

The second regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on March 20, 2017 at the Kingsbury Town Hall at 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dana Hogan, Supervisor
Paul Bromley, Councilman
William Collins, Councilman
Richard Doyle, Councilman
Henry Freebern, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeanne Williams, Feeder Canal Alliance
Jeffrey Meyer, Town Attorney
Michael Graham, Highway Superintendent
Todd Humiston, Dog Control Officer
Ross Cortese, Code Enforcement Officer
Todd Humiston, Dog Control Officer
C.T. Male, Chazen & LaBerge Group representatives

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Hogan and opened for the order of business with the Flag Salute led by Councilman Collins.

The minutes of the March 6, 2017 Board Meetings were accepted as submitted by Town Clerk with a **motion** by Councilman Collins seconded by Councilman Bromley and carried by a vote of 5 ayes.

Supervisor Hogan welcomed a special guest, Jeanne Williams of the Feeder Canal Alliance to the Board Meeting. Jeanne thanked the Board for all the support they had received from the Town Board and stated they approaching their 30th year as the Feeder Canal Alliance. The Feeder Canal Alliance has a permit through the New York State Canal Cooperation and is responsible for maintaining the trail. They try to put up the interpretive signage, and try to get grants to re-surface it and they thank all the municipalities who have helped, because it is a wonderful trail. Trail counts were done a couple of years ago and it has been estimated 90,000 uses have been estimated for the use of the trail each year. The Town of Kingsbury has the largest portion of the trail. Jeanne would like to bring an opportunity to the Town of Kingsbury to join the Hudson River Valley Greenway. Supervisor Hogan asked what the Town's responsibility would be if they joined The Hudson River Valley Greenway. Jeanne explained there really is no responsibility, The Town would be part of the community; be a good tourism place along the Greenway and primarily would have the opportunity to receive grant funding from the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council. The Hudson River Valley Greenway is a New York State designated Greenway by the New York State Legislature. A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Bromley and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to for the following:

; RESOLUTION # 6 OF 2017
REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION OF THE TOWN OF KINGSBURY
AS A GREENWAY COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Hudson River Valley Greenway Act, (hereinafter, the "Greenway Act")

Chapter 748 of the Laws of 1991, has as a legislative goal the establishment of the Greenway

Compact, a process for voluntary regional cooperation and decision-making among the

communities of the Hudson River Valley, and

WHEREAS, the process and programs that will comprise the Compact are under development, and

WHEREAS, communities may participate in the initiation and implementation of the

compact process, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kingsbury is situated in the Greenway area as it was officially designated in the Greenway Act, and

WHEREAS, the Greenway Act permits the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities

Council (hereinafter the “Council”), and the Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River

Valley, Inc. (hereinafter the “Conservancy”) to assist communities in developing local

planning and projects related to the five criteria contained in the Greenway Act: natural and

cultural resource protection, regional planning, economic development (including tourism,

agriculture and urban redevelopment), enhancing public access to the Hudson River and

heritage and environmental education, and

WHEREAS, communities can become eligible to receive technical and financial assistance

from the Greenway, and

WHEREAS, community participation in the Greenway planning process is voluntary, and

WHEREAS, the Greenway Act does not supersede or change the powers that the State has

previously granted municipal governments under the New York State Constitution, the

Municipal Home Rule Law or pursuant to the various municipal enabling acts, and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Kingsbury Town Board supports the criteria contained in the Greenway Act and the process by which the Compact will be achieved, and

The Kingsbury Town Board endorses the

designation of the Town of Kingsbury by the Greenway Council and Conservancy as a *Greenway Community*.

MOTION MADE BY: Councilman Freebern
SECONDED BY: Councilman Bromley
ROLL CALL:

Supervisor Hogan – Aye
Councilman Bromley – Aye
Councilman Collins – Aye
Councilman Doyle – Aye
Councilman Freebern – Aye

APPROVED BY: Supervisor Dana Hogan
DATE: March 20, 2017

Jeanne Williams would also like the Board to consider a second resolution to be a part of the community of the Lakes to Locks Passage Community. A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Bromley and carried by a vote of 5 ayes for the following:

RESOLUTION #7 OF 2017
LAKES TO LOCKS PASSAGE COMMUNITY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage was created through a grassroots planning process, resulting in New York State Byway designation in 2002, and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage applied for, and received, designation by the Federal Highway Administration as an All-American Road in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc., is a 501c3, not-for-profit corporation with the mission to further the appreciation, recognition, stewardship and revitalization of the natural, cultural, recreational and historic assets of the communities along the interconnected waterway of the upper Hudson River, Champlain Canal, Lake George, Lake Champlain, Chambly Canal and Richelieu River; and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage consists of four sub-regions - Champlain Canal, Lake George, Lake Champlain, Richelieu Valley - to recognize the “geographical sense of place” and the grassroots planning process to develop the policy, program, and product of the organization; and

WHEREAS, the vision of Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc. is of public, private and non-profit organizations working together to balance the scenic, historic, natural, cultural, recreational, and working landscape resources in harmony with community revitalization; and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage strives to unify the region’s historic, cultural, natural and recreational resources to establish a world-class destination for national and international travelers; and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage promotes The Byway as “a great place to live, establish a business, invest public resources, and to visit” to national and international markets; and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc. has established a working relationship with communities in the Richelieu Valley of Quebec through a 2005 Memorandum of Understanding with the CRE Montérégie Est in Quebec to implement cross-border tourism promotion; and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage has brought the byway communities opportunities for funding community revitalization and quality-of-life improvements through the Federal Highway Administration's National Scenic Byway Program and the Transportation Enhancements Program, as well as numerous other public and private funding sources; and

WHEREAS, further implementation of the initiatives of Lakes to Locks Passage requires on-going support and commitment at the grassroots level;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Kingsbury recognizes that Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc. has come into existence with the purpose and ability to plan and carry out projects and programs to benefit the communities of the Lake Champlain, Lake George, and Champlain Canal regions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Kingsbury will benefit as a supporter of Lakes to Locks Passage, and as a Lakes to Locks Passage Waypoint Community will participate in the planning, implementation and promotion of Lakes to Locks Passage initiatives to the furthest extent possible.

DATE March 20, 2017

SIGNED: Dana Hogan, Town Supervisor

LEGAL UPDATE;

Attorney Meyer would like to discuss matters concerning Lock 8 Way in an executive session.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Supervisor Hogan reported Stephanie Rizzi of Fact Animal Rescue would like to open open a spay & neuter program for feral cats in Washington County. Rizzi is requesting \$10,000.00, The Washington County Towns have been asked if they would like to fund the program. Supervisor Hogan has already received negative feedback. Dog Control Officer Todd Humiston commented there would be no guarantee that the Town's contribution would be spent in our Town and felt a voucher program would be more effective. Humiston also stated there should be some identifying mark to indicate the cat had been spayed or neutered; such as a nip on the ear. Humiston commented there was a vet in Washington County that would spay or neuter at the cost of \$25.00 to \$60.00 per animal; Fact Animal Rescue would charge \$72.00 per animal. Humiston feels the County should seek other options more beneficial to the community and to each Town. The Board decided there was no interest in participating in the program.

A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Collins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes giving permission to Comptroller Mary Ordway to attend Finance School on May 11, 2017 at the cost of \$200.00 plus mileage.

Supervisor Hogan reported a gathering for Water Superintendent Jim Chase's Mom, who had recently passed away, would be held on Saturday March 25, 2017 from 4pm to 8pm at the Kingsbury Fire House on Burgoyne Avenue.

Town Clerk submitted the following report to the Board:

TO: Supervisor Hogan
Councilman: Bromley, Collins, Doyle & Freebern

FROM: Tax Collector: Cynthia A. Bardin
SUBJECT: 2017 Town & County Tax Collection
DATE: March 20, 2017
Penalties Collected Feb. 7 – March 5 - \$ 3,115.60
Bank Interest for February \$128.06
Return Check Fees \$20.00
Paid to Supervisor- 3/7/17 \$3,263.66

Code Enforcement Officer Ross Cortese reported the Planning Board is beginning to get busy due to spring construction. He reported there is a Stewart's Project and a Solar Farm Project on the docket. A new facility will be built behind the current Stewart's on Burgoyne Avenue. The new building will be bigger and have a bigger parking lot. The Solar Farm request is to be located on Aviator Way.

A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Collins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes giving Highway Superintendent Michael Graham to attend the annual Conference in Ithaca from June 11 – 13, 2017.

A **motion** by Councilman Collins seconded by Councilman Freebern and carried by a vote of 5 ayes giving Dog Control Officer Todd Humiston and alternate Dog Control Officer Michael Hayes permission to attend a conference on May 9 & 10, 2017.

Councilman Freebern reported he and Councilman Bromley had attended a meeting requested by Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, in regard to matters concerning Lock 8 Way.

Councilman Doyle reported he is waiting for a response from Crystal and Jim in regard to a lot owned by Ringer's. The lot would be used for additional parking for the Kingsbury Town Court.

Sole Assessor Colleen Adamec submitted to the Board sales reports and a letter stating her activities in recent weeks.

A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Collins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to enter into executive session at 7:30 pm to hear presentations from C.T. Male, The Chazen Company and LaBerge, applicants for a Grant Writing Consultant for the Town of Kingsbury.

A **motion** by Councilman Bromley seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to exit the executive session at 8:55 pm.

A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Bromley and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to enter into executive session at 8:57 pm to discuss matters related to Lock 8 Way.

A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Bromley and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to exit the executive session at 10:00 pm.

There being no further business before the Board a motion by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Collins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Cynthia A. Bardin, Town Clerk