think that Ticonderoga is beautifully positioned in the next round of DRI to receive that kind of a grant. So, we formed this committee and have been working with this committee of members from Ti Alliance, PRIDE, Chamber, Montcalm Street Partnership, and the County IDA, and we also have some at large community members that represent a variety of demographics including High School students, young professionals, so, we a have created a pretty well rounded committee age wise, function wise, interest wise to help guide this program, BUT, one of the most important parts of this and one of the things that the State absolutely insists upon is that we have as much public participation as possible. That is to help us to formulate what the priorities of our community are so that we can propose what we know we want as a community and so that we are assured that we are representing what our town's people want. You now have some great opportunities for you and your family and your friends to participate in this process. This is about the Downtown itself, so we are defining that as the area from the monument down Montcalm Street to about the middle of Centennial Park and a little bit on either side of it so that we get the LaChute River area in on both sides to be able to include that if we have projects along the LaChute. Your project has to be what we call shovel ready, which means you have to have a plan and a budget and

a real vision for what those projects might be. Anything within that boundary and if you go onto the website which is very easy, TiconderogaDRI.com, you can also get there by going to the Town website, the PRIDE website, the Ti Alliance Website, everybody has a banner to click which will take you to the website, tell you all about it, it also has on there a link to our survey so you can tell us all about the things that you would like to see. Her personal feeling is that we build the Town that we want and all of the things that we want for us and our residents and our family, everyone will love coming here, so, we do need to think about our visitors, but she thinks our visitors are going to love what we love. The greatest opportunity that you have is next Tuesday, and we handed out flyers - Tuesday, there is a meeting at the Elks, we will have an open house, you can come in, there is no formal presentation, come in look at the boards around the room with different topics, put your suggestions on those boards with post-its, talk about the things that you want and you can put your name on them or make them anonymous or even ask for a call back. We want to hear what you and your families want to see in downtown, what would best support them, what would make you come downtown, winter, summer, day or night, what services need to be there. what entertainment need to be there, there are so many things to have here to make us a great candidate. Hudson Headwaters had done a huge expansion over the last few years, we need to support their workers, the people who live here in the community and work there, Sylvamo is now its own independent company, without a lot of the resources that they had with International Paper in terms of communityness so they need housing for their people and they need things to attract people to come here and work at Sylvamo on their engineering side and we need to be able to keep our young people here working here because they want to live here. Think about those things as you think about what you would like to see in our downtown. Come to the Elks, if you cannot come to the Elks, go on-line to the website and tell us what you want to see. Tuesday, the  $14^{th} - 4$  to 7 at the Elks.

#### Report of Committees

Airport – Mark Wright, Supervisor (reported by Councilman Woods

#### **TICONDEROGA AIRPORT 4B6**

7 June 2022

The meeting was called to order at 0830 in the Town Hall followed by the pledge of allegiance. Present were David Woods, Bryan Douros, Jon Hanna, Ash Alexander, Terry Smith, Tom Thatcher, Dave Iuliano, Bob Salls, Carl Bangert and Chris Kneppers on the phone.

Jon reported fuel sales for May were 2582 gallons, we seem to be doing very well with our current price. Ash reported we are over double our 2021 sales. The fuel filters have been changed and the inspection completed. We want to keep up the good work. The weights and measures testing was also completed and minor adjustments made. So, we should be good for the next year.

Jon reported that the Port-a- potty has been working fine, but some pilots/passengers have not walked to the parking lot and have left deposits behind the fuel tank. Some members felt that the potty should be moved to the fuel farm. When we first had the potty installed town's people complained that they could not use it as it was inside the fence and we

moved it to the parking lot. Some, others felt we should have two units, one at the fuel farm and the other in the parking lot where it is now.

Bryan has work on the prosses for updating the FAA data base with little progress. He will talk to Mark to try to make sense of the information.

NOTAM's have been posted for our three-day runway shutdown starting today.

The paper company had a shut down but ran short of time to move the beacon/tower. They will make time to complete the move as soon as they can. We talked about the need for funds as soon as it is moved so we can get started on the reconstruction work. Terry will get going on that this week.

Fill dirt has been dumped inside the fence and Dave talked to town road dept. to push it over the bank and clean up the area. Dave mentioned that some dirty fill has been left outside the fence, not by highway. They will remove the metal from that area.

Meeting adjourned at 0915

Next monthly meeting will be 0830, Tuesday 5 July, at the town hall.

Submitted by Jon Hanna

Building and Grounds - Dave Woods, Councilman

Curtains are up in the Armory - Still getting quotes for the Canopy at the Armory

Parks, Recreation, Historical Lands, Beach, Monuments and Cemeteries Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman

# Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes May 17, 2022

Committee members present included Elisha Bartlett, Jerry Cooper, Bill Dolback, Nancy Kelley, Shawn Ross and Chairs Dave Woods and Joyce Cooper. Also present were Ash Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Axtman, Tom Thatcher, and Mark Wright. Coach Mark Wilson attended through Zoom.

#### **Public Participation:**

Ash Alexander, Skating Rink attendant, reported that he had received a grant of \$4000 from the Adirondack Community Recreation Alliance located in Lake Placid. This money will be used to improve the present skating rink including the rink surface and boards surrounding the rink. Making ice has not been a problem for him but retaining ice has been. He is researching the best solution to this problem. The grant does not require a local match.

Ash also reported many people used the rink this winter season and were pleased with the availability of free skates at the skating hut. This building is in fairly good shape and is used by the skaters. The committee is pleased with Ash's commitment to make ice skating opportunities available to the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Axtman were present to comment on the clean-up of town property at the end of Tin Pan Alley. Mrs. Axtman reported that following the work by a local volunteer, the cleared area has allowed geese to get on the adjoining properties and become a sanitary nuisance. Visitors are smoking and leaving behind cigarette butts as well as beer cans. Wildflowers along the roadway were also cut down by the volunteer. Councilwoman Cooper will look into the No Smoking signs that are posted on other town properties. No trash cans are planned for this location, but perhaps a sign instructing visitors to "leave behind only footprints" would be appropriate.

#### **Dog Stations and Signage:**

Ash Alexander asked that a dog waste station (bags and waste can) be placed at the entrance to Legacy Park. Councilwoman Cooper noted there have been several requests for dog stations and/or bags. When the playground project is completed, she will work on this as well as signage for areas where dogs are not allowed.

#### June 18th Triathlon Festival:

This event organized by Coach Mark Wilson will be held on June 18 starting at Black Beach. Coach Wilson reported via Zoom that about 100 athletes will participate in the first event and 200 in the second. Both events include swimming, biking, and running. He will be in town on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> to begin set-up. He has asked the fire department and Ti EMS for assistance and will hire several of our lifeguards to be present for the event. Race participants will be shuttled from the Elks parking lot to the beach. Coach Wilson feels the racecourse uses roads not heavily traveled and will not have a huge impact on residents. A donation from race proceeds will be made to the Ticonderoga Backpack Program.

#### **Future Proposed Projects:**

Supervisor Wright suggested that a 'Chain of Command' be established regarding future proposed park land projects and a referral system be developed. It is important to know how any new projects should be vetted. The problems faced concerning the Marine Monument highlight the need for these steps.

#### History of Veterans' Park:

Bill Dolback provided some history regarding Veterans' Park. This park was developed in the 1990's. The focal point of the park was to be the American Legion's monument honoring war veterans. This monument has been expanded to show the names of veterans who fought in wars during the past 2 centuries. There were original drawings of the design of the park but it is not clear if they still exist. The American flag was to be flown near this monument. Recently the 2 DAR stones for WW1 and WW2 were moved from the library to the walkway in front of the Legion monument to add to park's mission of honoring local veterans.

