

December 28, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 28th of December 2021 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Dave Olbert	Councilman

Others present: Wes Miga, Cliff Demars, Joan Burke and Mary Pound. Present on Zoom: Mary Monaghan, Dave Hughes, Mary Lamphear, Niki Garrido, Marlene Bott, George Damasevitz, Brandi Fifield, Melissa Yandon, Beth Stalker, Rose Bush, Paul Hai and Barb Kearns.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the General Fund Abstract #24 in the amount of \$36919.99. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #24 in the amount of \$26007.09. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Water Abstract #12 in the amount of \$1449.37. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve the Sewer Abstract #12 in the amount of \$1432.12. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Capital Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #7 in the amount of \$29177.13. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

The Organizational meeting will be January 1, 2022 at 10:00 am. January meetings were tentatively set for January 11th and 25th.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign the agreement for museum services and the lease agreement for the McCoy house for 2022. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried. The Town Attorney approved the agreement and the funding will be in the amount of \$127000.00. The Adirondack Foundation will distribute the Bissell Fund money directly to the Newcomb Historical Museum.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the 2021-2022 Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement in the amount of \$335150.59. This is an increase of \$29177.65 from last year. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

The Board received a report from the Code Enforcement Officer, George Damasevitz. He has 54 open permits.

The Town needs to switch truck radios from Low Band to High Band. It is getting more difficult to get parts for the low band radios. Wells Communications has the New York State Contract for these radios. They will be putting together a quote for the Town.

Supervisor Deloria nominated Melissa Yandon for the Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award for her work with the Youth Commission. She was awarded a National Honoree.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse directing the Town Assessors to grant exemptions under Real Property Tax Law 467, dispensing with the requirement for qualifying persons to fill out an application. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

The sale of the Bissell Barn property is now final and Larry and Pam Newcombe are the new owners.

The Consolidated Funding Application submitted by the Town was not selected at this time.

Councilman LaCourse met with Linda Stringer, Bob Yandon and Robin Reardon regarding rates at the High Peaks Golf Course. It was decided to raise the green fees and cart rental rates. There was discussion on possible discounts for veterans and local lodging discounts. Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the new rates. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

The Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan will be January 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Olbert asked that the Town register for the Adirondack Sports Expo in Saratoga March 19-20. The Town will reach out and try to get some of the Town businesses to volunteer to help with this event. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the registration at a cost of \$365.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried. He also prepared a handout with some rules and suggestions for the skating rink. Special hours need to be worked out for those that would like to play hockey. He thanked Eugene Bush for getting the rink ready for the Christmas vacation.

Dave Hughes has been working with ESF on joining a YouTube playlist with them. He also invited all to stop in and visit the new Welcome Center location.

Paul Hai thanked the Town for their support of the Comprehensive Plan. He is available for any questions people may have regarding the plan. There will be a planning board meeting on January 6.

Joan Burke reported that Steve Ossenkop, who was a manager at National Lead, dropped off a box of negatives from NL. There are many negatives of workers and the old sport shows that used to have there. She reported that she has received one application for the Charlie Mather Scholarship.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn and go into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried at 8:15 pm.

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Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Dave Olbert	Councilman

Others present: Wes Miga, Cliff Demars and Mary Pound. Present on Zoom: Mary Monaghan, Laurinda Minke, Sue Mills, Ruth Olbert, Dave Hughes, Mary Lamphear, Niki Garrido, Rose Bush, George Sogoian, Marlene Bott, Kevin Bolan, Sue Paul, George Damasevitz, Liz McGuinness, Roy & Kirsten Ginsberg, Beth Stalker, Brandi Fifield, Melissa Yandon, Amber Levesque, Paul Hai and David DeFazio.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2021, meeting. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the General Fund Abstract #23 in the amount of \$22582.78. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #23 in the amount of \$5981.45. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Capital Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #13 in the amount of \$1058.01. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Capital Projects #8 Abstract #6 in the amount of \$53082.23. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

There will be an executive session at the close of the meeting. No decisions will be made at this time.

Supervisor Deloria has declared a Local State of Emergency for Newcomb for December 13-15. This will enable the Highway Department to salt driveways and mitigate the effects of the melting snow and ice.

The final draft of the Comprehensive Plan has been submitted to the Town Board. Paul Hai would like to thank all committee members and individuals who worked on the plan. The Board is encouraged to read it over and hopefully adopt the plan at the December 28 meeting. If it is adopted, it will then proceed to the Planning Board.

The Essex Chain Lakes Equestrian Trail Maintenance Agreement and map are enclosed in the Board packet.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign the 2022 Dog Pound Shelter Agreement at a cost of \$667.08 for the year. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

There was more discussion on the proposed rate increase for the 2022 season at the Golf Course. Wes Miga did some more research and provided a handout for the board. This

will be tabled until the next meeting to allow opportunity to talk with Linda Stringer and staff.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign the 2022 agreement with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board at a cost of \$300. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign the 2022 rental agreement with ACAP. They agree to pay the Town \$65 per month for the meal site. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

The Governor's office has provided guidance on the use of Covid 19 Sick Leave.

Northstar Fireworks would like confirmation on the dates for fireworks in 2022. There was discussion and it was decided to alternate the fireworks display for Labor Day and TR Weekend. This year it will be July 2 and September 10.

The annual NYS Association of Towns training school will be in New York City February 20-23. Registrations are due by January 28.

The Town did not receive the CFA Grant funding. We are waiting for results of one more grant application.

Councilman Olbert had questions on the Rental Committee. This committee has not met yet but will be drafting a letter to builders. He questioned if we have made any progress on the post office use of the bank building. We have not heard from them.

Joan Burke thanked the town for the help in sending out their bulk mailing. She also had "observations" regarding the grant and cost projections.

Liz McGuinness thanked the town for help with getting the roads and driveways sanded.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn and go into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried at 8:20 pm.

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November 30, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 30th of November 2021 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
David Olbert	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman (zoom)
Donald Bott	Councilman

Others present: Wes Miga, Cliff Demars, Joan Burke and Mary Pound. Present on Zoom: Laurinda Minke, Mary Lamphear, Sue Paul, Amber Levesque, Mark Yandon, George Sogioian, Sue Mills, Sandy Bureau, Nike Garrido, Barb Kearns, Mary Monaghan, Ruth Olbert, Lori Demars, Dave Hughes, Marlene Bott, Laurinda Minke, George Damasevitz and Brandi Fifield.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 and the November 15, 2021, meeting. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the General Fund Abstract #22 in the amount of \$163967.92. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #22 in the amount of \$90261.28. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve the Water Fund Abstract #11 in the amount of \$1321.07. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #11 in the amount of \$1057.62. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Capital Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #12 in the amount of \$1702.82. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Capital Projects #8 Santanoni Abstract #5 in the amount of \$2400.00. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

December meetings were tentatively set for December 14th and 28th.

The Town has new ZOOM meeting security protocols. These were implemented due to The Planning Board meeting being Zoom bombed.

Supervisor Deloria received a letter from Anna Forsman, a Santanoni Intern, regarding her work at Santanoni this past summer. He will respond to her letter.

Nelson Turcotte will be retiring from his position in maintenance, February 5, 2022. He will be using the remainder of his time off from this time forward. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to appoint Tony Audino to full time to replace him effective 12/1/2021. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign a contract with AES for Architectural Services for the Welcome Center. The bid specs were done based on a rubric point system set by Essex County Community Resources. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried. There was discussion on several concerns of the Board regarding costs and staffing of the new building.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to award the bid for the generator installation to Kiernan Electric at a cost of \$101555.00. Kiernan Electric was the low bid. Seconded by Supervisor Deloria and carried.

The Housing Committee and the DOS Grant Advisory Committee will have one more meeting before the end of the year.

Highway Supt. Demars reported that he has installed two new signs at the Upper Works, one for "No Parking" and one for a turnaround. Peckham has notified the Town that there will be a 20% increase in cost of services next year.

Councilman Olbert would like the skating rink opened before the holidays. (weather permitting) He also recommended that they flood the rink at night. He feels there is a need for childcare in Newcomb. He would like to meet with the school to have a discussion about this.

Councilman Bott had a meeting with NYSEG to talk about outages.

Councilwoman Fennessy thanked all that helped with the Holiday Fair. She reminded all that the Memory Tree lighting is Dec. 1.

Wes Miga would like to have more discussion on the Golf Course rates at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Supervisor Deloria to adjourn and go into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried at 8:35 pm.

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November 15, 2021

At the Public Hearing for the Local Law opting out of the Cannabis Law of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 15th of November 2021 at 2:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
David Olbert	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman

Others present: Cliff Demars, Sue Paul and Mary Pound. Excused: Paul LaCourse

Supervisor Deloria called the Public Hearing to order at 2:00 pm. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to opt out of the Cannabis Law. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried. Councilman LaCourse excused.

Supervisor Deloria reported that there were no changes made to the 2022 Budget. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to adopt the 2022 Final Budget. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to change the November 23, 2021, Town board meeting to November 30. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried at 2:10 pm.

