

**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013

Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on the above date beginning at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the North Elba Town Hall, 2693 Main Street, Lake Placid, New York.

Members Present: Supervisor Politi, Councilman Miller, Councilman Doty, Councilman Rand, and Laurie Curtis Dudley

Members Absent: Councilman Favro

Others Present: Chris Knight, Ron Briggs, Larry Straight, Ted Morgan

Supervisor Politi opened the Regular Town Board meeting at 7:00 pm by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion on the minutes of the February 12, 2013 Board meeting.

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written and presented. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

Supervisor Politi amended the agenda by adding item K; Changing April meeting date.

**COREY HURWITCH – ADK. AIRPORT**

Supervisor Politi welcomed Corey Hurwitch. He handed out information regarding 2012 overview of the Adk Regional Airport.

Corey Hurwitch – It has been about a year since we had our public meeting and wanted to catch you up with what we have been up to. Starting off in 2012 we battled winter conditions. As you know with your airport, we have some unique challenges in the fact that we have to schedule our plowing operation around aircraft operations; we can't use salt out there and we can't have snow banks.

Supervisor Politi – I didn't know we couldn't use salt. Do we use salt, Larry?

Larry Straight – No salt.

Corey Hurwitch – It is very challenging when we have the freeze-thaw cycle. The ice gets bonded to the asphalt and there is not much we can do. We are always finding ways to get the sand to stick to the ice to improve the condition. We also have to report the conditions to the pilot so they know what to expect. As the winter went on, we had hockey charters for the Frozen Four. The big aircraft we are capable of handling are the 757s.

Supervisor Politi – Do you have them coming in this week too? A club coming in from Western United States, and they are due in Thursday.

Corey Hurwitch – I was out of the office today. It is possible that we got a call. In 2012, we hired new employees and a new aircraft mechanic on the field. Steve Short consolidated his maintenance shop to Lake Placid Airport which makes sense but it left us with a vacancy. Someone came to us who was interested in starting a shop. It helps us to have a mechanic there on the field. Oshkosh Snow Blower - We received a new snow blower through an FAA grant which helps us keep the snow banks down. It is capable of 5,000 tons per hour over 200 ft of the runway. It has all-wheel steering and can turn tighter corners than my car. 95% of the cost was funded by the FAA grant from aviation fuel tax monies. The State splits our share of that at 2.5% so our local share was \$16,000. We sold our 20-30 year old snow blower for \$26,000. We netted \$10,000 by upgrading to new state of the art equipment. Young Eagles Flights - A local pilot started Young Eagles Flights for 8 – 17 year old kids. If kids are interested the website is [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org) and login to take a couple of courses, print a certificate and schedule a flight. The pilot is volunteering his time and his aircraft to get people involved in flying. They get their first flight for free. General Aviation Site Development – This is an old state grant that we wrapped

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up. We have shovel ready sites that have septic, water and utilities in place. We are trying to acquire another state grant to build another transient hanger there or market for private development. Military Training – We increased our military training by luck. Fort Drum got new model of Blackhawk and needed somewhere to practice. Our airport suited them well because they were doing this in the spring when we have our down time. They stop for lunch when we refuel their aircraft. We increased JetA sales by 15,000 gallons from the military. Training & Involvement – There is continuously training for myself and our entire crew. We are mandated by the FAA to do snow removal training, certified wildlife biologist came in and trains us how to eliminate our bird problem, airport rescue and firefighting training, we are our own fire department, and fuel training. We stay involved with the aviation organizations such as NATA, AAAE, NYAMA, and NCAA. Keeping up to date what is going on and finding ways to better the aviation community. Aviation in NY State has a \$50 Billion economic impact.

Supervisor Politi – The fact that you get federal funding, does that mean it is expected that you provide space for the military training exercises? What are the benefits to you?

