

**Town of Jackson Town Board Meeting
July 3, 2019**

The Town Board of the Town of Jackson met on July 3, 2019 at 8:00 pm at the Town Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

PRESENT:

- Jay Skellie..... Supervisor
- Mike Nolan..... Councilman
- Travis Rea..... Councilman
- Carol Rich..... Councilwoman
- Edward Rouse..... Councilman (absent)
- Tammy Skellie-Gilbert..... Town Clerk
- Sean Carney..... Highway Superintendent (absent)
- Noel Hanf..... Planning Board Chair (absent)
- Donna Nolan..... Budget Officer
- Sharon Dunn..... CARES

Also, present: Renee Bouplon and Elliott Norman, ASA

PUBLIC COMMENT/PRESENTATIONS

1. Renee Bouplon and Elliott Norman from the Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) were present to share that ASA closed on the purchase of Barbara Merriman’s 145-acre wooded property in the Town of White Creek, at the edge of the Village of Cambridge. The property will be owned by ASA and managed for public use for the following purposes:
 - a. Trails for walking, hiking, cross-country skiing and mountain biking
 - b. Fishing on the White Creek and bird watching;
 - c. Outdoor educational programs;
 - d. Gathering place and picnic spot; and
 - e. A site to demonstrate sustainable forestry practices.

2. Herb Vedder of Shields Road was present to ask for more assistance to slow motor vehicles down on Shields Road to the posted 25 mph speed limit. He stated it’s a problem year-round but the summer months are more dangerous because more residents are walking along the road. Supervisor Skellie stated that temporary speed bumps are installed on Cossayuna Lake to slow traffic and suggested that Mr. Vedder contact the Cossayuna Lake Association for more information on the cost and procedures.

RESOLUTION #56-19

A motion by Councilwoman Rich, seconded by Councilman Rea; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the June 5, 2019 Town Board minutes with corrections.**

RESOLUTION #57-19

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve the June Town Clerk and Supervisor Reports as follows:**

Town Clerk	\$405.35
Supervisor Receipts	\$112,191.93
Supervisor Disbursements	\$173,976.30

REPORTS

Highway – Supt. Carney was not present; however, he notified the Supervisor that the Town will receive \$26,279.00 from the Winter Recovery Fund.

Planning Board – The Planning Board:

- Reviewed a one lot minor subdivision for Curtis Patrick;
- Discussed with Harold Gilbar/Hedges Lake, Inc. plans for two more boundary line adjustments; and
- Was notified that the Hedges Lake Campers Association re-voted on their sign project and have decided not to go forth with the current designed sign.

Washington Co. CARES – Sharon Dunn shared the following:

- The 2018 *Office for the Aging Annual Report Supplement* which highlights the services provided by the department last year. Copies are available in the Town Clerk’s office;
- A pamphlet entitled, *Explore Washington County Farm Stand*, which provides addresses and a map to all farm stands and farmers markets in Washington County;
- The next free legal programs offered at the Greenwich Library will be:
 - Thursday, July 11 at 6 pm on *Grandparent Rights & Kinship Family Law – Custody Issues; and*
 - Thursday, August 8 at 6 pm on *Understanding Your Rights for Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Insurance Coverage Family Supports; and*
- Many Pop-Up events are scheduled in July and include the following activities:
 - Wednesday, July 10th at 11 am at Proudfit Hall plus a bus trip to Owl Pen Book Barn and lunch at Cossayuna Lake Pavilion;
 - Wednesday, July 17th at 11 am at the Greenwich VFW plus the *Witches Wellness Fitness Fair*; and
 - Monday, July 22nd at 12noon at the Cambridge Library plus an ice cream social.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Repairs – Lee Foster plans to start the Town Hall repairs the week of July 8th.

Murray Hollow Bridge Update – The pre-construction meeting for the Murray Hollow Road bridge project was held on June 21st at the Town Hall. The temporary bridge has been installed. ING Civil expects to begin work the week of July 8th.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Picnic – The Board wants the Town Picnic held again this year. Councilman Nolan will check with the American Legion to see if Friday, July 26th is available. Lewis Steele will be spearheading the picnic. *[As of Monday, July 8th, the picnic WILL be held on July 26th at 6 pm at the Legion]*

No Parking and No Littering Ordinances – A local State Trooper has been speaking with Supervisor Skellie about the problems that occur annually at the bridge on Eagleville Road, specifically late June through mid-July when seasonal celebrations and hot weather draw enormous crowds to the Battenkill. The State Trooper wants the Town Board to update the no parking and no littering ordinances so that law enforcement can issue tickets that might improve the situation and create a safer environment.

RESOLUTION #58-19

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 3-1 with Councilman Nolan voting against, **to have the Town Attorney update the No Parking and No Littering Ordinances so that a public hearing can be scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, 2019.**

RESOLUTION #59-19

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilman Nolan; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve 2019-20 insurance proposal provided by NYMIR in the amount of \$13,695.61.**

Battenville Bridge – Sharon Dunn shared her concerns that the overgrown sumac located just before the Battenville Bridge heading east from State Route 29 onto County Route 61 can block one’s sight of cars heading west. Supervisor Skellie said he will contact the County to get it trimmed back.

RESOLUTION #60-19

A motion by Councilman Rea, seconded by Councilwoman Rich; Resolution passed 4-0, **to approve payment of the following bills as audited on July 3, 2019, Abstract #7 and authorized the Supervisor to pay said bills from the respective funds:**

FUND	BILL #	AMOUNT
General	72-80	\$1,804.92
Highway	124-137 (excluding #133 & 135)	\$9,407.13
Capital-Machinery	133	\$1,048.00
Capital-DASNY	135	\$7,110.00

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Skellie-Gilbert, RMC
Town Clerk