

Regular Town Board Meeting
June 10, 2008

Minutes of a Regular Town Board Meeting held on the above date at 6:00 p.m. at 89 Greenwood Street, Lake Placid, New York 12946.

Members Present: Supervisor Roby Politi, Councilmen: Jay Rand, Jack Favro, Chuck Damp, Bob Miller and Denice Fredericks, Deputy Town Clerk.

Others Present: Attorney Ron Briggs, Chris Knight, George Earl, Terry kent, Tin Chien, Haley Johnson and Family, Ed & Lisa Weibrecht, Joan De Brun, John Bigelow, Keitha Bigelow, Eva Fuller, Linda Borden, Maryanne Lawrence, Sherry Gaynor, Rose Favro, Ruth Ann Welch, Howard Baker, Cyril Buysse, Joan Lippay, Peter Kurtz, and Barbara Mallard.

Supervisor Politi called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Politi stated I would like to thank you for inviting us here to the Greenwood tonight, it is our opportunity to reach out to people who necessarily can't make our Board meetings so it is something we started month before last when we met at the Shipman Youth Center and next month we will be in Saranac Lake. He then introduced the Town Board. He stated the way we work our meetings is I have a certain amount of business we have to go over and I don't mind having questions if someone has a question at some point if you want to talk about a particular issue we are addressing fee 1 free to ask when we are finished you certainly are welcome to ask any questions you want I'll will open the floor up.

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion on the proposed agenda as modified.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion on minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting of May 13, 2008 and June 3, 2008.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to approve of the minutes as written and presented. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi stated next we have persons have the opportunity to speak and we have Terry kent on the agenda with the kayak race.

Terry Kent stated I am here tonight in regards to the 2008 International kayak race. He stated it will be the 3rd year we are running it and it is normally a sprint canoe kayak race which is the Olympic discipline and we run it only on Mirror Lake and because of that we have only sought permission from the village because from my understanding that is the only group that is needed to have permission asked for. He stated last year was the biggest sprint kayak canoe race in the country 230 powers and e are trying to make it bigger every year and one of the ways we want to do that is to add distance races that is a different group of people within the canoe kayak community. He stated Saturday we are going to run a 10 K around the perimeter of Mirror Lake three times and this what I am here to request permission for is Sunday morning we want to run a distance race that starts on Mirror Lake crosses over the fishing access on the far side of the Lake then portages across to the State launch paddles around Buck and Moose island comes back and finishes by the toboggan slide. He stated the reason I am coming to you so late in addition to being disorganized person I am struggling with how to make this work and it wasn't till a few weeks ago that someone hit on the right idea. He stated I was originally going to try and start at the State launch and have it come back but it is 4th of July weekend and I was really struggling with how to do it because if I start at the State launch it is 4th of July and it will be crazy over there and there is no way I can do that and if I part over there even worse. He stated someone suggested why don't you start it really early so we are going to do a 7:00 a.m. start Sunday morning and it is not a big noisy thing one of the things I want to do is have a back up plan of either doing a 10 K on Mirror Lake again, or just do a straight race on Lake Placid with no portaging. He stated some of the folks I want to talk to is I want to go to the neighboring houses on either side of that carry and just say you we are going to do this and you might hear some noise and are you okay with that.

Councilman Rand stated where is the carry Terry?

Terry Kent stated the carry is on the far side of Mirror Lake immediately across from the State launch.

Terry kent stated I thought with the early start two good things happen one we will

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avoid all the traffic at the State launch especially Sunday morning and two very important for me Lake Placid is a very beautiful lake to paddle on before about 8:30 a.m. in the morning after that it gets rough and it is 4th of July weekend and there will be a lot of big boats out there cruising around having fun and I don't want a conflict with that.

Supervisor Politi asked how many athletes do you have?

Terry Kent stated I won't know that till race day but my guess for the distance race will be somewhere between 100 to 150 participants and that would be great but it could be as small as 50 to 70.

Supervisor Politi stated have you talked to the Village Board?

Terry kent stated yes I did talk to them and I told them I was doing this in concept and they said I need to go to this body because it is outside the Village and you need to go to DEC and you should talk to the State Troopers. He stated the first group he talked to at DEC was Leo Demong and I talked to him this morning and he said he didn't see any problem and he introduced me to the permit application process which is what I am going to do by weekend then I put a call into the State Troopers and they told me to write a letter to request for assistance in traffic on the road for portage which would be very important to me and then obviously come to this group.

Supervisor Politi stated have you received any conceptual approval from the Village in terms of the Mirror Lake race.

Terry kent stated yes, the Mirror Lake race is fine.

Supervisor Politi stated it has been approved by the Village Board so you are seeking from us conceptual approval for the race given the terms and conditions that you have mentioned at that hour and I assume that you have the necessary insurance that you could you provide the Town.

Terry kent stated as an additional insurer yes and what would the exact wording be on the certificate.

Attorney Briggs stated we can refer to Chuck on that. He stated shouldn't it go beyond just naming the Town?

Councilman Damp stated most of the forms now have a check off box and the more recent version of the forms is a check off box and the ideal thing would be to see participants included but I don't know if they are in your general liability or not. He stated most general liability policies include participants.

Terry kent stated the purpose for the insurance is to insure the participants.

Councilman Damp stated there are a lot of general liability policies that exclude participants we want to see something that indicates that the participants are covered.

Terry kent stated who should I check with just to make sure I have things covered?

Councilman Damp stated you can fax a copy of it to me.

Councilman Rand stated are you going to have a couple of power boats out there for safety.

Terry kent stated I haven't thought that through deeply but I have my own powerboat on Lake Placid and I could look for a volunteer to run that. He stated if it is rough out there I am backing right off with it, if I wake up and it is a windy morning no way.

Councilman Rand stated lots of time early in the morning it can be pretty foggy.

Supervisor Politi stated I would guess Terry given your experience in the sport you would know whether to hold the race or not and I would guess that all of the athletes that are here are capable of handling this kind of Lake conditions.

Councilman Damp is this something you are planning on doing for years?
Terry kent stated annual yes.

Councilman Damp stated there a reason you are marrying it to the 4th of July weekend?

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Terry kent stated there is a reason I am marrying it to July 1st there is a Canadian Regatta on July 1st in Ottawa that draws a big crowd and US participants go up to that and both Canadian and US participants come down to this regatta this weekend after.

Supervisor Politi stated are the State Police in tune with what you are doing seeing this is outside the Village limits.

Terry kent stated not yet but this will be I have made a preliminary call and they have told me what to do.

Supervisor Politi asked will participants have a number will they wear a bib of some type will it be a bright color?

Terry kent stated in marathon canoe racing you put a number on the bow of both sides of the canoe.

Supervisor Politi stated does anyone have a problem with conceptual approval for the event at that time given the terms we talked about.

Councilman Rand stated where will the finish line be?

Terry kent stated there will be a couple of buoys on the shore opposite the toboggan slide.

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to conceptually approve the race subject to DEC approval, State Police approval and Chuck's review of the Insurance coverage. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi stated is there anyone else here to address this Board about a particular topic.

Supervisor Politi next under old business is the Mckenzie Subdivision Road update. He stated I did have a meeting with several of the owners of the Mckenzie Pond Subdivision and they are working on securing a outside contractor to do the work for their roads.

Supervisor Politi stated next is the Soccer Fields and just so you are aware wed id receive a notice of violation from the DEC on this a violation of the SPDES storm water inspection which occurred sometime during construction over the past year. He stated I received this letter on May the 29th and in addition to that I received a consent order from DEC. He stated did you look that over Ronnie?

Attorney Briggs stated no.

Supervisor Politi stated basically it notes that DEC would like to access a civil penalty against the Town of North Elba in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a violation of the SPDES permit conditions during construction and I believe this was for a inspection in April, 2008 for construction that was started in 2007. He stated he I am going to pass that on to Ron for your review. He stated I have spoke to each of you Board Members and I gather that the consensus of opinion is that it's probably best to move on and get these fields finalized we have a major invest there and I don't think it necessarily behooves us although I may not agree with fines against municipalities from other governing bodies especially in situations where you are constructing fields for recreational purposes for the community to enjoy but so be it.

Attorney Briggs stated it is not a fine it is a civil assessment and it sounds the same but you need to know that the DEC has a very consistent policy of applying this to every Town that happens it's not like the Town is being singled out it's a uniform consistent policy that the DEC follows and their own guidelines require them to do this.

Supervisor Politi stated I realize that they cannot be discriminatory enforcement and I understand I just personally feel it is not a lot different then the APA fining the County of Essex \$1,000. for having a antennae on the public safety building. he stated it is disappointing but I understand the position I think we all feel if that's the case then I assume that you want me to authorize upon Attorney Briggs review of the consent order to sign that and move forward

Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the order upon Attorney Briggs review and move forward. Then

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Supervisor Politi asked for a roll call vote: Councilman Damp; AYE, Councilman Miller; AYE, Councilman Rand; Aye, Councilman Favro; and Supervisor Politi; Aye.

the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi stated Ronnie I think you received the information regarding that the fuel agreement distribution services. He stated I don't know if you have had an opportunity to look at that contract or revise that contract.

Attorney Briggs stated I have a draft of it with me tonight and I think it incorporates what I understand to be the agreement.

Supervisor Politi stated I think that Bill Kissel is the Attorney for the school and Janet Bliss is the Attorney for the Village and maybe it would be best if you sent them a copy of it I would like to finalize this as soon as possible given the fact our Superintendent of schools will be leaving very shortly and he was a prominent player and stake holder in the actual agreement that was made.

Attorney Briggs stated I PDF it to everybody tomorrow.

Supervisor Politi stated Ron how about a update on the Cascade Sewer District.

Attorney Briggs stated I spoke to Janet and she did have a very preliminary draft that she got to me and I typed it in to memory so I can manipulate it but it needs some work but I need to get together with Janet to finalize it. He stated it wasn't as far along as I initially understood it to be but it is on the front burner.

Supervisor Politi stated next is the Cascade Sewer District approval there is a line in place which extends through Cascade Acres down Cascade Road and to Road and to the Ski Jumps it is not presently in a sewer district which means that the public is not attach on to that sewer line. He stated what we intend to do it to make that sewer line public so that Cascade Acres will have access to a public sewer line as well as all of the folk who live adjoining the line down Cascade Road which will allow for further development in the area know as Rangeview. He stated some of you may be familiar with this, as you go out Cascade Road past the Cascade Acres development on the right there is a extensive area of land behind Hoffman Auto Dealership which is planning to be developed in the future and they would need access to a municipal line and the important part of all that is not necessarily the development but the proposal is that particular developer will provide affordable and workforce housing for the Community. He stated it is a tie in to get that program going as well as providing a means of Municipal sewer to folks who live in Cascade Acres.

Supervisor Politi stated is there any other old business? He stated there is one thing don't know if you want to talk about it here we have had discussions in our workshop session in regard to a joint agreement with the Village as per the grant and I don't know how you as Board Members feel in terms of entering into a joint municipal agreement with the Village or entertaining going in a different direction. He stated at some point we need to discuss that because we need to let the Mayor know and let the Village Board know our thoughts as to whether we intend to support a joint concept sharing a \$40,000. salary for a grant writer of which the Town would pay \$20,000. and the Village would pay \$20,000. He stated if you have thoughts on it it is probably a good time to talk about it now if you want to table it to another time that is fine if we are not prepared to move in that direction or make a decision.

Councilman Damp stated I am inclined to want to utilize existing staff to any degree that we can and see if it works and if it doesn't work I don't want to close the door to working with the Village on it, but it is money we are already spending

Supervisor Politi stated it is potential savings to the Town.

Councilman Favro stated I feel the same way I know we have some talented people that could take care of that and are willing to do it.

Councilman Miller stated I would like to see us do it in house if we can, I agree with Chuck let's give it a shot and see how it works out.

Councilman Rand stated that makes sense what do you think the Village is going to do if we don't jump on it right now, will they go with it anyway and spend the \$40,000.

Supervisor Politi stated I don't know that Jay part of me feels that they eliminate the position but I am not sure. He stated the fact that they eliminate the position

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does not necessarily mean it is in the best interest of the Town although I certainly want to try and work as closely with the Village as possible. he stated but I think that you all are looking at this from the stand point that we have staff already that are interested in doing this that are already being paid that would like to take this on at a potential cost savings for the taxpayers and the Town which includes the residents in the Village.

Councilman Rand stated I think we probably have a staff that have enough time and expertise really to do that.

Supervisor Politi stated so you want me to pass along to the Mayor that at this time we want to consider the potential of doing it in house but if it does not work out we are certainly open going in that direction.

Councilman Miller stated are we looking at re-writing the job description.

Supervisor Politi stated I think we probably Bob would have to re-write a job description yes. He stated there may be a job description already included in Essex Count and I would have to talk to Dan Palmer in regard to that because it may be covered in the Community Development Office or in the Zoning or Codes office where Emily is right now.

Councilman Miller stated will we be compensating that person?

Supervisor Politi stated we probably will end up compensating that person with additional funds to do that but it is unlikely that the cost would extend to the cost that we are talking about in a joint relation ship with the Village.

Councilman Rand stated we can do it on a success basis as well.

Supervisor Politi stated the only thing in doing it on a success basis in this economic environment is that it is somewhat difficult and I don't want to discourage someone from going in that direction.

Supervisor Politi stated we have Haley Johnson with us this evening and Haley is a member of our US Biathlon Team and she had a great honor of representing this country as well as our community in the World Championships. He stated that Haley is here because the Essex County Board of Supervisors has passed a Resolution of Recognition of Congratulations for Haley so we invited her here tonight.

Supervisor Politi read the resolution which is filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Haley Johnson stated thank you very much for this recognition and also for celebrating the success of your local athletes I am only one of them also this awesome.

Supervisor Politi stated we are honored to have you and we are very very proud of your accomplishments.

Supervisor Politi stated we have a resolution before us from Pam Sutphen dealing with a Workplace Violence Statement and authorized employee representative and designated content person. He stated it is available for inspection in the Town Clerk's office. He stated basically the Town of North Elba agrees to adopt a workplace violence statement as the initial step towards compliance with the new York State workplace prevention act and the Town also agrees to appoint Pam Sutphen who is our Human Resource coordinator and the designated contact person and authorize employee representative for the planned development and implementation of the policy and procedures. He stated it is available for anyone including the press.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to approve the Resolution for the Workplace Violence Policy Statement. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi stated we also have been asked by C&S Engineers to accept the Airport bid that we received from the lowest bidders and the first bid was for the Airport Obstruction Removal and Threshold Marking Relocation and the low bidder was Terry Tree Service, LLC of Rochester, New York and the bid was \$299,750. with a 5% bid security. He stated the second bid was from baseline King Corporation in the amount of \$338,848. with a 5% bid security. He stated the second bid opening was for the Construction of Runway 14-32 Crack Repair & Drainage Improvements by Bothar Construction in the amount of \$204,336. with a 5% bid security and the second was from Luck Brothers in the amount of \$205,612. with a 5% bid security. He stated based upon the recommendation of C&S Engineers I would like to have a motion to accept the low bids as so noted.

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Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of C&S Engineers for the above projects. There being discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Miller stated the school is required to low bidder we are not required to go to low bidder?

Supervisor Politi stated we aren't required if it didn't reach specifications but these are lowest responsible bidders meeting specifications and you should know that this amount of money is provided to us by FAA these are grant monies this is not money that the Town is spending for these particular projects at the Lake Placid Airport.

Councilman Miller stated who determines whether they are the responsible bidder?

Supervisor Politi stated it's the engineer's recommendation.

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion on the budget modifications as recommended by Cathy Gregory our Budget officer and filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve of the budget modifications as recommended. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi stated we also have a Conference Center Memorandum which came from Robert Hammond regarding the bids on the Conference Center. He stated this is more informational than it is anything just so everyone understands the bids for the upgrade for the upgrade and renovation of the Conference Center were substantially over what was anticipated and I will tell you that I have discussed this topic not only with Joe Martens the Chairman of the Board of ORDA but I have also talked with Senator Little at length about this particular topic and Senator Little has agreed to sponsor a meeting with representatives of ORDA representatives from the Town not only Town Board Members but also those appointed members to ORDA as well as the new Chairman of the New York State Economic Development Corporation.

Councilman Damp stated what is the logic for substantial disparity of some of those costs?

Supervisor Politi stated I guess the cost of steel has gone up about 100%. He stated

Councilman Damp stated I understand what you are saying 80% in one year but these plans were put out to bid in the last few months so how could it be that far off the mark I am just curious I don't understand.

Supervisor Politi stated I think it is essential for the community that we have a conference center that is competitive. He stated that it is very important that Lake Placid remain at the forefront of the sports industry and I think we all feel the same way and one thing I would hate to see happen is for us because we have 23 million to scale back the facility just to spend what we have when in fact if we need a facility that is 40 million dollars or if it is 36 million dollars we need to find the resources to make that project work. He stated I asked Senator Little if she would sponsor this and she has agreed to do so and I hope that we can get the Governor's representative here and we can talk this out. He stated I think it is important for the State to know that places like Lake Placid, Niagara Falls and New York City are really the economic wheels that drive those particular regions and this region here without ORDA without the events that we are able to put in place would be an entirely different community.

Supervisor Politi stated it will be the Governor's office a representative in Congress and Senators.

Howard Baker stated I have a question in connection with the Conference Center has any thought been given to any kind of a safe decent highway connecting the northway to Lake Placid any resort you go to has a easy access the only way you are going to get to Lake Placid is by car or by bus or maybe by air but basically we need a safe highway that will connect us either from Montreal or from Albany to Lake Placid.

Supervisor Politi stated I think that is a good point I think there are issues involved, environmental issues are huge right now we are trying to get an electric line an upgraded electric transmission line from here through Tupper lake and it has become so difficult to get these kind of approvals.

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Supervisor Politi stated Tim Chick is here representing the tree board and the concept of a tree board and I don't think that any of you have this tree board resolution because it was something that I rewrote. He stated Tim I am going to let you explain to the Board members the concept of what a tree board is and the necessity for having one, whose involved and what you do.

Tim Chick stated that in 2001 Ruth Hart and James Rogers who were on the appearance committee recommended that a tree board which was a action sub committee of the appearance committee be put in place and our original mission was to plant the entrances to Town specifically Saranac Avenue and Sentinel Road we started doing that using plants from the electric department buy one get one free program which is a cooperative program with the New York Power Authority and that was started before the tree board was put in place. He stated we have about 6 or 8 members on the board Bob and I are co chairs on it and we have just kind of limped a long with what ever kind of resources we can get, the Town and Village have both been very cooperative in supplying man power and help with our mission but our original mission was expanded pretty quickly. He stated we were asked to put in the berm at the highway garage design that develop that and get it in place and plant it. He stated that has been a 4 or 5 year project as well.

Tim Chick stated we had Arbor Day programs at the elementary school and we incorporated that into the tree board itself we joined with the electric department to enhance the buy one get one free program to encourage people to plant trees and low and behold in 2004 we had dutch elm disease arrive on the scene and that concerned us because the trees were going to die quicker then we could replace them with new trees so we tried to institute a control program where we remove the diseased trees as quickly as possible to prevent the infestation of adjacent live trees the Electric Department has helped with that in the removing of those tree in cooperation with us and citizens removing trees that the Electric Department couldn't get to. He stated we have had quite an expansion of our program we have tried to develop educational programs we just had our seventh community Arbor Day Program we have a program in the elementary school every year we plant seedlings and teach them about Arbor Day. He stated this started expanding when we had vandalism in the park on trees that were planted earlier so we were concerned about getting ethic in the kids when they were young to try and forestall some of this vandalism that we were getting. He stated we tried to get more involved with different people and people said who in the world are you so we really had an identity problem and a little bit of a creditably problem as to what we were trying to work with different groups so we finally realized it would be important to have some designation with ordinance of some type and we were encouraged by the DEC to get an ordinance and this led us to a Tree City USA project which is a national recognition that is developed by the National Arbor Day Foundation along with the US Forest Service and all the 50 state foresters and this is a certification of a communities progress in developing tree programs.

Tim Chick stated each community in order to be certified as a Tree City USA has to have a ordinance, a tree board, a Arbor Day Program and a \$2.00 per capita expenditure per citizen as part of the Tree City certification and the only thing we are lacking is an ordinance and that is what we are here asking for is consideration for some type of an ordinance that would be appropriate for acceptance by the DEC and the National Arbor Day Program.

Supervisor Politi stated I wrote a very general ordinance it basically says that we will appoint a tree board and at such time as the Village passes there's we will work unilaterally with the Village with such a concept. He stated one of the things I am curious about is when I talk about Town I am thinking about how have we drawn on Saranac Lake can we draw Saranac Lake in to this do they have a tree board and do they have an Arbor Day group in the Village of Saranac Lake?

Tim Chick stated they did attempt to start and it didn't get very far they do have a tree inventory that was done by a consulting forester in the management plan for the village they do have supply some help from the village in doing various things but more so with the village improvement society but they have not been able to get a solid tree board going.

Supervisor Politi stated do they have any super star volunteers who would want to work on a Town Tree Board. he stated I like the concept of buy one get one free and I don't know if we have publicized that enough and that should be available to all the residents of North Elba.

Councilman Rand stated with the buy one get one free what kind of trees are they?

Tim Chick stated they can vary we have evergreens, sugar maples, red maples and crab apples.

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Councilman Rand stated what is the range?

Tim Chick stated they are 1 inch in diameter and they run \$75.00 to \$80.00 and you can get larger trees for about \$200. and those are about 2 or 2 1/2 inches and those are the really big trees.

Councilman Damp stated in your presentation you said that there were many components and one of them was \$2.00 a head but that's not what you are asking for.

Tim Chick stated no that's already being spent the electric department spends so much more then that for their tree work that is not an issue we are not asking for additional funding for this.

Supervisor Politi stated thank you for your time you have given personally to this community you don't get recognition and I know you are out there doing this all the time it is always a pat on the back but I want you to know that from all of us we know what you do and what you have given for Lake Placid.

Tim Chick stated Bob Hannah is equally involved.

Supervisor Politi stated absolutely but Bob Hannah is the big cheese so he gets a lot of recognition and you don't get enough so I am telling you.

Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Favro seconded the resolution for a Tree Board ordinance made a part of these minutes. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi stated the next thing on the agenda is that Craig Wood was honored just recently at the memorial tournament and Craig Wood is now being considered for the PGA Hall of Fame he came from Lake Placid he won the Masters, he won the US Open he won the Canadian Open and he is only one of two guys in history that has lost that has lost all four majors in a play off including what the call the albatross. He stated he is from Lake Placid and he is a local son and the golf course is named after him and we have an opportunity to obtain one of the bronze face plaques of Craig Wood that was prepared at the memorial golf tournament to honor him. He stated I thought given the fact we have Craig Wood's golf course here it would be nice to have a bronze plaque of him imbedded in a stone right by the first tee it would be his face and his history and so forth. He stated that the cost would be price for the plaque would be \$4750. delivered and I don't know that we would ever have an other opportunity to get one and in addition to that we are getting a large poster of Craig Wood talking about his being born in Lake Placid and his signature and it would be able to go into the golfhouse and it life size where someone could have their photograph taken of themselves next to Craig Wood. He stated I didn't know if this is something you wanted to do the image itself is about 20 inches wide 30 inches long and the actual facial replica is about 10 inches. He stated it is a cost but it is something with honor for one of our local residents. He stated my guess is that he is going to be in the Hall Of Fame very soon.

Councilman Rand stated I think we should have something like that out there some people don't even know who he is.

Supervisor Politi stated the estimated turn around time is 60 to 90 days.

Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve of the expenditure of \$4,750. to purchase a bronze plaque of Craig Wood to be placed on a stone near the first tee at Craig Wood Golf Course. Supervisor Politi asked for a roll call vote: Councilman Favro; AYE, Councilman Rand; AYE, Councilman Damp: AYE, Councilman Miller: AYE and Supervisor Politi; AYE. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi stated we have a request entering in to a contract with the Town of North Elba and the Lake Placid Chamber. He stated it is a contract that has been signed annually for the last five years and the budget numbers have been approved by the Town which we donate \$80,000. a year to the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce the payments are made in the amounts of \$10,000. a month beginning in May and the last payment off \$20,000. is made in November so the total appropriation is \$80,000. He stated it has been approved by the Board for the last five years and I know Ron it doesn't have your blessing yet but I would like to have approval subject to Attorney Briggs of acceptance.

Councilman rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to approve the signing of the Lake Placid Convention Bureau Contract subject to Attorney Brigg's acceptance. Discussion?

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Councilman Damp stated maybe it is more for next year but with these fields coming in I have a very informal discussion with Jim McKenna the potential of marketing them to high school groups or whoever in June or September time when we are busy for weekend things. He stated I would like us to consider incorporating that but maybe it is more for next year.

Supervisor Politi stated my only concern is that we are waiting approval by FAA on those fields and I know that one of the subjects FAA brought up was it is nice that you have the fields and you can rent the fields but the money is going to the Airport it's not going to the fields. He stated evidently the fields are Airport property and the Federal Government has given money for the expansion of that facility and their position is if we aren't leasing those fields we can lease those fields...

Councilman Damp stated it's not the income off the fields but the income is really the bodies and that's hat their expertise is not really the fields. He stated if we have to give it to the Airport then whatever.

Supervisor Politi stated I found it very interesting that the FAA would say that.

Councilman Miller stated when was the amount of money we are giving them approved?

Supervisor Politi stated it was appropriated last year.

Councilman Miller stated so that is every year the Board decides what the amount of money is for the following year.

Supervisor Politi stated we will do it this October for next year 2009. he stated this appropriation was already approved by this Board in 2007. He stated it has been this amount forever.

Councilman Miller stated why are we doing this now?

Supervisor Politi stated because it didn't get signed and Jim forgot about it.

There being no further discussion, the motion is unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi stated the next item has to do with the Town Clerk and for everyone's knowledge our Town Clerk Margaret Gadwaw has chose to resign her position effective immediately so it is necessary for me to request a acceptance of her formal resignation as the North Elba Town Clerk effective this date and I need to also pass a resolution authorizing a November 2008 election to fill the remainder of her term.

Supervisor Politi moved and Deputy Supervisor Rand seconded the motion to accept the immediate resignation of Margaret Gadwaw as North Elba Town Clerk and authorize a November 2008 election. Discussion?

Councilman Damp asked is it a 2 or 4 year term?

Supervisor Politi stated it is a 4 year term and we will have to appoint a temporary Town Clerk to fill the position until January 1st at which time a new Town Clerk will take over. He stated the new Town Clerk as of January 1 would fill remainder term of the present Town Clerk's position. He stated it is a 4 year term and 1 year would be up in January the new Town Clerk would take over.

Councilman Miller stated you have Peggy's formal resignation?

Supervisor Politi stated I have Peggy's formal resignation here.

There being no further discussion the motion was unanimously carried.

Chris Knight stated did she state in her resignation letter why she resigned?

Supervisor Politi stated she stated personnel reasons and I spoke to Peggy and I think her feelings are that there was a certain amount of stress related to the job and I know that she and her husband were in the process of selling there business ad were thinking about relocating and certainly that was a consideration. He stated if you have any questions I would say to call Peggy and talk to her.

Chris Knight stated do have anybody in mind that you plan to fill the position as a temporary Town Clerk and how soon would that happen?

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Supervisor Politi stated I do plan to fill the position it is a appointed position and I intend unless I have objections from my Board to appoint Denice Fredericks whom is the Deputy Town Clerk to be the acting Town Clerk until such time a election takes place and then I will likely appoint with this Board's approval a probably a employee of the Town to work with Denice as acting Deputy Clerk until such time we have an election.

Councilman Rand stated I think we are fortunate to have Denice in a position where she is willing to do, she has had a lot of experience there and I am sure she can pick up the responsibilities quickly and efficiently and I would like to say thanks Denice.

Supervisor Politi state we have every confidence in you Denice.

Supervisor Politi stated under committee reports Bob do you and Jack want to talk about the landfill.

Councilman Miller stated just to tell you what we have been up to lately there are a couple of things one is we have these wonderful posters made up for a contest to rename the road that heads down to the recycling center that is currently called Dump Lane and we are putting it out to the community. He stated there is a \$50.00 gift certificate from the Flowering Meadow Nursery and four Olympic Site passports. He stated we are working on coming up with a new road name also we are hoping to take down those metal rusted signs at the beginning of the Dump Road and some of the times have been changed. He stated we are trying to make some simple tasteful signs that say this is the way to the recycling center, this is where the soccer fields are.

Councilman Favro stated we have had a few meetings with the workers down there and they are very excited as well as a lot of the community members and we are going to paint the inside and get some new bins and make it user friendly. He stated we are going to have some more meetings with the community. He stated we have had a lot of interest and are going to promote recycling and the one part Bob and I kind of go back and forth he says we have to recycle more and I said we want to make more money on the recycling to off set the taxes and that is what we will end up doing is doing both and that is the good part.

Supervisor Politi stated we need community involvement and we are encouraging the development of the citizens committee to work with the folks at the recycling center and jack and Bob to make that whole process much more efficient and easler for all of us to use. he stated we encourage you if you have any thoughts or ideas to please call Jack or Bob or when you are down at the recycling center to feel free to take someone aside and tell them what you are thinking about because we want to make it better because it si better for all of us.

Councilman Miller stated I spoke with the Rotary Club and they are going to come up with a proposal for a can and bottle collection down there we want to get it out of the recycling building into it's own separate building so our staff doesn't have to deal with it. He stated they are anticipating that there could be substantial revenue for the non-profit organizations in Town that work with youth. He stated we have a press release coming out soon on the expanded list of recyclables.

Supervisor Politi stated Chuck do have anything?

Councilman Damp stated we are going to implement a five year plan at the highway department to deal with road maintenance, expenditures and equipment.

Supervisor Politi stated I do want you to that we will have these signs in our parks form now on all our parks and the beach is a tobacco free zone. He stated we have heard from a lot of folks that when they go to the beach they don't like to walk bare foot in cigarette butts so we have these signs and we hope people participate it is really more of a voluntary involvement.

Supervisor Politi stated Ronnie do you have anything else to report?

Attorney Briggs stated I just want to report that I now have all the old files from Attorney Kissel.

Supervisor Politi stated there really isn't a lot to report on Essex County and I don't want to take up any more time because we are past due on the public hearing.

Supervisor Politi asked for a motion to approve the audits as per the audit numbers as follows: 80939-80940, 80961, 80963-81002, 81004-81059, 81080-81130.

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	Regular	Prepaid
Town General(A)	64,481.87	145,585.67
Town Wide Highway Fund (DA)	10,572.74	5,321.96
Soccer Fields (H44)	126,017.32	
Fuel Dispensing System(H45)	2,386.71	
Park District (SP)	87,706.73	16,608.38
Liberty Hill Sewer Dist.(SS20)	275.00	
Mckenzie Water Dist.(SW2)	67.10	
Ray Brook Water (SW3)	8,359.50	
Trust & Agency (T)		45.00
Totals	\$299,866.97	\$167,561.01

Councilman Favro moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to approve the audits as presented and paid. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi stated there will be a Executive Session for pending litigation.

Supervisor Politi stated we will now have a temporary adjournment this Regular Meeting at 7:25 p.m. for the Public hearing then we will return to our Regular Meeting.

Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion for adjournment for the public hearing to be held at this time. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi opened the public hearing by stating that this hearing is being held for the reclassification of land formerly owned by Ellsworth and Virginia Jackstadt property (tax map ID 42.OCL-3-8.000) acquired by the Mirror lake Inn in 2006 , from a "RIA" to "PD" (Planned Development), so as to match the classification of the surrounding lands presently owned by Mirror Lake Inn.

Supervisor Politi stated we are here to see if there are any comments from the public on this particular zoning change owned by the Mirror Lake Inn you any have the floor at this point.

Supervisor Politi stated since there are no persons present to comment on this particular public hearing I am going to call the public hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

Ed Weibrecht stated I would like to make this letter part of the public record.

Supervisor Politi stated I have closed the public hearing but if you like to I will open it up again just for you.

Supervisor Politi stated if there is nothing else I will close the public hearing.

Supervisor Politi stated may I have a motion to reopen the regular meeting.

Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to reopen the regular meeting at 7:32 p.m. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supervisor Politi stated if there is no other business to be brought before this Board we will now go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation matters.

Supervisor Politi stated I do want to thank you very much for allowing us to come here this evening it was very enjoyable we call it our road show and this is the second road show that we have put on next month we will be in Saranac Lake at the Town House and again in September who knows where we will be next.

Councilman Rand moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion to go into Executive Session at 7:37 to discuss litigation matters. The motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Miller seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. and go back in to Regular Session with the following motion:

Supervisor Politi moved and Councilman Rand seconded the motion to appoint Denise P. Fredericks as Town Clerk till December 31, 2008. There being no discussion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Damp moved and Councilman Favro seconded the motion that the Regular Town Board meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Denice Fredericks
Town Clerk