HORICON TOWN BOARD **MAY 13, 2013**

JOINT SPECIAL MEETING WITH CHESTER TOWN BOARD **7:00 PM**

Present at meeting:	Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
	Robert Olson	Councilman
	Kenneth Higgins	Councilman
	Matthew Simpson	Councilman
Absent:	Frank Hill	Councilman

Krista Wood Town Clerk

Also: Town of Chester Supervisor and Town Board Members, Dave Wick, Tom Randall, Bob Hayes, Scott Olson, Kim Frazier, Bernie Hill, Rich Stolen, Peter Palmer, Paul Holmes, Doug Paton, Mike Raymond, Bill McGhie, Jane Smith, Rich and Joanne Nawrot, Jane Lewit, Gary Frenz, Mary Jane Dower, and others.

Supervisor Bentley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and noted the purpose of the meeting is to discuss a boat wash station.

Chester Supervisor Fred Monroe said they have been contemplating a boat wash station in an effort to combat invasive species. He said he and Supervisor Bentley had discussed the possibility of having the Towns of Chester and Horicon purchase a boat wash station jointly and place it in a central location. However, Supervisor Monroe said Dave Wick had suggested the boat wash station would be more effective if it is placed at the boat launch. Supervisor Monroe then asked Dave Wick, Executive Director of the Lake George Park Commission, to comment on the program being implemented in Lake George and how this may work in the Towns of Horicon and Chester. Mr. Wick explained in detail the program Lake George is working on and the challenges they are facing.

There was lengthy discussion as to the effectiveness of a voluntary program versus a mandatory program involving the boat wash station. With this, there was also much discussion as to where the boat wash station should be located, along with the various challenges presented in terms of cost to the Towns, enforcement, lack of monitoring at private launch sites, best time of day to monitor, space constraints, congestion at the boat launch, and questions about the overall effectiveness of the program if all boats entering the lake are not checked. No decisions were made at this time.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson and Higgins, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted: _____

Town Clerk