#### **Marine Monument:**

It was discussed that no digging for the Marine Monument should take place until the site was checked and marked by Dig Safe. The Leathernecks marked a path for a potential sidewalk to the monument site. It was noted that sewer lines pass through Veterans' Park. It was the opinion of the committee as well as the 4 Town Board Members present at the meeting that the addition of any new sidewalk in this park get careful consideration. Two long sidewalks already

exist. The committee will present a plan concerning the location of new sidewalks or monuments in Veterans' Park to the Town Board in the near future.

#### New Parkland Signage:

Elisha Bartlett announced that new overlays are being planned for the interpretive signs along the LaChute corridor. The help of the groundskeepers will be needed to repaint the sign bases.

Bill Dolback reported that new signs for the Knox Trail are being delivered. The help of town workers is needed to make the holes to install the sign to be placed near Legacy Park and the boat launch.

The next Parks and Rec meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, June 21st

Black Watch Memorial Library Board of Trustees March 24, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 11:35 am. Members Present: John McDonald, Susan Gravelle, Steve Boyce, Cheryl O'Connor, Virginia LaPointe Others Present: Heather Johns, Library Manager; Ann Westervelt, Friends; Joyce Cooper, Town Representative

Review of Minutes: John McDonald moved that the minutes be accepted; Cheryl O'Connor seconded. All were in favor. Report of the Director:

- Heather informed the Board that the NYS Construction Grants are accepting applications for next year. This is a matching grant that would need to be supported by planned work. It was decided that we should consider applying in the future to help with the development of the new space.
- Circulation statistics were presented to the Board.
- Heather reported that the library received a grant from Stewarts for summer reading. She reported that we will also be applying for the Clinton Essex Franklin summer reading grant, and the Cultural Arts Initiative Grant to be used for the creation of a Story Walk.
- The library will be closed on Friday, April 15, 2022, for the town holiday.
- Heather received a quote to build a caregiver station. The project was estimated at \$250-300. The contractor will start work this summer. Cheryl O'Connor made a motion to hire the contractor to custom build station, Virginia LaPointe seconded.
- Heather is in need of a small filing cabinet. Virginia LaPointe has one she is willing to donate to the library.
- Heather has requested additional cameras to be installed in the library as all areas are currently not visible. Report of the President:
- Steve Boyce discussed the Paine Collection housed at the historical society.
- Steve reported that he will be away for the month of April. Report of the Town:
- Joyce Cooper reported that the environmental study has been done and the results were satisfactory. Joyce reported that she has informed Dave Woods about the trim that has fallen off the building, and the lights that are out. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm

**Resolution** #204-2022 brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Tom Cunningham to offer seasonal employment to Robert Alkinburgh as lifeguard no-benefit at the rate of \$15.75/hour. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.** 

**Resolution #205-2022** brought by Joyce Cooper, seconded by Tom Cunningham to accept, with regret, the resignation of Jacob Sawyer effective May 20, 2022. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.** 

#### Economic Development – Mark Wright, Supervisor

Economic Development Committee (EDC) Minutes (05/18/2022)

Attendees: Mark A. Wright (Chair), Tom Cunningham (Vice-Chair), John Bartlett (TMSP), Elisha Bartlett

(PRIDE), Heath Towne.

Excused: Matt Courtright (TACC); Donna Wotton (TRA)

Guests: Tom Thatcher.

Mark Wright opened the meeting (1500). There were no changes to minutes from the prior meeting, but John Bartlett requested another copy of the April minutes.

Partnership Announcements & Updates Wright provided the status of the potential Regan Development Corporation project in Ticonderoga. Additional data was obtained from Code Enforcement and will be provided to Larry Regan. Regan must complete a market study.

There was a short discussion on Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) grant opportunities. Perhaps this could be used to fund an updated comprehensive plan among other things.

Elisha Bartlett asked the group if it needed a housing subcommittee or perhaps the EDC could devote meetings to the subject. Wright suggested one meeting every quarter could be devoted to the issue. Elisha also mentioned the NY Mainstreet Program opportunity for the Hacker Building. Wright updated the group on this project stating the County Attorney forgot to begin the foreclosure advertisement process which pushes the foreclosure to the August timeframe instead of May.

SWOT Analysis The Downtown Revitalization Initiative effort completed a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis. Wright stated he took this data, regrouped, and consolidated it for the purposes of the Economic Development Committee. Data was grouped into specific downtown area topics and more general town topics. This effort is still in work and perhaps can be used to focus town economic development projects.

Low Hanging Fruit The Committee has stated in prior meetings the importance of each economic development/revitalization organization and the Town to have the same messaging when visitors and others investigate the individual webpages for services and other town related data. Wright Mark Wright (Town) Tom Cunningham (Town) Elisha Bartlett (PRIDE) Donna Wotton (TRA) Matt Courtright (TACC) John Bartlett (TMSP) Heath Towne developed and provided a draft website comparison of the topics mentioned on these sites along with a section that could be used to determine which organization(s) host or link to specific data.

Branding Project Wright reviewed the branding information provided by TACC. He has begun initial investigation of professional branding services. Executing this effort will require ARPA funds and all funding is tied up until the St. Clair/Grove St. water project is initiated. New Business Heath Towne stated it would be interesting to understand the economic impact from the paper mill shutdown. He understands how that affects the lodging industry. It is unknown how or if tax sales are tracked. Wright stated there a probably no metrics kept by other businesses that specifically monitor business other than generally.

Tom Cunningham stated an important part of economic development is the agricultural industry and those willing to do farming. There is also a need to have a conversation on a new comprehensive plan and include this issue.

John Bartlett mentioned the 1% bed tax being distributed back to communities. Wright stated that TACC has mentioned this to the Town. The Town recently met with TACC and Carole Calabrese on this issue as

well as ROOST. The Town is attempting to identify these funds and capture them for a micro-grant process in the future.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1) Town: Begin evaluation of current projects and future projects/estimates for use in the DRI effort.
- 2) ALL: RSVP to PRIDE for the annual membership meeting on June 2 @ 5:30pm. This will be virtual.

#### Highway / Transfer Station - Dave Woods, Councilman

# Town of Ticonderoga Highway and Transfer Station May 31, 2022, minutes of Meeting

#### **Present:**

Dave Woods, Sal Barnao, Mitch Cole, John Deming, Heath Towne, Mark Wright

#### Others:

Tom Thatcher

#### **Public Discussion**

Said the Pledge of Allegiance

**Public discussion** 

No Public Comment

End public comment

#### **Committee Discussion**

- Mitch-
- We took down weight limit signs on posted town roads
- We paved around the old Burleigh around the sidewalk
- We paved the Star Trek driveway
- We did ditching on Warner Hill, Baldwin Rd
- Replaced driveway culverts on Baldwin Rd and Shore Airport Rd and Maplewood
- Placed a new culvert on Racetrack Rd
- Repairs on the mowers and tractors
- Repairs on T-45, Brakes, springs
- Vac truck has been out regularly
- O Boxed out Second Ave to make a turn around and graveled it. Going to guardrail it at some point.
- Mowed the Airport and started mowing roadsides.
- O River Rd has a problem. Need to see if we can patch it or if we need to replace it with round culvert.
- Going to inventory and order culverts

- Mark- When do we expect paving to start this year?
- O Sal- our paving rental starts the end of the month.
- Mark- where are we at with ST Clair?
- John- Tomorrow we will be going to see where it is practical to dig and not to dig.
- Matt is working two avenues easement wise.
- Mark- I have had people inquire about steps at the recycling center (Transfer Station) they are rotted out. People can't get stuff up in the bins.
- Becky got us nice aluminum sets. We can have her look into getting us 4 sets with 2 steps. Light weight and compliant with wheels.
- These have been ordered
- Mark- let's make sure we have the gates closed when they are done dumping trash down in. Safety for our employees and residents.
- Mark- when do we expect to begin repairs on sidewalks?
- Sal- As soon as we can. We are going into paving so we will get to the repairs as soon as we get guys freed up.
- ★ A lot of compliments on William Beeman at the Transfer Station. He's doing a great job cleaning it up and making it look nice.

#### Resolutions for the next town board meeting

- No resolutions
   Outstanding items not discussed
- None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:56am

Minutes were taken and prepared by Rebecca Norton

Municipal Facility Evaluation - Tom Cunningham, Councilman

# Town of Ticonderoga Municipal Facility Evaluation Committee June 06, 2022, Minutes of Meeting

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Tom Cunningham, Tom Thatcher, Mike Moser, Jeff Cook, Chris Dotsie

Others Mark Wright – In person, Dave Woods – in person

Pledge of Allegiance

**Committee Discussion** 

- O Went through the Alfrandre report matrix and identified items that have been completed. Chris Dotsie will update the report matrix reflecting these completed tasks. The committee agreed to have each member take a building in the report and inspect that building to determine what other tasks may have been completed.
- Tom Cunningham is assigned the Community building
- Tom Thatcher is assigned the Armory
- Jeff Cook the Heritage Museum
- Mike Moser the Black Watch Library
- The final report will be given to the building and grounds committee for their action.
- O Mike Moser is going to contact VMJR a design/build contractor to set an informational meeting to discuss the process and what a design/build contractor can provide the Town regarding the cost of building a new Police Station.
- The Committee agreed that if a special meeting was needed to accommodate the contractor we would schedule accordingly.

#### • Update on AES's progress and items to get done

- O AES will has completed their site evaluations and have confirmed that of the four sites evaluated the Highway department is the present best option.
- O The committee unanimously agreed to have AES complete the next phase of the scope of work as outlined in their proposal.
- o Tom Cunningham is to contact AES and tell them to proceed.
- No other new business

#### **Public Discussion**

Meeting was opened to public comment, with no public comment

Next meeting scheduled for Monday June 27, 2022, at 6:30 PM, (Mike Moser may have a conflict so this date may change)

Meeting was adjourned at 18:54

Minutes were taken and prepared by the Committee Chairman Thomas F Cunningham

Public Safety – Dave Woods, Councilman

**Public Safety** 

May 31, 2022

Councilman Dave Woods calls the meeting at 8:00am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following committee members were present: Dave Woods, Joyce Cooper, Dave Burroughs, Rhiannon Peters and Jennifer Gendron.

Guests: Supervisor Wright and Tom Thatcher.

Councilman Woods opens the floor the public.

Supervisor Wright wants to know what we want to do with the needle boxes that we have, the committee decided to send them all back except the one that is located at the Police Station.

Super visor Wright will bring it up at the regular town board meeting to make it official.

#### **Codes Department:**

Rhiannon Peters goes over the codes department monthly report. (See attachment)

Joyce Cooper asks what's going on Tin Pan Alley. Rhiannon states they are converting a garage to living space at a residence.

Dave Woods asks about the Burned-out places on Delano Road and Abercrombie Street.

Dave Burrows states they are working on John's Street and Schuyler Street, brought them into court and now have plans in motion to have them taken care of.

Joyce cooper states there is a new car parked in the parking lot on cannon ball path with no plates, the silver car has been there for just about a year. Joyce is looking for advice on what to do about them.

Mark Wright states there is also issues with parking on the west side of Lake Champlain Ave coming down the hill, there is no designated parking areas, Dave Woods states another bad place is lake George Ave right above the High School.

Joyce Cooper goes back to the parking issues, decided to bring questions up at the town board meeting.

Councilman Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:40am

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Gendron.

Next Public Safety Meeting is June 28, 2022, at 8:00am

The following is a summary of the activities of the Ticonderoga Police Department from 4/26/2022 to 5/30/2022.

Patrol Statistics	Monthly	YTD
Approx. calls to service:	403	1810
Incident Reports:	35	127
Arrests:	27	85
Uniform Traffic Tickets:	46	235
DWI Arrests:	2	8
Accidents Investigated:	11	45

The following is a summary of the activities of the Building Inspection / Code Enforcement Department.

#### **Building Inspection:**

	(April)	YTD
Building Permits Issued:	14	36
Safety Inspections:	0	11
Pass/Fail:	0/0	10/0

#### Permit & Inspection Notes:

- 2-Re-roofing Permits > Caldwell Circ & Adirondack Dr
- 1-Mini storage Units > Wicker St (Pending Approval)
- 1-New Accessory Structure (Garage) → Tin Pan Alley (Pending Approval)
- 4-Porch Permits > Mount Hope, Champlain Ave, Putts Pond Rd & Shanahan Rd
- 1-Demolition Permit→ Temperance Pt.
- 1-Septic Permit (Leech Field) → Lead Hill
- 1-Solar Permit > Vineyard Rd
- 1-Amish Shed Permit→ Newton St.
- 1-Garage Conversion to Living Space Permit > Tin Pan Alley
- 1-New Residential Construction (Tiny Home) → Newton St

Code Violation Notices:	(April)	YTD
Order to Remedy:	1	4
Remediated:	1	3
Clean-Up Contractor:	0	0
NYS DFS	0	0
Condemned:	0	0
Do Not Occupy:	0	1
Appearance Tickets:	0	0

#### Code Violation Notes

• OTR sent for Rubbish/Garbage >> Burgoyne Rd (Has been Remediated)

Miscellaneous:	(April)	YTD
*Complaints:	1	3
Resolved:	1	2/3

#### Misc. Complaint Notes:

• Complaint from Neighbor about property being littered with Rubbish and Garbage. OTR Sent, issue has been Remediated.

#### Trainings:

- Active Shooter Webinar
- Clean Energy Zoom Training

- Solar Energy Law & Battery Storage Training
- Solar PV Permitting & Inspection Training
- Battery Storage for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Training

Safety & Resource Grants (YTD):

N/A

Noteworthy Highlights / Achievements:

N/A

**Resolution #206-2022** brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Dave Woods to authorize the return of three (3) of the four (4) NYS sharps collection site containers, keeping two containers at the Ticonderoga Police Department location and authorize the Supervisor to update and/or complete any required application data with NYS DOH. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.** 

Public Works - Mark Wright, Supervisor

Town of Ticonderoga
Water/Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2022
10:30 am

**Committee Members Present:** 

Mark Wright, Eric Blanchard, Tom Cunningham, Matt Fuller,

Sherry Veneto

Others: Greg Swart (AES-Architecture, Engineering, & Land Surveying), Madisen Hetman (AES), Anna Reynolds (Essex County), Tom Thatcher

#### **Public Comment**

None

#### **Items for Discussion**

- 1. Outlet & Sagamore Drive
  - a. Anna was wondering the history of this project and if anything, more has come of it. Tom suggested she get ahold of Walt Lender to see where things stand today, he would know where it ended up and what path is being taken. Greg mentioned a district would have to be formed first before any funding could be explored. Greg also mentioned that an evaluation would have to be done on the pipelines to the plant and the plant capacity.
  - b. Anna will see what Walt has to say. She said she can assist Walt and the Town with the process.
- 2. Fire Hydrant on Baldwin Rd

- a. Eric had a quote for a new hydrant on Baldwin Road that Derrick had prepared. Dave Woods may have a fire hydrant that he would donate to help with costs. If so, that will save close to \$3,500 on the total cost. Mark was wondering if there is fund balance for this job. He will check with the Finance Department to see about funds and have more information for the next meeting to decide if the project moves forward.
- 3. Water Discoloration at some homes on Lake George and Champlain Ave
- a. Mark has had a couple of complaints about water discoloration and Lake George Ave and Champlain Ave. Derrick will be checking on this when he gets back from the conferences. It may take a couple rounds of hydrant flushing to get the water to clear up.

#### Derrick Fleury - Water/Wastewater Superintendent's Report

None

#### Eric Blanchard - Chief Wastewater Operator

There is no update from Aqualogics yet on the panel for Black Point Rd.

Maintenance work has been getting done on the clarifiers.

New pump for Delano Point came in, need an electrician to do the wiring.

Work needs to start on the aeriation. Work had been stopped due to questions on whether a permit is required.

Eric would like to start scheduling cleaning of the catch basins and manholes. He would like to coordinate with Sal to get this scheduled.

#### **AES Report**

#### 1. Water

- I. Chilson Eagle Lake (Required by DOH-Department of Health)
- Public Hearing Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm
- II. Water Meters (Required by DEC-Department of Environmental Conservation)
- Cost estimate has been updated.
- A selection on the type of metering system needs to be made
- Propagation study shows positive results for a fixed based system.
- Need to be online by May 1, 2025.

#### III. Water District Consolidation (In progress)

- The Town has settled on a final map.
- AES will complete a list of Street Road district properties to be removed from the district.
- o Is the district being presented as a whole or are individual letters being sent?
- o The next step is to draft the Map, Plan, & Report
- Present to the Committee and Public (Tentatively end of June)

#### IV. LSLRP- (Lead Service Line Replacement Project)

- New tracking system in GIS (geographic information system), as well as public dashboard.
- Reminder that State reimbursement is quarterly only
- As of May 13<sup>th</sup>, 18 properties have been addressed, 3 of which were on the high priority list.
- V. Portage PRV(Pressure Reducing Valve)

Installation has been completed.

#### VI. Additional Water System Upgrades

- A FEMA HMGP(Hazard Mitigation Grant Program) application is being prepared for a bypass watermain from the Town's Well Building to Mount Defiance / Abercrombie Tank
- o The grant, if awarded consists of 75% Federal / 25% Non-Federal Cost Share

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#### 2. Wastewater

#### I. AES #4394 Portage

- Nearing Restoration
- Planned to be wrapped up around July 4th

#### II. Treatment Plant

- AES will be completing an evaluation of the WPCP (Water Pollution Control Plant) to assess existing conditions
  and identify needed repairs/upgrades to support continued growth and development as well as maintain SPDES
  (State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit compliance pertaining to phosphorus.
- Target completion date: December 2022

#### III. Collection System

- Arold Construction has completed their first week of sewer line cleaning and inspections
- o Information will be sent to AES to be incorporated into LTCP (Long Term Control Plan) EPG (Environmental Facilities Corporation) and GIS
- Arold Construction is contracted for one more week of sewer line cleaning and inspections
- Allegheny is also contracted for 2-3 days of line locating
- The Long Term Control Plan EPG it targeted to be completed and submitted to agencies for review by November 1, 2022.
- The Updated Long Term Control Plan needs to be submitted to NYSDEC by August 1, 2023.

#### IV. Permitting

- Wet Weather Operating Plan (WWOP)
- o The WWOP will be completed and submitted to NYSDEC for review by the August 1, 2022, deadline.
- Mercury Minimization Plan (MMP)
- Completed for Town's comment/review
- o The MMP is required to be submitted to NYSDEC by August 1, 2022.

#### V. Additional Wastewater System Upgrades

- Black Point Road Pump Station
- o Design expected late summer with construction in the spring of 2023
- Sewer District Consolidation
- Sewer district consolidation has not yet begun but is slated to begin upon completion of the water district consolidation.

#### 3. Additional Items Since April 26, 2022, Public Works Meeting

- Final decision on funding applications for 2022, IUP(Intended Use Plan) deadline is June 17.
- Flow metering for LTCP and data downloads

Resolution #207-2022 brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper to authorize Work Change Directive No. 1 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project #4852. Update to the Contractor Field Work Form per the Engineer's request. This shall only apply to properties going forward unless any of the information is readily known about prior excavations. Only information that can be gathered in the normal course of the excavation work is expected to be provided. Do not provide additional excavation, inspection etc. The additional information is being requested to help the Town comply with a new reporting requirement from NYSDOH regarding lead services. All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. Opposed – none. Carried.

**Resolution #208-2022** brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Tom Cunningham to accept and sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for AES Project # 4921- Veterans Road (water). **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.** 

**Resolution #209-2022** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by to send Tanner Wright and Brian Veneto to a Water Distribution Product Training on June 30, 2022, in Halfmoon. This is for Continuing Education needed for operator recertification. This is a no cost training. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.** 

Human Services: Youth - Joyce Cooper, Councilwoman

Shawn Ross has been working hard to come up with an alternate summer recreation program with activities involving crafts, games, Olympics, basketball, etc.

Lifeguards are on board – we hired the last one tonight.

Beach is looking good, except for the sponge months. Looking into repair of one of the guard chairs. Possibly an Eagle Scout project.

Human Services: Seniors - Tom Cunningham, Councilman

Ticonderoga Area Seniors
Monthly Meeting
Minutes
May 25, 2022

**ATTENDANCE:** Sharon Mitchell, President, Joan Kay, Vice President, Patty Reid, Secretary/Treasurer.

Marlene Charboneau, Activities Director, Mark Wright, Town of Ticonderoga Supervisor.

16 Members were present.

#### CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by the President, Sharon Mitchell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge of allegiance was recited by the members.

**MINUTES:** 

Sharon stated that the last meeting was in February of 2020. Since it has been a long time in between, we will dispense with the reading of the minutes.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Treasurer, Patty Reid, reported that as of April 30, 2022, we have a balance of \$3270.93.

#### INTRODUCTION OF ACAP MANAGER:

Alicia, the new ACAP manager, introduced herself to the members. She hopes to have the kitchen operating around the first of June.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

DUES: Sharon reported that we still have dues outstanding. We have a total of 174 members. Out of that number there are 104 that have paid their dues with 65 still owing. There are 5 members who are 90 and over and they are not required to pay dues.

OFFICE OF THE AGING: Sharon stated that The Office of the Aging has been good to the Seniors. If we need something, they try to get it for us. For example, they got us pickleballs for the center.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

AIR CONDITIONERS: Sharon stated that if anyone is getting HEAP, they may qualify for a free air conditioner. You need to contact The Office of the Aging. Contact Marlene or Sharon for the phone number.

T-SHIRTS: Sharon reported that the Board is thinking of getting t-shirts for the center. They could have the TAS logo on them and for some have pickleball on them.

BOB ROSS PAINTING TECHNIQUE: Sue Thatcher showed the members some paintings that have been done in a class that she attended. The class is painting with the Bob Ross Technique. The instructor is Colleen Kennedy. The cost for this class is \$75.00 which includes everything you will need. The class will be given on a Friday. Marlene has posted a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who is interested.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER MARK WRIGHT:**

Mark stated that he would like to tell the members a little bit about the history of the Armory. Mr. H.C. Weeds owned the property at one time. In 1932 it was the only armory to be constructed in New York. It opened in 1935. The building now holds many activities. Silver Bay has their Teen program upstairs. Silver Bay has purchased a room divider for the gym. The downstairs houses the senior room for their activities. There is also an area downstairs for range of motion exercises three days a week led by Sam Davis.

The Senior bus is up and running again. The repairs have been completed. There has been a problem getting it fixed. In the past there has been a donation of \$2.00 to use the bus. But this practice no longer applies. The Town provides this service free to the Seniors.

The curtains for the gym are on their way.

There were a few questions about some areas in the town. One question was about the rocks and weeds between the Community Building and the Community College. Tom Cunningham, representative from the Town of Ticonderoga, reported that work is being done on the drainage system in the Town on the Portage. The drains were connected to the sewer system. They are now

being separated. Eventually the drainage water will flow down the rock formation. It was suggested that the town cut down the weeds. This would be Joyce Cooper's area since she oversees Parks and Recreation.

Mark reported that the Revitalization Committee is putting a package together to possible receive some state funding.

A survey will be sent out to the residents within the next few weeks. Everyone is encouraged to fill out the survey with ideas to improve the downtown area.

Joyce Cooper has turned one of the tennis courts into both a pickleball and a tennis court. The permanent nets have come in, but they have not been installed.

#### **TOWN REPORT- TOM CUNNINGHAM:**

Tom stated that he has nothing to add at this time. He would like to have a copy of the minutes emailed to him.

#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Aileen Rafferty read the birthdays for the month of June.

#### **ACTIVITIES REPORT – MARLENE CHARBONEAU**

Marlene reported that the Senior Supper Club dinner on June 2 will be held at the Burgoyne Grill. The choices of entrées are posted on the bulletin board along with a sign-up sheet.

The center is open Monday through Friday 9:00am to 12:00noon. There are several activities that are currently going on. Pickleball, mahjong, skip-bo and dominos.

New members are always welcome. If anyone knows of someone who would like to join, please have them contact our office.

We are planning to have a raffle in July the same day as the streetfest. We will be located at Stewarts.

Marlene reported that she is in contact with, David Stewart. He is the new instructor for the AARP Safety Driver Course. David has not started to schedule classes for Essex County yet. She will call him in June to see how the covid numbers are.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Aileen Rafferty to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sue Thatcher. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### REFRESHMENTS WERE SERVED AFTER THE MEETING.

Health Insurance - Mark Wright, Supervisor

2023 Health Insurance Carrier Rate Change Filing (Request and Not Approved)

Plan: Simply Blue Plus Platinum 2

If approved the percentage change to your group's premium is 14.26%

Plan: SimplyBlue Plus Gold 6

If approved the percentage change to your group's premium is 12.36%

Plan: SimplyBlue Plus Bronze 4

If approved the percentage change to your group's premium is 11.17%

Plan: SimplyBlue Plus Gold 17

If approved the percentage change to your group's premium is 12.51%

Expect Deductible, Copay, Co-Insurance, Out of Pocket Max Changes on Some Plans

#### 2023 Requested

Company Name	Rate Change
Aetna Health	30.6%
CDPHP	17.4%
Emblem Health Ins Co	45.7%
Empire Blue Cross	17.6%
Excellus	12.9%
Health first Insurance Company, Inc.	15.0%
Highmark Northeastern NY	15.3%
IHBC	15.9%
MVP Health Plan	14.2%
Oscar	19.4%
Oxford Health Insurance Inc	16.8%
UnitedHealthcare Ins Company of New York	19.1%
Weighted Average	16.5%

**COVID Impact Higher Utilization Healthcare Utilization** 

Catch-Up Care

High Cost Advanced COVID Cases

Impact of Avoided Services (Chronic conditions undiagnosed or undertreated)

Excellus Book of Business: Total Cost Bands 10% Members = No Claims

47% Members= Less Than \$1000

2% Members = \$50,000+ (Generating 40% of Total Cost)

Federal Public Health Emergency- extended to July 15, 2022

Contract Negotiations – Mark Wright, Supervisor

Resolution #210-2022 brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Tom Cunningham to authorize the Supervisor to sign a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the Town of Ticonderoga and Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. (CSEA), Water & Sewer Unit and Highway/Transfer Station Unit, Essex County Local 816, adding Juneteenth as an observed holiday in 2022 only.

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. Opposed – none. Carried.

#### I.T./Cable T.V. - Mark Wright, Supervisor

1. Hindi View will be rebranded to India View and we're adding 19 new channels to the Hindi View (India View) package. Further, effective on or around June 28, 2022, the price of Hindi View (India View) will be increasing by \$5 per month. Hindi View (India View) will include the following channels:

Zee TV HD	24 Taas (new)
NDTV 24x7	24 Ghanta (new)
Willow (new)	Zee Cinemalu (new)
Jus Punjabi (new)	Zee Kerelam (new)
Swagat TV (new)	Zee Punjabi (new)
Zee Telugu (new)	Zee News (new)

Zee Tamil (new)	&TV HD (new)
Zee Kannada (new)	Zee Classic (new)
Zee Bangla (new)	WION HD (new)
Alpha ETC Punjabi (new)	Zee Talkies (new)
Zee Marathi (new)	

2. Hindi View Premium will be rebranded to India View Premium and we are adding 24 new channels to the Hindi View Premium (India View Premium) package. There is no price change to Hindi View Premium (India View Premium). Hindi View Premium (India View Premium) will include the following channels:

TV Asia	ABP News
ITV Gold	EROS Now
Willow	Zee Cinema (new)
Zee World (new)	Zee Business (new)
Zing (new)	Zee Bollywood (new)
Zee Anmol (new)	24 Taas (new)
Jus Punjabi (new)	24 Ghanta (new)
Swagat TV (new)	Zee Cinemalu (new)
Zee Telugu (new)	Zee Kerelam (new)
Zee Tamil (new)	Zee Punjabi (new)
Zee Kannada (new)	Zee News (new)
Zee Bangla (new)	&TV HD (new)
Alpha ETC Punjabi (new)	Zee Classic (new)
Zee Marathi (new)	WION HD (new)
Zee Talkies (new)	

#### Resolutions for Consideration

**Resolution #211-2022** brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Dave Wood to advertise for a Ticonderoga Board of Assessment Review member. Fred Hammond is not seeking reappointment in September, and we thank him for his years of service to the Board. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.** 

**Resolution #212-2022** brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Tom Thatcher to advertise for the vacant Alternate Planning and Zoning Board member position. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.** 

**Resolution #213-2022** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Thom Thatcher to provide the sum of \$1,500 to the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce to supplement the Fall Fest fireworks display. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.** 

Resolution #214-2022 brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Tom Cunningham authorizing the creation of new accounts:

0	H67.0200	Cash
0	H67.0391	Due From Other Funds
0	H67.0510	Estimated Revenue
0	H67.0521	Encumbrances
0	H67.0522	Expenditures
0	H67.0599	Appropriated Fund Balance
0	H67.0600	Accounts Payable
0	H67.0630	Due to Other Funds
0	H67.0821	Reserve For Encumbrances
0	H67.0909	Fund Balance, Unreserved
0	H67.0960	Appropriations
0	H67.0980	Revenues
0	H67.2401	Interest & Revenues
0	H67.2770	Miscellaneous
0	H67.3089	State Aid
0	H67.5031	Interfund Transfers
0	H67.1420.400	Attorney Contractual Exp
0	H67.1440.400	Engineer Contractual Exp

o H67.8110.400 Sewer District Contractual Exp

For creation of new project, H67, Wet Weather Operating Plan.

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. Opposed – none. Carried.

**Resolution #215-2022** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the following budget transfers:

0	A.1989.400	Contingency	(\$8,355.77)
0	A.1310.477	Finance Education & Training	\$624.79
0	A.1620.422	Buildings Heating Oil	\$287.22
0	A.3120.193	Police Constable Vacation Buyback	\$1,358.40
0	A.3120.474	Police/Constable Subscription	\$2,430.25
0	A.5132.422	Garage Heating Oil	\$790.76
0	A.7410.862	Library HSA	\$1,634.00
0	A.8025.491	Joint Planning Board Attorney	\$245.00
0	A.8160.862	Refuse & Garbage HSA	\$985.35
	Fund underbudgeted 67,915.68)	General accounts from Contingency	(Balance after transfer \$
0	DA.1989.400	Contingency	(\$2,765.05)
0	DA.5112.466	Improvements Road Materials	\$1,719.94
0	DA.5130.465	Machinery Highway Lubricants	\$1,045.11
	Fund underbudgeted 10,231.78)	Highway account from Contingency	(Balance after transfer \$
0	SW06.1989.400	Contingency	(\$1,183.89)
0	SW06.8320.191	Water Overtime	\$433.89
0	SW06.8340.192	Water Longevity	\$750.00
	Fund underbudgeted 13,313.60)	General accounts from Contingency	(Balance after transfer \$
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All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. Opposed – none. Carried.

**Resolution #216-2022** brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Tom Cunningham authorizing the following budget adjustments:

o A.6989.499 Economic Dev. Prof, Contractual Grants \$40,000.00

Funding account by General Fund Balance to Cover Underbudgeted Accounts.

o SS05.9950.900

Sewer Interfund Transfers

\$7,500.00

Funding account by Central Sewer Fund Balance to fund new H67 Wet Weather Project.

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. Opposed – none. Carried.

**Resolution #217-2022** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Joyce Cooper authorizing the following Inter-Fund Transfer:

o SS05.9950.900

Sewer Inter-fund Transfer

(\$7,500.00)

o H67.5031

Wet Weather Operating Plan

\$7,500.00

Transfer funds from Sewer to Wet Weather Operating Plan, H67.

o A.9950.900

General Inter-fund Transfer

(\$33,111.52)

o H61.5031

Chilson / Eagle Lake

\$33,111.52

Transfer funds from Sewer to Wet Weather Operating Plan, H67.

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. Opposed – none. Carried.

**Resolution** #218-2022 brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Tom Thatcher authorizing the following Inter-Fund Loans:

o A.0391

General Due From Other Funds

(\$7,875.95)

o H19.0630

Airport Apron Project Due To Other Funds

Transfer funds from General to Airport Apron project under funding is received.

\$7,875.95

o SW06.0391

Central Water Due From Other Funds

(\$45,466.53)

o H62.0630

LSLR Project Due To Other Funds

\$45,466.53

Transfer funds from Central Water to Lead Service Line Replacement project until funding is received.

o SW06.0391

Central Water Due From Other Funds

(\$2,050.75)

o H63.0630

Water Meter Project Due To Other Funds

\$2,050.75

Transfer funds from Central Water to Water Meter project until funding is received.

o A.0391

General Due From Other Funds

(\$5,594.58)

o H20.0630

Airport Environmental Assessment

\$5,594.58

Transfer funds from General to Airport Apron project under funding is received.

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. Opposed – none. Carried.

**Resolution #219-2022** brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Dave Woods to accept/correct minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of May 12, 2022, the Finance Meeting of May 26, 2022, and the Public Hearing of May 26, 2022. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.** 

**Resolution #220-2022** brought by Tom Cunningham, seconded by Tom Thatcher to set a public hearing for July 14, 2022, at 6:00 pm to discuss a proposed Local Law amending Local Law 3 of 2015 titled "Unsafe Buildings." **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.** 

**Resolution #221-2022** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Cunningham to Pay the Abstract 6 of 2022.

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		Cash	YTD	
ABSTRACT # 06	6/9/2022	Transfers	Revenue	YTD Expenses
General (A)	116,794.40	116,794.40	3,959,205.52	1,874,664.54
CD20 LaChute Trail				
Connector	-	-		-
CD21 LISC Zombie			-	10,352.63
CM Library Trust Special			12.53	<u>-</u>
Highway (DA)	25,768.76	25,768.76	1,207,793.55	631,975.77
H17 - Ticonderoga Airport Improvements		-	-	-
H18 - Airport Pavement				
Management	-	_	8,927.61	732.06

H19 - Airport Apron				
Reconstruction / Taxiway				
Rehab	1,949.38	1,949.38	8,639.89	31,880.91
H20 - Airport Environmental				
Assessment	5,594.76	5,594.76	0.12	5,594.76
H36 - C/P Chilson Res.				
Replacement	36,151.84	36,151.84	78,409.07	70,734.14
H45 - C/P Equipment				
Purchase		-	-	-
H48 - FEMA Chilson Water			0.10	
Main		-	0.18	-
H49 - GIGP Daylight				
Streaming		347,498.80	-	-
H50 - C/P WQIP WWTP				
Disinfection	-	-	11.72	-
H51 - Res & Design French Sawmill	_	_	52,183.47	33,167.00
H53 - Clean Water Main			02,105.11	33,107.00
Project	347,498.80	_	406.01	1,033,738.67
H54 - LaChute Signage	317,130.00		100.01	1,055,750.07
Grant		_	_	_
H56 - Sewer Pollution Right				
to Know		_	2.21	_
H57 - Parking Lot				
Cannonball Path		_	0.57	_
H58 - WWTP HVAC Project		_		_
H59 - LCBP Storm Water				
Sewer Separation	_ [	_	36.06	_
H60 - Veterans RD			20.00	
Culvert/Bridge NY Project		_	_	6,442.26
H61 - Chilson/Eagle Lake				0,112.20
Water Exploration	33,111.52	87,192.23	49,193.02	82,304.54
H62 - Lead Service Line	25,111.02	01,172,20	12,123.02	02,501.54
Replacement Grant	45,466.53		801.70	112,202.17
	.5,.55.55		552.75	
H63 - Water Meter Project	2,050.75		_	3,871.65
H64 - WWTP Ventilation				
Project GIGP	_			
H66 - NYS DEC EPG				
#104867	6,563.43		14.33	11,445.97
H67- Wet Weather				
Operating Plan	742.75	742.75		742.75
PN - Permanent Fund Mt.				
Hope Cemetery			10.24	_

Multi Account Total	697,703.84	697,703.84	7,704,665.79	5,879,878.43
Shore Airport Water (SW09)	20.85		115,646.16	162,247.03
Park Ave Water Dist (SW07)	_		15,072.92	14,504.00
Central Water (SW06)	29,095.98	29,116.83	561,864.75	355,208.30
Alex Ave II Water District (SW05)	-		19,939.35	21,320.66
Homelands Water District (SW04)	-		5,231.19	4,972.80
Alex Avenue I Water District (SW03)	-		13,099.62	12,544.00
Street Road Water (SW02)	-		16,126.73	13,888.00
9N & 74 Water (SW01)	-		31,337.66	30,049.60
9N & 74 Sewer (SS11)	230.91		14,427.36	13,571.57
Hague Road Sewer (SS10)	18.46		5,967.42	4,595.14
Black Point Road Sewer (SS09)	3,329.72	1	132,423.41	132,773.03
Baldwin Road Sewer Dist (SS08)	7,019.86		24,300.91	36,155.07
Delano Point Sewer (SS07)	4,339.95		9,994.42	12,782.27
Commerce Park Sewer (SS06)	167.63		37,550.48	33,481.17
Central Sewer (SS05)	31,547.54	46,894.09	660,661.97	450,201.30
Homelands Sewer Dist (SS04)	126.65		8,996.16	8,616.78
Alex Ave Sewer District (SS03)	35.87		16,817.50	16,721.79
Park Ave Sewer District (SS02)	30.38		23,970.31	23,055.09
Claymore Sewer District (SS01)	47.12		3,084.67	836.01
SF02 - Chilson Fire Protection District	_		76,147.00	76,147.00
Town/Village Joint Fire District	-		546,358.00	546,358.00

Total Expenditures This			
Abstract	\$909,438.63	TRUE	

**All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.** 

**Resolution #222-2022** brought by Tom Thatcher, seconded by Joyce Cooper to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted.

### Supervisor's Report

6/9/2022

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Account Title	GFNB	NYCLASS	GFNB ICS	Total
General	224,722.00	166,427.12	5,545,371.93	5,936,521.05
Airport	73,738.10			73,738.10
Highway	222,061.27	83,801.65	1,535,352.50	1,841,215.42
H17 - Airport				_
H36 - Master				
Drinking Water	227,890.54			227,890.54
Clean Water H49				
H50 H53	1,638,352.44			1,638,352.44
H56 - Sewer				
Pollution Right to				
Know				<u>-</u>
H57 - Parking Lot				
Cannonball Path				-
H58 - WWTP -				
HVAC Planning				
Grant				-
H59 - LCBP				
NEIWPCC				-
H61 - Chilson Eagle				
Lake Project All other Capital				<u>-</u>
Projects	341,042.18			
SS01 - Claymore	0.12,0.12.0			_
SS02 - Park Ave				-
SS03 - Alex Ave				-
SS04 - Homelands				-
SS05 & All Districts	198,040.10	683,034.27	1,136,083.09	2,017,157.46

SW06 - Central	151 (00 (4	502 502 25	226 102 16	001 500 17
Water All Districts	151,692.64	503,793.37	326,102.16	981,588.17
C/R - Carillon Park		5,124.21		5,124.21
C/R - Liberty		10.506.06		10.506.06
Monument		10,506.96		10,506.96
C/R - Unemployment		30,289.50		30,289.50
C/R - Police				
Equipment		74,180.48		74,180.48
C/R - Senior Bus		20,310.24		20,310.24
C/R - Frazier Bridge		6,609.90		6,609.90
C/R - Forfeiture		1,731.82		1,731.82
C/R - Building				
Improvement		325,739.42		325,739.42
C/R - General				
Sidewalk				
Improvement		200,038.31		
C/R - Building &				
Grounds Equipment		10,725.01		
C/R - Airport				
Development		100,000.00		
C/R - Highway				
Equipment		173,157.05		173,157.05
C/R - DA Sidewalk		20.00= <=		
Repair		20,007.67		
C/R - Sewer				
Equipment +		90.706.39		90.706.39
Infrastructure		80,706.28		80,706.28
C/R - Sewer Repair		100,458.52		100,458.52
C/R - Water				
Equipment + Infrastructure		250 106 70		259 106 70
		258,196.79		258,196.79
C/R - Water Repair		50,219.68		50,219.68
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Library Trust		34,030.43		34,030.43
Mount Hope				
Cemetery		27,450.41		27,450.41

			14,168,273.62	
Total	3,330,634.02	2,966,539.09	8,542,913.68	14,840,086.79

All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. Opposed – none. Carried.

DISCUSSION: Open Meetings "Extraordinary Circumstances."

Mr. Fuller explained that as part of the Budget process – the Open Meetings law was amended to allow for remote attendance for board members under extraordinary circumstances. Quorum still needs to be physically present, but for extraordinary circumstances a board member can attend remotely and vote remotely, and they do not have to allow the public to attend at that remote spot. Town can adopt a local law allowing this, but the extraordinary circumstances need to be listed. This is for the board to look over and consider. More discussion will be held.

#### Town Clerk, Tonya Thompson

Rabies clinic was held last night, one of our biggest in years with over 116 vaccines given. It went really smoothly and we are glad the Department of Health provides this service; it is an excellent program.

Attorney, Matt Fuller

Executive Session needs to be held on legal matters.

#### **Public Comment**

Mr. Grinnell is here to present a Notice of Petition and Request for Action by the People of Ticonderoga accompanied with 200 plus signatures at the present time. We didn't want to bring all the signatures here because it seems for some reason certain items get lost. He is still looking for the MPR that was prepared by AES who aren't here tonight (they are online tonight) Mr. Swart told him that he would have that for him back in April. Still waiting. Because that type of issue and the board stonewalling if you try applying a little technicality to bounce this, we have enough signatures to come back again according to Article 91 of Town Law; which calls for 5% of the max vote in 2018 was 15 hundred and change which results in 77 votes to meet that criteria. We have more than twice that many here.

Supervisor Wright wants to understand correctly, you do not want to submit all of the petitions because you are afraid we are going to lose them?

Mr. Grinnell stated that this is part of the reason. (he handed them to the Supervisor). We have also been informed that nobody was really aware of hard the water was, the issues with it and what not. He has in his hands the report that we found just a couple of hours ago, it is from Arcades Engineering (Supervisor said this is on our website) this has a lot of information in here that contradicts an awful lot of stuff that we have been told. We did find it and we do have it; it makes mention of the MPR that was done in 2015 that still can't be found and it also makes mention of a lot of other things that we have presented to the board and we want to make you aware that we do have this. We hope the fact that we do have it and have those signatures and the petition will lend some weight to the decision you make in regard to the request on that. We aren't here to place blame, we have an issue, we have a problem, we need to fix it. You are who we need to help us fix it. That is what we are asking for. Thank you.

Vic LaVallie is a little concerned about that fire last night, the pressure there of that water. Are we in the same position today as we were yesterday? If we were to have a fire, could we put it out today? What is the status with that, with that issue?

Supervisor Wright explained that they contacted Hydro to get more water to the river because they wanted to use that water rather than tax the system. That is what they did.

Mr. LaVallie stated that he can't hear very well, just tell him if we are we safe in this Town if we have a fire. If we had five fires right now on Montcalm Street, can we put them out, or are we still in jeopardy.

Supervisor Wright stated that we can put them out.

Mr. LaVallie asked why we couldn't put that one out any better than a doghouse, right across the street from the fire house. What happened there?

Supervisor Wright asked if it was still burning? It was put out. The fire department did a great job.

Mr. LaVallie continued that they had to call Fleury in there, to find out what was going on with water pressure. He just happened to be up there at the Paki's at a later point in time and they said they lost their water pressure there. The rumors are going around town that we don't have enough, that something is wrong.

Supervisor Wright tried to explain that nothing was wrong, the Fire Department chose to use the river water as much as possible so they did not over tax the system. The system is extremely old and we have seen in the past where they will tap into the hydrant and have a water break because of that. It is an old system. It is not unusual for the Fire Department to tap into a lake or a river.

Mr. LaVallie stated that the other thing, he was talking to Paul the other day and he said he had some conversation with you about working on the sewer line at the country club. Is that an issue that you are going to address, what is the status?

Supervisor Wright stated that they have not officially come to the Town to discuss this. He had some preliminary discussions with him, shared some of the things that they would like and as he told him, if they want to get to that point in the future and push that forward, they have to come before the committee and eventually come before the board.

Mr. LaVallie thinks this is a great opportunity, that sewer could be utilized there, right there where the driving range is. It is definitely something that is needed for the country club. Anything that he can do to help with that, he will be a part of that to support it.

**Resolution #224-2022** brought by Dave Woods, seconded by Tom Cunningham to exit the Regular Town Board meeting at 7:16 p.m. to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a matter pertaining to legal issues and pending contract issues. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave

Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.** 

**Resolution #225-2022** brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Dave Woods to exit out of Executive Session and re-enter the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:40 p.m. **All in Favor** Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. **Opposed** – none. **Carried.** 

Mr. Fuller explained that the Board discussed, in Executive Session, the pending milestone time frame on the Consent Decree with the Department of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Justice and the information that he has received back is that there is not a lot of appetite with the EPA and DOJ to extend the June of 2025 deadline for the decommission of Gooseneck as a drinking water source, but what they are willing to consider is the Town proposal for the interim timelines so that we can pursue alternate private drinking water sources for the users who have responded to the survey. The Town Board is going to try to find funding for that but the Board needs to authorize the Attorney to send a letter to the EPA, DOH and the DOJ asking for modification of those interim milestone dates for compliance under the Consent Decree.

Resolution #226-2022 brought by Mark Wright, seconded by Tom Cunningham to authorize the Town Attorney to send a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Health and the Department of Justice asking for modification of the interim milestone dates for compliance under the Consent Decree. All in Favor Mark Wright – Aye, Dave Woods – Aye, Joyce Cooper – Aye, Tom Thatcher – Aye, Tom Cunningham – Aye. Opposed – none. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya M. Thompson, Town Clerk

TOWN OF TICONDEROGA Board Meeting Agenda (Thursday, June 9, 2022; 6:00 p.m.)

#### Pledge to the Flag

#### **Opening Remarks**

**Coronavirus Update & Notifications** 

**DMV Reminder** 

Board of Health – no report

#### **Public Hearing**

Franchise Agreement between the Town of Ticonderoga and Spectrum Northeast, LLC.

RESOLUTION to authorize the Supervisor to sign the franchise agreement between the Town of Ticonderoga and Spectrum Northeast LLC.

#### **Presentations**

Ticonderoga Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Update

#### **Committee reports**

Airport MW

Building Grounds Parks Rec Library JC/DW

RESOLUTION to offer employment to Robert Alkinburgh as lifeguard at the rate of \$15.75/hr.

RESOLUTION to accept, with regret, the resignation of Jacob Sawyer effective May 20, 2022.

**Economic Development MW** 

Highway / Transfer Station DW

Municipal Facility Evaluation TC

**Public Safety DW** 

**DISCUSSION: Needle Kiosks** 

RESOLUTION to authorize the return of two (2) of the four (4) NYS sharps collection site containers, keeping two containers at the Ticonderoga Police Department location and authorize the Supervisor to update and/or complete any required application data with NYS DOH.

**Public Works MW** 

RESOLUTION to authorize Work Change Directive No. 1 for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project #4852. Update to the Contractor Field Work Form per the Engineer's request. This shall only apply to properties going forward unless any of the information is readily known about prior excavations. Only information that can be gathered in the normal course of the excavation work is expected to be provided. Do not provide additional excavation, inspection etc. The additional information is being requested to help the Town comply with a new reporting requirement from NYSDOH regarding lead services.

RESOLUTION to accept and sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for AES Project # 4921- Veterans Road (water).

RESOLUTION to send Tanner Wright and Brian Veneto to a Water Distribution Product Training on June 30, 2022, in Halfmoon. This is for Continuing Education needed for operator recertification. This is a no cost training.

**Human Services - Youth JC** 

**Human Services - Seniors TC** 

Health Insurance MW

**Contract Negotiations MW** 

RESOLUTION to authorize the Supervisor to sign a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the Town of Ticonderoga and Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. (CSEA), Water & Sewer Unit and Highway/Transfer Station Unit, Essex County Local 816, adding Juneteenth as an observed holiday in 2022 only.

I.T. / Cable T.V. MW

#### Resolutions

RESOLUTION to advertise for a Ticonderoga Board of Assessment Review member. Fred Hammond is not seeking reappointment in September, and we thank him for his years of service to the Board.

RESOLUTION to advertise for the vacant Planning and Zoning Board member position.

RESOLUTION to provide the sum of \$1,500 to the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce to supplement the Fall Fest fireworks display.

#### RESOLUTION authorizing the creation of new accounts:

0	H67.0200	Cash
0	H67.0391	Due From Other Funds
0	H67.0510	Estimated Revenue
0	H67.0521	Encumbrances
0	H67.0522	Expenditures
0	H67.0599	Appropriated Fund Balance
0	H67.0600	Accounts Payable
0	H67.0630	Due to Other Funds
0	H67.0821	Reserve For Encumbrances
0	H67.0909	Fund Balance, Unreserved
0	H67.0960	Appropriations
0	H67.0980	Revenues
0	H67.2401	Interest & Revenues
0	H67.2770	Miscellaneous
0	H67.3089	State Aid
0	H67.5031	Interfund Transfers
0	H67.1420.400	Attorney Contractual Exp
0	H67.1440.400	Engineer Contractual Exp

o H67.8110.400 Sewer District Contractual Exp

For creation of new project, H67, Wet Weather Operating Plan.

#### RESOLUTION authorizing the following budget transfers:

0	A.1989.400	Contingency	(\$8,355.77)			
0	A.1310.477	Finance Education & Training	\$624.79			
0	A.1620.422	Buildings Heating Oil	\$287.22			
0	A.3120.193	Police Constable Vacation Buyback	\$1,358.40			
0	A.3120.474	Police/Constable Subscription	\$2,430.25			
0	A.5132.422	Garage Heating Oil	\$790.76			
0	A.7410.862	Library HSA	\$1,634.00			
0	A.8025.491	Joint Planning Board Attorney	\$245.00			
0	A.8160.862	Refuse & Garbage HSA	\$985.35			
	Fund underbudgeted	General accounts from Contingency (	Balance after transfer \$ 67,915.68)			
0	DA.1989.400	Contingency	(\$2,765.05)			
0	DA.5112.466	Improvements Road Materials	\$1,719.94			
0	DA.5130.465	Machinery Highway Lubricants	\$1,045.11			
	Fund underbudgeted Highway account from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$ 10,231.78)					
0	SW06.1989.400	Contingency	(\$1,183.89)			
0	SW06.8320.191	Water Overtime	\$433.89			
0	SW06.8340.192	Water Longevity	\$750.00			

Fund underbudgeted General accounts from Contingency (Balance after transfer \$ 13,313.60)

#### RESOLUTION authorizing the following budget adjustments:

o A.6989.499 Economic Dev. Prof, Contractual Grants \$40,000.00 Funding account by General Fund Balance to Cover Underbudgeted Accounts.

o SS05.9950.900 Sewer Interfund Transfers \$7,500.00

Funding account by Central Sewer Fund Balance to fund new H67 Wet Weather Project.

#### **RESOLUTION** authorizing the following Inter-Fund Transfer:

o SS05.9950.900 Sewer Inter-fund Transfer (\$7,500.00)

o H67.5031 Wet Weather Operating Plan \$7,500.00

Transfer funds from Sewer to Wet Weather Operating Plan, H67.

o A.9950.900 General Inter-fund Transfer (\$33,111.52)

o H61.5031 Chilson / Eagle Lake \$33,111.52

Transfer funds from Sewer to Wet Weather Operating Plan, H67.

#### **RESOLUTION** authorizing the following Inter-Fund Loans:

o A.0391 General Due From Other Funds (\$7,875.95)

o H19.0630 Airport Apron Project Due To Other Funds \$7,875.95

Transfer funds from General to Airport Apron project under funding is received.

o SW06.0391 Central Water Due From Other Funds (\$45,466.53)

o H62.0630 LSLR Project Due To Other Funds \$45,466.53

Transfer funds from Central Water to Lead Service Line Replacement project until funding is received.

o SW06.0391 Central Water Due From Other Funds (\$2,050.75)

O H63.0630 Water Meter Project Due To Other Funds \$2,050.75

Transfer funds from Central Water to Water Meter project until funding is received.

o A.0391 General Due From Other Funds (\$5,594.58)

o H20.0630 Airport Environmental Assessment \$5,594.58

Transfer funds from General to Airport Apron project under funding is received.

RESOLUTION to accept/correct minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of May 12, 2022, the Finance Meeting of May 26, 2022, and the Public Hearing of May 26, 2022.

RESOLUTION to set a public hearing for July 14, 2022, at 6:00 pm to discuss a proposed Local Law amending Local Law 3 of 2015 titled "Unsafe Buildings."

RESOLUTION to Pay the Abstract.

RESOLUTION to accept the Supervisor's Report as submitted.

DISCUSSION: Open Meetings "Extraordinary Circumstances."

Town Clerk, Tonya Thompson

Attorney, Matt Fuller

**Public Comment** (time limit 2 minutes per speaker)

RESOLUTION to enter Executive Session to discuss a matter pertaining to legal issues and pending contract issues.

**RESOLUTION** to exit Executive Session.

Adjourn the Town Board Meeting