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November 9, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 9th of November 2021 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman
David Olbert	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman

Others present: Wes Miga, Sue Paul, Barbara Kearns, Joan Burke, Kevin Bolan and Mary Pound. Present on Zoom: Mary Lamphear, Dave Hughes, Marlene Bott, Brandi Fifield, Sue Mills, Alex & Niki Garrido, Ruth Olbert, George Sogoian, Mary Monaghan.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2021, meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the General Fund Abstract #21 in the amount of \$33619.50. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #21 in the amount of \$39972.22. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Capital Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #11 in the amount of \$9320.12. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Public Hearing for the Local Cannabis Law is set for Monday November 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

The Town received three bids for the 3 Phase Generator for the Town Office/Highway/Senior Center and General Maintenance Buildings. Essex County Community Resources is reviewing these bids. Three bids were received for the Architectural and Design services for the construction plans of the Welcome Center. Rob Wick will review them and advise the Town. Bids will be reviewed on the November 30th meeting.

Paul Hai submitted a Goodnow Mountain trail use report from 1981 – October 2021.

Sue Paul and Sandy Bureau have agreed to join the Housing Committee. The Committee participated in the Zoom meeting sponsored by the Northern Forest Institute. The meeting was geared toward Lake Placid but there was useful information and contacts for Newcomb.

Supervisor Deloria and Councilman LaCourse participated in a call today on the Saratoga North Creek Rail.

Supervisor Deloria is attempting to set up a meeting with DEC to try to get a permit for the Dam project on Bob Lilly's property.

Wes Miga reported on the meeting from Friday with DEC regarding our concern of the removal of culverts and bridges in the MacIntyre east and west areas.

Councilwoman Fennessy reminded all that the Holiday Craft Fair is November 20-21 at the Newcomb Fire Hall.

Wes Miga would like to review the golf course rates at the next meeting.

Kevin Bolan announced that the Newcomb Medical Center and Essex County will be having a Covid Clinic for booster shots and children. This will be held November 10th from 4-7 p.m. Staff from Essex County will be there to assist. Newcomb Medical Center staff has volunteered to help with the clinic.

Joan Burke announced that Tim Rowland from the Sun Community News did an article on the Pendleton Marker.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried at 8:10 pm.

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October 26, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 26th of October 2021 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Paul LaCourse	Councilman
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
Donald Bott	Councilman
David Olbert	Councilman

Others present: Cliff Demars, Joan Burke, Wes Miga, Kevin Bolan, Monica Young. Mary Pound excused. Zoom: Mary Lamphear, George Damasevitz, Debbie Damasevitz, Lori Demars, Sue Paul, and Dave Hughes.

Supervisor Deloria opened the regular meeting of the Town Board at 7:00 p.m. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the General Fund Abstract #20 in the amount of \$45614.00. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #20 in the amount of \$47676.03. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Water Abstract #10 in the amount of \$869.56. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Sewer Abstract #10 in the amount of \$1004.00. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Capital Projects #8 Abstract #3 in the amount of \$19552.29. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

The Public Hearing on the 2022 Budget is set for November 4, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. The Public Notice of Proposed Salaries of Elected Officials will be sent out October 27. Supervisor Deloria enclosed a copy of the budget calendar and highlighted the important items. Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the publishing of the notice. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the increase of hours for Tammy Walsh from 20 hours per week to 30 hours per week for her work at the Medical Center. She will no longer be cleaning the medical center and those hours will be given to Beth Poulin. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

There was discussion on the Golf Course rates for 2022. Councilman LaCourse did some comparisons on rates on different courses in the area. Most rates were comparable, but they did not include cart fees in the membership. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to keep the rates for next year the same and then look at this item again next year. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and approved by roll call vote: Councilman Bott – Aye, Supervisor Deloria – Aye, Councilwoman Fennessy – Nay, Councilman LaCourse – Nay and Councilman Olbert – Aye.

Councilman Olbert spoke with John Harrington regarding the request to join the Winebrook Water District. He felt that it was late in the year, and we should just wait until spring to discuss the issue.

There was discussion on the Robert Lilly/Blair Gregson dam project. DEC has stopped the project because they did not have a permit for the work. Mr. Gregson has been talking with DEC and is hopeful they will issue a permit. Motion was made by Councilman Olbert for a Resolution in support of the project. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

The Northern Forest Institute is holding three Zoom meetings on attracting new residents and the housing crisis. The Town housing committee has been asked to join these meetings remotely from the Town information center. These meetings will be hold November 3, 9, and 16.

Highway Supt. Demars reported that he has shoulder backup work to be done in Goodnow. He has called Essex County for help but has not heard from them. Hamilton County has agreed to help and will be sending a shoulder machine and two workers to help at no cost to the Town. OSI reported to him that someone drove behind the gate at the Upper Works. The Town will be putting another rock there when they get time. Councilwoman Fennessy reminded all that the Holiday Fair is November 20-21. Councilman Olbert would like updates on the status of the Post Office move to the bank building, Bissell property and railroad. He found a telescope at Upper Works that can be claimed at his home.

Councilman LaCourse encouraged all to view the Pendleton historical marker near the Goodnow Mountain entrance. He thanked Joan Burke and her staff for the work they did to get the sign.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried at 7:40 p.m.

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October 12, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 12th of October 2021 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
David Olbert	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman

Others present: Monica Young, Cliff Demars, Wes Miga, Sandra Bureau, Paul Hai and Mary Pound. Present on Zoom: Lori Demars, Marlene Bott, Mary Lamphear, Sue Mills, Dave Hughes, Sue Paul, Mary Monaghan, Kevin Bolan, Duane Finch, Niki Garrido, Alex Garrido, George Damasevitz, Melissa Yandon, George Sogoian, Brandi Fifield, and D. DeFazio.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2021, meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the General Fund Abstract #19 in the amount of \$30174.37. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #19 in the amount of \$227082.04. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Capital Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #9 in the amount of \$7468.06. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Capital Projects #5 Smart Growth Abstract #6 in the amount of \$67.94. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

The Nathaniel Pendleton Historical Marker Ceremony will be October 18, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.

The Town Board will review the Tentative Budget at a budget workshop at the Town Board meeting on October 28, 2021. Workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m. Currently the Tentative Budget has a \$.07 decrease in the Homestead Tax Rate per \$1000. of assessment and \$0.00 increase in the Non-Homestead Tax Rate.

The discussion on the Golf Course rates for 2022 will continue at the October 28, 2021, meeting.

After 34 years of service, Melissa Yandon is retiring from the Lifeguard Coordinator position. The Town would like to thank her for her dedicated service. She recommends that Lanette Chase and Peyton Murray share these duties next year. She also recommends that the lifeguard salary be increased for next year. They have not had an increase since 2017. Councilman Olbert said they discussed the ski tow and skating rink hours at they last Youth Commission meeting. They would like hours to set for the hockey players and maybe a concession stands for the rink. Councilman Bott met with a man who inspected the ski tow. He feels it is in good shape, but he will be looking for a new motor. It also needs a coat of paint.

Laurinda Minke is also retiring from her graphic design and advertising position. She has been working on the Town websites since 2011 and has worked photographing events and creating professional quality graphic designs for our advertising. She will work through the end of October and will be maintaining the websites until we are able to manage them in house. The Town would like to thank Laurinda for her dedicated service.

Laura Bartlett has resigned from her part time job at the Newcomb Medical Center. Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve the appointment of Tamara Walsh as the part time medical assistant for 20 hours per week at \$18.22 per hour. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve hiring Alyssa DeCesare as a sub for the medical center. She will work per diem at a rate of \$16.00 per hour during her training and then \$18.00 per hour once complete. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Volunteers were used to staff the Information Center over the weekend. Thank you to Lana Fennessy, Paul LaCourse, Robin Deloria, Mary Lamphear and Marlene Bott.

The update for the Tahawus Railroad is that the Bankruptcy Trustee is seeking a denial of the NYSDEC Adverse Abandonment filing. The NYS Attorney General is requesting more time to reply.

Laurinda Minke is working on the completion of the Comprehensive Plan update and it should be presented to the Town Board next month.

Highway Supt. Cliff Demars reported that the paving is complete. Councilman Olbert asked about any update on the DEC trail “destruction” that has been a concern. Supervisor Deloria reported that there has not been any update. Paul Hai reported that the Planning Board approved a rental on the Griffin Road and a subdivision at the Tahawus Club.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried at 8:15 p.m.

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September 28, 2021

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Robin Deloria	Supervisor
David Olbert	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman

Others present: Joan Burke, Cliff Demars, Ruth Olbert, Erica Demars, Sue Paul, Sandy Bureau and Mary Pound. Present on Zoom: Mary Lamphear, Marlene Bott, Lori Demars, George Damasevitz, Alex Garrido, Niki Garrido, Wes Miga, Sierra Olbert, Sue Mills, Dave Hughes, Melissa Yandon, George Sogioian, Brandi Fifield, and Kevin Bolan. Councilman Bott – excused.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021, meeting. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the General Fund Abstract #18 in the amount of \$55901.61. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #18 in the amount of \$26018.67. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve the Water Abstract #9 in the amount of \$654.64. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Sewer Abstract #9 in the amount of \$1036.85. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Capital Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #8 in the amount of \$10747.65. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Capital Projects #8 Abstract #4 in the amount of \$2900.00. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

The October Board meetings were tentatively set for October 12th and 26th.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to pass a local law opting out of allowing cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites as authorized under Cannabis Law Article 44. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

On October 18, 2021, at 11:30 am, weather permitting, the Town will be erecting the Nathaniel Pendleton Historical Marker. The Exhibit viewing will follow at the Historical Museum until 4:00 pm.

There was discussion on the Golf Course rates for 2022. The Board would like some time to research rates at other Adirondack golf courses.

Dave Hughes thanked all those that helped to relocate his office to the Information Center.

Highway Supt., Cliff Demars reported that the paving is complete. He thanked Dave Hughes for taking pictures of the process and then sent copies to all the area towns that helped.

Wes Miga talked about the EMS agreement with Essex County. Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign the contract with Essex County for the EMS program. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Councilwoman Fennessy reminded all that the Holiday Craft Fair will be November 20, 2021. She attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Frontier Town in North Hudson on Saturday.

Councilman LaCourse reported that he is researching grant funding for rental units.

Kevin Bolan reported that his Medical Assistant has given her two-week notice. They have advertised with Indeed and the Post Star for a replacement.

Joan Burke said that the original Welcome Center grant did include money for designs.

Sue Paul wanted information on how the visitor center would showcase "Newcomb."

Dave Hughes gave her some examples of how we will do this at the new information center with pictures and a continuous slide show.

Ruth Olbert had information on a man at Gore who may be able to help with the ski tow.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried at 7:50 pm.

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September 14, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 14th of September 2021 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
David Olbert	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman

Others present: Joan Burke, Ruth Olbert, Dave Hughes and Mary Pound. Present on Zoom: Mary Lamphear, Marlene Bott, George Damasevitz, Sue Mills, Sue Paul, Alex Garrido, Niki Garrido, Mary Monaghan, George Sogoian, Lori Demars and Kevin Bolan.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the General Fund Abstract #17 in the amount of \$23091.02. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #17 in the amount of \$10932.19. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Capital Projects #3 Buildings Abstract in the amount of \$5629.66. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Capital Projects #5 Abstract in the amount of \$116.84. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Capital Projects #8 Abstract #3 in the amount of \$20000.00. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

There was a "Zoom Bomb" at the Planning Board meeting. To avoid this happening in the future, the passcodes will not be provided on social media. The access will need to be requested through email.

Supervisor Deloria provided the Board with a copy of the NYS Cannabis Law. They should look it over and be ready to discuss it at the next meeting. The Town may opt out of allowing adult use cannabis retail dispensaries or on-site consumption licenses from locating in our community.

Dave Donnelly was awarded the bid for the tree work at the Huntington Cemetery. He began work this week.

The Town is currently waiting on bids for the new heating system replacement at the old Episcopal Church. We are also waiting for a quote from Paul Burgess on professional services for log restoration.

Rob Wick, Essex County Planner has submitted the submittals for the RFP on Architectural Services for the Welcome Center.

Save America Treasures has a change order to exceed and pay for the materials for the roof at the Gate Lodge in Santanoni. DEC is asking the Town to provide an additional

\$50,000. to assist with the replacement of the Gate Lode roof. Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the additional funding for the Santanoni project as long as DEC is able to fund the balance. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Larry Newcomb would like to purchase the Bissell barn and property at fair market value. Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve permissive referendum. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Frontier Town Gateway is scheduled for September 25th at 6 pm.

Councilwoman Fennessy reported that the Labor Day weekend went well. The crafters and vendors did well. The wind at the overlook was a problem with the tents. We need to look for a solution on this. TR Weekend was also a success. The final numbers are not in yet.

Councilman Olbert questioned when Dave Hughes will be moving to the Bank property. He wondered if we have heard anything from the Post Office.

Councilman Bott is still trying to find a contact for the repair at the ski tow.

Kevin Bolan reported that the Health Center has flu shots available.

Joan Burke wanted to clarify that the original plans for the Welcome Center included money for the architectural plans. The Pendleton Sign dedication has been moved to October 5.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

August 24, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 24th of August 2021 at 7:00 P. M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman
David Olbert	Councilman

Others present: Joan Burke, Cliff Demars, Barb Kearns, Denis Thibodeau and Mary Pound. Present on Zoom: Dave Hughes, Mary Lamphear, Sonya Finch, Amanda Lamphear, Alex and Nicki Garrido, Sue Mills, Sue Paul, Brandi Fifield, Mark Yandon, Marlene Bott, George Damasevitz, Ruth Olbert and George Sogoian.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the General Fund Abstract #16 in the amount of \$44776.50. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #16 in the amount of \$24721.34. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Water Fund Abstract #8 in the amount of \$1370.23. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #8 in the amount of \$7655.38. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Capitol Projects #5 Smart Growth Abstract #4 in the amount of \$4000.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

September meetings are tentatively set for September 14th and 28th.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse for a Board Resolution recognizing the Newcomb Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders for their quick response to emergency and mutual aid calls. Their dedication and quick responses to aid our community in its time of need does not go unnoticed. Motion was seconded unanimously by the Board.

There has been a change in the State Contract Highway Truck purchase due to the availability of the truck dump box. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the contract increase of \$1425.50. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

The Town Board received a letter from John Harrington and Stephen Fuller requesting to tap into the town water supply. Councilman Olbert and Councilman LaCourse will meet with them to discuss questions and concerns.

The Town Board received two bids for tree work at the Huntington Cemetery. Motion was made by Supervisor Deloria to award the bid to low bidder David Donnelly in the amount of \$12500.00. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Jim Sorenson has agreed to return this fall to work on the headstones in the Huntington Cemetery. Joan Burke has agreed to map out the desired work to be done. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve Jim Sorenson to work at a rate of \$30.00 per hour for six weeks and a maximum of \$7200.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

The Town Maintenance crew met with Paul Burgess of Adirondack Log Home Restorations. He is working on a professional services quote for the Board but will not be able to do any restoration work until next year.

The annual senior citizen dinner will be held at the Lake Harris Lodge on October 5. The details and menu will be going out in this week's newsletter. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the dinner at a cost of \$65.00 per person. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Councilman Olbert discussed the use of the skating rink. He would like to get a schedule for open skating and those who play ice hockey. He would like something put in the newsletter to ask for skate and equipment donations.

Councilman Bott has contacted Anderson Cable regarding the repair of the ski tow. Councilman LaCourse asked about the fence at Evelyn Gereau's house. The Board needs to decide if the town will replace.

Joan Burke said the Times Union did a press release on the Pendleton Exhibit at the Historical Museum. The exhibit will be open thru October 16. October 1, at 1 pm is scheduled for the installation of the Pendleton Sign.

Mark Yandon clarified State Contract pricing. There is a clause in it that allows for price increase.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

August 10, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 10th of August 2021 at 7:00 P. M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman
David Olbert	Councilman

Others present: Wes Miga, Cliff Demars, Barb Kearns, Joan Burke, Laurinda Minke, Charlie Minke, Kevin Bolan, Denise Bolan, Ruth Olbert and Mary Pound. Zoom: Dave Hughes, Sue Paul, Lori Demars, Niki Garrido, Alex Garrido, Mary Lamphear, Sue Mills, Amanda Lamphear, George Damasevitz, Melissa Yandon and Marlene Bott.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2021 and the July 30, 2021 special meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the General Fund Abstract #16 in the amount of \$55549.30. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #16 in the amount of \$13954.36. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Capital Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #6 in the amount of \$692.64. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Capital Projects #8 Abstract #2 in the amount of \$78890.00. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Supervisor Deloria summarized the Special Meeting of the Board to disperse the Federal Coronavirus Funds. The Board authorized the distribution of two checks, one for the Lake Harris Lodge and one for the Newcomb Café and Campground.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Homestead and Non-Homestead Base Percentages, Current Percentages and current and Adjusted Proportions for the 2021 Assessment Roll. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

The Newcomb Volunteer Fire Department is working with Essex County to become part of the Essex County Wide EMS program. The current Rescue Squad employees would become county employees and would be paid by the county. They will also have health insurance provided by the county.

The Tahawus Sanford Rail line has received a “ghost bid.” This will enable the line to go to public auction.

William LaCourse and members of Alfred University are putting together a study on Rare Earth Elements. They will be working with Paul Mitchell to obtain core samplings of the tailings in Tahawus. Rare earth elements are used in a variety of industrial applications. Councilman LaCourse will be working with his brother Bill, staff from Alfred University and Paul Mitchel.

Paul Burgess is still planning to meet with the maintenance crew regarding restoration of the Episcopal Church building. He has been on vacation and will be meeting sometime this week.

The annual senior citizen dinner will be held at the Lake Harris Lodge this year. Dave Hughes is organizing the event and will update the Board as plans are completed.

Councilwoman Fennessy reported on Newcomb Day. The weather was rain and wind and turnout was low. She is working on vendors for the Labor Day celebration. Councilman Olbert is working on getting a quote from Donnelly logging to remove trees from the Huntington Cemetery.

Wes Miga reported that the Steak Roast was a huge success and they sold out of everything.

Councilman LaCourse reported that the Housing Committee is focusing on rentals and they are looking for grants.

Joan Burke stated that when the museum flag is up, then the new exhibit "Pendleton the Man and the Settlement," is open.

Denise Bolan asked why the church was the only option for the Historical Museum. She was worried about climate control for historical items.

Ruth Olbert reported that Cloudsplitter is selling a new map of the Essex Chain.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to close and move to Executive Session.

Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried at 8 pm. Executive Session discussed the employment history of personnel. Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to close Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried at 8:34 pm.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

July 27, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 27th of July 2021 at 7:00 P. M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman
David Olbert	Councilman

Others present: Cliff Demars, Ruth Olbert, Joan Burke, Kevin Bolan, Wes Miga and Mary Pound. Zoom Call: Mary Lamphear, Marlene Bott, Laurinda Minke, Dave Hughes, Chuck Higgerson, Lori Demars, George Damasevitz, Sierra Olbert, Melissa Yandon, Brandi Fifield, and Niki and Alex Garrido.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting and the Special Meeting of July 15, 2021. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the General Fund Abstract #14 in the amount of \$42741.52. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #14 in the amount of \$50511.19. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Water Abstract #7 in the amount of \$457.07. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Sewer Abstract #7 in the amount of \$1939.15. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

August meetings were tentatively set for August 10th and 24th.

The DASNY Equestrian Grant was converted for use as a boat washing station for the Lake Harris Town boat launch area. This Grant is in the amount of \$50,000.00 and would be used for a waterless system. Materials requested by DASNY will be sent in this week.

Harry Buxton from Long Lake gave the Town a contact for Paul Burgess who recently restored a log cabin there. A meeting will be set up with Mr. Burgess, Code Officer George Damasevitz, Eugene Bush and committee members to go over restoration needs and what will be required.

The Town has sent in a funding request in the amount of \$550,000.00 to Senator Gillibrands office for additional funding to help with the construction of the Welcome Center. There is no guarantee that our project will be selected. The Town will also be sending in a grant application for \$600,000.00 to the State of New York that has a \$200,000.00 match. Several letters of support will be included with the application.

Councilwoman Fennessy reported that the GaGa Ball court purchased for the Youth Program has been a big hit. She reminded everyone that Newcomb Day is this Sunday. Councilman Olbert would like to get a DOT sign for RT 28N in front of his home to tell travelers not to stop there. This is a dangerous spot and could cause accidents. Councilman LaCourse asked about the Housing Committee meeting. We are waiting on Chris Fisher at the school to set up a meeting.

Joan Burke said that Historical Museum drawing included in packet is a very early draft and is not the final plan for the museum. She read a statement to the board and would like it included in the minutes. She feels that her advice and input are not being considered in the planning for the building. She feels that the community leaders are failing to see the educational, cultural, and personal services that the NHM performs.

Supervisor Deloria wanted to make it very clear that he and the Town has been very supportive of the museum and have been very generous with funds. Once the restorative part of the church renovations are complete, which include a new heating system and electrical, Joan and her staff will have greater input in the plans for the building.

Ruth Olbert asked about the plans for the skate shack that were discussed last year. She would like more skates available, rubber mats and snack food available. Councilman Olbert will work on this.

Laurinda Minke felt that the museum has more stuff to display, and they need more space.

Brandi Fifield would like to see the skate shack used in the summer for skateboarding.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted _____

Statement Read into the Record
Town Board Meeting
July 27, 2021

In early 2019, and over a six-month period, I agreed to work with Robin DeLoria to generate ideas and to write or edit three grants. One of those grants was submitted to the Department of State (DOS), and approximately \$1.12 million was awarded to the Town for the Newcomb Historical Museum and Center. Later that year, I wrote a Pomeroy grant on behalf of the museum, and that was also successful. In December, when the DOS award was announced, I was told I was a “fantastic partner.”

During a Town Board meeting in December of 2020, I was a) relegated to future selection of **paint colors** for the gallery spaces in the new Center, and today b) I learned that I (or we) will be needed at some future time to advise the Log Cabin Committee about **flooring and lighting locations**. Since we won't be able to attach photographs or texts to any of the existing impenetrable log walls, directional lighting won't matter much anyhow.

After over six years of studying museum science, spending thousands of hours preserving all types of materials in Newcomb's collections at various stages of risk, and developing a professional museum in and for this community, is this the extent the Town of Newcomb feels my/our advice is worthwhile? Paint colors, flooring (commercial laminate, by the way) and lighting locations?

If anyone fails to grasp the tone of my message, I should explain that its source is neither disgust nor anger. Primarily I speak out of such sadness, that as community leaders you are failing to see the educational, cultural, and personal services NHM performs five, six, sometimes seven days a week. We often work, as we did during Covid, “behind the scenes,” safeguarding the collections (which is our primary charge), but also having conversations with residents, researchers, writers, editors, genealogists, adopted children looking for birth mothers, graduate students, interns—the list goes on. This week we are finishing a new exhibit to run from August through Columbus Day Weekend. It may be quiet work, and some of you may decide not to visit us, but wouldn't you think we have developed the expertise, after all, to identify our building needs? Or at least to join the conversation?

Respectfully submitted,

Joan A. Burke, Ph.D.
Director, Newcomb Historical Museum

July 13, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 13th of July 2021 at 7:00 P. M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman
David Olbert	Councilman

Others present: Monica Young, Cliff Demars, Joan Burke, Kevin Bolan, Joan Moore, Ruth Olbert and Mary Pound. Zoom call - Marlene Bott, Mary Lamphear, Amanda Lamphear, Nicki and Alex Garrido, Pat Sullivan, Sue Paul, Dave Hughes, Brandi Fifield and Sue Mills.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Deloria. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2021, meeting. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the General Fund Abstract #13 in the amount of \$61438.85. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #13 in the amount of \$18243.68. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Capital Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #5 in the amount of \$881.93. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert for a Resolution authorizing Supervisor Deloria to sign the agreement with the Newcomb Snowmobile Club for the purposes of sharing the maintenance of the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation lands designated for snowmobile use. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

The work on the Comprehensive Plan is nearing completion. There are still meetings underway. The Town Board will have 90days to review it once it has been submitted. Then it must be submitted to the County Planning Board and there will be a Public Hearing prior to its adoption.

The Town of Newcomb is eligible to receive \$41267.00 from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Distribution of these funds will be spread out over two years. The Town is currently exploring ways to use these funds.

The Town Board has until December 31, 2021, to pass a local law subject the permissive referendum requesting the Cannabis control Board to prohibit the establishment of retail dispensary licenses and/or on-site consumption. The Board will review the information and discuss at the next meeting.

Laurinda Adams notified the Town that she will be retiring from the Dog Control Officer position. Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to appoint George Damasevitz to fill the position effective August 1, 2021. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Cliff Demars reported that he has had complaints about the autos speeding on the Santanoni Road. He asked about putting up signs or a speed bump on the road. Dave Jessup from DOT will be here this week.

Joan Burke reported that the Historical Museum will have a small exhibit on Nathaniel Pendleton from August to October.

Ruth Olbert would like to see the logs from the church reused if it is determined that the building is not salvageable.

Monica Young asked when the AT&T tower will be working. She would like to see the church saved if possible. She asked if there are lifeguards on the public side of the beach during Youth Program. Missy Yandon reported that there is a lifeguard there and she can be called with any questions.

Mary Lamphear would like to thank the Town for the Youth Program.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted _____

June 29, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 29th of June 2021 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman
David Olbert	Councilman

Others present: Cliff Demars, Wes Miga, Erica Demars, Kevin Bolan, Ruth Olbert, Sue Mills, Laurinda Minke, Joan Burke and Mary Pound. Present on Conference call, Mary Lamphear, Dave Hughes, Lori Demars, Marlene Bott, Sue Paul, Brandi Fifield, Amanda Lamphear, Nicki & Alex Garrido, George Damasevitz, and Amber Levesque.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the General Fund Abstract #12 in the amount of \$37522.73. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #12 in the amount of \$22329.19. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Water Fund Abstract #6 in the amount of \$2205.90. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #6 in the amount of \$1023.33. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

July meetings were tentatively set for July 13th and 27th.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse for a Resolution in support of the Open Space Institutes Grant application to the Office of Parks and Recreation. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

The Maintenance Department began the interior demolition of the Adams Lane Church property. It has become apparent that there are some structural defects that need to be addressed before we continue. Jon Jessup from the Tahawus Club specializes in restoration and has agreed to meet with our Code Enforcement officer and look at the property. The Maintenance Department will be putting together a materials list to present to the Board. If the Newcomb Historical Museum is a 501.C3 private nonprofit entity, the Town is required to contract with them for staffing, and office space. Joan Burke told the Board that the Museum is 501.C3 eligible.

Supervisor Deloria and Wes Miga had a conference call with Katherine Hogle from the Department of State regarding the need to adjust the budget of allocated funds for the Welcome Center. An amendment would move \$200,000.00 from Schedule E Contractual Services "building construction" to design, engineering, administrative services and oversight." An advisory committee will meet to review the proposal. The Town Board approved hiring Chazen Company to submit a grant application for additional funding for the NYS Consolidated Funding Program in the amount of \$600,000.00.

The NYS Department of Health has lifted all COVID restrictions with the exception of unvaccinated staff. They must continue to wear a mask consistent with guidelines.

The Housing Committee has heard from four possible rentals here in the Town. The committee will meet again in July and will continue to discuss housing needs in Newcomb.

Included in the Board packet are some amendments to the Employee Handbook. These changes are for Medical Insurance Benefits, Paid Holidays, retiree benefits, safety shoes and PPE. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adopt these changes, Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

There is information on the American Rescue Plan Act. The Board needs to review this and decide what is applicable to the Town.

The Board received a letter from Evelyn Gereau regarding the fence replacement on her property next to the Salt Shed. The Board needs to review and be ready to discuss at the next meeting.

Highway Supt. Cliff Demars reported that the ribbon cutting for the Upper Works parking lot has been moved to TR Weekend. George Damasevitz reported that the AT&T tower will be operational sometime in August.

Wes Miga would like to thank the staff at the Medical Center for all the work they did to help people to get vaccinated.

Joan Burke would like to publicly thank Pat Sullivan for all the volunteer work she has done at the Newcomb Historical Museum.

Sue Mills had questioned why there were no women on the planning committee for the museum. She also questioned why Laurinda was not doing photos for the bike ride from North Creek to Tahawus.

Ruth Olbert reported that her "Little Shop" is open. She asked when the meeting for the Welcome Center would be. Also asked about a meet the candidate night.

Motion was made by Supervisor Deloria to close meeting and go into Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried at 8:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to close Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried at 8:20 pm.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve the full time status of Amanda Lamphar as Bookkeeper/Secretary effective July 1, 2021 at an annual salary of \$48,800.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted _____

June 15, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 15th of June 2021 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
David Olbert	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman

Others present: Cliff Demars, Wes Miga, Barb Kearns, Paul Hai, Monica Young, Joan Burke and Mary Pound. Present on Zoom: Dave Hughes, Lori Demars, George Sogoian, George Damasevits, Mary Lamphear, Amanda Lamphear, Brandi Fifield, Marlene Bott, Erica Demars, Laurinda Minke, Alex Garrido, Niki Garrido, Sue Mills and Ruth Olbert.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bott to approve the General Fund Abstract #11 in the amount of \$28015.85. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #11 in the amount of \$26994.44. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Capital Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #4 in the amount of \$81592.26. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Capital Projects #8 Santanoni Abstract #1 in the amount of \$750.00. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign the formal intermunicipal agreement with NCS for Town use of the NCS school bus for the summer youth program. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Deloria for a Resolution adopting Juneteenth as a new Town holiday. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

The Town has started using the new municipal software. The claims for tonight's meeting were created using the new software. Williamson Law has been working with Mary and Amanda throughout the transition. The July 8th payroll will be done on the new software.

The Town will be implementing a new Youth Employment Program that will be on a trial basis for this summer. Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve the Summer Youth Employment Program for the summer of 2021. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

The Housing Committee established to Robin Deloria and Chris Fisher to explore housing availability for families desiring to move to Newcomb has met and is beginning communication with current landowners to see if there are any owners willing to rent.

Ground water testing on the Bissell property will be done for a period of six months. Clean up costs were around \$83,000.00 and the property will not be offered for sale until

a certificate from NYS DEC is received. The current full market value is \$87,500.00. Troy Ford has withdrawn his purchase offer for the property. Motion was made by Supervisor Deloria to approve an approved Permissive Referendum to enter into a lease agreement with Larry Newcombe for use of the property. Seconded by Councilman La Course and carried.

New York State DOT will be putting up two new road signs on 28N as requested by the Town. One School bus Stop Ahead Sign on 5469 State Rt. 28N and one Driveway Warning Sign on Route 28N east of the Lake Harris Lodge.

The Town of Newcomb and the Essex County Board of Supervisors will be sending a letter of support to the Surface Transportation Board in support of the Saratoga and North Creek railway.

The roll out date for the "One Call Now" emergency and non-emergency system will be July 1, 2021.

Code Officer George Damasevitz gave the Board a Permit Status Report.

There has been a change in the ESF Project funding for the Goodnow Fire Tower. NYS is now going to fund the repair of the tower. The Town had approved \$30,000. for funding of the tower. Motion was made by Supervisor Deloria for a Resolution to redirect the funding for renovations to the AIC main lobby area. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

The Senior Meal site will be opening for congregated dining on July 7, 2021.

Highway Supt. Demars reported that the Blast Furnace project has been completed except for the paving of the parking lot.

Councilman Olbert would like to begin advertising with the Adirondack Explorer and Adirondack Life magazines again.

Councilman Bott asked about the opening date for the AT&T tower. Code Officer Damasevitz will call them.

Paul Hai reported that the Comprehensive Plan should be presented to the Town Board in July. The Planning Board will begin work on the plan once the Board has commented on it. He also thanked the Board for the redirection of funds to AIC.

Joan Burke reported that she met with the three new interns for Santanoni.

Laurinda Minke would also like to advertise with the Adirondack Explorer and Adirondack Life. They have a circulation of around 40,000.

Motion made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

May 25, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 25th of May 2021 at 7:00 P. M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman
David Olbert	Councilman

Others present: Cliff Demars, Wes Miga, Erica Demars, Joan Burke and Mary Pound.
Present on Zoom: Marlene Bott, Laurinda Minke, Mark Yandon, Missy Yandon, Dave Hughes, Niki Garrido, Alex Garrido, Sue Paul, Kevin Dewey, Mary Lamphear, Lori Demars, Brandi Fifield, Scott Fifield, Amanda Lamphear and George Segorian.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the General Fund Abstract #10 in the amount of \$46372.03. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #10 in the amount of \$47209.92. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve the Water Fund Abstract #5 in the amount of \$976.04. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #5 in the amount of \$863.41. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Capitol Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #3 in the amount of \$2369.70. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

June meetings were tentatively set for June 15th and 29th.

The Board reviewed the Procurement Policy that was presented for adoption. Councilman Olbert recommended one change. He would like notification prior to purchase on any out of the ordinary purchases, for example building projects etc. Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to adopt the new Procurement Policy with this change. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Supervisor Deloria requested a quote from The Chazen Company to assist the Town with documentation for additional funding to support the proposed welcome center due to escalating costs of materials due to the pandemic. Motion was made by Supervisor Deloria to approve the \$4000.00 quote from Chazen Company. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

The Town will be purchasing a new software system from Williamson Law Book Company. This software system is a sole source and falls under professional services software and does not require competitive bidding. The estimated cost is \$20,000.00 for three workstations, annual support and tech support. The will be viewing a two hour web demo on Thursday at 1:00 pm.

The work on the underground storage tanks and remediation of the contaminated soil has been complete. The next step is monitoring the ground water through additional testing through pipes installed. The Town has not received a bill for the clean up but work has been mandated by DEC and the contractor, ESF Pump and Tank is under State Contract and County contract pricing.

Dave Hughes has been working with ROOST regarding our current digital marketing and promotions. They have recommended that we continue to keep 2 webpages, "newcombny.com" and "discovernewcomb.com." They also recommend that we do a domain name change to "newcombny.gov. They will assist us while we make adjustments to both sites.

We hope to hear updates on the Santanoni Wagon rides by the end of the week.

Niki Garrido joined the committee reviewing digital and paper marketing ads. The committee consists of Dave Olbert, Dave Hughes, Laurinda Minke, Jackie LaCourse and Robin Deloria. There is a list of upcoming publications included with the board packet. Councilman Olbert would like the Town to advertise with the Adirondack Explorer and Adirondack Life.

The committee to discuss "housing for families" will be meeting this Thursday to discuss housing options available in Newcomb.

Apex Solar will be installing charging stations in Newcomb. There will be two available at the Town Hall and one at the Medical center.

Dave Hughes met with Roger Lumpp of Adirondack Golf Trail. He is organizing a golf challenge for 32 golf courses in the Adirondack Park.

Essex County sent out new guidelines for reopening of the Senior Meal Sites. These were reviewed and they are too restrictive for Newcomb to open at this time.

Highway Supt. Cliff Demars reported that they will be starting the work at the Upper Works next week.

Councilman Bott was asking about the AT&T Tower. Supervisor Deloria has not heard from them .

Councilwoman Fennessy reported that they will be putting the American flags at the cemetery on Thursday. Dave Hughes, Dave Moses, Joan Burke, and Lana will be assisted by the 7th and 8th graders from NCS. She has also contacted the Rist family for permission to go into the Lake Harris Cemetery.

Councilman Olbert reported that he believes that the agreement has been completed with the Newcomb Snowmobile Club.

Joan Burke reported that the Queen Anne Guide boat that was used by Mrs. Pruyn has been donated to the Town and is in the Historical garage.

During the public comment session, Alex Garrido commented on his concern for housing, child care and jobs in Newcomb. Scott Fifield felt that spending by the Town was out of control.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to award the only bid for cabinets at the church to Mark Yandon for \$111.00. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted _____

May 11, 2021

At the special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 11th of May 2020 at 6:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
David Olbert	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman

Others present: Ruth Olbert and Mary Pound. Present on Zoom: Mary Lamphear, Dave Hughes, Colleen Sage, Brandi Fifield, Mark Yandon, Melissa Yandon, Ray Wood, Alex Garrido, Niki Garrido, Sue Pauls and Kevin Dewey.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm to discuss the Town events guidelines. Many of the guidelines are determined by New York State and these are changing weekly. Currently most events and venues are at 50% occupancy. There was discussion on the beach use and Youth Program guidelines. One solution for social distancing for the Youth Program and public use of the beach and restrooms was suggested by Alex Garrido. It was decided to rent porta johns for use on the other side of the beach during Youth Program hours. The Town Board was in agreement to encourage the Fire Department to have the annual Steak Roast. Hopefully occupancy numbers will increase and will make it easier to have the event. The Bands on the Beach events are being planned. We will talk with the school about the classes providing food. The special meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order at 7:00 pm. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Others present: Cliff Demars and Joan Burke. Present on Zoom: Laurinda Minke, Tom Rogers, Sue Mills, Wes Miga, Marlene Bott, George Sogoian and George Damasevitz.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the General Fund Abstract #9 in the amount of \$19480.87. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #9 in the amount of \$18801.12. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Capital Projects #5 Smart Growth Abstract #3 in the amount of \$1436.23. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse for a Resolution in support of the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages requesting rescinding the NYS Fiber Tax. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert authorizing the purchase of 2022 International CV 4x4 Dump Truck under NYS Contract #8996. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

There was a discussion on the Adams Lane/Route 28N lot that is for sale. There are wetland restrictions on the lot. Councilman LaCourse, Councilman Olbert and Councilwoman Fennessy are not in favor of the purchase.

Work on the Bissell property continues but the weather has prevented completion of the job. The cost of removal of the contaminated soil is \$90.00 per ton. The road will be closed to local traffic until the job is completed.

Supervisor Deloria reviewed the discussion of the special meeting on summer events. The Town Board supports having the annual Steak Roast. Planning will continue for Bands on the Beach, Labor Day events, TR Weekend and Craft fair.

Supervisor Deloria updated the board on the Santanoni Wagon trips. Larry Newcomb did not renew his permit for this year. DEC has gone back out for RFP.

The Town has received a few complaints regarding the condition of the Catholic/Methodist Cemetery. We have reached out to Jim Gerard from Queensbury to come up and advise us on how to fix it.

The General Fund crew is working on the bank and church properties. Councilman Bott and Councilman LaCourse will continue to oversee the project.

Chris Fisher from NCS reached out to Supervisor Deloria regarding rentals for families that are considering moving to Newcomb. He has set up a committee to address the housing issues.

The ruling on the NYS Snowmobile trail came out this week and the only way the community connector trails will be completed is through a constitutional amendment. The Five Towns will be meeting to discuss the ruling and what should be done next.

During Public comments, Mark Yandon was suggesting that when Jim Gerard comes to check the cemetery, he should also look at the golf course and the ballfield. There is a lot of clover, dandelions and Japanese beetles that need treating.

Brandi Fifield asked if the NCS class would be able to use the cook shack for fund raising this summer. Supervisor Deloria is waiting to hear back from the school with some questions.

Tom Rogers from Goodnow Flow asked about the use of the beach for the Goodnow Flow Association annual meeting. He was asked to call and talk with Dave Hughes who has a schedule of use.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

April 27, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 27th of April 2021 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Donald Bott	Councilman
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
David Olbert	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman

Others present: Cliff Demars, Wes Migs, Joan Burke and Mary Pound. Zoom: Laurinda Minke, Sue Mills, Mary Lamphear, Dave Hughes, Nike Garrido, Alex Garrido, Mark Yandon, Melissa Yandon, Lori Demars, George Damasevitz, Marlene Bott, Dave Dorey, George Sogoian, Sue Paul, and Erica Demars.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the General Fund Abstract #8 in the amount of \$45857.59. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #8 in the amount of \$35054.49. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Water Fund Abstract #4 in the amount of \$2876.19. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #4 in the amount of \$1916.57. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

May meeting dates were tentatively set for May 11th and 25th.

Supervisor Deloria submitted a draft of the Town Procurement Policy. Board members should review and be ready to discuss and adopt at the May 11, 2021 meeting.

Craig and Kathy Poulton have offered the Town first buyer option on the lot on Route 28N. This lot has access to both Winebrook water and sewer. The Board should be ready to discuss this at the May 11, 2021 meeting.

DEC has issued a certificate showing the tanks on the Bissell property have been removed. Rainy weather has prevented the town from completing the job. The road is temporarily closed to local traffic. Testing and removal of any contaminated soil will resume May 3, 2021.

The Board will have a special meeting May 4, 2021 to discuss and approve summer events. The New York State re-opening guidelines will apply.

Joanne Bush has retired from her appointment to the Planning Board. The Town would like to thank her for her many years of service and dedication to the Planning Board. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to appoint Drew Cullen as the new member of the Planning Board. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Larry Newcomb has been notified that he can no longer base camp out of the Santanoni garage area. Supervisor Deloria will be reaching out to DEC to get more information on the situation.

The Town of Long Lake has expressed that they will help with the Youth Program by providing both transportation and having an employee remain at the Youth Program during the day. This will be discussed at the special board meeting next week.

The High Peaks Golf Course will open for league play on May 6. The Course will open to the public on May 8.

Amanda Lamphear has been chosen as the part time Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor to replace Marsha Chase. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve Amanda Lamphear as the part time Confidential Secretary at the rate of \$18.50 per hour with a minimum of 24 hours per week to start. Start date TBD. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Anthony Audino has been chosen as the part time maintenance person to work with Eugene Bush and Nelson Turcotte. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the appointment of Anthony Audino as part time maintenance person for 30 hours per week at a rate of \$26.00 per hour. Start date TBD. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Highway Supt. Cliff Demars reported that he will be meeting with OSI next week to discuss the work to be done at Tahawus.

Councilman Olbert reported on the meeting with the Snowmobile Club regarding the trail maintenance. The Club will be having a meeting next week to discuss the proposal. Councilman Olbert discussed the advertising with the Adirondack Employer. He feels that they give both side of issues. Councilman LaCourse reminded the Board that this was discussed and the Board voted to hold on advertising with them. Councilwoman Fennessy attended the Zoom meeting with Essex County Youth Bureau and updated the Board.

Joan Burke reported the Museum is working with a writer on a “murder” that occurred in Newcomb many years ago.

Melissa Yandon, Youth Commission Chair, has questions about the Youth Program. Many of these issues will be discussed at the special meeting of the Board next week. Mark Yandon has comments on the State protocols for Covid.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried at 7:55 p.m. Town Board moved to Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted _____

April 13, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 13th of April 2021 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
David Olbert	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman
Don Bott	Councilman

Others present: Cliff Demars, Joan Burke and Mary Pound. Zoom: Duane Finch, Melissa Yandon, Mary Lamphear, Marlene Bott, Lori Demars, Laurinda Minke, Dave Hughes, George Sogoian, Niki Garrido, Sue Mills, George Damasevitz, and Wes Miga.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve the General Fund Abstract #7 in the amount of \$31725.66. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #7 in the amount of \$12670.57. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Capital Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #2 in the amount of \$3123.15. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve the Capitol Projects #8 Santanoni Abstract #1 in the amount of \$26527.77. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Discussion on the Procurement Policy was tabled until the next meeting.

The US House Appropriations Committee has given each member of Congress authority to nominate up to ten community projects for the Fiscal year 2022. Suggestions for a project were accepted until April 5. Supervisor Deloria applied for a community project grant to help with architectural and engineering costs for the Welcome Center Project. The Town should here if accepted by April 16, 2021.

Environmental and Fueling Systems will be cleaning the tanks and providing a closure report for the tanks on the Bissell property. Ben Hankins from DEC will be on site on April 14, during the soil testing. Essex County DPW will allow the Town to use one of its trucks to haul any necessary soil to the burn plant.

The Town Board approved the Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert for a Resolution in support of the County Resolution of broadband and cellular coverage in Essex County. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

New York State has a new law allowing the County, by local law, to authorize the County to participate in a Deer Hunting Pilot Program. This would allow 12 year old's to hunt deer when accompanied by a parent or guardian 21 years of age or older that has at least three years hunting experience.

The low bidder on the tree removal for the Pine Hill Cemetery was High Peaks Tree Removal. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to award the bid to High Peaks Tree Removal in the amount of \$18800.00. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

The Town received three applicants for each position advertised. Interviews should begin next week and all applicants will be interviewed.

There was discussion on whether to do the fireworks on TR weekend or Labor Day weekend. The Board took a vote and it was decided on Labor Day weekend.

The town is planning to purchase a purple, zipper polyester tote bag for the Newcomb Day Alumni Reunion.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to appoint Councilman Olbert to act as the official representative for the Town of Newcomb Youth Commission and Councilwoman Fennessy will act as the alternate. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Highway Superintendent Demars reported that he met with OSI to discuss the work that will be done at the Tahawus parking lot and Blast Furnace.

Councilman Bott suggested that we get a sample tote bag for the Newcomb Day gift before we purchase them. He also recommended that we keep going with the repairs on the ski tow.

Councilman Olbert would like to know what the cost of the bank renovation has been so far. He also questioned the status of advertising with the Adirondack Explorer.

Councilwoman Fennessy questioned plans for Newcomb Day. She will contact the school regarding food for the day.

Joan Burke would like to have work done on the cemetery at the Upper Works. Wes Miga thanked Highway Supt. Cliff Demars for his work with OSI. He reminded all of the restrictions and protocol that we need to follow for any of the scheduled events in Town.

Laurinda Minke encouraged the Town to advertise with the Adirondack Explorer. They have a readership of over 40,000.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted _____

March 9, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 9th of March 2021 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
David Olbert	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman

Others present: Joan Burke, Cliff Demars, and Mary Pound. Zoom: Erica Demars, Laurinda Minke, Niki Garrido, George Damasevitz, Mary Lamphear, Lori Demars, Wes Miga, Brandi Fifield, Sue Mills, Kevin Bolan, Dave Hughes, Dave Dorey, Marlene Bott and George Sogian.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting with correction. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the General Fund Abstract #5 in the amount of \$126789.81. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #5 in the amount of \$11872.22. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Capital Projects #5 Abstract #2 in the amount of \$11650.00. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Supervisor Deloria has another update on the Tahawus Railroad. Trustee Bill Brandt has two railroad companies interested in buying the line and has requested an abeyance until April 30, 2021. The State Attorney General is requesting that STB make a final ruling by April 30, 2021.

The Town has \$5955.01 remaining on the grant reimbursement on the Salt Shed project. The Town received another bill from Peckham Industries in the amount of \$10951.76. This invoice will be submitted for the remaining funds.

The Town is still working to find information on the underground storage tanks that were on the Bissell property. NYSDEC does not have any record of their removal. Essex County will loan the Town ground penetrating radar equipment and provide engineers to operate it. This device will determine if any tanks remain in the ground.

Supervisor Deloria declared a Local Emergency Declaration Order to allow the Highway Department to sand driveways to help with all the melting snow and icy conditions.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to issue municipal building permits through the State of New York Unified Solar Permit applications procedures for solar installation. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Supervisor Deloria provided a screen share of the proposed Welcome Center Draft Plan. Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the draft plan by March Associates. This is not a final plan. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried. There will be a meeting on March 22 with the State, County and Welcome Center committee. Then the committee can begin plans for the community meetings.

Highway Supt. Cliff Demars reported that the Town used 750 tons less of salt this year. Councilman Olbert thanked Kevin Bolan and the medical center staff for reaching out to the community with information and help with getting the COVID vaccine. He also talked about the NYSERTA Grants that are being offered for charging stations for cars. Olberts currently have one at their location. There would be no cost to the Town through this grant. Possible locations for charging stations could be the overlook and the beach.

Kevin Bolan reported that the medical center is still working on getting the vaccine. NYS determines who is able to get the vaccine. The fund raiser for the Medical Mission is Sunday March 14, from 4-7 pm.

Wester Miga commented that any site work, in kind match, for the Welcome Center needs to be started as soon as possible.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

February 23, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 23th of February 2021 at 7:00 P. M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Donald Bott	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman
David Olbert	Councilman
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman

Others present: Cliff Demars, Joan Burke and Mary Pound. Zoom: Laurinda Minke, Erica Demars, Mary Lamphear, Marlene Bott, Niki Garrido, Alex Garrido, Paul Hai, Davaid Dorey, George Damasevitz, Debbie Damasevitz, Brandi Fifield, Tyler Lamphear, Sue Mills, Dave Hughes, Wes Miga and Kevin Bolan.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the General Fund Abstract #4 in the amount of \$50948.45. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #4 in the amount of \$77605.53. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Water Abstract #2 in the amount of \$30823.54. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Sewer Abstract #2 in the amount of \$970.15. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve the Capital Projects #5 Smart Growth Abstract #1 in the amount of \$78,000.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve the Capital Projects #9 Gen. Fund Equipment Abstract #1 in the amount of \$22970.00. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the appointment of Niki Garrido to the Town's Planning Board. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

The Town received a letter from Rob Ripp of DEC. Only current TRP holders are allowed to perform work on DEC lands or Conservation Easement land held by DEC. The Town is also required to have a Certificate of Insurance for DEC in order for Bootie to continue to groom the trails. Councilman Olbert will be meeting with the snowmobile club on February 24, 2021 to discuss this.

Supervisor Deloria received a call from a concerned citizen regarding a potential risk to drivers pulling in or out of the Lake Harris Lodge. Supervisor Deloria sent pictures of this area to DOT showing this potential risk. DOT will be here next week to investigate this visibility problem.

Open Space Institute has requested help from the Newcomb Highway Department to complete the work on the Upper Works Road. This includes a gate, fencing, removal of

blacktop, signage and repaving in front of the Blast Furnace. Additional meetings will be scheduled to plan this project.

Dave Hughes attended a four hour conference call with the North Forest Center discussing attracting new residents to the park. A report was generated of this meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign the agreement with North Country SPCA for seized dogs at a cost of \$667.08. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Councilwoman Fennessy was asking about the timing for the AT&T tower. No time has been set yet for opening. Councilman Olbert encouraged the town of continue working toward a boat washing station for Lake Harris. Councilman Bott felt that there should also be lighting for the boat washing station. Councilman LaCourse reported that Chuck Canon may need a new mower for the golf course.

Kevin Bolan, P.A. reported that he had a conference call with the North Country Covid Task Force. The Town has been applying every week for vaccines. There are several details to work out in order to receive vaccines. Kevin Bolan is encouraging people to get the vaccine.

Paul Hai reported that the Planning Board signed off on two subdivisions, one on the Chassion Rd. and one in Goodnow Flow. The Town Comprehensive Plan should be complete in June.

Joan Burke and the Newcomb Historical Museum is requesting some initial design work be done for the church conversion plans. The Town Board approved this request. The Historical Museum is highlighting eight local women in honor of Woman's Historical Month. They will be using the sign in front of the Town Hall and the Newsletter to highlight these women.

Paul Hai said that ESF is currently looking to hire for a new position in facilities operation. Mary Lamphear thought it was great that the town ski slope and skating rink had a lot of use, especially during the school vacation. She asked that the Town consider paving the rink for summer use. Niki Garrido thanked the town for her appointment to the Planning Board. Wes Miga thought that the town snowmobile trails were in great shape. Sue Paul criticized Supervisor Deloria for spending town money on a new groomer.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted _____

February 9, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 9th of February 2021 at 7:00 P. M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
Donald Bott	Councilman
David Olbert	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman

Others present: Joan Burke, Cliff Demars and Mary Pound. Zoom: Barbara Kearns, Marlene Bott, Nicole Garrido, Erica Demars, Debbie Damasevitz, George Damasevitz, Mary Lamphear, Wes Miga, Dave Dorey, Duane Finch, Tyler Lamphear, Francis Cummings, Sue Mills, and Kevin Bolan.

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Deloria at 7:00 pm. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the General Fund Abstract #3 in the amount of \$18181.49. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #3 in the amount of \$6946.48. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Capital Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #1 in the amount of \$10951.76. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

The Town and the Newcomb Snowmobile Club need to have a simple contract agreement for work and reimbursement for work on the trails. Wes Miga, Councilman Olbert and Councilman Bott are appointed to a committee to work with the Snowmobile Club to work out a contract.

The Town Attorney has provided documents for the Winebrook Hills Water and Sewer District deed transfer. Motion was made by Councilman Bott for a Resolution authorizing the confirmation of Town ownership of property on behalf of both the Winebrook Water District and the Winebrook Sewer District. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried by roll call vote: Supervisor Deloria – Aye, Councilman Bott – Aye, Councilwoman Fennessy – Aye, Councilman LaCourse – Aye and Councilman Olbert – Aye. The Town will have to publish a Notice of Adoption of Resolution subject to Permissive Referendum.

Supreme Court Justice Bruening has approved the sale of the historic Episcopal Church to the Town.

The Essex County Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution condemning the unlawful entry into the US Capital Building on January 6, 2021.

Councilman LaCourse made a motion for a Resolution to amend the purchase price of the 2022 Western Star 4900SF at State Contract pricing to \$212302.89. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Nature Conservancy, Open Space Institute and ADK Mountain Club have come out in support of the DEC in their lawsuit against Protect the Adirondacks and their “timber tree

cutting lawsuit.” There was discussion on the article by the Adirondack Explorer. It was felt that the article was based totally on the opinion of Peter Bauer of Protect the Adirondacks. The Adirondack Explorer also plans to call out Kathy Moser of Open Space Institute and Joe Martens. Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to temporarily suspend advertising with the Adirondack Explorer. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Community Bank will be changing their banking hours in Long Lake and Indian Lake starting in April 2021. Indian Lake will be open M-W- F and Long Lake will be open T-Th.

Councilman Fennessy questioned the timeline on the AT&T tower. There is no date set but they did pour concrete on site and are continuing to work on the construction of the tower.

Kevin Bolan reported that they are still trying to get the COVID vaccine here in Newcomb. They are also assisting seniors with appointments for the vaccine in other locations. Joan Burke suggested working with Adirondack Life for articles and advertising. They will be coming out with an article on the Douglas Legg search in the next issue. Laurinda Minke reported that we are already committed to advertising with Adirondack Explorer in their next issue. Kevin Dewey wants the town to use volunteers to do the snowmobile trail maintenance. He would like the town to unhook the drag from the groomer and the club will take care of the trails.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

January 26, 2021

At the Public Hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 26th of January 2021 at 6:30 P. M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman
David Olbert	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman

Others present: Wes Miga, Joan Burke and Mary Pound. Present on Zoom: Marlene Bott, Mary Lamphear, Nicole Garrido, Mary Monaghan, Dave Hughes, Debbie Damasevitz, George Damasevitz, Anita Brundage, Laurinda Minke, Barbara Kearns and George Sogoian.

Supervisor Deloria called the Public Hearing for the 2021 Fire Department Contract to order at 6:30 P.M. Wes Miga addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Fire Department and Rescue Squad. He feels that we are at a ‘Critical Juncture’ and there is a need for more participation from the younger, strong members of the community. There is a need for drivers and people to help with transport particularly on Rescue Squad calls. There was discussion on the cost of having to pay drivers and aides which could be in excess of \$100,000. The Town would hate to have to eliminate jobs in order to pay for this. There is a critical need for volunteers. The next Fire Department meeting is February 15, 2021. Please get the word out and encourage community members to attend.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried at 6:55 p.m.

Supervisor Deloria called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the General Fund Abstract #2 in the amount of \$38056.12. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #2 in the amount of \$29796.26. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Water Fund Abstract #1 in the amount of \$411.52. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #1 in the amount of \$1103.29. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

February meetings are tentatively set for February 9th and 23rd.

The State Comptrollers office has communicated information to the towns regarding the changes in distribution of local sales tax revenue to towns beginning in February 2021. They have been required to withhold local sales tax collections from counties in quarterly installments and deposit funds into the Distressed Provider Assistance Account to fund financially distressed hospitals and nursing homes.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to enter in the agreement with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board in the amount of \$300.00. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

There has been an update with the Department of State Contract for the Welcome Center. Supervisor Deloria received a phone call and she encouraged the Town to change the contract execution date to March 1, 2021. This would ensure the funds would be paid from the previous state budget.

The Town Attorney has approved adding the Sewer District to the Winebrook Water Town lot. This will enable the Sewer District to receive funds from the AT&T payments for the cell tower.

The Quick Claim Deed for the Pine Cemetery has been signed and sent to the Town Attorney. The Town will need to get new estimates for tree removal at the cemetery.

Supervisor Deloria and Councilman Bott met with Joan Burke and Don Seauvageau to discuss renovations to the Episcopal Church building for the Newcomb Historical Museum. Joan Burke indicated that she and the others at the Historical Museum are willing to work with the Town on the move to this building.

Councilman Olbert reported that the skating rink has been used a lot for hockey this winter. He was wondering if the hours could be adjusted to accommodate all. The skate inventory is low and more larger sizes are needed. The hours for the skating rink and the ski tow should be posted in the newsletter and website.

Joan Burke said the name was changed for the cemetery to the Pine Hill Cemetery. There are 6-7 cemeteries in Newcomb but they do not currently all have signs. The ABF church has agreed to give the Huntington Cemetery to the Town.

George Damasevitz reported that AT& T has begun the construction work for the new tower. The concrete pour was delayed due to low temperatures.

George Sogoian questioned if the Town is doing anything to protect Lake Harris from the invasive species. The Town is working on getting a boat washing station at the beach boat launch.

Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried at 7:45 pm. The Board adjourned to go into Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted _____

January 12, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 12th of January 2021 at 7:00 P. M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
David Olbert	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Paul LaCourse	Councilman

Others present: Cliff Demars, Joan Burke, Barbara Kearns and Mary Pound. Present on Call: Sue Mills, Mary Lamphear, Laurinda Minke, Lori Demars, Dave Hughes, George Sogioian, George Damasevitz, Marlene Bott and David Dorian.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the December 15, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried. Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve the minutes of the January 1, 2021 organizational meeting. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the General Fund Abstract #1 in the amount of \$52156.16. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #1 in the amount of \$16048.56. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Public Hearing for the Fire Department Contract was reset to January 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the audit of the Town Justice Court Records and Docket Books. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried by roll call vote: Supervisor Deloria – Aye, Councilman Bott – Aye, Councilwoman Fennessy – Aye, Councilman LaCourse - Aye and Councilman Olbert – Aye.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott authorizing the Board of Assessors to forgo senior all exemption review following an Executive order by the Governor. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried by roll call vote: Supervisor Deloria – Aye, Councilman Bott – Aye, Councilwoman Fennessy – Aye, Councilman LaCourse – Aye, and Councilman Olbert – Aye.

A water test was done for a claimant for salt contamination in his well. The threshold for pottable water is 270 and the water tested at over 1900. The claimant has agreed to sign a General Release Agreement discharging the Town from further claims. Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign the settlement agreement for a payment of \$9000.00. The Town Attorney will draft an agreement. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Charles Canon and Gene Poulin are alternating weekends to do monitoring and testing at the Sewer Plant per DOH. Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to approve a monthly stipend of \$3000.00 each for the job. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

The Town of Newcomb has received a purchase offer for the Bissell barn property. A public notice of Resolution subject to permissive referendum will be published in the

paper. The purchase offer is \$65000.00 and they will split the legal and attorney fees with the Town. Motion was made by Councilman LaCourse to move the Resolution to accept the purchase offer. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and approved by roll call vote: Supervisor Deloria – Aye, Councilman Bott – Aye, Councilwoman Fennessy – Aye, Councilman LaCourse – Aye and Councilman Olbert – Aye.

Councilman Olbert has contacted USPS regarding bidding information on their contract. The Town is hoping to have the USPS use the current bank property location.

The Town is waiting on the NYS Court to approve the Town purchase of the Episcopal Church property. There was discussion on the future move of the Historical Museum to the Episcopal Church. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the move of the Historical Museum to the Church property. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy. Councilman Olbert would like to have more discussion and would like to wait at least until the next board meeting. Councilman LaCourse agreed that there is no rush to make this decision. The motion was tabled until the next meeting. Joan Burke strongly encouraged the Board members and others to visit the Historical Building and view the space they use and what will be needed.

The deed for the transfer of ownership for Pine Tree Cemetery is ready to be signed. The current owners should be in this week to sign.

The bankruptcy trustee for the Iowa Pacific Railroad known as the Saratoga North Creek railroad filed with the Surface Transportation Board requesting continued abeyance until April 2021. He is currently negotiating with two railroad companies that may purchase and reactivate the line.

NYS Labor Law Section 27-C has been amended and now requires all Towns to develop a Pandemic Response Plan. This must be completed by April 1, 2021. Essex County towns are working together to develop this plan.

The town sliding hill and skating rink are now open but are limited to five persons at a time in the building. Sanitizer and masks will be available. Weekdays it will be open 5-9 pm and weekends 12-4 pm and 5-9 pm. An inventory needs to be taken of the skate sizes that we have available.

Councilman Olbert talked with Kevin Bolan regarding the salaries of medical center staff. The budget is complete, and it is too late to make changes now. He feels that in the future, negotiations should be separate from the Highway contract. Councilman Bott feels that in the future, a cost-of-living raise should be done for all.

Barbara Kearns complimented the Town Newsletter. She felt it was a good way to get information out to residents, especially those that may not have a computer. She hopes that the town would send out more notices to keep the community informed. George Sogioian loves the new technology for the Zoom meeting. George Damasevitz reported to the Board that 123 Marcy Lane is in violation of Zoning Laws. Mary Lamphear felt that the public should have some responsibility for reaching out and getting information for themselves. Denise Bolan questioned the status of the Grant and felt that the Town is responsible for following the Comprehensive Plan with all properties. Ruth Olbert questioned a Board member regarding sharing of information with each other. She also encouraged Board members and community to visit the Historical Museum and the Church.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman LaCourse and carried at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted _____