

Town Board Meeting held May 9, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall in Schroon Lake N.Y.

Present:

Town Supervisor: Meg Wood

Councilpersons: Richard Gero, Ethan Thompson, Lynn Donaldson and
Leanna Welch

Town Clerk: Patricia Savarie

Also Present: Albert May, Brian Ritching, Fran and Skip Mahler, Lance Miller
and Tim Rowland

Supervisor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with a pledge to the Flag.

Public Participation

Fran Mahler asked when will Hillside Avenue be cleaned up after the water break on March 2, 2022 and have the cones removed and the shoulder fixed and repaved. Supervisor Wood stated that she will talk to Billy Jenks and Dana when they plan to take care of that. Fran and Skip Mahler also stated that the Sugar Bowl is decaying and that there is a bad odor coming from the building. Supervisor Wood will contact the County to see who owns it and talk to Jon Senecal about it.

Resolution #88 Approve Minutes

Councilman Thompson moved a resolution to approve the minutes of April 11 and 14, 2022 seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

Resolution #89 Approve Vouchers

Councilwoman Welch moved a resolution to pay the bills as reviewed, seconded by Councilman Thompson; carried. (Councilwoman Donaldson-Abstained)

General Fund \$46,084.85 Sewer \$32,917.21 Water \$12,141.01 Highway \$25,379.31

Resolution # 90 Opposition to Conservation Subdivision Design Bill

***RESOLUTION # 90 OPPOSING THE PASSING OF CONSERVATION
SUBDIVISION DESIGN BILL S1145/A4074***

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Wood, who moved its adoption.

Upon a motion to consider from the floor, and the same appearing proper and necessary.

WHEREAS, The Adirondack Park Agency Adopted a Large Subdivision Permit application that incorporated many of the action items in the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Adirondack Park Agency Large Subdivision Permit, is possibly more protective of the Environment than the Conservation Subdivision Design allows for; and

WHEREAS, Conservation Design laws are seldom mandatory, and are a tool to keep open space in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York as of March 20, 2018 owned 2,505,802 or 44.6 percent of the Adirondack Park in fee, the State as of November 12 2018 also owns 785,434 acres of Conservation Easements, where development and subdivision rights have been extinguished; and

WHEREAS, this means there are more than 3.3 million acres of a 5.9 million acre Adirondack Park that will never be developed or subdivided; and

WHEREAS, of the remaining 2.6 million acres of private land, existing development, roads, lakes, rivers, streams, steep slopes, wetlands and high elevations are not suitable for development; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would amend the existing Adirondack Park Agency Act which has been in effect for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, before major Adirondack Park Agency permit application processes are changed, a public hearing process needs to be implemented so that property owners have an opportunity to understand and comment on how this proposed law will affect their property values; and

WHEREAS, this change would require private property owners to incur undue burden to hire external consultants to complete additional ecological assessments that will add significant time to proceed with proposed developments; and

WHEREAS, this proposed law will effectively eliminate the potential for development on certain land use classifications, which are already protected and regulated by the Adirondack Park Agency; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bill places additional burden on property owners that is not necessary to protect environmental and ecological systems and is not beneficial to the well-being of the Adirondack Park and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Schroon Town Board does not approve of the proposed Bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Schroon Town Board does hereby call upon the local governments to stand together, individually and through our associations to insist that the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill (S1145/A4074) be withdrawn; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Heastie, All the Adirondack Legislators, Adirondack Intercounty, the Association of Adirondack Towns & Villages.

This resolution was duly seconded unanimously and adopted.

Resolution #91 Declare 1977 International Lodestar 1600 Dump Truck as Surplus and have it Auctioned off

Councilman Thompson declared a 1977 International Lodestar 1600 Dump Truck from the Sewer Department as surplus and to have it auctioned off, seconded by Councilman Gero; carried.

Resolution #92 Rescind Resolution #85 Public Hearing on Rezoning

Councilwoman Welch moved a resolution to rescind Resolution #85 which states:

“RESOLUTION #85 Set a Public Hearing for the change of zoning from R20 to B2, east side US Route 9 north of Alder Meadow Road Councilwoman Welch moved a resolution to hold a Public Hearing, Monday, May 9th at 5:30pm to discuss the change of zoning from R20 to B2, east side US Route 9 north of Alder Meadow Road, seconded by Councilwoman Donaldson; carried.”

Seconded by Councilwoman Donaldson; carried.

Resolution #93 Approve Submission of 2022 NBRC Grant Application

Councilman Thompson moved a resolution to approve the submission of the 2022 NBRC Grant application with Local Match Requirements, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

Resolution to Approve Authorized Official and the Submission of a 2022 NBRC Grant Application with Local Match Requirement

WHEREAS, the Northern Border Regional Commission has made grant funds available for FY 2022 through the State Economic Infrastructure & Development Investment Program, wherein grant funds are made available to municipalities to implement public infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon proposes to implement a wastewater improvement project that will replace approximately 320 LF of sanitary sewer main within Rogers Brook that serves local businesses and residences on Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Schroon intends to submit a grant application for NBRC funding in an amount not to exceed 80% of the total project cost, with a 20% local match requirement that the Town may provide in the form of cash contribution, volunteer time, municipal force accounts, in-kind service, donations, or other state/federal grant funds.

WHEREAS, the Northern Border Regional Commission requires the legal authority of the applicant to authorize permission for the executive official to sign all NBRC investment documents that bind the applicant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Schroon hereby authorizes the submission of a grant application on behalf of the Town of Schroon to request NBRC funding for the Rogers Brook Replacement Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Schroon Town Supervisor, Margaret Wood, is hereby authorized to sign and execute all necessary documents relating to the Northern Border Regional Commission 2022 State Economic & Infrastructure Development Investment Program grant application.

Resolution #94 Approve Bid for Old Fire House Roof

Councilman Gero moved a resolution to approve the bid for the Old Fire House Roof to T.P. Monahan Inc. in the amount of \$61,000.00, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

Resolution #95 Approve Bid for 2022 Beach Concession

Councilman Gero moved a resolution to approve the bid for the 2022 Beach Concession to Mary and Malena Gereau for \$1000.00, seconded by Councilwoman Donaldson; carried.

Resolution #96 Approve Golf Course Fees for 2022

Councilman Gero moved a resolution to approve the 2022 Golf Course Fees, seconded by Councilwoman Welch; carried.

Green Fees:

9 Holes	\$16.00
18 Holes	\$22.00
Evening Hours	\$6.00

Cart Fees;

9 Holes	\$14.00/per son	(\$12.96+ 1.04 TX)
18 Holes	\$20.00/per son	(\$18.52+\$1.48 TX)

Cart Path Fees:

Member	\$200.00 per season
Non-Member	\$15.00 per day

Membership:

Single	\$350.00
Couple	\$650.00
Senior 75+	\$100.00
Student	\$100.00

Other:

Pull Cart	\$2.00
Club Rental	\$10.00
Locker - Season	\$20.00

Resolution #97 Approve Fertilizer Contract For the Golf Course

Councilwoman Donaldson moved a resolution to approve the Fertilizer Contract with Turf Management for the Golf Course in the amount of \$14,540.36, seconded by Councilman Gero; carried.

Resolution #98 Approve Fertilizer Contract For the Park

Councilwoman Welch moved a resolution to approve the Fertilizer Contract with Turf Management for the Parks in the amount of \$3,281.37, seconded by Councilman Gero; carried.

Resolution #99 Approve Summer Employees

Councilwoman Welch moved a resolution to approve the summer employees as follows, seconded by Councilman Gero; carried.

Boat Wash Station

John Hiess - \$15.00/Hr

Nik Hermance - \$15.00/Hr.

Golf Course Club House

Brad DeZalia - \$15.00/Hr

Cathy Riggins - \$15.00/Hr

Dee Bowen - \$15.00/Hr

Brian DeZalia - \$15.00/Hr

Mary Egan- \$15.00/Hr

Golf Course Grounds

Joe Branigan - \$23.00/Hr

John Swinton – Laborer \$16.49/Hr

Branden Hall – Laborer \$15.00/Hr

Justin Smith - Laborer \$15.00/Hr

Joseph Muia – Laborer \$15.00/ Hr.

Resolution #100 Approve NYS CHIPS Funding

Councilwoman Welch moved a resolution to agree to spend Highway Funds in the sum of \$293,336.00 for general repairs upon 63.1 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof. On the road commencing at Adirondack Road and leading to Aldermeadow Road a distance of 1.5 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$131,668.00 type 6, Width of Traveled surface 20' Thickness 2 inches subbase blacktop. On the road commencing at Pine Lane and leading to Charley Hill Road a distance of 1.5 miles there shall be expended not over the sum of \$161,668.00 type 6, Width of Traveled surface 20' Thickness 2 inches subbase milling, seconded by Councilman Thompson; carried.

Resolution #101 Approve Cemetery Mowing Specifications and go out to bid

Councilman Thompson moved a resolution to approve the Cemetery Mowing Specifications and to go out to bid, seconded by Councilwoman Donaldson; carried.

TOWN OF SCHROON
INVITATION TO BID

Cemetery Mowing and Maintenance

The Town of Schroon is soliciting bids from qualified contractors for lawn mowing and grounds maintenance on two Town of Schroon cemetery sites per the Bid Specifications. Sealed Bids will be received at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town of Schroon, 15 Leland Avenue, Schroon Lake, NY 12870 until 1:00 pm on June 1, 2022, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked: BID: Cemetery Mowing. A copy of Contractor’s Liability and Worker’s Compensation Insurance Certificate must be provided prior to contract signing. For bid specifications please see the Town of Schroon Town Clerk or the Towns web site at Schroon.net. The Town of Schroon Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Town of Schroon

Cemetery Mowing Specifications

Overview:

The Town of Schroon is soliciting bids for the mowing and maintenance of two town owned cemeteries for 2022. Maintenance of these cemeteries shall include: a spring clean-up; mowing, trimming, plus any necessary cleanup throughout the growing season; and a fall clean-up.

Term of Contract:

The term of the contract shall be from award of the bid through December 31st, 2022. The terms of the contract awarded may be renewed or extended beyond the current season based upon mutual written agreement between the Contractor and the Town of Schroon.

Properties to be maintained:

All contractors seeking to bid shall familiarize themselves with the Town of Schroon cemeteries so as to have a comprehensive understanding of the work to be done.

Severance Cemetery (approx. 6.44 acres) - 60 Stowell Rd, Schroon Lake, NY 12870

Protestant Cemetery (approx. 2.97 acres) - 2685 Hoffman Rd, Schroon Lake, N.Y. 12870

Scope of work:

1) Mowing season is generally May through October. **Estimated mowing frequency is once per month** during the mowing season (six times per year). Variations in the weather may require changes to the estimated mowing frequency. Mowing events in excess of the six (6) outlined above need to be cleared with the Town Supervisor prior to the work being conducted.

2) Spring clean-ups are conducted during the first visit of the year and involve clearing any fallen branches or debris deposited by winter weather. Fall clean-ups are conducted after the majority of leaf fall has occurred, and involve the removal of fallen leaves to prevent them from being compacted by winter snow fall.

3) It is imperative that all properties are in presentable condition for the dates upon which the following federal holidays are observed: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veterans Day.

4) At no time shall the grass and weeds at either cemetery reach a height of five inches (5"). Grass shall not be cut closer than two inches (2"), nor shall it be longer than three inches (3") in height after each cutting. No scalping of cemetery grounds shall occur.

5) Clippings shall be mulched back into the lawn (not bagged) to maintain the nutrients on the site.

6) Trimming around lawn perimeters, memorials, fences, walls, benches, etc. shall be done with each mowing. Grass must be removed from all monuments, walkways, benches, etc. following mowing / trimming.

7) Mowing over tree limbs, garbage, etc. is prohibited. All material not consistent with good lawn care must be picked up and removed prior to mowing.

Contractor Responsibilities:

1) The Contractor shall furnish all equipment, fuel, materials, and labor necessary to maintain the cemetery grounds.

2) The Contractor and his/her employees shall conduct themselves in a responsible and professional manner while engaged in Town of Schroon business.

3) The Contractor will demonstrate proper respect for the deceased by not mowing while a funeral is in progress.

4) The Contractor will be held liable by the town for any damage to trees, memorials, sign posts, buildings, or any other items of value, as a result of negligence on the part of the Contractor. Any damage that does occur as a result of the Contractor's activities must be reported to the Town by the close of the next business day.

Insurance: The winning bidder shall provide to the Town of Schroon a Certificate(s) of Insurance naming the Town of Schroon as Additional Insured including a minimum of \$1,000,000 Single Limit Liability coverage, and proof of Worker's Compensation Insurance coverage if employees are hired, at the time of the contract signing. All insurances shall be maintained throughout the term of the contract.

Payment: Invoices are to be submitted on a monthly basis to the Town of Schroon

Indemnification: The Contractor agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the Town of Schroon against any and all claims, suits, damages, costs, or legal expenses as a result of bodily injury or property damage resulting from the negligence of the Contractor.

Award: The Town of Schroon reserves the right to award this contract in whole or in any part thereof. The Town also reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or any part thereof; to waive any technicalities; and to accept the proposal considered to be in the best interest of the Town.

Cancellation: The Town of Schroon reserves the right to cancel the contract at any time for non-compliance with the specification requirements.

Discussion on Town of Schroon Safety Committee

Councilman Gero stated they will be meeting either Thursday or Friday afternoon and is waiting to hear from Pat Shaughnessy which day works best for him with docks going in.

Discussion of the ARPA Funds and First Report to the IRS

Supervisor Wood stated that she and Chris Stone had filled out the first report with the IRS for the ARPA fund.

Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages (AATV) in person Membership Meeting

Supervisor Wood stated to the Board Members that the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages will be having a Membership Meeting on June 5th and 6th in Lake Placid at High Peaks Resort if you would like to attend just let Chris Stone know.

Supervisor Wood made a motion to adjourn at 7:09 P.M., seconded by Councilman Gero; carried.

I, Patricia J. Savarie, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct transcript from the minutes now on file in my office and of the whole such original minutes.

Dated: May 11, 2022

Town Clerk