

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020 VIA ZOOM.

Present at Town Hall:

Daryl Legg	Supervisor
David Kukle	Councilman
Sean Mahoney	Councilman
Raymond Legg	Councilman
Dolph Semenza	Councilman
Corina Pascucci	Town Clerk
Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Secretary to the Supervisor
Larry Gardner	Town Attorney
John Farrell	Supt. Of Highways
Sgt. Robert Haines	Hunter Police Department
Marc Czermerys	IT

Present Via Zoom:

Christine Arleo, James Nihan, Margaret Nihan, Martin Mathis, DeDeTerns Thorpe, Regina Johnson, Katie & Steve, Marilla Abrahamsen

Supervisor Legg calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AUDIT – The following vouchers were audited and approved for payment by the Town Board:

General Fund (TW) Voucher #343 through #402 in the amount of \$63,821.81

General Fund (TOS) no vouchers

Highway Fund (TW) Voucher #110 through #118 in the amount of \$9,906.19

Highway Fund (TOS) Voucher #1052 through #1071 in the amount of \$21,907.22

Landfill Closure Fund Voucher #63 through #76 in the amount of \$14,124.30

MINUTES

Councilman Legg makes a MOTION to approve minutes of Regular Meetings 9/8/20 & 9/22/20, Special meeting 9/15/20 and Public Hearing: Budget & Workshop 9/22/20. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

AMBULANCE-Monthly report acknowledged.

HUNTER AREA AMBULANCE

PO Box 70 / 5742 Rt. 23A Tannersville, NY 12485

518-589-4045

BOARD MEETING REPORT

35 Calls in September – 2020

Hunter Mountain – 1

Tannersville – 10

Windham- 3

Haines Falls– 4

Hunter – 10

Ashland- 1

Elka Park – 2
Dr. Schneider’s – 1

Lanesville-1

Catskill- 2

CMH – 9
Albany Med- 3
VA –
RMA – 6
Helicopter – 1

CPR Death: No Transport-
Unattended-
No Patient Found- 5

Kingston – 3
St Peters - 3
Canceled - 5
Stand By –
ALS- 9

Erika – 14
Barbara - 12
Melissa- 2
Venessa- 8
Jim- 5
Bruce- 4
Mileage 84-1: 57,634

Scott- 9
Aaron- 7
Isabella- 2
Kristin-

Butch-
Dean- 1
Ariel- 6
Brandon-

Mileage 84-2: 52,708

POLICE- Monthly report acknowledged.
Town of Hunter Police Department

Monthly Report September 2020

Calls for service:	116
Arrests made:	0
Criminal charges levied:	0
Criminal complaints:	4
Non-criminal complaints:	83
Assists to other agencies:	16
Uniform traffic tickets:	6
Parking tickets:	80
Accidents investigated:	4
Report requests:	19
Property checks:	29

Acknowledged receipt of Police Reform and Reinvention Committee Public Forum 10/14/20 @ 6:00 PM

Supervisor Legg states that Sgt. Haines to run a committee which shall include the Pastor from The Kaaterskill United Methodist Church, Father Jay, Greg Lubow , District Attorney’s office, Public Defender’s Office and he will reach out to Martin Mathis from the Catskill Community. Councilman Mahoney states that Charlotte Meigs has expressed interest in sitting on this committee.

No parking signs-North Lake Road-Discussion
Supervisor Legg offers RESOLUTION #7 of 2020

WHEREAS The Town Board of the Town of Hunter hereby requests the Greene County Highway Department to place No Parking signs on County Route 18, also known as North Lake Road. The request is for the North and South sides starting at Deer Park Road and ending at the gate for the entrance to North South Lake Campground.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved upon receipt of the notice that the regulation herein requested has been established, the applicable municipal government, will provide, install, and maintain signs in accordance with the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Dated: October 14, 2020

Resolution offered by Supervisor Daryl Legg and seconded by Councilman Raymond Legg

In Favor -5- Opposed -0-

DeDe suggests that the board discuss placing no parking signs at the top of the mountain near the Historical Society as well.

Supervisor Legg states that they will need to obtain mile markers before they can pass a resolution.

Sgt. Haines states that the entire back mountain should be posted. He adds that his department had to close it this weekend as the number of cars made it hazardous to go up or down.

He adds that the Town Board need to develop the infrastructure for the number of tourists we receive.

Discussion on shuttle, parking, garbage, and public urination.

Sgt. Haines asks if the paperwork for the speed limit reduction on Platte Clove Road was submitted.

C. Pascucci states that it was and Supervisor Legg states that he will check on the status of this with the County.

2nd Zoom Session

Supervisor Legg states that Infrastructure will be a topic of conversation at the next workshop meeting.

