

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Mooers held
January 12, 2016 at the Mooers Office Complex commencing at 7:00 PM**

Present: Jeff Menard, Supervisor
Donald Perras, Councilperson
Mary Myatt, Councilperson
Gerald LaValley, Councilperson
Eugene "Dick" Boulerice, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Brandi B. Lloyd, Town Clerk (absent)

Others Present: Kaleigh LaBombard, Dog Control Office

Absent: none

Meeting: Supervisor Jeff Menard called the Meeting to Order at 7:00PM and lead the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Town Business 1: Supervisor Menard explained that the Organizational Meeting would be held first and then the Board would continue into the Regular Monthly Board Meeting. He then read aloud Resolutions #1-2016 thru and including Resolution #9-2016 as follows;

2016 Organizational Appointments and Committees:

2016 APPOINTMENTS

Designated Newspapers-----Plattsburgh Press Republican & North Countryman
Designated Bank-----Community Bank, Champlain
Delegate to Association of Towns NYC-----Jeff Menard
Alternate Delegate to AOT NYC-----Donald Perras
Town Officials Expenses Paid for Attending AOT NYC----Yes
Budget Officer-----Jeff Menard
Justices expenses paid for attending school-----Yes
Supt. of Highway expenses paid for attending school----Yes
Deputy Supervisor-----Donald Perras
Dog Control Officer-----Kaleigh Mills
Town Historian appointment-----Jennifer Bulriss
Registrar Appointment-----Brandi Lloyd
Deputy Registrar Appointment-----Rena Bosley
Secretary to the Town Board-----Rena Bosley
Code Enforcement Officer Appointed-----Jess Dixon
Code Enforcement Officer's schooling paid-----Yes
Deputy Superintendent of Highway-----Philip Miller
Chairman Mooers Youth Commission-----Tyson Dumas
Attorney hire as needed-----Thomas Murnane

Court Clerk (Secretary to Justices)-----Crystal Bulriss

Court Clerk schooling paid-----Yes

Deputy Court Clerk #1-----Jessica Bulriss

Resolution #01-2016

ALSO

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE 2016

Bulriss Crystal
Lamberton Beverly
Snide Margaret
Sample Scarlett

Hawksby Myrtle
Morelock Edith
Troutman JoAnne
Lloyd Brandi

Resolution #02-2016

ALSO

MOOERS YOUTH COMMISSION (3 YEARS) 2016

Brandi Lloyd

Tammy Gonyo

Resolution #03-2016

ALSO

2016 TOWN BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Highway-----Dick Boulerice & Jeff Menard

Fire Department Station #1-----Dick Boulerice & Jeff Menard

Fire Department Station #2-----Mary Myatt & Gerald LaValley

Zoning & Planning-----Donald Perras & Gerald LaValley

Library-----Mary Myatt & Donald LaValley

Dog Control-----Dick Boulerice & Jeff Menard

Youth Program-----Mary Myatt & Jeff Menard

Sidewalks-----Gerald LaValley & Dick Boulerice

Cemeteries-----Mary Myatt & Jeff Menard

Windmills-----Dick Boulerice & Jeff Menard

Resolution #04-2016

ALSO

2016 ZONING BOARD COMMITTEE

Orville Nedeau (Chairperson)-----2017

Mike Willette-----2016

Tony Roberts-----2020

Jane Hitchcock-----2020

Larry Brooks-----2018

Jessie Lavalley ----(Alt #1)-----2020

Miranda Grabie---(Alt #2)-----2020

Resolution #05-2016

ALSO

E.M.S. BOARD

Donald Perras-----Expires 2018

Steve Drown-----Expires 2016

Roger Favreau-----Expires 2017

Resolution #06-2016

ALSO

2016 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Merritt Billiter-----October 2014 to September 2019

Connie Poupore----- October 2014 to September 2019

Robert Arruda-----October 2013 to September 2018

David Kokes-----October 2015 to September 2020

Resolution #07-2016

Councilperson Perras made a motion that Resolution #01-2016 be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Myatt. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulерice, and Councilperson Myatt) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #01-2016** adopted.

Councilperson Perras made a motion that Resolution #02-2016 be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilperson LaValley. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulерice, and Councilperson Myatt) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #02-2016** adopted.

Councilperson Myatt made a motion that Resolution #03-2016 be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilperson LaValley. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulерice, and Councilperson Myatt) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #03-2016** adopted.

Councilperson LaValley made a motion that Resolution #04-2016 be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boulерice. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulерice, and Councilperson Myatt) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #04-2016** adopted.

Councilperson Myatt made a motion that Resolution #05-2016 be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilperson LaValley. The result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Boulерice, and Councilperson Myatt), 1 ABSTAIN (Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #05-2016** adopted.

Councilperson Boulерice made a motion that Resolution #06-2016 be adopted. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Menard. The result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Barcomb, and Councilperson Myatt), 1 ABSTAIN (Councilperson Perras) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #06-2016** adopted.

Councilperson Myatt made a motion that Resolution #07-2016 be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Boulерice. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulерice, and Councilperson Myatt) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #07-2016** adopted.

ALSO

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN BOARD WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETINGS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AND IF A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING IS NEEDED OR A REGULAR MEETING HAS TO BE CHANGED, A NOTICE FOR THIS WILL BE POSTED. A NOTICE OF SUCH WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LEGAL SECTION OF THE NEWSPAPER WHEN TIME ALLOWS. ALL REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE 2016 ZONING BOARD COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD QUARTERLY, DATE AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED. ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Councilperson Boulerice made a motion that Resolution #08-2016 be adopted. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Menard. The result of a Roll Call was 5 AYES (Supervisor Menard, Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Perras, Councilperson Boulerice, and Councilperson Myatt) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #08-2016** adopted.

Town Business 1: The supervisor shall payout money only upon warrant, order or draft of the Town Clerk after allowance of the Town Board; therefore Councilperson Myatt made a motion that the following resolution that the following be adopted:

THE SUPERVISOR SHALL WITHOUT PRIOR AUDIT MAKE PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE OF AUDIT OF CLAIMS FOR PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES SUCH AS GAS,ELECTRIC,WATER,SEWER,FUEL OIL AND TELEPHONE SERVICES, AS WELL AS FOR POSTAGE,FREIGHT AND EXPRESS CHARGES [TOWN LAW 118 (2)]. CLAIMS FOR THESE PAYMENTS SHALL BE PRESENTED AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING FOR AUDIT. THE SUPERVISOR MAY ALSO OFFICIALLY BECOME SIGNATURE ON CHECKS. THE SUPERVISOR MAY ALSO MAKE DECISIONS WHERE NEEDED TO KEEP THE TOWN RUNNING UNTIL THE BOARD IS ABLE TO RECONVEYN

The motion was seconded by Councilperson LaValley. The result of a Roll Call was 4 AYES (Councilperson LaValley, Councilperson Boulerice, Councilperson Perras, and Councilperson Myatt), 1 ABSTAIN (Supervisor Menard) and 0 NOES, therefore Supervisor Menard declared **Resolution #09-2016** adopted.

Supervisor Menard said the Board will now move on the Regular Town Board Meeting

Highway: Highway Supervisor Kris Gilmore reported on the roads, spending \$35,500 on State Roads. He said the price of salt has gone up compared to last year. He added that he looked into the cost of fuel and said that Smith, whom currently supplies fuel to the Town, is .25 cents higher per gallon. Supervisor Menard said Smith is supposed to charge the Town State Contract price. Highway Supervisor Kris Gilmore said Mx Fuels and Adirondack are both on the State Contract pricing. There was some discussion. Councilperson Boulerice asked Highway Supervisor Kris Gilmore if he had looked into purchasing a new pick-up truck. Supervisor Menard asked Highway Supervisor Kris Gilmore to get a few prices to present to the Board next month.

Library: Mr. Art Menard, member of the Library Board, gave an update on the new Library Board. He said the Library Board members are; President Tim Gonyo, Vice President Patricia Gaudreau, Secretary Joyce Roberts, Mary Myatt. He said their intention is to work very closely with the Town Board and the citizens of Mooers. Mr. Menard said, with the resignation of the previous librarian, they have a team of Interim Librarians, with Mrs. Edith Morelock heading the team, in place. He added that they would like to be in the new library building by the Fall, that it is a priority, and they are working on various fund raising ideas.

Dog Control: Mrs. Kaleigh Mills was not present, but she handed in the report for December 2015 showing 15 calls.

Beautification Committee: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the beautification committee would like to address the board. Mrs. Myrtle Hawksby thanked Highway Supervisor Kris Gilmore for getting the lights up so quickly.

Youth Program: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Youth Program would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time.

Town Historian: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Town Historian would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time.

Fire Department: Mr. Dan Dumas, Fire Chief, was not present, but handed in the December report. The December report contained the following: Station #1 had 12 calls, Town had 10 calls and Mutual Aid had 2 calls. ---Incident types were Power Lines=3---Good Intent=1---Air Supply=2---MVA=3---Barn=1---Other=2 (Medical =2). Mutual aid to Ellenburg Center=1---West Chazy=1---Other=2 (Champlain EMS). Mutual Aid from none. Vehicle 251 (Pumper) used 6 times, vehicle 252 (Brush Truck) used 5 times, , vehicle 257 (Heavy Rescue) used 7 times, vehicle 258 (tanker) used=2, and vehicle 25-AIR (Air Truck) used 2 times. The report showed a total of 121 calls in 2015.

EMS: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from EMS would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time.

Court: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Court would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time.

Code Enforcement Officer: Supervisor Menard asked if anyone from the Office of Code Enforcement would like to address the board. No person was present wishing to address the board at this time. Supervisor Menard read from the report that had been submitted by Mr. Jess Dixon. The December report showed a total of one building permit issued, 13 calls, one violation, and two inspections. The report also showed a total 48 building permits for the year of 2015, total fees collected of \$4491.50, and total value of new construction for 2015 of \$1,129,400.00.

Cemeteries: Supervisor Menard said Mr. Poulin had stopped to see let him know that he had information on the plots of the Catholic Cemetery. Councilperson Myatt said she would call him.

Old Business:

Old Business 1: Supervisor Menard said the end of the year financial report for the Town of Mooers showed the following accounts remaining funds as follows; General Fund- \$366,423.93, Highway- \$110,166.13, Mooers Forks Light District- \$2879.42, Mooers Light District- \$3,138.74, Mooers Sidewalk- \$15,770.79, Trust & Agency- \$20,880.59, Mooers Ambulance- \$21.08, Union Cemetery- \$52,0002.33, Riverside Cemetery- \$27,458.48 with a total remaining amount of \$598,741.49.

Old Business 1: Supervisor Menard said he would like to set a date for the board to meet with Mrs. Liz Tedford and go over the surveys that had been returned for the Water & Sewer Feasibility study. There was some discussion. The Board decided to meet on Tuesday, January 19th at 6pm. Supervisor Menard said he would get in touch with Mrs. Tedford.

New Business:

New Business 1: Councilperson Perras asked they should discuss the windmills. Supervisor Menard said they may need to wait because Councilperson Boulerville had just received the information. Councilperson Boulerville said, when he was in office as Highway Supervisor he was advised that the Town should have a Windmill Law in place. Supervisor Menard was familiar with that request for an ordinance. Supervisor Menard asked the Board to review the materials to discuss next month. There was some discussion.

Supervisor Menard asked if anyone would like to address the Town Board.

Public Comment 1: Mrs. Koreena VanNortwick said that there have been some questions about the blueprints for the new library. Supervisor Menard explained what blueprints are in hand. There was some discussion regarding grant monies and the current plans for the new library.

Public Comment 2: Mrs. Carol Payne said, in 2011, the library received \$21,000.00 to assist in making the Library handicap accessible. She asked what happened to those funds. Supervisor Menard said the Clinton Essex Franklin Library System is working with the Mooers Library Board to straighten out the books. There was some discussion.

Public Comment 3: Rev. Sally White, in attendance, said she wanted to say a huge thank you. She added that she attended Board meeting in Decembers, quite frustrated with the negative publicity in the Sun regarding the Library, but in a month's time there has been such a turnaround. She said she wanted to thank those people behind these positive changes and encouraged them to keep up the great work. Supervisor Menard thanked Mr. Art Menard for getting the ball rolling as well as Councilperson Myatt for her willingness to help as well.

Voucher: The Audited Vouchers to be paid off the Abstracted Vouchers on January 13, 2015 are as follows:

General - Townwide -----(Vouchers 860 - 879, 883)-----	\$ 20,042.26
Highway - Townwide -----(Voucher 538 - 549)-----	28,281.49
Mooers Fire Protection -----(Voucher 882)-----	151,413.75
Mooers Forks Lights----- (Voucher 878)-----	420.17
Mooers Lights ----- (Voucher 878)-----	730.12
Mooers Ambulance District----- (Voucher 881)-----	73,431.22
Ellenburg Fire Protection----- (Voucher 880)-----	1,500.00
Ellenburg Dist 21----- (Voucher 880)-----	317.85
Mooers Sidewalk----- (Voucher 80 - 82)-----	<u>38.03</u>

Total of Abstracted Vouchers Paid-----\$276,174.89

Adjourn: Councilperson Boulerville made a motion for the meeting be adjourned. Supervisor Menard seconded motion. Thus, Supervisor Jeff Menard declared motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

BRANDI B. LLOYD, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR