

**TOWN OF DEERPARK
TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016**

Meeting was held at Town Hall, 420 Route 209, Huguenot, NY 12746

Invocation by Alan Schock (Participation is Optional)

Attendance

Supervisor: Gary Spears

Councilmember's: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei

Absent: David Dean

Engineer: Al Fusco, Jr.

Call to Order at 7:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance by Ken Smith

Presentations/Communications

Lynn Burns & Norma Schadt - Historian Report - Attached to the official minutes.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda – None

Public Comment Period

Grace Woodard reported on speaking with a gentleman from the Historical Preservation, Bill Kittinger. She laid out ideas to him about her ideas of kiosks for around the town for an eco-tourism push. He wants to come to our area and thought they should start with an archeological study in Godeffroy. She'll have a couple dates when he will come back and would like to have some council member's participate.

Motion to Approve May 16, 2016 Board Minutes

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to approve the May 16, 2016 Board Minutes.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: David Dean

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears read the proposed Resolution 6 of 2016 and explained how the Tax Collector Jane Garvey retired December 31, 2015 and they temporarily appointed one for four months through the tax collection season. They want to abolish the elected position and move it to the Town Clerk's Office. They expect cost savings for the town and the old tax collection hours were limited and the Town Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It would benefit the residents.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 6 of 2016 – Abolish Elected Tax Collector Position

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by Alana Schock to Adopt Resolution 6 of 2016 – Abolish Elected Tax Collector Position.

Discussion: Councilman Trovei asked if the Town Clerk had the staff to handle this and she said she has deputies/clerks and with the hours open she didn't think they would have lines. If people can't get there while the office is open, she would do for them what she does for others who need things and would come in off hours to meet them. Supervisor Spears offered that perhaps Pat Creegan could be added for those three months to help out. It wouldn't be annual salary but per diem hours worked.

VOTE: 4 AYES (Roll Call): Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: David Dean

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Accept Temporary Leave of Absence for Police Officer Cramer

Motion by Arthur Trovei, 2nd by Ken Smith to accept the letter requesting a temporary leave of absence for Police Officer Cramer.

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Discussion: Councilman Trovei asked if she would be paid during her leave of absence and Supervisor Spears said she would be on an unpaid leave of absence and when the doctor does release her, they will need to approve her to come back.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: David Dean

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Spears explained the Vibratory Roller bids were re-bid due to going out initially with a lack of specifics and the bids were not for the roller needed. He explained that the Highway Superintendent Ed Hughson, re-bid the roller and wanted to accept the new bid for one 2005 Ingersoll Rand Vibratory Roller in the amount of \$20,900. Only one bid was received.

Motion to Accept Bids for the Highway Vibratory Roller for \$20,900

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to accept the bid for the Vibratory Roller in the amount of \$20,900 for the Highway Department.

VOTE: 3 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: David Dean

1 ABSTENTION: Arthur Trovei

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Approve Resolution 7 of 2016 – NYS Retirement Work Day and Reporting

Motion by Alan Schock, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to Approve Resolution 7 of 2016 – NYS Retirement Work Day and Reporting.

VOTE: 4 AYES (Roll Call): Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: David Dean

MOTION CARRIED

Appropriations, Budget and Payment of Bills

Motion to Pay Bills and Accept Budget Officer's Report

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Arthur Trovei to pay bills that have been signed by three council members, and accept the Budget Officer's Report and may be viewed in the Town Clerk's Office.

General Fund Abstract #10 of 2016 in the amount of \$128,733.38

Highway Fund Abstract #10 of 2016 in the amount of \$83,105.16

Fusco Engineering Fund Abstract #5 of 2016 in the amount of \$774.00

Special Revenue Reserve Fund Abstract #5 of 2016 in the amount of \$1,643.00

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: David Dean

MOTION CARRIED

Gary Hulse of Bolton Basin Road asked to speak about the detour for the bridge 42 repair. He asked if anyone has driven on the detour and his issue is with the speed of those driving on the road. Supervisor Spears said they have addressed it. Chief Sztynдор has been on it, they have written tickets. Mr. Hulse said what is being done isn't working. He asked if someone could say something. He said they are going 35 – 40 mph and Supervisor Spears will ask for reports on the speed recorded. He added that the Police Department is there every day.

Closing Board Comments

Councilman Schock thanked Lynn and Norma for their report. He met a guy who said something about the Treasure Hunt and thought was great. He was looking forward to going to Valley Junction Sunday.

Councilman Smith thanked Lynn and Norma and acknowledged they worked hard to get all this done.

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Councilman Trovei thanked both Lynn and Norma for their hard work to preserve the town's history. Some of the real history is not being taught in the school anymore. He congratulated Gary Spears on his number nine grandchild.

Supervisor Spears thanked Lynn and Norma for all their work they've done and Grace, for the work she has done so far on tracking down some extra added help in funding for the historical stuff. He thanked Flo for all she did and for being willing to take on the Tax Collector duties.

Florence Santini, Town Clerk announced the Household Hazardous Waste Collection at the Port Jervis High School Lower Parking Lot, Saturday, June 11th from 9 – 3 p.m. It is free for Orange County residents with proof of residency. A copy of the flyer is attached to the official minutes. It's on the website and bulletin boards and she will take them to the Post Offices also. Supervisor Spears asked how many Clean up permits were issued and Ms. Santini replied close to 600.

Al Fusco, Jr., Town Engineer reported they will be going out to bid on Big Pond. They will set a date and they will inform them when.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Ken Smith, 2nd by Alan Schock to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

VOTE: 4 AYES: Alan Schock, Ken Smith, Arthur Trovei, Gary Spears

1 ABSENT: David Dean

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,

Florence T. Santini
Town Clerk

Town of Deerpark Museum
25 Grange Rd., P.O. Box 621
Huguenot, NY 12746
June 6, 2016

Town Board Historian's Report

I. Historian/Community Outreach

A. For the second year, we presented the **Joseph Brant Bus Tour to 200+ Port Jervis Middle School** Seventh Graders. On Jan. 5th, Judy Gumaer Testa presented to six different classes a talk and power point on early colonial life in our area. Then on the Jan. 11th and 12th, Lynn Burns and museum member Susan Breyer conducted six bus tours around our area pointing out historical locations connected with the July 1779 raid of Captain Joseph Brant and his raiders. On the 14th, there was a follow-up assembly at the Middle School. Local Interpreter of Colonial Indian Affairs, Frank Salvati, closed the assembly with his talk on local Native Americans.

B. Wednesday, June 8, 2016, Norma Schadt and Lynn Burns will present a program on **"Early Colonial Life"** to seven classes during three sessions to ASK Fourth Graders. There will be a power point presentation and artifacts for the students to handle.

C. **Geotourism/National Geographic** – We have nominated a number of Deerpark sites and they are now officially on the website. In the next few days, a display will be set up in the Deerpark Town Hall to help promote our town. Check out the site at... www.delawareriver.natgeotourism.com .

D. **The Old Mine Chapter of the D.A.R.** met at the schoolhouse this past weekend, to hold their annual planning meeting. Norma Schadt gave a power point presentation on cemetery art and symbolism. In September, we will host the D.A.R. Hudson Valley Pilgrimage, where up to sixty members will tour the 1863 Schoolhouse and Lynn Burns will talk about our history.

E. **Art & History**, Saturday, June 18, 2016...An event to be held at Orange Square in Port Jervis, NY, will feature works by local artists and again all local historical societies will gather with displays on the Revolution and the Civil War. Re-enactors and vendors will also be on hand.

F. We have been active in documenting and promoting **the Tri-State Veteran's Memorial**. Follow the progress on the museum's Facebook page.

G. **Beautification** – We have again taken on the planting and care of the Welcome to Deerpark sign on Rt.209, Harriet Space Park Sign, urns in front of Town Hall and the plantings at the schoolhouse. We will continue to decorate for the winter holidays, as well. We are fortunate to have some plants donated as this helps to keep costs down.

H. **APHNYS Conference** – Norma Schadt and Lynn Burns are registered to attend this statewide meeting of local historians in Syracuse on Sept. 15 – 17, 2016.

II. Historical Markers

A. We have **two new markers** waiting to be installed. This Sunday, June 12, 2016, we will dedicate the **Valley Junction Station** Marker on Third St. in Godeffroy. There will be a brief unveiling ceremony at 2PM, followed by a program on the O&W Railroad given by Joseph Senese at the Neversink Valley Grange Building, at 3PM. We had quite a crowd for his talk last year with at least eighty in attendance. The second marker is the newest marker offered by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, whose grants of over \$2,000 have paid for both of our markers. **"Legends and Lore"** is a new red and white marker highlighting local legends. On July 23, 2016, during our Joseph Brant Bus Tour, we will dedicate this marker to the legend of the Painted Aprons, just off Neversink Drive at Schoolhouse Terrace. We hope to have children dressed in period costume to help with the ceremony.

B. Again, we wish to warmly **thank the Highway Department** for always cheerfully helping us out by placing the signs and coming to our aide so quickly whenever we ask.

C. We have set up a schedule for the painting and restoration of historical markers which are in need of sprucing up. This will start this week and will be accomplished by museum member volunteers.

III. The Neversink Valley Grange

A. A new program has been launched as of May 22, 2016 – “Ride into History” Deerpark Road Rally. We have come up with a fun program to get people out and about our town to locate 25 locations of interest. Participants must take their photographs in front of the landmarks indicated in their travel journals and answer any questions about that site, when asked for. All proceeds from the registration fee will go to the Friends of the Grange Fund, which was instituted to collect monies for the buildings restoration. So far, the fund has earned \$210. The contest is open from now till Aug. 13. A picnic celebrating the finale will be held on Aug 21, 2016 at Harriet Space Park, where prizes will be awarded.

We have tried to promote this program through newspaper articles, flyers, Facebook, banners, our newsletter and at all of our summer programs.

B. Volunteer efforts for clean-up will continue. We have a skit planned for our Open House in Sept. this year which will be performed on the Grange’s stage. That area will be cleaned and any necessary work will be tackled. We have found that our programs are enjoying larger crowds and the schoolhouse is becoming cramped. A recent lecture by Frank Salvati had over forty in attendance. We expect even more for the railroad lecture. We are also receiving historical artifact donations all of the time and we are running out of storage space. The Grange building would be ideal for displaying items, better on display than in a pile of boxes.

C. Recent work on the chimney has been completed. However, when we inspected the work we found that the well pipe that sticks out of the ground is nearly sheared off. Recent high winds have torn shingles from the roof exposing bare wood. There is still a problem with water and dampness in the basement. We thank the Highway Department for cutting down the two trees in the front of the building. This work was done on what had to have been the coldest and windiest day this year. We are still in hopes that the promised new roof will be installed and footing drains as well.

IV. A list of our programs has been handed out and we would love to see members of the board attend when possible. Please take note - we are just in the planning stage of a “Star Party”, tentatively to be held at Harriet Space Park on Aug. 11, 2016.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted
Lynn M. Burns