Corey Hurwitch – The benefit from the military training in this case is fuel sales. It's good for the restaurant patrons and for people to see that activity at the airport, but the direct dollar figure is fuel sales. Because of the federal grant, we can't charge landing fees. If they were to book a hanger for overnight, we can charge them. Information Dissemination – We had public meetings, task force meetings, and monthly airport committee meetings. We post meetings on the website, a Facebook page and news paper and radio to get the word out. Cape Air – Our air carrier has been with us since 2008 and increased passengers every year. They added a 5<sup>th</sup> summer flight last year. Our fuel sales increased with the extra flight. Apron Project – We had another FAA grant for an apron project which was over \$600,000. It was funded 95% by the FAA, 2.5% from the state and 2.5% local. The DC9 charters were at maximum requirements for our ramp prior to this project. It added drainage, sub-base, and proper layer of asphalt so we can handle the large aircraft without worrying about them. Other Projects – Internally we redid the floors and added spray insulation in the hanger to increase the efficiency. Wildlife hazardous assessments master plan updating and got a grant for airport rescue and firefighting gear. That was another FAA grant with 95% coverage. We repainted our new runway through a bidding process. We are constantly working on updating our old equipment. Open House – For the first time we had Life Flight and the Pumpkin Festival. It worked out great because it brought people out to the airport and it raised money for Life Flight. We hope it increased awareness of the airport. We will be doing it again the first week in October. Aircraft We Handle- The main reason we are there is aircraft. We handle helicopters including military, State Police and private. We had small fixed wings, single engine similar to what you see at your airport. They are in and out of the airport year round. The midsize fixed wings like the turbo prop King Air are the ones we charge a landing fee. We like to see that size and up like the large Boeing Business Jet. Fuel Sale – The nice part of last year was the uplift in fuel sales. In 2011 to 2012 the total gallons pumped increased just over 60,000 gallons. Regardless to the cost to us, we are making money on every gallon that we pump. That was our major revenue source.

Supervisor Politi – I think it is interesting that the fuel sales in gallons increased about 40% yet the number of users or passengers only had a miniscule increase of 3% in 2011 and 2 % in 2012. That would indicate to me that you are generating more activity at the airport other than just passengers on Cape Air. That is a tremendous increase in fuel compared to a 2% increase in passengers.

Corey Hurwitch – Keep in mind that Cape Air did have a 5<sup>th</sup> extra flight for two months out of the year. If you look at the numbers closely, their load factor dropped a little bit. While there was a very small passengers increased. Cape Air only buys the AvGas. The Jet A is the one we make more money on. The big increases are to private jets.

Councilman Rand – Does Fort Drum buy fuel from you?

Corey Hurwitch – Fort Drum does buy fuel from us. Part was that and part was private jets. The largest single upload at one time was 3,098 gallons. We did that because we matched the price where they were going. It was an overseas flight and we were able to direct bill them and they were able to eliminate their exchange rate. Landing/Ramp Fees – Going along with fuel sales, landing and ramp fees and overnight parking fees all increased too. It is all increased with the

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exception of hanger rentals. Hanger rentals dropped last year primarily because of the weather; we didn't have a lot of snow and we didn't have a lot of thunderstorms. There wasn't a huge demand last year. Other than that, every other category was up. It was a positive rebound year for us and we are hoping that trend continues and the economy starts to show some signs of life again.

Supervisor Politi – How will the Federal sequester effect Adk Airport?

Corey Hurwitch – That is a very good question. We are still trying to figure that out. TSA has cut their overtime. They have modified that now so their overtime is still cut but it is not going to effect if our last outbound flight is canceled. They now have the authority to keep the checkpoint open so we are not shutdown completely.

Supervisor Politi – They are cutting costs as a result and probably the numbers of employees. How about grant funding?

Corey Hurwitch – Grant funding comes from a different pool. That pool is supposed to be unaffected but they still haven't released that money yet. It could potentially indirectly affect it. The bigger problem I see in the long run is when the furlough takes place, the FAA primarily. We could see some serious delays because even though we don't have air traffic control towers, our guys have to get their clearances somewhere. Wherever they are going to or coming from could be effected. It is primarily New York City. There will be a ripple effect.

Councilman Doty – Does your fuel truck carry both gasses?

Corey Hurwitch – We have an AvGas truck and a Jet A truck. We lease our fuel trucks .We have one Town owned fuel truck that is very old which is a back up when we get really busy.

Councilman Rand – Are you going to have another air show?

Corey Hurwitch – Not until this trend really continues. Air shows are expensive. They're great publicity and great advertizing for the airport.

Supervisor Politi – It makes sense for you to be doing things like Life Flight and other functions at the airport. They may not be directly related to the airport. When we have functions involving the fire department here, little kids love fire trucks. Little kids love airplanes. You will get loads of people going out to see the airport. Anytime you have a function it is a positive.

Corey Hurwitch – We are definitely trying to get more events, and we are going to continue the event with Life Flight. It is difficult because we receive FAA funding. They don't allow us to close surfaces for non-aeronautical purposes without a really good justification. There is a process for that which we haven't tested yet.

Supervisor Politi – I had spoken with the Visitors Bureau about an event going to your location. Did they contact you? It may have been Mercedes or another car company. That is another important source of potential use for you at making these people at the Visitors Bureau aware that you have a lot of potential space.

Corey Hurwitch – I talked to them, and they came out to take a look. Lake Placid was one of three potential venues. I am happy to work with the Visitors Bureau.

Councilman Miller – Do you have a flight that goes to Albany?

Corey Hurwitch – We do not. Ogdensburg and Massena fly to Albany and then continue on to Boston. The passengers in this area that are looking to get to Albany are driving up there. Those Massena and Ogdensburg people that don't want that layover in Albany dive here.

Supervisor Politi – I'm surprised at that. I think that more people landing in Albany would want to come here than go to Massena.

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Corey Hurwitch – Cape Air basically established a self-imposed limit on their distances because they don't have restrooms on their aircraft. Boston is a little bit too far for them to fly. We want them to continue to fly to Boston because they have more connections and more of the passengers are looking for connections.

Councilman Miller – So there is no chance?

Corey Hurwitch – I wouldn't say there is no chance but it's not on the burner.

Councilman Miller – Cape Air has done a great job. Our family uses it. But I do hear from people that they would like it to go to Albany.

Corey Hurwitch – Everyone wants a different destination. If we switch it to Albany, everyone will say, I really want to fly to Boston. We have heard more requests for a flight to New York. Although it is not quite feasible, Cape Air would add a White Plains route while keeping the Boston route. They currently operate out of White Plains and it would eliminate the need for additional staffing.

Supervisor Politi – I have one more question and don't mean to put you on the spot; the Mayor of Montreal has said the fastest growing airport in Canada is Plattsburgh. That seems to be the case. How is that tremendous growth affecting Cape Air here?

Corey Hurwitch – I don't know that it is. Cape Air was there already. It is primarily a different market. We are not drawing the Canadians like Plattsburgh. They are growing by leaps and bounds. They are doing really good things and they have their terminal building being designed. It will basically triple the size of their terminal. The flights from Massena and Ogdensburg are starting to market to Canada.

Supervisor Politi – It is primarily a Plattsburgh to Florida route. I picked up friends there who said they were the only two Americans on the flight. I also heard a funny story about a flight going from Plattsburgh to Florida that was full. Because there were so many golf clubs and bags, they couldn't get them on the flight. A decision was made to send the golf clubs and leave the bags for a second flight. I guess they thought more passengers would be upset without their golf clubs.

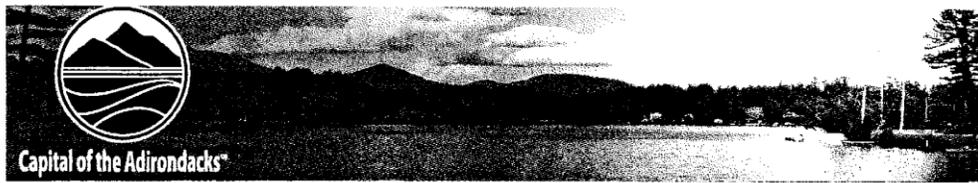
There being no further questions for Corey Hurwitch, the Board thanked him for coming.

### **SKATEBOARD PARK**

Supervisor Politi – Everyone knows that we have allowed ample opportunity over the course of the last year and a half for all the stakeholders in the skateboard park to step forward. Unfortunately, there has been no substantive resolution to this problem. Tonight again we are facing the consideration of gifting the movable venue. I received a letter tonight when I came in at 6pm that is addressed to the Town Board from John Sweeney.

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To the North Elba Town Board,  
Supervisor Robert T. Politi,  
Councilman Jay Rand,  
Councilman Jack Favro,  
Councilman Bob Miller,  
Councilman Derek Doty,

Dear Councilmen:

The Village of Saranac Lake and the Saranac Lake Skate Board Committee want to thank the North Elba Board for their generous offer to donate the North Elba Skate park equipment to Saranac Lake. Thank you all.

The Village of Saranac Lake regrets that Saranac Lake cannot accept the generous offer of the skate park equipment. The location of the Saranac Lake skate park has been altered from that originally planned, and additional evaluations are required for the new sites. Unfortunately, the North Elba equipment cannot be accepted due to the nature of these sites.

Please extend our thanks, and that of the Skate Board Committee, along with regrets to all North Elba Board members, Town Supervisor and Town employees who have patiently waited. We also extend encouragement to Wilmington in the reconstruction of their skate park. The Wilmington youth and other kids in the area will benefit.

Again, thank you for the generous offer and allowing us the extended time to make this decision.

Respectfully;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John M. Sweeney".

John M. Sweeney

Cc: Saranac Lake Skate Board Park Committee  
Saranac Lake Village Board of Trustees

Via: Fax and e-mail

Supervisor Politi – As everyone is aware, including the press, we received a letter from Randy Preston requesting the skate park equipment if it was available the Town of Wilmington would delightfully accept it as a gift to their kids and would be utilized quite actively. I confirmed with Randy yesterday that those feeling had remained the same and he confirmed as such. He needs help from Larry to get in there because he said the snow so if we want to give it to them it would be as soon as possible.

Councilman Doty – Does he understand they have to pour pads?

Supervisor Politi – He does. He went up and looked at it. They have taken the times to inspect it. For them, it makes a lot of sense. They lost their skateboard park to the last storm.

Councilman Doty – All we have ever wanted is for kids to be on it.

Councilman Miller – It is a perfect location. Saranac Lake had the same problem we had with the noise. Wilmington is really the perfect location for this equipment.

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve a resolution to gift the skateboard park equipment to the Town of Wilmington. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

**JOHN CRANLEY – RETURN OF CASH BOND**

Attorney Briggs – As the Board recalls, John Cranley has been asking us to return a cash bond that he posted to ensure that the sewer improvements that were made at the Balsams wherein accordance with the Town specs. It took a while to track down the circumstances under which he posted the bond. I finally got the information from his former attorney, Rob Simon and I ran it by

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Bill Kissel to confirm to me that was the understanding. Bill did do that. It is time for this Board to authorize the return of the money less the amount of money he owes the Town at the Transfer Station plus \$15 to commence the small claims proceedings against him which is returnable in about 2 weeks.

Supervisor Politi – Larry, do you remember the amount outstanding at the Transfer Station?

Attorney Briggs – Cathy has those figures. I have spoken to Cranley about that and he has no problem with it.

Councilman Rand – How much are we talking about?

Attorney Briggs – It's about \$8,700 and he owes about \$1,200 for the Transfer Station.

Councilman Miller – What do we do about this? Do we no longer offer the ability for someone to open an account that has been delinquent?

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the return of the John Cranley cash bond less the outstanding balance at the Transfer Station and \$15 small claims proceedings. Discussion continued.

Supervisor Politi – I think that if someone has an outstanding bill that they haven't paid, and they have lost their privileges, and have paid the money up. I don't know that we have a policy with regard to that. I think it is a relevant question. Maybe those people should post some kind of a bond or a security deposit. It would be for those people who have taken advantage of the system and are unable to pay.

Councilman Miller – Why don't we have those people pay as you go? Pay COD.

Supervisor Politi – That is a good idea. All those folks will be COD for now on. Have them clean up their account and remove them from the privilege of billing.

There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION – RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSITION**

Supervisor Politi – We need to adopt a Board resolution approving a Records Retention and Disposition Policy because we are presently seeking a local government records management grant in the amount of \$15,650 from NYS. It is necessary to have this type of resolution of this policy in place. Laurie has the booklet. We discussed this at the workshop. The Village of Lake Placid has done it in the past. It is not out of the ordinary. I would like a motion of resolution adopting the same.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the resolution adopting the Records Retention Schedule as presented. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

**APPOINT LAURIE CURTIS DUDLEY RECORDS MGMT. OFFICER**

Supervisor Politi – We also need to appoint Laurie Curtis Dudley as our records management officer to meet one of the procedural requirements of that grant.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to appoint Laurie Curtis Dudley Records Management Officer. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

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**RECORDS MGMT. FUND OF \$200**

Supervisor Politi – We also need to establish a Records Management Fund or Budgetary Fund in the amount of \$200 to cover administrative costs related to such.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to approve the establishment of a Records Management Fund in the amount of \$200. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

**APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT PARK DISTRICT COPIER**

Supervisor Politi – Cathy discussed with us the approval of a lease agreement for the Park District copier. As you remember, she noted that we have a proposal from Xerox to replace the existing copier that the Park District has. It provides the exact same features and includes color and black & white. The difference is the cost. Today we are paying \$313.12 per month and the proposed new lease agreement is at \$296.62 per month which is a \$17 per month savings.

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the lease agreement with Xerox for the Park District copier. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

**AWARD BID – DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW**

Supervisor Politi – The next item on the agenda is the authorizing the purchase of Town Highway machinery. We did budget this year for a 4-wheel drive dump truck and box with a 10 ft plow installed. We received four bids; Adirondack Auto; \$66,575, Vision Ford; \$61,554, Foster Motors; \$65,262, and Goss Dodge Chrysler; \$65,993. Our Highway superintendent has reviewed the bids and has suggested that we accept the low bidder being Vision Ford in the amount of \$61,554. It is from appropriated budgetary monies set aside for this purpose.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to accept the low bid of Vision Ford in the amount of \$61,554. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Doty; Aye, Councilman Miller; Aye, Councilman Rand Aye, Supervisor Politi; Aye. Councilman Favro was absent.

**APPROVE PURCHASE – DRIVING RANGE BALL DISPENSER/RANGE BALLS**

Supervisor Politi – We discussed the need to purchase a driving range ball dispenser and balls for the facility at Craig Wood. As you remember we received two bids; Wittek ball machine which has a bill acceptor in the amount of \$5,695 and the other was a tokens acceptor in the amount of \$4,520. We also received a price for 50 metal range baskets from Wittek in the amount of \$247. Range Mart gave us a bid of \$232.50 for plastic baskets. Lynn Wilson reviewed the bids and he recommends that we purchase a driving ball machine that accepts bills and we buy metal baskets. This machine will pay for itself within the year. In addition to that, we sought out the cost of range balls. The price from Wittek was for 500 dozen was \$3,100. Range Mart gave us a price for 500 dozen for \$3,000. Tom Rath with Rock Bottom Golf gave us a price for 750 dozen balls in the amount of \$1,850. Tremendous savings for a lot more balls. We sell balls at \$5 a basket and the return should pay for the equipment relatively quickly. The motion to come before the floor would be to accept Lynn's recommendation to purchase these as soon as possible.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the purchase of a ball machine from Wittek and range balls from Rock Bottom Golf. Open for discussion.

Councilman Doty – Each of us will help pay for it!

Supervisor Politi – Jay will for sure. If you sell 100 buckets of balls a day that \$500 per day. It doesn't take long before you pay for the equipment and the balls. In the past it was a good

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income producer. In the past, the Pro provided the machine and benefitted from the revenue. We are going in a different direction this year. We are going to discuss later in the agenda the fact that we have obtained a new professional under new terms and conditions that are more beneficial to the Town of North Elba.

There being no further discussion the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – IRELAND**

Supervisor Politi – Ron would you like to talk about the tax certiorari on the Ireland residence on Averyville Road.

Attorney Briggs – The case that is pending is from 2010. There are no cases pending for 2011 and 2012. In 2010 the assessment on the property was \$2.6 million. In 2011 and 2012 it was reduced to \$1,250,000 which is probably the proper assessment based upon my conversation with Kim Daby. The property sold for \$1 million. The settlement we are proposing was worked out with Janet Bliss who represents the petitioner.

Supervisor Politi – It is important for them to know the property sold for \$1 million when it was assessed for \$2.6 million. It was a pending tax certiorari case. We reduced it to \$1, 250,000. The case was still pending. Rather than pay back the money... go ahead Ron

Attorney Briggs – We are going to reduce the assessment going forward in an amount which would roughly generate what would be the refunds for \$2.6 million down to \$1,250,000. We will reduce the assessment for 2013, 2014 and 2015 to \$900,000. It is subject to change if there are any improvements made to the property.

Supervisor Politi – This is our standard operating procedure. It doesn't hurt the Town's because the County has to pay, but it does hurt the schools. It is primarily because the schools are in binds and are at a disadvantage. We try to settle these tax secretary cases if feasible in such a manner that it does not financially burden the school district.

Attorney Briggs – Rather than make refunds, you reduce the assessment prospectively.

Chris Morris – It's the same thing you did with Aldi?

Attorney Briggs – Exactly the same. I need a resolution authorizing me to sign the settlement agreement.

Ted Morgan – Should I call this Mrs. Ireland's house or just the address?

Supervisor Politi – Mrs. Ireland was an elderly lady. She doesn't live here anymore. She sold the house. There was a pending action picked up by the buyer.

Attorney Briggs – The new owner took an assignment of the case which they are entitled to do. The house is in Sweetwood farms.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve a resolution authorizing Attorney Briggs to sign the settlement agreement in the Ireland case. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

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**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

Supervisor Politi – Cathy has given you a list of personnel actions for this board meeting.

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PERSONNEL ACTIONS FOR BOARD MEETING March 12, 2013

<b>ACCEPT RETURNING SEASONAL EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS</b>						
	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>DATE OF REAPPOINTMENT</b>	<b>UNION CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>RATE OF PAY</b>	<b>CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION</b>
1	JASON BEANEY*	PARK ATTENDANT/ TOBOGGAN SLIDE	02/08/2013	NOT APPLICABLE	\$12.50/HOUR	LABOR
2	JOHN HENCE*	PARK ATTENDANT/ TOBOGGAN SLIDE	02/08/2013	NOT APPLICABLE	\$11.50/HR	LABOR
3	CASEY PORTER*	PARK ATTENDANT TRAINEE/ TOBOGGAN SLIDE	02/08/2013	NOT APPLICABLE	\$10.00/HR	LABOR
4	CODY PORTER*	PARK ATTENDANT TRAINEE/ TOBOGGAN SLIDE	02/08/2013	NOT APPLICABLE	\$10.00/HR	LABOR

\*RECOMMENDATION MADE BY: BUTCH MARTIN

<b>ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION OF NEW HIRE:</b>						
	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>DATE OF HIRE</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL INFO</b>	<b>RATE OF PAY</b>	<b>CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION</b>
5	Stephanie Sears**	Black Fly Control Technician	03/25/2013	Training 3/25-3/29	\$10.00/hr	NON COMPETITIVE
	Stephanie Sears**	Black Fly Control Technician	04/03/2013	Upon passing DEC exam on April 2, 2013	\$13.00/hr	NON COMPETITIVE
6	Benjamin Goldschmidt**	Black Fly Control Technician	03/25/2013	Training 3/25-3/29	\$10.00/hr	NON COMPETITIVE
	Benjamin Goldschmidt**	Black Fly Control Technician	04/03/2013	Upon passing DEC exam on April 2, 2013	\$13.00/hr	NON COMPETITIVE

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	James Van Woert**	Black Fly Control Technician	04/01/2013	20th year	\$21.80/hour	NON COMPETITIVE
	Craig Wright**	Black Fly Control Technician	04/01/2013	5th year	\$16.00/hr	NON COMPETITIVE
	Shannon Fegley**	Black Fly Control Technician	04/01/2013	5th year	\$16.00/hr	NON COMPETITIVE
	William Ulinski*	Black Fly Control Technician	04/01/2013	4th year	\$15.50/hr	NON COMPETITIVE

\*\*RECOMMENDATION MADE BY: John Reilly, Black Fly Control Program Director

Supervisor Politi – Jim Van Woert has been with us for 20 years. That’s amazing.

Councilman Miller moved and Councilman Doty seconded the motion to approve the personnel actions as presented. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

**ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAM – ANNUAL CONTRACT**

Supervisor politi – We talk about the Professional Services agreement for the Post Closure Monitoring of the Town of North Elba Landfill. It involves six onsite wells.

Councilman Doty – Either this year or next year is the last year of it.

Supervisor Politi – I don’t know. They do the laboratory analysis for six wells and prepare the report for the DEC. The total is \$3,978 which is the same price it has been for years. I spoke with Dan Palmer at the County with regard to these services. He basically said this guy is the only game in town and does a great job.

Councilman Doty – We need that term to be up before we can utilize that land for athletic fields. In order for us to qualify and consider the grant that was coming through, this program had to be wrapping up. Saranac Lake was a year ahead of us in closure and they were up last year.

Supervisor Politi – I need approval of that contract, gentlemen.

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Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to approve the Professional Service Agreement for the Post Closure Monitoring of the landfill. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

**DIRECTOR OF GOLF AGREEMENT – JEFF ESTES**

Supervisor Politi – We receive a signed contract from Jeff Estes as our new director of golf. Jeff was formerly the pro for the Lake Placid Club. For the purpose of the press knowing, these are different terms and conditions. Jeff Estes will be working pursuant to a contract from May 15<sup>th</sup> to September 18<sup>th</sup> at a rate of pay of \$1,000 per week or \$18,000 a year. He will put on the tournaments and he will coordinate the activities at the golf course. This is a position that went out for RFQ. He came highly recommended and was the choice of the committee that reviewed applications.

Ted Morgan – How many applications were there?

Supervisor Politi- We received four applications.

Attorney Briggs – We approved this at a Workshop.

Supervisor Politi – This is primarily for information because it is tied to golf practice range equipment.

**MEETING DATE CHANGE**

Supervisor Politi – I would like to change the date of the next Board meeting from April 9<sup>th</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm. There will not be a Workshop meeting. Laurie, will you please make a note to get that to the press.

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the date change of the April town Board meeting to April 2nd. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

Councilman Doty – We may want to consider having our May meeting at Craig Wood.

Supervisor Politi – We are definitely having a meeting at the new Clubhouse. Whether it is May or June we will be definitely doing it.

Councilman Doty – June might be better because I can get together with Larry to figure out the parking lot.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: RAY BROOK WELL**

Councilman Doty – I think I have already reported that our new well in Ray Brook is up and running and producing well. We used the pump from the old well and saved about \$15,000.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: BEACH**

Supervisor Politi – In the past we had this joint meeting with the Village regarding the operation of the beach. That was in October. I sent an email to the Mayor today saying we need to revisit that because it is coming fast. The expense that we face there is around \$46,000 a year. That excludes maintenance of the grounds. That is the lifeguards and overtime for events that they have, telephone, toilet paper, cleaning materials, or cleaning person. That is something that we need to address soon. I am concerned that this is becoming an issue.

Councilman Doty – The primary issue from the Village was to retain Butch to organize the services.

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Attorney Briggs – I just re-reviewed the minute of that meeting and you and the Town Board made it crystal clear about your intentions. The Village trustees had a difficult time accepting your clearly stated position. At the end of the meeting on this subject, Trustee Curtis and Peggy Mousaw wanted to get a detailed expense report of the beach from Cathy. I don't know if they ever requested that from Cathy.

Councilman Doty – we did that within a week.

Attorney Briggs – It wasn't finalized. It is time to do that.

Supervisor Politi – I know that Craig understands that the Village cannot manage the beach and would like the Park District, Butch and Jessica, to continue to manage to oversee the operation. We don't have a problem with that. Our concern is the cost. It is a substantial cost for a facility that we don't own. The Village has decided they want to take back and maintain the parks. We will no longer be maintaining the parks. The Village will be taking care of their own garbage and so forth. I want you all to know that I sent an email to the Mayor asking him for some type of communication with regard to this.

Councilman Doty – Speaking of Butch, I image we have to use protocol and let Butch give Lynn permission to order that ball machine.

Supervisor Politi – Butch is aware of it. They have talked.

Attorney Briggs – One thing Peggy Mousaw did talk about at the meeting that they would need to know at the time of their budget.

Supervisor Politi – I have said that we don't mind having to pay for certain things until they are in a new budget year but we expected reimbursement for those expenses. Their budget year is July/August and ours is January. They might not have the money in their budget and we do, so we will take care of it until that time when we get reimbursed. The Town and Village have always had a mutual understanding about those things. We front the money and they pay us back.

Councilman Doty – I think we only appropriated 50% in this year's budget.

Councilman Miller – We didn't appropriate anything.

Supervisor Politi – We appropriated all of the revenue to offset all the expense. I check it today.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD**

Councilman Rand - I just went to the Budget Advisory Focus group that I sit on. Bill Rusak facilitated the meeting. They gave a lot of information and there was good attendance. Business people, teachers and administrators were involved. Then different groups met and then they got together for a final meeting. There was a lot of information as far as the process and the budgets. I have something you may like to see is a five year financial plan that was projected for the High School. In a nutshell, they have a pretty tough road ahead. Right now the 2013 deficient is projected at \$500,000 and gets worse as you go down the line. Something has to be done this year so it doesn't continue to get worse. I'm sure the Board will be working hard to come up with something. The State mandates fall back in the hand of the locals. It is a tough task.

Councilman Miller – 70% - 80% of their budget is salaries and benefits.

Councilman Rand – I think it is 80%.

Councilman Miller – You can't give a 4% pay raise when your insurance costs and retirement costs go through the roof and think you are going to stay below the 2% tax cap. The only thing you can cut is for the kids because you tied up all your money when you signed that contract with your employees.

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Councilman Doty – Was the state consolidation idea brought up?

Councilman Rand – There were a lot of ideas brought up.

Supervisor Politi – It doesn't come as any surprise. Elizabethtown is the same. There is less money available and you have to tighten your belts and find ways to offer retirement incentives. You have to do it.

Councilman Rand – You have to do more with what you have and make difficult decisions.

Councilman Miller – Our employee's pay 23% of their healthcare costs. The school is paying 5% and some are paying zero. When you pay 80 % of salaries and benefits and then you heating costs and transportation cost, how much is left for the kids? When they go to budget negotiations every year, you really tied yourself up. The only thing to cut is from the kids. I don't think the people who sit with the employee negotiations see what they are doing to the budget over the next few years.

Supervisor Politi – They don't, Bob. People negotiate for today. They don't negotiate based upon what is going to happen over the next five years. They think about themselves.

Councilman Miller – In the spring, they say they either have to take away from the kids or will have to raise taxes this astronomical number and say it is out of our hands because it is state mandated.

Councilman Rand – They certainly have some difficult decisions to be made. For me it was hard to identify with it. I don't know all the interworking of the school are, and what each person does, the teachers aid could be the most important person there. They have to go through each department and make decisions wherever they can. As you said, 80% of the budget is salaries and benefits.

Councilman Miller – the time to work on the budget is when they are negotiating the contracts.

**ESSEX COUNTY UPDATE**

Supervisor Politi – The only report I have for Essex County is the proposed time change for the closure of bars in Essex County from 4:00 am to 2:00 am. The state of Vermont is 2:00am and we have been 4:00 am.

Chris Morris – Franklin County is 3:00 am. Warren County and Washington County are 4:00 am

Attorney Briggs – What are we talking about?

Councilman Miller – Last call, Ron!

Chris Morris – Closing time is 4:00 am in Essex County but there are only three bars here, Wise Guys, Zig Zags, and Roomers, that stay open past 2:00 am but I think they all close by 3:00 am.

Attorney Briggs – Nothing good happens after 2 am. I can imagine it will reduce DWI. In Ireland they shut down at midnight.

Chris Morris – I lived in London for awhile and they closed the pubs at 11 pm. They actually changed that in the last year because everyone would get 4 -5 pints at 10:30 and then drink it as quickly as they could before 11pm. Then you have a bunch of drunks on the street.

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**APPROVE AUDITS AS PER AUDIT #'S**

Supervisor politi asked for approval of the audits.

TOWN OF NORTH ELBA			
CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT 3/12/2013			
	Regular	Prepaid	Totals
A FUND GENERAL FUND	139024.69	32692.3	171716.99
DB FUND TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE HIGHWAY	15411.42	27610.64	43022.06
H01 SECURITY/PERIMETER FENCE AIRPORT CAP. PROJECT			0
H02 -BLOCK HANGAR REHABILITIATION AIRPORT CAP. PROJECT			0
H03 - 5 BAY T HANGAR			0
H04-C&D WASTE CELL			0
H05- CRAIG WOOD GOLF COURSE CONSTRUCTION	114238.2	0	114238.2
H06-TERMINAL BLDG	5145	0	5145
H07 RUN WAY REHAB	9236.95	0	9236.95
H08-AIRPORT MASTER PLAN	52619.54	0	52619.54
H09-APRON EXPANSION			0
H41-REC (BIKE) PATH			0
RD03-THIEANOQUEN WAY ROAD DISTRICT			0
SF1- FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 1			0
SF2- FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2		31204.38	31204.38
SF3 - FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 3			0
SP PARK DISTRICT	18725.61	45704.06	64429.67
SS21 CONSOLIDATED SEWER DISTRICT			0
SW1 SEWER DISTRICT #1			0
SW2 MCKENZIE			0
SW3 RAY BROOK	774.34	901.91	1676.25
T TRUST & AGENCY		120.12	120.12
TE PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST			0
<b>Batch 1302-1306</b>	<b>355175.75</b>	<b>138233.41</b>	<b>493409.16</b>
130307-130367;130393--130418;130420-130485			
130281			
<b>Batch 999 (Payroll)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46733.62</b>	<b>46733.62</b>
130368-130392;130486-130510			
	<b>UNPAID VOUCHERS</b>		
<b>Batch - HELD</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34252</b>	<b>34252</b>
130419-MURNANE BUILDING RELATED TO AIRPORT TERMINAL			
<b>DELETED VOUCHERS:</b>			

Councilman Doty moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the audits as presented. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried by those present.

**PRESS QUESTIONS:**

Ted Morgan – I have to interview Village candidates over the next couple of days. I’m going to ask them about the beach. Can you tell me again your position on the beach?

Attorney Briggs – I can give you my copy of the minutes from the Joint meeting.

Supervisor Politi – It came down to this; we have maintained the parks and the beach as a courtesy to the Village in recent years. It was not something that was always done. It was at a time when the village was having financial difficulties maintaining those facilities. The Village now generates revenue from the return of sales tax dollars specifically for their use. The town cannot put the sales tax monies in the Park District because the Village is also in the Park District and the Village would be benefitting twice. We have to put it in the Highway fund. The revenues

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that would be benefitting the Park District are no longer available to them but the Village is getting the benefit. It has become a financial burden on the park district to maintain the beach at a cost close to \$50,000 at our expense for a venue that is owned by the Village. The Village's position is, we are in the Park District and we pay Park District tax and therefore the Park District should have to pay for it because of the fact that we are paying the tax and you are doing the work. That is not our position. They say, People of the Park District utilize the beach. Our position is, yeah and people from the Village utilize all of our athletic fields that we've paid for. The fact is, we don't own that venue. We were never in business to operate a Village venue specifically for the Village. The cost has gotten out of hand. We shouldn't be buying the toilet paper, paying the telephone, buying the bathing suits and paying for all of the lifeguards for a Village venue.

Ted Morgan – I thought I heard you mention that it isn't in the budget so you can't come June.

Supervisor Politi – The expense is in the budget but the offset is also in the Budget. We are expecting to get paid. It was a fairly vibrant discussion.

Attorney Briggs – The minutes are fairly detailed.

Supervisor Politi – Their argument will be that they pay Park District tax so therefore we should get this. In my opinion, the Park District should not be paying for it anyway. A Village venue should be paid for by the Village and a Town venue should be paid for by the Town. It was never a Town Program. It was a Village program that we took over years ago when the Village was not capable of running. Butch Martin manages parks and everybody felt comfortable with him running the Youth Commission Program and so forth. What it comes down to is cost. It used to be about \$15,000 a year. Now on everybody's budget it is a problem.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Town Board, Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Curtis Dudley, Town Clerk