

HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

NOVBER 20, 2014
7:00 PM

Present at meeting: Matthew Simpson Supervisor
Frank Hill Councilperson
Robert Olson Councilperson
Kenneth Higgins Councilperson
Sylvia Smith Councilperson
Krista Wood Town Clerk
Mark Schachner Town Counsel

Also: Gary Frenz, Jane Smith, Christine Hayes, John Donovan, Tom Johansen, Dan Freebern, Bob Smith, Skip Ostrander, Teri Schuerlein, Bill McGhie, AJ Reyes, Jim Steen, and Zack Monroe (Winchip Engineering).

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Ayes: 5 (Olson, Higgins, Hill, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

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New Business...

SUNY Oneonta – Lake Study... Alejandro Reyes, a graduate student from SUNY Oneonta, gave a presentation explaining the lake study he will be doing on Brant Lake for his graduate thesis.

Committee Reports...

Councilperson Smith reported that the clean-up in the cemeteries has been completed. She noted that there will be an Adirondack 102 Club book signing event on November 24th, and added what a lot of attention this book is bringing to our Town.

Councilman Olson, in light of the recent news regarding Dave Wick, suggested the Board pass a Resolution of support for Dave Wick.

RESOLUTION #156-2014

The Horicon Town Board introduced Res. No. 156 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DAVE WICK

WHEREAS, Dave Wick has spent seventeen successful years as Warren County Soil and Water District Manager and two productive years as Executive Director of the Lake George Park Commission, and WHEREAS, the Horicon Town Board recognizes his work and dedication in preserving the water quality in all of Warren County, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Horicon town Board does hereby respectfully request that the Governor support Dave Wick in his position as Executive Director of the Lake George Park Commission.

Ayes: 5 (Higgins, Smith, Olson, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

Supervisor Simpson spoke of the recent passing of Horicon Planning Board Chair Harry Balz. He noted what an asset Harry was to the Community, his willingness to help with anything that came up, and how he always gave his all in everything he was involved with. Supervisor Simpson said the Town is in a much better place than it was for having Harry.

Executive Session...

Councilman Olson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill, to move to Executive Session to discuss matters leading to possible appointments on the Planning Board, all in favor. The Board moved to Executive Session at 8:24 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:30 PM and Councilman Olson made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Councilman Hill, all in favor. There was discussion on possible appointments on the Planning Board.

Planning Board member...

RESOLUTION #157-2014

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 157 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO MAKE PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND ADVERTISE FOR

ALTERNATE

RESOLVED, that due to the recent passing of Harry Balz, Planning Board Member and Chair, the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby appoint William McGhie as Planning Board Chair through the end of 2014, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby appoint current Planning Board Alternate Dan Freebern to fill the vacant unexpired seat of Planning Board member, effective immediately, for a term that will expire on December 31, 2018, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize the Clerk to advertise for alternates for the Planning Board.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Hill, Higgins, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

Privilege of the Floor...

-Jane Smith presented the Board with the Boat Steward report for Schroon Lake.

-Charles Lewis addressed the Board and asked for their help in resolving the on-going issue with the ditch in front of his house. Supervisor Simpson asked the Highway Committee and the Highway Superintendent to meet with Charles to resolve the issue.

-John Donovan gave the Board an update on the 1881 Union Church.

ADJOURN... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson and Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk

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ADJOURN... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson and Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOVBER 20, 2014
7:00 PM**

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RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby set the standard fee for an alternative septic system variance at \$100.00. This fee will be in effect beginning with the applications currently before the Board as of November 20, 2014.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Higgins, Hill, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

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Ayes: 5 (Olson, Smith, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

A Motion was made by Councilperson Higgins, seconded by Councilperson Olson, to move back into regular session. The Board moved back into regular session at 7:32 PM.

Regular Session...

Approval of Minutes... Minutes of October 16 and October 23, 2014 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Hill, Higgins, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

Approval of Vouchers and Abstracts...

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Ayes: 5 (Olson, Hill, Smith, Higgins, Simpson) Nays: 0

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RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADIRONDACK ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES AND THE ADIRONDACK PARK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD TO AMEND THE ADIRONDACK STATE LAND MASTER PLAN

Whereas, the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages and the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board have long advocated for a comprehensive review of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (SLMP) - the document that governs the use of all 2,614,000 acres of state-owned land in the Adirondacks, and

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Whereas, Governor Rockefeller’s Memorandum in Support of the Act, and the Press Release he issued when he signed the SLMP in 1972 make it very clear that both he and the state legislature intended that the state interest in the protection and preservation of the natural resources of the Adirondacks be balanced with the needs of the residents for a strong economy and healthy communities, and

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A further purpose of this article is to focus the responsibility for developing long-range park policy in a forum reflecting statewide concern. This policy shall recognize the major state interest in the conservation, use and development of the park’s resources and the preservation of its open space character, and at the same time, provide a continuing role for local government.”

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Ayes: 5 (Olson, Smith, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

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Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 152 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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Ayes: 5 (Higgins, Hill, Olson, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

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Old Business...

Scrap Metal bid:

RESOLUTION #154-2014

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Ayes: 5 (Higgins, Olson, Hill, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

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Ayes: 5 (Olson, Hill, Higgins, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

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ADJOURN... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson and Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOVBER 20, 2014
7:00 PM**

Present at meeting: Matthew Simpson Supervisor
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The Board discussed the need to develop a formal application for future use in these situations. They also noted there is currently no standard fee for an alternative septic variance.

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RESOLUTION TO SET FEE FOR ALTERNATIVE SEPTIC SYSTEM VARIANCE

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby set the standard fee for an alternative septic system variance at \$100.00. This fee will be in effect beginning with the applications currently before the Board as of November 20, 2014.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Higgins, Hill, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #147-2014

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RESOLUTION TO GRANT VARIANCE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE SEPTIC SYSTEM

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Ayes: 5 (Olson, Smith, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

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Approval of Minutes... Minutes of October 16 and October 23, 2014 were approved by Motion of Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill.

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Approval of Vouchers and Abstracts...

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Whereas, the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages and the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board have long advocated for a comprehensive review of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (SLMP) - the document that governs the use of all 2,614,000 acres of state-owned land in the Adirondacks, and

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Whereas, upon passage of the Adirondack Park Agency Act by the New York State legislature, the Act required the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) to draft the Adirondack State Land Master Plan for approval by the Governor, and

Whereas, Governor Rockefeller’s Memorandum in Support of the Act, and the Press Release he issued when he signed the SLMP in 1972 make it very clear that both he and the state legislature intended that the state interest in the protection and preservation of the natural resources of the Adirondacks be balanced with the needs of the residents for a strong economy and healthy communities, and

Whereas, the Statement of Legislative Findings and Purposes of the APA Act (Section 801) states:

“The basic purpose of this article is to insure optimum overall conservation, protection, preservation, development and use of the unique scenic, aesthetic, wildlife, recreational, open space, historic, ecological and natural resources of the Adirondack park.

A further purpose of this article is to focus the responsibility for developing long-range park policy in a forum reflecting statewide concern. This policy shall recognize the major state interest in the conservation, use and development of the park’s resources and the preservation of its open space character, and at the same time, provide a continuing role for local government.”

Whereas, for the past four decades, state land purchasing and management policy in the Adirondacks have been tipped decidedly against economic sustainability. During that time, many traditional uses have been severely restricted or prohibited, and 320,000 acres of productive private forest lands have been purchased and converted to “forever wild” state forest preserve lands, and

Whereas, today, as documented in the 2014 Adirondack Park Regional Assessment, Adirondack populations continue to dwindle, schools continue to lose students, and emergency services continue to struggle financially and lose volunteers, and

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Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Deputy Director of Planning, Kathy Regan, Adirondack Park Agency, PO Box 99, Ray Brook, NY 12977 and via email to SLP_Comments@apa.ny.gov, and be it further

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Whereas, the Adirondack Park Agency is currently initiating a process to review and amend the SLMP - which has not had a major review in a quarter century – and is in need of significant revisions to reflect the realities of today’s Adirondacks and the needs of the people who seek to make their homes and earn their livings here, and

Whereas, upon passage of the Adirondack Park Agency Act by the New York State legislature, the Act required the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) to draft the Adirondack State Land Master Plan for approval by the Governor, and

Whereas, Governor Rockefeller’s Memorandum in Support of the Act, and the Press Release he issued when he signed the SLMP in 1972 make it very clear that both he and the state legislature intended that the state interest in the protection and preservation of the natural resources of the Adirondacks be balanced with the needs of the residents for a strong economy and healthy communities, and

Whereas, the Statement of Legislative Findings and Purposes of the APA Act (Section 801) states:

“The basic purpose of this article is to insure optimum overall conservation, protection, preservation, development and use of the unique scenic, aesthetic, wildlife, recreational, open space, historic, ecological and natural resources of the Adirondack park.

A further purpose of this article is to focus the responsibility for developing long-range park policy in a forum reflecting statewide concern. This policy shall recognize the major state interest in the conservation, use and development of the park’s resources and the preservation of its open space character, and at the same time, provide a continuing role for local government.”

Whereas, for the past four decades, state land purchasing and management policy in the Adirondacks have been tipped decidedly against economic sustainability. During that time, many traditional uses have been severely restricted or prohibited, and 320,000 acres of productive private forest lands have been purchased and converted to “forever wild” state forest preserve lands, and

Whereas, today, as documented in the 2014 Adirondack Park Regional Assessment, Adirondack populations continue to dwindle, schools continue to lose students, and emergency services continue to struggle financially and lose volunteers, and

Whereas, in recognition of the Agency's current willingness to review and amend the SLMP, it is incumbent on local government to take this unique opportunity to support amendments to the SLMP that reflect the need for economic development sensibly balanced with the character of the Adirondacks, and

Whereas, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board (Review Board) and the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages (AATV) have prepared the attached list of their recommendations for changes in the SLMP, Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Horicon Town Board hereby states its support for the recommended amendments to the State Land Master Plan attached hereto, and encourages the AATV and the Review Board to pursue said recommendations with all due haste, and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Deputy Director of Planning, Kathy Regan, Adirondack Park Agency, PO Box 99, Ray Brook, NY 12977 and via email to SLP_Comments@apa.ny.gov, and be it further

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator Charles Schumer, Congresswoman-Elect Elise Stefanik, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Senator Elizabeth Little, Senator Hugh Farley, Senator James E. Seward, Senator Joseph A. Griffo, Senator Patty Ritchie, Senator Kathy Marchione, Senator David Valesky, Senator Liz Krueger, Assemblyman Dan Stec, Assemblywoman Janet L. Duprey, Assemblyman Al Graf, Assemblyman Mark Butler, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Robert Sweeney, DEC Commissioner Joe Martens, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, DEC Region 5 Director Bob Stegemann, DEC Region 6 Director, Judy Drabicki, the Twelve Counties of the Adirondacks, the Adirondack Park Agency, and the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages and the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Smith, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 152 OF 2014

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 152 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Bookkeeper to make the following fund transfers:

General:

8510.4 (Beaut-Contr)	1220.4 (Sup-Contr.)	\$ 100.00
7520.4 (Histor.-Contr)	1620.4 (Bldgs-Contr.)	\$ 2,000.00
9055.8 (Disab Insur)	5132.4 (Hwy Garage)	\$ 1,074.90
6510.4 (Veterans)	5182.4 (St. Lights)	\$ 803.97
8090.4 (Insect-Contr)	8160.4 (Refuse-Contr)	\$ 22,660.12
8160.2 (Refuse-Equip)	8160.4 (Refuse-Contr)	\$ 1,500.00
8810.1 (Cemet-PerSvc)	9030.8 (Soc Sec)	\$ 3,500.00

Highway:

5112.4 (Chips)	5110.1 (Gen Rpr)	\$ 43,421.77
5130.4 (Mach-Contr)	5130.2 (Mach-Equip)	\$ 21.98

Ayes: 5 (Higgins, Hill, Olson, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 153 OF 2014

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 153 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize Supervisor Simpson to Attend the Adirondack Economic Strategies Implementation Conference and AATV Membership Meeting Dec. 7-8, 2014. The cost is \$58.50 plus reimbursement for food and mileage.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Higgins, Smith, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

Old Business...

Scrap Metal bid:

RESOLUTION #154-2014

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Olson introduced Res. No. 154 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLERK TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SCRAP METAL REMOVAL

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the clerk to re-advertise for bids for scrap metal removal. Bids will be publicly opened on December 18, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Ayes: 5 (Higgins, Olson, Hill, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

Board of Assessment Review Member: No applications were received so the Board will advertise again.

RESOLUTION #155-2014

Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Smith introduced Res. No. 155 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW MEMBERS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the Clerk to re-advertise for a Board of Assessment Review member and an alternate.

Ayes: 5 (Higgins, Smith, Olson, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

New Business...

SUNY Oneonta – Lake Study... Alejandro Reyes, a graduate student from SUNY Oneonta, gave a presentation explaining the lake study he will be doing on Brant Lake for his graduate thesis.

Committee Reports...

Councilperson Smith reported that the clean-up in the cemeteries has been completed. She noted that there will be an Adirondack 102 Club book signing event on November 24th, and added what a lot of attention this book is bringing to our Town.

Councilman Olson, in light of the recent news regarding Dave Wick, suggested the Board pass a Resolution of support for Dave Wick.

RESOLUTION #156-2014

The Horicon Town Board introduced Res. No. 156 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DAVE WICK

WHEREAS, Dave Wick has spent seventeen successful years as Warren County Soil and Water District Manager and two productive years as Executive Director of the Lake George Park Commission, and WHEREAS, the Horicon Town Board recognizes his work and dedication in preserving the water quality in all of Warren County, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Horicon town Board does hereby respectfully request that the Governor support Dave Wick in his position as Executive Director of the Lake George Park Commission.

Ayes: 5 (Higgins, Smith, Olson, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0

Supervisor Simpson spoke of the recent passing of Horicon Planning Board Chair Harry Balz. He noted what an asset Harry was to the Community, his willingness to help with anything that came up, and how he always gave his all in everything he was involved with. Supervisor Simpson said the Town is in a much better place than it was for having Harry.

Executive Session...

Councilman Olson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill, to move to Executive Session to discuss matters leading to possible appointments on the Planning Board, all in favor. The Board moved to Executive Session at 8:24 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:30 PM and Councilman Olson made a motion to return to Regular Session, seconded by Councilman Hill, all in favor. There was discussion on possible appointments on the Planning Board.

Planning Board member...

RESOLUTION #157-2014

Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Hill introduced Res. No. 157 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO MAKE PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND ADVERTISE FOR

ALTERNATE

RESOLVED, that due to the recent passing of Harry Balz, Planning Board Member and Chair, the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby appoint William McGhie as Planning Board Chair through the end of 2014, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby appoint current Planning Board Alternate Dan Freebern to fill the vacant unexpired seat of Planning Board member, effective immediately, for a term that will expire on December 31, 2018, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby authorize the Clerk to advertise for alternates for the Planning Board.

Ayes: 5 (Olson, Hill, Higgins, Smith, Simpson) Nays: 0

Privilege of the Floor...

-Jane Smith presented the Board with the Boat Steward report for Schroon Lake.

-Charles Lewis addressed the Board and asked for their help in resolving the on-going issue with the ditch in front of his house. Supervisor Simpson asked the Highway Committee and the Highway Superintendent to meet with Charles to resolve the issue.

-John Donovan gave the Board an update on the 1881 Union Church.

ADJOURN... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson and Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk