

November 19, 2013

The regular Town Board meeting of the Town of Stony Creek was held on November 19, 2013. Supervisor Frank Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Councilman Harry Paul Gill
Councilman Nathan Thomas
Councilwoman Doreen Ryan
Attorney James Cooper

Absent: Councilman John Thomas

October 15, 2013 minutes:

Page 79 Change Capital Grade 2 to Cathode Grade 2.

A motion was made by Councilman Nathan Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to accept the October 15, 2013 with this correction. All in favor, motion carried.

November 6, 2013 Special Meeting minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Gill to accept the November 6, 2013 minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

136-13. A resolution was made by Councilman Gill seconded by Councilman Nathan Thomas to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$12,672.05. Roll call vote, all in favor.

137-13. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Gill to pay the Highway Fund bills in the amount of \$8707.00. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Town Clerk Report:

Conservation licenses	\$ 36.79
Certified Death copies	60.00
Fax	2.00
Marriage License	17.50
Copies	<u>1.00</u>
Total Town Clerk fees	\$117.29
Dog licenses	<u>60.00</u>
Total town revenues to Supervisor	\$177.29
NYS Agriculture and Markets	12.00
NYS Dept of Health	22.50
NYS Environmental Conservation	<u>631.21</u>
Total Disbursed	\$843.00

Correspondence:

No correspondence received.

Old Business:

Murray Road extension off Harrisburg Road request for abandonment:

Attorney Cooper reported the Highway Law provides for three ways to affect the existing status of a town road.

The question the Board was asked to answer and the approach that was made by the citizen was concerning discontinuance, a formal discontinuance of a town highway as a town highway. Just by way of background he would say for whatever reason the law classifies town roads as town highways and county roads as county roads, so there is no particular reason for that but sometimes when he says highway that's what he is talking about.

The County of Warren is required by law to print a map yearly of its highways. Some of you probably have seen the map at the Municipal Center and thought it was connected with Tourism but it's a legal requirement to portray the town roads. The county roads are numbered and portrayed in red and in the process they portray the town highways. This particular road Murray Road, everyone is aware, extends from Lanfear to Murray then branches off and becomes Dartmouth Road as you head towards Thurman. At the intersection of Murray Road it branches off to the left technically and it's a dirt road that goes down and approaches Stony Creek and there was a bridge there at one time but there is no longer a bridge there and then there is a spur of Murray Road that was formally connected when the bridge was in existence all the way to Harrisburg Road. That continues to be shown as a town highway on the county map and as a result of the discussion at the last meeting he is lead to believe we continue to collect CHIPS monies on it. Technically it's still on the books of the Highway Supt. as a Town Highway. In order to discontinue the use of that portion of Murray Road as a town highway ultimately it would have to come to the Town Board for approval.

He had represented the Lucia's when they purchased Mott Waddell's property and he sent them an extensive letter before he did indicating that circumstances might come up in the future where their interest and the town's interest might conflict and his first duty is to the town and if they wanted him to continue to represent them it would be fine. But they had to understand that. They said it was ok with them. So he continued to represent them through the purchase of the Mott Waddell's property and he saw some maps in connection with that, which was useful when he went back to research this issue. It appears that there are two citizens other than Mr. Page who own property on Murray Road. One of them is Terry Scherer. Attorney Cooper stated he contacted Mr. Scherer and asked how he feels about this and Mr. Scherer stated he was opposed to the abandonment of the town highway, that portion of Murray Road because it would leave that portion of his property landlocked. Attorney Cooper talked to Mr. Scherer about it and told him he isn't elected to any office but it appears to him this may be a tough sale to try to convince the town board to abandon a portion of the town highway that would leave a taxpayer partially landlocked or wholly landlocked. Mr. Scherer indicated there are two other persons that own property that require that road to access their property. So if the town discontinued use of the road, just to say hypothetically the board agreed with the petitioners that the road should be discontinued, the title to the road would revert to the adjoining property owners at least to the midline of the road. Establishing ownership all the way to one side, it would depend on some abstracting maybe some surveying. If the town did it over the objection of Mr. Scherer or anybody else who was a property owner, the town would be responsible in damages to that taxpayer for the dimension of value of their property. So there is a political disincentive to not to do and also a very practical one. As a matter of fact the law, if you don't do that the law requires you to get general releases from all the adjoining property owners, which would involve some abstracting and searching to establish who they are.

The other mechanisms for retrenching and backing away from public highway as a town highway relates to abandonment, which we faced many times before, different context, Waite Road and Walt Black Road and involves the town not working it for a period of six years and the public not using it as a highway for that period of time.

Three would be qualified abandonment, which would, you would have to involve the County Highway Superintendent and say we want to continue the road to be a town road but we don't want to do any maintenance on it anymore and if the County Highway Superintendent went through the mechanism that would be the result at the end of the process, that it would continue to be a right of way for the people that lived along it but the town would have no maintenance obligation if you wanted to go that route. It isn't his place but would suspect that the Board wouldn't want to make a taxpayer landlocked. Certainly we aren't going to get his agreement at all at least that's what Mr. Scherer told him on the telephone.

Mr. Page thanked the Town Board and Attorney Cooper for doing the research and they have come up with pretty much of what he concluded also. Again he isn't looking to make anyone landlocked. Beside himself you have Mr. Lucia and Mr. Scherer, he didn't know of a fourth person down there. He thought it went right to State Land that he knew of. To his knowledge everything of Mr. Scherer's property is so close to the creek he wouldn't be able to build any houses or any structures so close to the creek at that time. Again he announced to the board he totally loves Stony Creek and he wants to keep it an impassive gate, if we do put anything down there just so people just don't drive down there and do any damage or anything or any obstructions. Mr. Lucia already had put a gate on his property which is south of the bridge on his land and that stops a lot of traffic he's sure and people going down. But again he is looking into stopping harm to his property and go from there. He would leave it a passive gate so that the fire dept. and other locals could absolutely go down through there even if it's a clasp lock not a padlock. They can go down there, and they can fish, if they have to get something have at it. That is what the Adirondacks is supposed to be about going up and enjoying their four-wheeler or kayaking, trout fishing and anything. Your right the town has been collecting CHIPS funds on that property; they have not really maintained it. It is up to the property owners he found to give permission to all the utilities that cross from Harrisburg Road down the abandoned Murray Road and over to the utilities to maintain that and also that the right of way starts at the center of the road and goes from there and he owns and his wife owns on both sides of that road. So they are paying taxes on it at this time. Its no big deal, it's \$5.00 a year for gas to mow it and make it look nice. He doesn't want trees or brush and people from out of the area going down there and using it. All the locals are more then welcome to use it, He defiantly would like to put that on record. He presents to the town two different things, they are not from Warren County but two different case laws and study that have been done in Upstate NY, Southern NY and also some other reviews of instances that have come up that you can look over, there not all in his favor. Your right we do need other people to look at it and go from there. He is presenting his concern for his property that they have here in Warren County. Councilman Nathan Thomas stated he hates to see the town give up more roads, it's not a highly traveled place but looking to the future, you talk about fire access. If we have anything catastrophic on the four corners we have no access to Harrisburg. It's always been a back thought for community safety that it would be a wonderful bridge to put back in. If the four corners catches fire the rest of the town is abandoned, you can get back through from Tucker Road but it's unapproved and not maintained in the winter, lucky for the town nothing major has happened to the four corners.

Roaring Branch has jumped its bank before and it's been down through town. It's an isolated problem for the town. The bridge has been out for years. It's never been explored to put it back in but it's something they may have to look into as the town expands. It's a road that's been walked away from for a while but it's a critical piece in his mind to look into the county to put the bridge back in for these purposes. He is not for abandoning the road not for Mr. Page or anyone really, defiantly now that Mr. Scherer has an interest in it. He hasn't had a chance to look at the tax map at how his property intercepts with it but it's defiantly a chance to talk to everyone else. Mr. Page stated he agrees with Councilman Nathan Thomas, growing up in Pine Bush just outside of Crossgates Mall himself for over 19 years of his life, they do control burns there, they have forest fires and that's why he said there would never be a padlock. It's just determined it should be a clasp or even a slide because he would want people to protect his property as much as Warren County's Adirondacks.

Attorney Cooper stated as desirable that Mr. Pages plan seems to him when it comes to town highway its like being a little bit pregnant, you can't be a little bit pregnant, you are or you not. If it's a town highway the citizens have no right to barricade it either with the passive type your describing or any other thing. They can't put rocks in the roads the Highway Supt's are required to remove them. With regard to the Lucia's Attorney Cooper thinks what they gated was a wood's road that runs across their property. He doesn't think they put gates or anything obstruction in the old Murray Road. Supervisor Thomas stated they didn't. Mr. Page stated it is on their property just after the gate but again if there were ever a fire down there it would be inaccessible. Attorney Cooper stated they have a right to gate a woods road on their own property. Councilman Nathan Thomas stated if the fire dept. needs to get through they have ways to get through. Mr. Page stated in one of the case laws there was a case law where it came up, the town did have to take designated funds and rebuild the bridge to make it accessible also. Attorney Cooper stated it's a touchy subject in this town because being from the Pine Bush. By the way Willy Janeway is the Director of the Adirondack Council, who was in charge of the Pine Bush Conservancy when they did a control burn that got out of control and it made a level of smoke across the Northway and they had to close the Northway.

This town at one time had a much greater population then it does now because of the Tanneries that were here and there are allot of roads that run here and there and everywhere that go back in the woods to old cellar holes. So we have had two lawsuits involving whether they were town roads or not. It may take him a little up to speed but doesn't think it would take to long to revive his knowledge of the law in those areas and we have to be sensitive about being inconsistent in our positions that we're taken in the past and also creating undesirable precedent for somebody that would come in here and use Mr. Pages circumstance as leverage to seek a special status for their own retreat that they come from Pine Bush to buy, that type of thing. So it isn't personal. His advise to the Town Board doesn't have anything to do with Mr. Pages feelings, his wife's or his idea of betterment of his environment. But as he said before the State Law with regard to Town Highway is very arbitrary, cut and dried and they intended it to be that way.

Mr. Page stated he is sure it goes even deeper with being a County Bridge and getting funds from it. He understands that from the town.

Supervisor Thomas stated he will say that as a point of information, he doesn't know how it's relevant to this but relevant to the road. The previous owner (Phil Warner) came before the Town Board a few years ago and proposed to change the intersection and move the intersection towards town, Murray Road and Harrisburg Road, Mr. Warner never followed through with it.

Lewis Waite Road; Children at play signage:

Councilman Nathan Thomas stated there is a Slow Children at Play sign on Cudney Hill Road and suggested relocating that sign to Lewis Waite Road due to there are no children on that road anymore.

Swears Road:

Councilman Nathan Thomas stated at the intersection of Swears Road the signs were not replaced after they repaired the wall. Supervisor Thomas will notify Supt. Bradley.

Landfill; electronics:

Supervisor Thomas stated the electronics recycling was discussed at last months meeting.

He does get an invoice when they pick up. A lot of the times they give total poundage then they say a number of CRT's and stuff. So it's really hard to tell how much they weight. Councilman Gill stated there is another option to that; Springer Waste Management did away with them.

They went to another company. The company doesn't do a lot of little towns. They take it to Hiram Hollow in Gansevoort. If you have a pick up load, load them on the pick up and have someone take them to Hiram Hollow, there is no charge. If they call to let them know they are coming it would be great. Lake Luzerne and Hague brings theirs down also. Supervisor Thomas stated there is no charge for CRT's? Councilman Gill stated no.

Supervisor Thomas stated if we break the agreement with this other company they may not pick up the other stuff. Councilman Gill stated they take TV's crt's towers, anything to do with computers, stereo's vcr's. Things not electronic are like microwaves, vacuums.

Supervisor Thomas stated so they can take them to Hiram Hollow at no charge. Councilman Gill stated yes. Supervisor Thomas stated that maybe the thing to do. Supervisor Thomas asked if they had to have an agreement. Councilman Gill stated no just take them over. Lake Luzerne takes there's over all the time.

Supervisor Thomas stated his understanding was the State put a limit on how much the companies that generate these products, how much they have to pay each year as far as recycling and when they get to that limit they stop paying and it ends up costing the recycling companies money. Councilman Gill stated as of right now the company isn't charging. Supervisor Thomas stated in 2012 the town took in 3283 pounds of TV's and 1304 pounds of computer peripherals, CRT's, that's about 5400 pounds. 5400 pounds at \$.25¢ a pound will be a fee but it looks like we won't have to do that.

Assessor position:

Supervisor Thomas stated he hasn't pursued that, he doesn't know if anyone else has so he will let that rest for this month.

Parks & Rec.

Veterans Memorial sign:

Councilman John Thomas bought up the memorial sign at the town park after the 2014 budget Public Hearing and the names are faded on the WWII part. Supervisor Thomas stated he is in agreement in repairing the existing, however he thinks the Board should pursue expanding what's there. There's WWII, that's fine and great but there are other Veterans in other wars that have served. He thinks maybe the Town Board should decide what medium to put that into.

Supervisor Thomas stated he is open to suggestions. He knows a lot of towns have done the same thing. It is something we should research, pursue and see who should be included. Either people who were Combat Veterans or anyone that served because it could get touchy and complicated. That would be his suggestion, but defiantly repair what's there

Committee reports:

Stony Creek Free Library:

Councilwoman Ryan reported that every once in a while the library puts on a nice event and lot of times they communicate through e-mail and it's easy to go over and sign up for it. They had a lady come in and do a scrapbook making class there was a \$5.00 fee. There were about 15 people there and everyone walked out with a scrapbook. They ended up making cards. It was like a two-hour class. They learned how to stamp and engrave in paper. It was a nice class. She would love to let people know about the library because they have a lot of fun events.

Donna Williams brought food; it was a good time to mingle and meet people who have the same interest. She would like to have a way to get the word out to get more locals but they do get a lot of out-of-towners. It was lot of fun and good times and they always-welcome people, the more the merrier.

Mr. Page asked if they were going to do it again. Councilwoman Ryan stated yes she has done quite a few events with the library. They have done felt making, bookbinding, jewelry and on Mondays they have knitting and crocheting and people are interested in learning.

Dean Farm Heritage Trails

Councilman Nathan Thomas stated just in conversation with people its become a dog walking park but there's not much talk about picking up after their dogs. He suggested putting up a bag and have them clean up after there dog post. Obviously there is a leash law in town and a lot of them are just letting their dog run free a few different times. It's something to consider as they finish up the trails. Its such a nice spot he would hate to see it turn out to be a local dog park.

Supervisor Thomas agreed

Supervisor Thomas reported on the progress of the trails.

The first phase the ADA part of the trail system is nearly complete. The trail itself and the boardwalk, bridges and overlooking the creek are complete. About the main thing they lack is signage. The interpretive signs are nearly designed and ready to go to the manufacturer. They are working on some signage for the kiosk part and think maps as you look at the backside of the parking lot and history of the Dean Farm itself. They are looking into trail marker signs so people don't wander off the trail and need to do a main sign. The physical part of the trail is pretty much complete and would recommend anyone that has the urge to go over and walk the trail. He thinks they have done an excellent job on it. He is in the process of putting together the second part of the reimbursement getting the paper together and will get it to the county so the county can reimburse the town 50% through the grant and the county will seek the 50% from the State. Probably next year if the Board is in agreement they will continue the picket fence on the Dean Farm down to Mr. Muhl's property and put plantings around the parking lot and along some of the trails and also the signage and they will pretty much finish that side and hope to advance to the other side and get started.

Mr. Page asked what the trails were for. Supervisor Thomas stated it's the Francis J. Dean Heritage Trails and it's basically at the corner of Murray Road and Lanfear Road. Mr. page asked who they use for their signs now. Supervisor Thomas stated that Debbie Kerrigan who has done signs in Queensbury, she is designing the 10-11 nature interpretive signs and Fossil in Long Island is going to produce them. The trailer markers someone will do. The main sign they haven't gotten to that point. Mr. Page stated he asked because he does the Town of Rotterdam and Columbia County Highway Dept. and Guan Ha Ho Gun Club in Scotia NY. He does a lot of signs through his business; he defiantly offers that to the town just as he has for a banner across Main St. for Mountain Days.

Attorney Cooper stated these are special purpose signs, he doesn't know if we're on the same page. Mr. Page stated he plans on stopping by there and take a look at what they made. Attorney Cooper stated there not up yet. There designed to give people a walking natural history tour and brought them with other consideration in mind, like if it would fade in the sun, there a special order item. You may have seen similar signs if you ever visited a State Historic Park or Battlefield. Saratoga Battlefield has signs like that. Mr. Page stated cast aluminum and also laminated signs. Attorney Cooper stated they are in color also. Supervisor Thomas stated they are resin base ½ in thick and colored on top with pictures. Attorney Cooper stated most of the highway signs are made by the county. Supervisor Thomas stated for the most part but not all of them.

Landfill Monitoring Test well:

Supervisor Thomas updated the Board on the application for the variance on the monitoring wells. The bill was in the General Fund Bills for their services, they have submitted the application to DEC in Ray Brook. He talked to Alice Hollering; she said it would probably be a few weeks before they get to it and a few weeks after that. Supervisor Thomas also talked to Tom Suozzo and he indicated that one of the towns, he thinks it was Johnsburg, did get a variance and it was a significant variance. Alice indicated that another town had problems with trimidy testing so we'll have to wait and see what they come back with. Hopefully we can get it reduced to one time a year rather then every quarter. There are five monitoring wells at the landfill and have been paying \$1100.00 every quarter for testing for several years now. Hopefully the first of the year we will hear something back.

Supervisor Thomas stated that a representative from the Comptrollers Office was at the town hall today to review his submission on-line for the 2% Tax Cap and make sure it was in order. He was here for an hour and a half.

Youth Director:

Supervisor Thomas reported he talked to all three Youth Directors and set up a meeting for tomorrow at 1:30 PM and asked Councilman Nathan Thomas and Councilwoman Ryan to attend if they could to discuss what they have for a budget, get an idea of what the Board is looking for and introduce them to each other.

Councilwoman Ryan asked if Mr. Page could bring some samples of his signage and compare them. Mr. Page stated he is one of three that is certified by 3M to go and do outdoor laminating and wraps and will be doing a wrap in Shodack, he will take pictures and bring them to the next board meeting.

New Business: NY Safe Act:

Tom McGinty was present to discuss the NY Safe Act. Mr. McGinty asked if anyone talk to the Board. Attorney Cooper stated we talked about the implications for the ESF property the trails are on. That has come before the Board; it doesn't affect it because it isn't a college campus whereas Pack Forest and some of the property in Newcomb is. Mr. McGinty stated since Gov. Cuomo passed it he has been involved with various groups and his group asked if his Town Board put forth a resolution to appeal it. He told them he didn't believe so. This is the purpose of him being here. 52 out of 62 counties have put in resolutions to appeal it. There are 325 towns as of October have put forth resolutions. Mr. McGinty asked how the town felt about putting a resolution forth opposing it. Supervisor Thomas stated he thinks it is a good idea putting a resolution forth. Just the way it was passed and how it was done was not proper. Mr. McGinty stated they are trying to put a dinner together at Waterhouse's. He belongs to a range and what targeted him was some of the stuff they talked about. If someone in your family should become ill, depressed you have to turn in your pistol license, all your weapons and all your ammunition. You can no longer buy any 22 shells for your kids because they're not old enough to pass a background check.

Supervisor Thomas and the Town Board agreed to pass a resolution when a more formal resolution with whereas and be it further resolve's can be prepared opposing the NY Safe Act at the next Town Board meeting.

138-13. A resolution was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilman Gill authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Snow and Ice Removal Contract with Warren County for the fiscal year 2014 in the amount of \$. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Supervisor Thomas reported that Lee Hayes in interested in purchasing the cab and frame on the truck that was damaged in March of 2012. His offer is \$1500.00. Councilman Nathan Thomas and Councilwoman Ryan agreed to sell this. Councilman Nathan Thomas stated a resolution was already made to sell it. (June 18, 2013 Resolution # 093-13).

Mr. Page asked how the Halloween party was he was unable to make it. Councilwoman Ryan stated it was good. A member of the fire co. was dressed as a whoopee cushion and someone was dressed as Ralphie from the Christmas Story. They were inside the bay at the firehouse so everyone was out of the rain. They had chips, drinks; they gave out candy, and had games.

Mr. Page asked the Town Board if he should, he knows Attorney Cooper talked to them, should he talk to the neighbors himself and also about a petition at this point or just wait and see how it plays out. Councilwoman Ryan asked if he knew all the neighbors that live next to him. Mr. Page stated he is learning them. Councilwoman Ryan stated it wouldn't be bad to go visit them get their opinion on what is being done. Supervisor Thomas stated that is his call.

Mr. Page stated lastly, he knows they have been mowing it and trying to keep it clean and neat, that whole intersection. Does the town or Town Board have any objection with them plowing it? He knows the Highway Dept. doesn't want to maintain it. But also as an access road so he can walk his dog down there. Normally in town there would be an issue, he would be liable but because it is on the town maps and it is on his property, if he was to go down there and make a clean way would there be any problems.

Supervisor Thomas stated he would refer that question to the Highway Supt. Attorney Cooper stated if a snowmobiler was accustomed to it being unplowed and he came along at 3:00 in the morning and he got air-borne and ran into a tree because you scrapped up a berm of snow on the edge he would think he would be liable for that and probably the town would get sued too. So it would be a "Proceed at Your Own Risk" in that regard. He doesn't think the Highway Supt. is going to prohibit you from doing it but we haven't heard from him. That's the kind of dark cloud people pay lawyers to see under the silver lining.

Mr. Page stated he knows that's an issue in town. If you live on a dead-end, you try and clear out the road to get to your house it's always an issue because again you would be the last one to be plowed but he plans on clearing the driveway so they can come up for the winter so there would be a brim and obviously he would push it toward the creek but he wanted to ask the board about that. Attorney Cooper stated your not going to get our consent, you're getting our warning.

Budget transfers:

139-13. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Gill authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit General Fund Balance in the amount of \$13,000.00.

Credit A5132.4 Garage Contractual in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Credit A7180.2 Special Recreation Equipment in the amount of \$11,000.00.

Roll call vote, all in favor.

140-13. A resolution was made by Councilman Nathan Thomas seconded by Councilman Gill authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit General Fund Balance in the amount of \$13,000.00.

Credit A7180.1 Special Recreation Personal Service in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Credit A7180.4 Special Recreation Contractual in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Roll call vote, all in favor.

141-13. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Supervisor Thomas authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit General Fund Balance in the amount of \$12,355.12.

Credit A9010.8 State Retirement in the amount of \$12,355.12.

Roll call vote, all in favor.

142-13. A resolution was made by Councilwoman Ryan seconded by Councilman Gill authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit A1990.4 Contingent \$484.67.

Debit A8810.4 Cemeteries Contractual in the amount of \$794.51.

Credit A1620.1 Building Personal Services in the amount of \$1279.18.

Roll call vote, all in favor.

143-13. A resolution was made by Councilman Gill seconded by Councilwoman Ryan authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit Highway Fund Balance in the amount of \$11,344.13.

Credit DA9010.8 State Retirement in the amount of \$11,344.13.

Roll call vote, all in favor.

144-13. A resolution was made by Councilman Gill seconded by Councilman Nathan Thomas authorizing the following budget transfer:

Debit DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual in the amount of \$4,505.17.

Debit DA5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual in the amount of \$546.33.

Debit DA5130.2 Machinery Equipment in the amount of 458.04.

Credit DA5110.4 General Repairs in the amount of \$1,501.89.

Credit DA5112.2 Improvements Capital in the amount of \$4,007.65.

Roll call vote, all in favor.

From the floor:

Attorney Cooper asked if there was anything going on with the Board of Supervisors concerning the method of allocating the real property value of any given town for sales tax purposes. He read a little bit in the paper, is there any action on going or did it evaporate. Supervisor Thomas stated there are still discussions about it. Supervisor Merlino of Luzerne brought it forward. He thinks the smaller towns, their tax base will never really compare to three or four of the bigger ones and basically like some of their sales tax obviously they are resisting.

Attorney Cooper stated some of the little towns like Hague and Horicon have a lot of lake front property. Supervisor Thomas stated yes and they do very well. Hague has no town tax what so ever plus Bolton has a very small town tax, Queensbury has small town tax. Our tax if you put it in the way they assess, its like \$4.53 a \$1000.00 and Queensbury town tax is like \$.61¢, Bolton's is similar. Hague doesn't have any. There is defiantly a feeling by Supervisor Merlino and another town that is a fairness thing. But the other side of the argument is they also pick up a bigger percentage from the county levy. So for them to give up their sales tax without the other side picking up the levy they don't think that's right either.

Attorney Cooper stated is there some kind of any common ground proposal being kicked around or has nobody been able to come up with that yet.

Supervisor Thomas stated there have been suggestions of trying to do it other ways rather than messing with the sales tax. Like for example the Ice and Snow Contract, maybe EMS because the county helps Glens Falls considerably. There's discussion that maybe the smaller towns with less then the tax base, that there are maybe other ways to help them. He doesn't see the sales tax thing going to far. Attorney Cooper congratulated Supervisor Thomas on getting his proposed budget through the county almost unanimously that was quite a feat.

Supervisor Thomas thanked him and stated it was interesting and hopefully everything pans out the way they have it planned, they will be in good shape.

A motion was made by Councilman Nathan Thomas seconded by Councilwoman Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington
Town Clerk