HALLOWEEN

Sgt. Haines states that he is partnering with the Greene County Sheriffs Department to co-sponsor a Trick or Trunk event which will be outdoor only and held somewhere where everyone can be spaced apart.

Town Board members state that they are fully in favor of this event.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Sgt. Haines asks the board if they have discussed contractualizing health insurance benefits. To be discussed at the next workshop meeting.

ASSESSOR -Monthly report acknowledged.

MEMO TO: Supervisor and Town Board

SUBJECT: Monthly Report

FROM: The Assessor's Office

DATE: October 13,2020

- There were 27 Parcel Transfers this month. 16 were Arm’s length (ALS), Sales listed below.
- 0 Parcels Combinations.
- 0 Parcel Splits.
- 0 Lot Line Adjustments.
- 4 Grid Changes.
- 5 Parcel Revisions.
- Update photos are being taken at this time.
- Information for the new STAR requirements is available in my office.
- Data collection for the 2021 Assessment Roll has Started.

1. 167.00-5-6 ALS
2. 197.00-5-4
3. 210.00-3-25.2
4. 181.12-2-3 ALS
5. 210.00-1-23 ALS
6. 182.07-3-7.1
7. 216.01-6-6 ALS
8. 148.00-4-12.12
9. 166.00-6-21.1 ALS
10. 165.00-2-54
11. 165.00-2-56
12. 165.00-2-57
13. 209.00-5-7 ALS
14. 164.65-3-6 ALS
15. 209.00-5-8
16. 149.04-1-11 ALS
17. 164.72-1-4 ALS
18. 216.01-6-12 ALS
19. 166.18-1-29 ALS
20. 181.08-1-13 ALS
21. 166.18-1-2
22. 182.09-1-21 ALS
23. 182.00-1-22 ALS
24. 164.09-2-32 1st
25. 164.09-2-32 ALS 2nd
26. 148.18-1-1.11
27. 164.10-1-19 ALS

BUILDING/Code Enforcement -Monthly report acknowledged.

TOWN OF HUNTER
OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT
P.O. BOX 70 TANNERSVILLE, N.Y. 12485
(518) 589 – 6150 Ext. 307

Building Department Monthly Activity Report

Building Permits Issued 3
Building Permit Renewals 0
Abstracts 6
Sewer Inspections 0
Notice of Violation 0
Sign Permit Renewal 0
Demo Permits Issued 2
Complaints Received 1
Timber harvest Permits 0
Small Scale Mining 0
Fire/Property Maintenance Inspection 0

Collected Fees Report September 2020

Building Permits: \$540.00
Demo Permits: \$200.00
Abstracts: \$150.00

Total: \$890.00

PLANNING-Monthly report acknowledged.

**Town of Hunter Planning Board
Monthly MEETING Report
OCTOBER 2020**

Tuesday, October 6th, 2020. Regular meeting at 6:30PM

S. Basagic- Chairperson
M. Czermerys –Deputy Chairperson
S. Friedman
C. Knopp
R. Haines (via Zoom)
D. Senterman (via Zoom)
B. Welch (via Zoom)

Summarized.

MEETING: Called to order at 6:36PM.

MEMBER ROLL: present & via Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairperson S. Basagic states that Privilege of the Floor shall not be offered unless requested prior to the meeting. Applicants or sponsors will be acknowledged if they are on via Zoom to address the Board. It is requested anyone else that is attending the meeting via Zoom, PLEASE keep your microphone MUTED. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

Board discussion on November meeting, as it falls on Election Day. Past practice has been that even though Town Hall offices are open, a reschedule would be appropriate especially with a Presidential election. **The meeting shall be on WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4th, 2020 at 6:30PM via Zoom.**

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Elka Mews Minor Subdivision; Elka Park. Darrin Elsom P.E. of Kaaterskill Engineering.

SEQR: UNLISTED action. Negative Declaration at the Sept.1, 2020 meeting.

The Board ackn's receiving the final subdivision maps. D. Elsom explains there were only minor boundary line adjustments done for the final map after soils test were done. Property owner W. Crane has already signed. **APPROVED : 4 - LOT MINOR SUBDIVISION.**

2) The Cabins at Scribner's Site Plan Review; Hunter. Taconic Engineering presenting via Zoom

SEQR: UNLISTED action.

-Ackn rcv'd updated site plan, SEQR Full EAF

-Ackn rcv'd SEQR Lead Agency response letters from NYCDEP, NYSDEC, NYSDOH &VOH Pln. Bd

Project: *The construction of 12 cabins, 1 public space/ amenity building, relocate & establish gravel drive with fire truck turnaround. The project also includes the construction / installation of on-site wastewater treatment system and water treatment system.*

Greene County 239 Review is required for this application.

Public hearing is scheduled for the next meeting, Wed. Nov. 4th, 2020. S. Basagic advises the applicants that the application is still incomplete and additional agency comments are still needed to make a SEQR determination of significance and therefore will hold the public hearing open to at least the December meeting.

The Board will be planning a Site visit before the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

3) Huckleberry Station Site Plan, Sketch Plan; Haines Falls. Jeffrey Fromer presenting.

-Ackn rcv'd application, sketch map of proposed changes to existing site plan, SEQR short EAF

Project: *Installation of 2 structures to add a total of 12 additional storage units.*

The Board will seek Lead Agency status on a SEQR coordinated review of this UNLISTED action.

*~The next Planning Board Meeting has been rescheduled due to Election day.
The meeting will be on Wednesday November 4th, 2020 ~ 6:30PM~*

LANDFILL- Acknowledged receipt of responses RE: final waste receipt date submitted by Rennia Engineering to NYSDEC

JUSTICE COURT-Acknowledged receipt of monthly report – no electronic copy received.

LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2020

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to adopt Local Law #3 of 2020 Temporary Moratorium on the Establishment, Placement and Construction of Commercial Solar Fueled Electric Generating Facilities in the Town of Hunter. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to hold a Public Hearing for draft Local Law #4 of 2020 Temporary Moratorium on the Establishment, Placement and Construction of Commercial Containerized Energy Storage/Battery Facilities Designed for Connecting to the Electric Power Grid in the Town of Hunter on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:45 PM at the Town Hall. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5-

Noes-0-

REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to Combine Regular December & Year-end 12/29/20 @6:00 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

HAMLET DESIGNATION/LAND ACQUISITION

Councilman Semenza offers RESOLUTION #6 of 2020 to retain Jeff Baker.

RESEARCH LEGALITY OF NYCDEP PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES IN HAMLET DESIGNATED AREA INVOLVING TAX PARCELS # 181.12-2-4.11 AND #181.12-2-4.12

WHEREAS, NYCDEP has engaged the landowner of parcel numbers # 181.12-2-4.11 & 181.12-2-4.12 in the Town of Hunter for acquisition due to their importance to the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant system; and

WHEREAS, it is the Town of Hunter's understanding that the property owner is in contract with NYCDEP to sell the two parcels, which are part of the original 1997 Hamlet Designated Areas (HDA), and contain a habitable dwelling; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hunter was not notified of the acquisitions and feels the parcels should not be purchased because of the protections outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement and the 2010 Water Supply Permit with regards to Hamlet Designation Areas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Town of Hunter is requesting the Coalition of Watershed Town look into the legality of the NYCDEP purchasing these parcels as an infrastructure project, explain the legal premise under which NYCDEP is operating, and assist with its resolution.

Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

CONSOLIDATION of FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Special meeting set for 10/27/20 @Tannersville Rescue Squad building @ 6:00PM

2021 BUDGET

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to hold a Budget workshop on October 20, 2020 at 6:15 PM and a Public Hearing for the budget same date at 6:00 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

HUNTER FOUNDATION CMH GRANTS

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION for Supervisor to sign Mortgage release for C. Modjeska. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Abstains -1- (Councilman Mahoney)

GREENE COUNTY

Acknowledged receipt of Resolution # 261-20 Amounts due County Treasurer by respective Towns, #250-20 Awarding Bid for Abrasives (dry screened and washed) used in snow & ice control.

Acknowledged receipt of memo Re: Notice for inclusion in Agricultural District No. 124

Acknowledged receipt of memo soliciting nominations for Planning Achievement Awards

Acknowledged receipt of notice commencing engineering services for installation of 911 Communication Tower

KRT

Acknowledged receipt of Permit modification for KRT extension from NYSDEC

CORRESPONDENSE

Acknowledged receipt of CWC Resolutions # 3873-3896, 3930- 3911, 3913-3915

Acknowledged receipt of Dept. of State notice of COVID-19 Utility shutoff guidelines moratorium

Acknowledged receipt of letter to NYSDOT from G. Slutsky Re: Rte.23 vegetation clearing at horseshoe bend

Acknowledged receipt of minutes from MSMA for 8/24/20 meeting

CHARTER/SPECTRUM

Acknowledged receipt of Franchise fees of \$13,435.26

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR- Via Zoom

Letter submitted and read for the record by James Nihan.

Daryl Legg,

I would like the below statement to be read this evenings at the Town Board meeting during the privilege of the floor.

Thank you in advance.

Jim Nihan

On July 24, 2018 the DOT sent Haines Falls Auto (HFA) a letter (attached) reviewing the plans submitted by HFA. Comments in that letter addressed some HFA site conditions that did not "meet NYSDOT standards". There is no reason why some of the substandard issues could not have been addressed immediately by HFA. On July 9, 2020 the DOT issued HFA a Highway Work Permit "Project process improving 4 existing entrances to existing commercial facility...". That Highway Work Permit expired on September 30, 2020 and the work is far from complete.

Once again HFA has failed to meet a deadline, and the HFA site looks worse than ever. Is there ever going to be a consequence for HFA's not meeting a deadline or commitment? This process started eight years ago when HFA started work on an unapproved road to the southside junkyard.



Department of
Transportation

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

PAUL A. KARAS
Acting Commissioner

SAM ZHOU, P.E.
Regional Director

July 24, 2018

Mr. Darrin Elsom, PE
Kaaterskill Associates
PO Box 1020
Cairo, NY 12413

Re: **Haines Fall
NYS Route 23
Town of Hunter
Greene County**

Dear Mr. Elsom:

We have reviewed the plan set that we received and offer the following comments:

- Please provide detailed access driveway details, showing all dimensions. See attached sheets.
- Please show ADA compliance details for sidewalk ramps. Sidewalks crossing driveways must be 6" thick.
- Site distance measurements for each drive should refer to the required measurements from the AASHTO tables. What's the mitigation for the Route 23A traffic based on these measurements?
- What will be the water situations to Route 23A when the curbed driveway channels water to Route 23A from the proposed driveways? Please provide profiles for the driveways. We would need to know if waters from these drives will shed across Route 23A.
- South side driveway doesn't meet NYSDOT standards. The opening is too wide and needs to be closed off more to prevent free flow of traffic in and out of the site.
- Curbing on side drive needs to be wrapped around to the edge of Sunset Park Road.
- Need to provide WZTC notes/details based on the Department standards'.
- Please include the following notes on the work zone traffic control sheets:

CC

There shall not be temporary lane closures on the following dates:

2018

May 25 – 29
 July 3 – 5
 Aug. 31 – Sept. 4
 Nov. 21 – 26
 Dec. 21 – 26
 Dec. 29 – Jan. 2

2019

May 24 – 28
 July 3 – 5
 Aug. 30 – Sept. 3
 Nov. 27 – Dec. 2
 Dec. 24 – 26
 Dec. 28 – Jan. 2

There shall be no temporary lane closures on Route 23A on the following days and times:

**Monday – Friday: 6:00 a.m. through 9:00 a.m.
 3:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m.**

The Department retains the right to cancel any work operations including lane closure and/or total road closures that would be affected by unforeseen major events that may create traffic delays seven (7) calendar days prior to the proposed work. Specific dates are yet to be determined.

Pedestrian accommodations must be maintained at all times during construction.

The Town of Hunter must be notified prior to any lane closures.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact Guy Tedesco at 457-5283.

Sincerely,



for: Mark Pyskadlo
 Regional Traffic Engineer

Cc: File
 S. Shepard – Greene County
 S. Killourhy – Town of Hunter

Christine Arleo states that she agrees with the letter from James Nihan. She adds that she sent an email to the Town Board with a video attachment which she states shows a vehicle from Haines Falls Auto backing up from the North side to the South Side. She states that the Planning Board had informed her that Haines Falls Auto has been extended till the end of October and she has noticed that cars have disappeared. She feels that this means they were right, and they were junk cars all along. She adds that she has witnessed cars parked on the scales, junk cars where they should not be and a millings pile on the North and South side of the post office. She asks the Town Board what the consequences are when Haines Falls Auto violates their Site Plan and would like this in writing. She adds that with all the traffic parked along Rte. 23A on both sides of the road between Sunset Park Road and the top of the mountain it was treacherous to turn out of Sunset Park Road.

Margaret Nihan states that she agrees with what C. Arleo stated. She adds that she sent an email to Supervisor Legg about the parking on Rte. 23A this past weekend. (Note – email had not yet been received by the Supervisor)
 She adds that the Dead-End road sign on Sunset Park Road is bad placement, feels there should be one at the entrance to the road.

J. Farrell states that he will investigate putting up a new sign.

Supervisor Legg asks Margaret Nihan and Christine Arleo to write letters asking for No Parking signs from Sunset Park Road to Rte. 23A so that he can address the situation.

James Nihan states that once again Haines Falls Auto has missed a deadline and asks if there will be any consequences, adding that this all started eight years ago.

Supervisor Legg states that everything must be completed by 10/31/20.

RESIGNATIONS

Acknowledged receipt of resignation from Isabella Neal-Ambulance

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session to consult with Counsel and discuss the employment of a particular person at 8:02 PM. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

LHP and CP excused.

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session (time unknown).

Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

NEW HIRE

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to hire Nichole Hosier as an Ambulance Driver at the standard daily hourly rate. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to adjourn (time unknown). Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter