

Town of Lyme
June 10, 2015
Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board
6:30 P.M.

Supervisor Aubertine opened tonight's meeting with a Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at tonight's meeting: Supervisor Aubertine, Councilwoman Harris, Councilmen Bourquin and Henderson, Clerk to Supervisor, Robin Grovesteen, And about 5 others.

Supervisor's Report – May 2015

RESOLUTION 2015 – 77: Motion by Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilman Bourquin approving the May 2015 Supervisor's Report as submitted by Town Accountant Cathy Satterley. Four ayes. Motion carried.

County Legislator – William Johnson

The Wilson property has been sold, there were only two bids. The Valentine Corporation was the high bidder. Mr. Johnson has no idea what their intent for the property is.

Mr. Johnson stated that he did voice the Town's sentiment regarding the property.

Clerk's Report – May 2015

Total State, County and Local Shares:	\$6,676.00
Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$5,851.16

RESOLUTION 2015 – 78: Motion by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilwoman Harris to approve the payment of the bills for Abstracts #11 and #12 once that three Board Members have reviewed and approved them. Four ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 79: Motion by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilwoman Harris tabling the approval the Minutes of the May 13, 2015 Meeting until the July 8, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting. Four ayes. Motion carried.

Planning Board Report

Any of the proposals of the Planning Board By-Law Revisions, Penalty for not Obtaining Building Permit, and Planning Board Proposal for Special Use Permits will be TABLED until the July Meeting.

Sue Warner reported that the Planning Board is working on the Zoning as the Town Board has requested. Carol Quencer and Judi Bates have started attending the Planning Board meetings. They would like to have a Town Board member attend the meetings and they still don't have a community member interested in attending.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 80: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilwoman Harris approving Julia Gosier as a full time Planning Board Member. Four ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 81: Motion by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilman Henderson approving the publication of notices in the Watertown Daily Times to advertise for filling the vacancies of the alternate positions on the Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. Four ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 82: Motion by Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilwoman Harris accepting the resignation of Planning Board Chairman Frank Congel with regret. Four ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Aubertine feels that the Planning Board By-Laws should mention appointing a Vice Chairperson to the Board.

Councilman Bourquin feels that the By-Laws should apply to all the Boards falling under the Town auspices so that there is not so much confusion.

New Business

A Joint Town and Village Meeting will be held on June 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The Village Clerk has run the advertisement for the meeting in the Watertown Daily Times.

Banner Replacements

There were about 8 banners in Three Mile Bay that were not reparable so they were thrown away. Supervisor Aubertine got a price from Downtown Decorations for a replacement cost of \$55.00 per banner; that would be a total cost of \$440.00. The funds should come from the Town Development Fund. This won't leave much in the Town Development Fund for the purchase of the two bicycles for the Willie Putnam Tournament.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 83: Motion by Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilwoman Harris approving the replacement and purchase of the seven banners in Three Mile Bay at the cost of \$440.00 to be taken from the Town Development Fund Account - A6310.4. Four ayes. Motion carried.

Grant Opportunities – Robin Grovesteen

Essentially through all the workshops and the people that Robin has spoken to, she met with Alicia Dewey last week and the people from the Department of State and Historic Preservation. What Robin has come up with in talking with everyone and reviewing the opportunities available; the Town has to come up with a legitimate project. The two she has identified, and Alicia has agreed to, are the Parks Acquisition Planning and Development. So it seems that if the Town is going to continue to pursue the acquisition of property this would be right up that alley. It is a 50/50 Matching Grant. The Town does not have to have ownership of the land but they do have to have some type of understanding with the seller and it can be an agreement contingent upon receiving grant funds. Robin feels that it seems like a perfect fit for the Town.

Robin met with a woman from the Department of State that she had met at one of the workshops. It seems that the Town could also apply for a Grant from the Department of State for planning, feasibility and design for whatever would be happening with that project. They could be applied for through the consolidated funding application at the same time.

There are a couple of other opportunities that would be related but Robin feels that we might be pushing the envelope.

The New York State Council on the Arts has several grants to develop different cultural opportunities within the community. That would be up our alley but perhaps something that we could pursue later on after we went through the first phase.

When Robin spoke to Alicia she said that it would be a big undertaking and people are uncertain whether or not this would be the way to go. She advised Robin that if we applied and were successful the Town wouldn't be committed to going forward with the project, so it doesn't hurt to apply depending upon what type of language can be agreed to in any sort of a purchase.

If in fact the Town were awarded, this year the Department of State money, the cost of acquiring the land (the Town's 50%) investment could count toward our match for the following years construction grant, again through the Department of State. Robin feels that is an outstanding opportunity.

Robin did talk a little bit about how private funds could be raised due to the fact that Municipalities can't do any fund raising of their own. Any private groups that would like to raise money could do that although the Town could not be involved in such.

The process is spelled out precisely and the parameters are strict. There are opportunities for in-kind services for example from the Highway Department.

Robin is ready to move forward. Alicia charges \$35.00 per hour for consulting and she stands at the ready to edit and advise the Town as deemed necessary. Robin feels confident in writing the grant although this will be new for her. She has

developed relationships with the gal at the Department of State and the Parks which gives her easy access for speaking with folks.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 84: Motion by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilman Henderson authorizing Robin Grovesteen and Karen Fitzgerald to approach Geordie McGee regarding the sale of his 5 acre waterfront parcel in the Village of Chaumont. Three ayes. Motion carried. Councilman Bourquin abstained.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 85: Motion by Councilwoman Harris and seconded by Councilman Henderson approving the fee of \$35.00 per hour to Alicia Dewey for any time spent consulting with the Town of Lyme in regard to the Grant process for the purchase of the waterfront parcel on Sawmill Bay, Village of Chaumont. Four ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 86: Motion by Councilman Henderson and seconded by Councilwoman Harris changing the Town’s Municipal energy supplier to Constellation New Energy Corporation, for a term of two years. Four ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 87: Motion by Supervisor Aubertine and seconded by Councilwoman Harris moving the Town Board into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the ZBA Alternate and a personnel related matter. Four ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2015 – 88: Motion by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilman Harris moving the Town Board back into Open Session at 8:49 p.m. Four ayes. Motion carried.

A Motion was offered by Councilman Bourquin and seconded by Councilwoman Harris adjourning tonight’s meeting at 8:51 p.m.

The Minutes of Tonight’s Meeting are Respectfully Submitted by,

***Kim Wallace
Town Clerk***

