

Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
May 3, 2017

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on May 3, 2017 at 8:00 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

Members Present:

- Supervisor Jay Skellie
- Councilman Mike Nolan
- Councilman Travis Rea (8:05)
- Councilman Carol Rich
- Councilman Edward Rouse

Others Present:

- Highway Superintendent, Sean Carney (8:10)
- Budget Officer Donna Nolan
- Town Clerk Tammy Skellie-Gilbert
- Planning Board Chair Noel Hanf
- Town Historian Sharon Dunn

Also Present: another 10-12 people in attendance

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Many residents attended the meeting to ask the Town Board to consider a resolution to oppose the youth group home that Brand New Beginnings Youth Center, Inc. (BNBYC, Inc.) is trying to establish in Jackson. After discussion, Councilman Rea made a resolution, seconded by Councilman Rich, to oppose the Office of Children and Family Service (OCFS) granting a license to BNBYC, Inc. After further discussion, Councilman Rea withdrew the resolution so a more specific resolution could be crafted.

RESOLUTION NO. 34-17

Approval of minutes

Resolution by Councilman Rouse
Seconded by Councilman Nolan
And passed by all board members, 5-0

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the April 5, 2017 Town Board meeting be approved as written.

RESOLUTION NO. 35-17

Approval of Town Clerk & Supervisor Reports

Resolution by Councilman Rich
Seconded by Councilman Nolan
And passed by all board members, 5-0

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk and Supervisor Reports for April 2017 be approved as follows:

Town Clerk Fees to Town	\$248.38
Supervisor Receipts	\$26,229.43
Supervisor Disbursements	\$41,846.81

REPORTS

Highway - Supt. Carney offered a report on the department activities in April. They will be getting values on the dump trucks from Delurey Sales & Service, Inc. for the insurance's annual review.

Planning Board – The Planning Board determined Harold Gilbar's (Hedges Lake, Inc.) most recent project of waterfront parcel #231.59-3-46.1 is a boundary line adjustment. This newly created parcel was created from the subdivision approved on March 7, 2017.

Historian/Washington Co. CARES – It's Older Americans Month and there will be various events planned at senior centers.

OLD BUSINESS

Site Plan Review Law – One item is still undergoing revisions on the Site Plan Review Law.

Town Picnic – The Town Picnic will be tabled until the June meeting.

Tour of the Battenkill – Due to lack of sponsorship the Tour of the Battenkill Professional Invitational on June 3rd has been cancelled.

Town Hall Roof Issues – Shelly and Mikel Clous fixed the Town Hall roof by repairing 34 slates and replacing 27. In addition, they placed screen in soffits for vents and installed a rain diverter for handicap ramp. They were also able to "shoo-out" a bird and squirrel from the attic. They recommend the roof be rechecked in two years.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 36-17 2017 Women of Distinction Award

Resolution by Supervisor Skellie
Seconded by Councilman Nolan
And passed by all board members, 5-0

WHEREAS, Nancy Brown, the owner/operator of Lewis Waite Farm in the Town of Jackson is well-respected in the agricultural community serving tirelessly in a variety of leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, she has established the Lewis Waite Farm Community Supported Agriculture Extras Program, an organization connecting local farmers to consumers from across the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, she has been nominated and selected as one of the 2017 Women of Distinction Award recipients sponsored by Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner; and

WHEREAS, she was honored at a ceremony at Skidmore College on Saturday, April 29, 2017; and

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Town of Jackson extends congratulations to Mrs. Brown for her well-deserved recognition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board appreciates all of her efforts that improve and enhance access to markets for local producers.

Supervisor Update – The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) wants to replace signs at Eagleville Bridge where there tends to be excessive “partying” during warm weather. If DEC purchases the signs, the Jackson Highway Department will install them.

RESOLUTION NO. 37-17

Opposition to Licensing Brand New Beginnings Youth Center, Inc.

Resolution by Councilman Rich

Seconded by Councilman Rea

And passed by all board members, 5-0

WHEREAS, the Town of Jackson has no police department or emergency medical services within its Town boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the Town has no established emergency shelter for its residents; and,

WHEREAS, County Route 61 on which Brand New Beginnings Youth Center, Inc. (BNBYC, Inc.) proposed home for youth, experiences hazardous road conditions during and following inclement weather; and,

WHEREAS, the Town lacks infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the needs of BNBYC, Inc. residents could cause a negative economic impact to the rural school districts; and,

WHEREAS, the small student bodies in the Cambridge (63 students/class) and Salem (39 students/class) school districts lack the resources to cope with the influx of potentially violent juvenile offenders, most of whom could be older than their classmates as a result of lost school time due to their prior offenses and anti-social behavior; and,

WHEREAS, Cambridge and Salem students live in 12 different townships which could all be impacted by BNBYC, Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, over 300 local residents have voluntarily signed a petition opposing establishment of BNBYC, Inc. youth home; and,

WHEREAS, southern Washington County lacks many of the rehabilitation services that BNBYC, Inc. students will need for the most effective recovery; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Jackson Town Board opposes BNBYS, Inc. being granted any license to operate any youth home in Washington County.

RESOLUTION NO. 38-17

Payment of Bills 5/3/17

Resolution by Councilman Rouse

Seconded by Councilman Rea

And passed by all board members, 5-0

RESOLVED, that the following bills on Abstract #5 be approved and audited and the Supervisor be authorized to pay said bills from the respective funds:

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	51-61	\$1,8[21].46
Highway	68-85 (#81-83 moved to Machinery)	\$4,566.56
Machinery	81-83	\$2,180.00

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk

Correction in [bold]