

**HAGUE TOWN BOARD  
AUDIT & REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 9, 2006  
6:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Belden, R. Gladu, E. Frasier, A. Steitz and T. LaPointe.

**Supervisor Belden opened the audit meeting at 6:00 pm**

The Board reviewed the May Warrant of 2006.

Supervisor Belden opened the regular meeting at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome Guests/Privilege of the floor:** Scott Olsen, Casella Waste reported on the Transfer Station. The Board and Scott Olsen discussed the Transfer Station hours. Mr. Olsen feels that the hours have been established and are working out well and the Board also agreed. He also mentioned that the backhoe is serviced regularly.

Motion by R. Gladu, seconded by A. Steitz to charge the same price per bag at the Transfer Station: Large: \$3.50, Small \$2.50. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Motions by A. Steitz, seconded by E. Frasier to keep prices the same at the Transfer Station and renew the agreement with Casella Waste for 1 year. The Town of Hague agrees to pay Casella Waste tonnage and hauling of the cost for Clean-up Day. AYES: Supervisor Belden

The Board asked Mr. Olsen what the options would be for Clean-up Day and can Casella do this on a voucher system. Mr. Olsen explained that using a voucher system would be extremely difficult for billing purposes to the Town. Right now, Casella will supply the container and after the close of the Clean-up Day, the Town will be charged the hauling plus tonnage of the container.

Councilman LaPointe feels this is not fair to the taxpayers who are not in town. He would rather see it available just for the senior citizens.

Motion by R. Gladu, seconded by E. Frasier to schedule Clean-up Day for June 22 and 23 of 2006. Hours are from 8 am to 4 pm. Residents are allowed one truckload. Seniors over the age of 60 can sign up at the Community Center. AYES: Supervisor Belden, E. Frasier, R. Gladu and A. Steitz. NAYS: T. LaPointe. Motion carried.

Judy Stock asked the Board to clarify the difference between Board committee's and Citizen committee's. There needs to be rules on selecting members and selecting a

chairman, minutes should also be taken and also it should be stated on what the mission of the committee is.

Linda Benway, DCO/ACO requested that the town purchase an additional 10 traps for the feral cat project with Angel Connection.

Motion by R. Gladu, seconded by T. LaPointe to purchase ten traps for trapping of feral cats. AYES: Supervisor Belden, R. Gladu, T. LaPointe, E. Frasier and A. Steitz. Motion carried.

Mr. Meola reported on the Finical Bank Statements for the Town of Hague. He is concerned that the Town is losing money in interest. The operating account in January \$810,000, Feb. \$750,000, March \$654,000 and in April \$750,000 with a yield of 1.4%. He would like to see a portion of this money be invested in a higher interest account..

Supervisor Belden explained that this account is the general account. It pays all employees and monthly bills.

Councilwoman Frasier explained that the Board met with representatives of the bank and reviewed all accounts. Money was moved into interest earning accounts and a portion of the money in the general account was also moved.

Mr. Lobdell addressed the Board on the status of the lawsuit in regards to the trailer on Yaw road. Councilman Gladu has tried to contact Attorney McNally on the status of the situation. Attorney McNally did send a statement to the Town on how to proceed. Councilman Gladu would like to go into executive session at the end of the agenda to discuss this issue.

Motion by E. Frasier, seconded by A. Steitz to pay General, Highway and Sewer bills audited at tonight's meeting in the amount of \$35,015.69. AYES: Supervisor Belden, E. Fraiser, A. Steitz and R. Gladu. Motion carried.

Motion by T. LaPointe, seconded by A. Steitz to approve minutes of April 14, 2006 as printed. AYES: Supervisor Belden, T. LaPointe, A. Steitz, R. Gladu and E. Frasier. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 1. ASSESSOR & JUSTICE (Gladu/Steitz):** Councilman Gladu reported that the Tentative Assessment roll is available for review. Our equalization rate is 79.5%. There is still no definite numbers in from Ticonderoga. In 2008 the Towns of Bolton, Queensbury and Lake George will be doing a Revaluation. He would like to see Hague and Ticonderoga also join in on this reval. He suggest that Supervisor Belden and Ticonderoga Supervisor Dedrick could meet and discuss this possibility along with The Hague and Ticonderoga assessor.

2. **BUILDING & GROUNDS (LaPointe/Steitz):** Motion by T. LaPointe, seconded by A. Steitz to hire Silver Bay Construction Company to replace deteriorated fascia boards where necessary and wrap fascia in aluminum around the entire building, in the amount of \$3,153.63. The money will be taken out of the Capital fund. AYES: Supervisor Belden, T. LaPointe, A. Steitz, E. Frasier and R. Gladu. Motion carried.

Bids were also received for the replacement of the tile in restrooms and lobby at the Community Center. The Board will hold these bids until they receive more information on the support beams underneath the lobby and main room. Until this is addressed, there is no reason to retiling.

Motion by T. LaPointe, seconded by A. Steitz to hold the proposals from Silver Bay Construction Company for tiling the lobby and tiling the restrooms for one month. AYES: Supervisor Belden, T. LaPointe, A. Steitz, E. Frasier and R. Gladu. Motion carried.

A petition was received on May 9, 2006 containing 33 signatures, requesting that the Board consider utilizing the former American Legion building for a town library.

Motion by T. LaPointe, seconded by A. Steitz to accept the petition received May 9, 2006 containing 33 signatures requesting that the American Legion Building be utilized as a library and discuss this at a further date. AYES: Supervisor Belden, T. LaPointe, A. Steitz, E. Frasier and R. Gladu. Motion carried.

Councilman LaPointe raised concern over a old maple tree in the cemetery that needs to be taken down.

Supervisor Belden explained that the Town does not own the cemetery.

Motion by T. LaPointe, seconded by A. Steitz to try to obtain information on the owner of the cemetery to have the tree removed. AYES: Supervisor Belden, T. LaPointe, A. Steitz, R. Gladu and E. Frasier. Motion carried.

The Street Lights were discussed. The Company will not take back the light poles, due to them being a special order. Supervisor Belden spoke with DOT and due to the lighting district; the wooden light poles cannot be removed. Possible take the new light fixtures and dig a hole 3 feet to shorten the base.

Councilman Steitz will contact Glens Falls Electric to have a representative come to Hague with different lamp options. Property owners along Route 8 will be contacted to allow their input on the lights.

Mike Manning has painted the porches, stage deck, railings and the Chamber Room at the Visitor Center. The well water is turned on at the Community Center.

3. **CARE PROGRAM (Frasier/Steitz):** Councilwoman Frasier stressed the need to find some way of giving out the numerous supply of food in the pantry. If anyone knows a way of getting more people involved, please contact her. Councilman LaPointe mentioned that Montcalm Manor in Ticonderoga possibly could use some of the food.
  
4. **ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE (Frasier/Steitz):** Councilwoman Frasier has reported on the Citizen Enhancement Committee meeting with Élan Planners. Lisa Nagel will write the grant for the American Legion property.

Motion by E. Frasier seconded by A. Steitz to accept Élan Planners proposal in the amount of \$2,500.00 plus standard expenses to complete and submit a grant application to the NYS Dept. of State Local Waterfront Revitalization 2006-2007 program requesting funding to prepare a master plan for the development of "Brookside Park." The grant will build off the recommendations in the Hague Downtown Enhancement Plan adopted by the Hague Board in December 2003. This is a matching grant program. AYES: Supervisor Belden, E. Frasier, A. Steitz, R. Gladu and T. LaPointe. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION # 55 OF 2006**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT FOR THE BROOKSIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.**

Resolution introduced by E. Frasier, and seconded by A. Steitz.

RESOLVED, that the Hague Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to sign a grant application for the Brookside Park Development project. The creation of this downtown community park will be beneficial for our local residents and visitors.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Supervisor Belden, E. Frasier, A. Steitz, R. Gladu, and T. LaPointe.  
Motion carried.

**Motion by Supervisor Belden, seconded by E. Frasier to give permission to the Citizen Enhancement Committee to spend up to \$4,000.00 on the beautification project by the Baptist Church for flower pots and a cart. AYES: Supervisor Belden, E. Frasier, A. Steitz, R. Gladu and T. LaPointe. Motion carried.**

5. **FINANCE (Frasier/Gladu):** No report
6. **FIRE DEPT. (Steitz/Gladu):** No report
7. **HIGHWAY (Gladu/LaPointe):** The notice for the bid of the 3-trucks at Highway has been submitted to the paper. The Town has received \$32,700 from CHIPS. Councilman Gladu and LaPointe will work with Dave Wick on the proposed Salt Shed.
8. **INSURANCE (Frasier/Gladu):** No report
9. **MUSEUM (Frasier/LaPointe):** Councilwoman Frasier reported on the museum. She would like to see that we preserve what we have. An inventory of artifacts should be done. Shelly Gautreau has volunteered to meet members of the committee on May 15, at 9:00 am to help with the organization of the display case in the lobby in 50-year increments.

Councilman Gladu would like to see a survey completed to find out if residents of the town really want a new museum.

Art Hatfield commended the Museum committee for all of their work on this project but agreed with Councilman Gladu that a survey should be conducted to see if the community really wants this? There will be yearly maintenance fee's. This could be very expensive to the taxpayers.

George Ianson suggested that the committee visit other small museums in the area. Then a plan has to be in place.

10. **PERSONNEL (Gladu/Frasier):** A special meeting to hire summer help will be scheduled soon.
11. **PLANNING/ZONING/STORM WATER (Gladu/LaPointe):** Motion by R. Gladu, seconded by T. LaPointe to increase the office hours of the ZEO from 24 hrs a week to 32 hours a week, effective May 1, 2006. The ZEO will be compensated an additional \$4,000 due to the increase of hours. AYES: Supervisor Belden, R. Gladu, T. LaPointe, A. Steitz and E. Frasier. Motion carried. The fee schedule for permits will be reviewed by the Board.

The ZEO gave her monthly report.

Permit Activity  
 Land Use 9  
 Variance 1  
 Subdivision 1  
 Wastewater 2

Complaints:

Kruger - New Hague Road – House addition and modifications with out permit. Septic needs to be replace.  
Mancini - New Hague Road – Camp with outhouse, now 2 or 3 bedroom house. Signs of plumbing, no septic, No permits have been issued.  
Lamma - Arcady Bay, work has begun to remove decking – sideline setback and encroachment of neighbor property.  
New Hague Road ( Split Rock Rd.) Dumping of tires, Furniture, and debris in brook on State Land.

Subdivision:

Ragot subdivision approve by the Planning Board, with conditions.

Frasier Subdivision approved by Planning Board .

2 Lot line Change were also approved by Planning Board

- 12. RECREATION & PROMOTION (LaPointe/Steitz):**
- 13. SEWER #1 & #2 (Belden/Steitz):** There will be an Informational Meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 20, 2006 @ 6:30 pm on proposed Sewer District #2.
- 14. TOWN PARK/BEAUTIFICATION (LaPointe/Steitz):** The Senior Citizen Club has been busy with the Memorial Day Parade scheduled for May 27, 2006 at 2 pm.

Motion by Supervisor Belden, seconded by A. Steitz to purchase a new lawn mower for the beach, not to exceed \$2,500.00. AYES: Supervisor Belden, A. Steitz, T. LaPointe, R. Gladu and E. Frasier. Motion carried.

- 15. TRANSFER STATION (Steitz/Gladu): No report.**
- 16. YOUTH (Frasier/LaPointe): No report.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1.** Councilman Gladu updated the Board on the currant proposed school & property tax. He has been working with other concerned taxpayers in NYS to encourage legislation for property tax relief. The Ticonderoga School Budgets tax levy will go from \$8.1 million to \$8.4 million.

- 2. RESOLUTION #52 of 2006**

Resolution to accept petition on Trout Brook Road

Resolution introduced by Supervisor Belden, and seconded by T. LaPointe.

WHEREAS, a petition was received containing 37 signatures from residents of the Town of Hague requesting that the speed limit on Trout Brook Road, County Route 21A be reduced from 55 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour. Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hague accepts the petition and that a copy of said resolution and petition be sent to the County Superintendent of Public Works.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Supervisor Belden, T. LaPointe, E. Frasier, R. Gladu and A. Steitz. Motion carried.

2. Councilman Gladu gave a brief report on the tax status.
3. Motion by T. LaPointe, seconded by R. Gladu to decline the offer to purchase the "Leaping Fish" print for \$450.00. AYES: Supervisor Belden, T. LaPointe, R. Gladu, E. Frasier and A. Steitz. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:**

1. Motion by E. Frasier, seconded by A. Steitz to give permission to the Hague Fish & Game Club the use of the Visitor Center from June 5 to June 11, 2006 for the Canteen. AYES: Supervisor Belden, T. LaPointe, R. Gladu, E. Frasier and A. Steitz. Motion carried.
2. Letter from Jim Henderson was received on May 4, 2006 asking the Board do have Clean-up Day during the summer or on the weekend. Also, look into the possibility of a voucher system.  
Councilman LaPointe will contact Mr. Henderson to explain why the Town cannot do a voucher system and that the dates will be scheduled fro June 22 & 23. The pick up needs to be done on weekends due to the Highway Department schedule.
3. Motion by T. LaPointe, seconded by R. Gladu to have the Boat Slip dredged and to thank James H. Real, partner in the Hague Motel, L.L.C. granting the Town permission to enter his property for the purpose of dredging. AYES: Supervisor Belden, T. LaPointe, R. Gladu, R. Gladu and E. Frasier. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motions by T. LaPointe, seconded by A. Steitz to have the water cooler removed and replace it with a drinking fountain. AYES: Supervisor Belden, T. LaPointe, A. Steitz, E. Frasier, and R. Gladu. Motion carried.
2. Motion by A. Steitz, seconded by R. Gladu to accept Clough Harbour's proposal for Post-Closure Environmental monitoring at the Transfer Station
  1. CHA fees (Field Act) \$2,500.00
  2. CHA fees (Report) \$1,600.00
  3. Sub Contr. Laboratory \$800.00

TOTAL COST \$4,900.00

AYES: Supervisor Belden, A. Steitz, R. Gladu, E. Frasier and T. LaPointe.  
Motion carried.

3. Informational Meeting on proposed Sewer District #2 is scheduled for June 20, 2006 @ 6:30 pm at the Hague Community Center.

#### ADDENDUM

1. RESOLUTION #53 OF 2006

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPEAL OF ADIRONDACK WIND PARTNERS  
CONTESTING A  
SECOND NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE PERMIT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY Supervisor Belden, SECONDED BY T. LaPointe

- WHEREAS, Adirondack Wind Partners, L.L.C. submitted an application to the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) on September 30, 2005 for a permit to construct a second temporary meteorological data tower on lands owned by the Barton Group at a lower elevation than the currently permitted temporary meteorological mast; and
- WHEREAS, the proposed site for this second temporary wind and weather monitoring tower is classified as Industrial Use and is a former garnet mining site; and
- WHEREAS, the second temporary tower is necessary to assess the wind resources at the Barton Group's site in order to determine whether or not the construction of a multi-million dollar wind turbine farm is technically and economically feasible; and
- WHEREAS, APA staff, in a Second Notice of Incompletion dated February 14, 2006, demanded that Adirondack Wind Partners submit either an application for the "entire project" or a request for conceptual review of the "entire project"; and
- WHEREAS, Adirondack Wind Partners, L.L.C. have not yet determined to go forward with a wind turbine farm project; and
- WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board agrees with Adirondack Wind Partners, L.L.C. that the installation of a temporary wind and weather monitoring tower is "preliminary field work" necessary to determine the technical and economic feasibility of the construction of a wind turbine farm; and
- WHEREAS, the application for a wind and weather monitoring tower to determine the technical and economic feasibility of a wind turbine farm project is not the "project" itself, but rather a necessary step to determine whether the "project" is feasible; and
- WHEREAS, Adirondack Wind Partners, L.L.C. has not yet determined whether to go forward with a wind turbine farm project; and
- WHEREAS, the project sponsor determines the nature and scope of a proposed project, rather than APA staff; and
- WHEREAS, the project proposed by Adirondack Wind Partners is a wind and weather monitoring tower, rather than a wind turbine farm; and

WHEREAS, temporary data collection is exempt from SEQRA pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c); and NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board hereby strongly supports the appeal filed by Adirondack Wind Partners, L.L.C. and requests the APA to grant the appeal and to direct that APA staff consider the application for a permit for a second temporary wind and weather data monitoring tower solely as a request for that tower for temporary data collection and "preliminary field work", rather than as an application for a "project" to develop a multi-million dollar wind turbine farm, and it is further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor George E. Pataki,, Congressman John Sweeney, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Assembly Majority Leader Sheldon Silver, DEC Region 5 Director Stuart Buchanan, DEC Region 6 Director, Sandy LeBarron,, the Twelve Counties of the Adirondacks, The Adirondack Park Agency, Senator Elizabeth Little, Senator Hugh Farley, Senator James E. Seward, Assemblyman Chris Orloff, Assemblywoman Dede Scozzafava, Assemblyman David Townsend, Senator Raymond Meier, Assemblyman Roy J. McDonald, Assemblyman Marc Butler, Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward, The Association of Towns and Villages and DEC Acting Commissioner Denise Sheehan.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: Supervisor Belden, T. LaPointe, R. Gladu, A. Steitz and E. Frasier.

2. A. Graham Bailey reported on a draft letter he has written for funding under the NYSDOT Transportation Enhancement Program (Provision of Facilities for Pedestrian and Bicycles along Route 9N). Funding will not be available until 2008. The Board would like to get more input on this and wait to the next funding.
3. Motion by R. Gladu, seconded by T. LaPointe to go into executive session on possible litigation case at 9:00 pm.. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by E. Frasier, seconded by T. LaPointe to return to regular session at 9:15 pm. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Gladu, seconded by T. LaPointe to approve Attorney Robert McNally's recommendation to motion for a summary judgment, stated on the status report of May 9, 2006 in regards to the Town of Hague v. Cole. AYES: Supervisor Belden, T. LaPointe, R. Gladu, E. Frasier and A. Stetiz. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Gladu, seconded by E. Frasier to adjourn meeting at 9:20 pm. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah F. Manning, Town Clerk

