

MARCH 10, 2014 REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE DRESDEN TOWN HALL AT 7:00 P.M. WITH ALL MEMBERS IN ATTENEDANCE. THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG WAS LED BY COUN. BARBER. A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES WAS MADE BY COUN. GREENOUGH, AND WAS SECONDED BY COUN. BARBER AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR. A MOTION TO PAY THE AUDITED BILLS WAS MADE BY COUN. WILBUR, AND WAS SECONDED BY COUN. BARBER, AND ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

**OLD BUSINESS:** THE TOWN'S NEW LEGAL REPRESENTATION, MATT FULLER, WAS IN ATTENDANCE TONIGHT AS HE GAVE A BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF HIMSELF FOR THE BOARD. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WAS DAN SCHWEIGARD FROM TELE-COM INDEPENDENT TOWER. HE ADDRESSED THE BOARD ABOUT THE CELLULAR GAP OF COVERAGE FROM TICONDEROGA TO WHITEHALL. HE HAS BEEN TESTING LOCATIONS RECENTLY AND WOULD LIKE THE TOWN TO CONSIDER LEASING THE TOWN GRAVEL PIT FOR USE OF A CELLULAR TOWER. MR. SCHWEIGARD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH LOCAL HOMEOWNERS IN REGARDS TO PROPERTY USAGE. HE IS TRYING TO GET THEM UP TO SPEED ON THE LEASE AGREEMENT AND A PUBLIC PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM OF 45 DAYS IS NECESSARY TO BE AGREED UPON AND ONCE IT IS AND IS SIGNED THE LOT IS LOCKED TO INDEPENDENT TOWER AND THEY ARE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF THE LEASE. THEY WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE TO GET THE PROJECT UP AND RUNNING AND THEY THEN SELL THE PROJECT TO BUYERS AND THE LEASE IS CARRIED OVER TO THE NEW OWNERS OF THE TOWER. SINCE 2009, THE BANK STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN ACCUMULATED AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE WILL BE MEETING WITH SUP. GANG TO GO OVER THEM, AND AT THIS TIME WE ARE 5 YEARS BEHIND ON THE TOWN AUDIT. MR. FULLER PROVIDED HIS FINDINGS ON THE AUDIT AS WELL AS THE CELL TOWER AND ARE ON FILE IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE FOR HIS RECOMMENDATIONS. A RESOLUTION NEEDS TO BE SENT TO THE COMPTROLLERS OFFICE TO BE PASSED ABOUT THE AUDIT. AN UPDATE ABOUT THE TOWN WEB SITE IS THAT MR. KAPUSINSKI HAS BEEN WORKING ON IT. IT WILL COST \$\$2.95 TO HOLD THE NAME AND THE DOMAIN. SUP. GANG HAS PASSED THE CONTACT NAME TO THE COUNTY SO THEY CAN INTERACT ON EACH SITE TO BE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TOWN SITE. SUP. GANG HAS BEEN FORWARDING THE APPROVED TOWN BOARD MINUTES AND AGENDA'S TO MR. KAPUSINSKI TO POST ON HIS BLOG.

**NEW BUSINESS:** GOVERNOR CUOMO IS FOCUSING ON WAYS TO LOWER PROPERTY TAXES IN NEW YORK AND A HAND OUT WAS GIVEN AT THE MEETING AND IS ON FILE IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE. IT BRIEFLY STATES SOME PROPOSAL'S TO FREEZE PROPERTY TAXES FOR TWO YEARS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS. THE TOWN CLERK BROUGHT TO THE BOARDS ATTENTION THAT THERE IS CURRENTLY NO FEE TO MAIL OUT DELINQUENT NOTICES FOR UNPAID TAXES AND THAT A RESOLUTION IS NECESSARY TO COLLECT SUCH FEE. THE FEE WILL BE \$2.00 PER PARCEL AND RESOLUTION #7-2014 WILL BE DRAWN UP FOR THE NEXT MEETING BUT WILL BE IN EFFECT AS OF THIS DATE AND WAS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE TOWN BOARD. SUP. GANG HAD A LETTER FROM THE TOWN OF LAKE GEORGE ABOUT AN INSTITUTED SEPTIC INITIATIVE PROGRAM ABOUT ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS WITHIN THE TOWN AND THAT RESIDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A PRE-INSPECTION WORKSHEET FOR ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS. THIS IS AN INVITATION TO SURROUNDING TOWNS LOCATED ON LAKE GEORGE TO JOIN WITH THE TOWN OF LAKE GEORGE TO DISCUSS THEIR THOUGHTS ON A LAKE WIDE PROGRAM. THE INVASIVE PLANT PROGRAM CONTINUES AND A DOCUMENT IS ONLINE TO GIVE INFORMATION AS A TOWN WHAT WE ARE DOING TO COMBAT INVASIVE SPECIES. THE D.E.C. PAYS US FOR THE ERADICATION OF MILFOIL BUT HAS NOT PAID THE TOWN FOR LAST YEAR AS TO DATE. COUN. GREENOUGH WAS CONTACTED IN REGARDS TO THE TOWN EMPLOYEES BEING ABLE TO JOIN THE NEW YORK STATE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN. A RESOLUTION NEEDS TO BE PASSED BY THE TOWN. THERE IS NO COST TO THE TOWN TO PARTICIPATE AND IS BY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION. A REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE INVITED SO TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAM POTENTIALLY FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND COUN. GREENOUGH WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH THEM. AS FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS, THEY ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO PROMOTE BUSINESS. A GRANT APPLICATION TO PROMOTE INTERNET ACCESS SUCH AS TIME WARNER HAS BEEN SENT OUT. COUN. GREENOUGH PROVIDED A PETITION FOR VERIZON DSL TO HAVE COVERAGE IN THE AREA BUT THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE RESPONSE. A NEW PROGRAM CALLED "COMMUNITY NOW" IS BEING IMPLIMENTED TO GET TOWNS MORE ACTIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AS VOLUNTEERS. THEY'RE GOING TO TRAIN 4 OR 5 PEOPLE TO HELP THE VOLUNTEERS ASSIST PEOPLE.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** SINCE THE LAST MEETING THE CREW HAS BEEN BUSY WITH 11 SNOW, SLEET, OR FREEZING RAIN EVENTS AS WELL AS DEAL WITH A FEW FROZEN CULVERTS, MAINLY ON BLUFF HEAD ROAD. WARREN GORDON HAS SPENT TIME CLEANING THE HIGH SNOW BANKS FROM SOME OF THE INTERSECTIONS WHILE SCOTT BROWN FABRICATED A DOOR THAT PREVENTS COLD AIR FROM COMING INTO THE BARN AROUND THE EXHAUST FAN. MOST OF THE TIME IN THE LAST MONTH

WAS SPENT ON REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SOME OF WHICH INCLUDED 2 FRONT WING PULLIES AND WIRE ROPE; REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF A BRAKE CANISTER ON THE TD-7; REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF PLOW BLADES ON THE TD-11, REAR HUB, SEALS, AND BRAKE DRUM, WIRING PROBLEM, OIL PAN AND GASKETS ON THE TD-7; THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY FUEL FILTERS ON 624K AS WELL AS AN OIL CHANGE AND THE TD-24 AND THERE WAS AN EXHAUST LEAK ON THE TD-9. ALL THREE SIDE DUMP CYLINDERS ON THE TD-7 ARE BEING REPLACED ALONG WITH THE HOSES. THIS IS A FAIRLY SLOW JOB AND EXPENSIVE AS THE CYLINDERS ARE \$875 A PIECE. LAST FRIDAY THE SINGLE AXLE TRUCK DEVELOPED A MAJOR FUEL LEAK AND TWO BOLTS THAT HOLD THE FUEL FILTER FLANGE BROKE. THIS WASN'T A JOB WE COULD DO. MR. HOBUS TALKED TO CHRIS DUDLEY ABOUT DOING THE WORK FOR US BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE THE TIME BUT DID TOW THE TRUCK TO DELUREY'S IN NORTH HOOSICK FALLS WHERE THEY REPLACED THE PUMP AND FIXED THE BROKEN WIRES THAT OPERATE THE JAKE BRAKE. AND FINALLY THE CREW HAD AN ABOVE FREEZING DAY FRIDAY WHERE THEY CUT AND SPLIT FIREWOOD.

SUP. GANG IS HOPING TO HAVE THE MONTHLY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT'S DONE BY NEXT MONTH. NO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED MARCINDA WILBUR TOWN CLERK.

**ATTENDANCE:** SCOTT BROWN DAN SCHWEIGARD MATT FULLER HELEN-MARIE SUNKENBERG