

**TOWN OF NORTH HARMONY
YEAR END TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY 12/29/11 12:00 PM**

SALLY P. CARLSON, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT
RALPH WHITNEY, COUNCILMAN	PRESENT
FRANK STOW, COUNCILMAN	PRESENT
DICK SENA, COUNCILMAN	PRESENT
DUNCAN MCNEILL, COUNCILMAN	PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Stapleton, Attorney; Brad Lawson, Zoning CEO; Jay Gould, Legislator; David Lloyd, Storm Water Planner; Howard Peacock / Everett Bensink, Justice; Robin Miller, Bookkeeper; Penny Best, Deputy Town Clerk; Nancy Thomas, Town Clerk

Mrs. Carlson brought the meeting to order at 12:40 PM.

- **PLEDGE**
- **MINUTES - 12/12/11 & 12/21/11**

- MOTION # 187 OF 2011
ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. WHITNEY AND SECONDED BY MR. MCNEILL, THE MINUTES OF THE 12/12/11 AND 12/21/11 BOARD MEETINGS WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY THE TOWN CLERK. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. **NATIONAL GRID PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR POLE AT HIGHWAY BUILDING**
Mrs. Carlson said she had signed the easement agreement with National Grid on 12/19/11, allowing them permanent access to install the electrical pole on highway property and for maintenance purposes.
2. **JOHN CROSSLEY LETTER RE COUNTY LANDFILL**
Mrs. Carlson said she had received a letter from Mr. Crossley sent to the County Landfill asking them to address the debris coming out of the trucks and onto Gerry, Ellery and North Harmony roads and the odor coming from the landfill, especially with the proposed expansion.
Mr. Stow said the county needs to police their landfill more carefully and enforce their regulations. He said there are signs at the landfill indicating that no uncovered loads will be accepted. He said he has seen truck after truck go in with no covers on their loads of debris. He said he does not believe the trash coming off the trucks is from the large haulers such as Penhollow, but is from others who do not cover their loads.
Mrs. Carlson said she would write a letter to the county outlining the problem and asking them to enforce their regulations.
3. **TIME WARNER CABLE – List of possible channel changes**

- **NEW BUSINESS:**
- **INCIDENT AT TOWN TRANSFER STATION**

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Mrs. Carlson said someone had come to the transfer station last Saturday with an entire trailer load of trash. She said she thinks the town needs to start enforcing the 6 bag limit. She said in addition our operators need to inform people coming in with that type of load they must use either the landfill or the Sherman Station. Mrs. Carlson said she would be including an article to address this issue in the next newsletter. She suggested that the Clerk order new stickers and perhaps one could be sent to each property owner along with the newsletter. She said if someone wants additional stickers, they must come to the office to obtain them. There was lengthy discussion of the abuse issues at the transfer station including use by non-residents. She said according to our tonnage figures the transfer station is getting as much trash now as it does in the summer and that should not be happening.

Mr. Stow stated that the stickers could be easily counterfeited and perhaps a numbering sequence on the stickers would be a good idea.

Mrs. Thomas suggested that charging for the sticker might discourage people from giving or lending them to friends who should not be using the station.

Mr. Whitney said he does not know if that would work as people might still lend them to friends and family.

Mrs. Carlson said perhaps we need to hire someone to check stickers as the Penhollow employees are hired to help unload trash and not police users.

Mr. Stow said recently he had been to the transfer station at 9:30-10:00 AM and the truck was already full. He expressed concern that perhaps the truck is coming from another location with a partial load and that the town is footing the entire tonnage bill. He said he is making no accusations, but it should be discussed with the contractor. He said when the new highway building is complete the town needs to take a look at streamlining the transfer station operation as far as safety, traffic and recycling issues.

Mr. Sena said that might explain why our tonnage rates are as high now as they are in the summer.

Mrs. Carlson said she would discuss it with Mr. Penhollow.

- **TOWN BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2012**

Mrs. Carlson asked if anyone had any objections to changing the meeting time for Town Board meetings to 7:00 PM as opposed to the current 8:00 PM. *There were no objections.* She also requested that the October meeting be changed to Tuesday 10/9/12 because of the Columbus Day holiday and the November meeting be changed to Tuesday 11/13/11 because of Veteran's Day. There was discussion of the change to Tuesday interfering with the Planning Board. Mrs. Best said she didn't feel it would be a problem for the Planning Board to perhaps move their meeting back a week. She said she would discuss it with them.

- **MOTION # 188 OF 2011**

MR. STOW MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THAT THE CLERK PUBLISH THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR TOWN BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2012 TO BE HELD AT 7:00 PM AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING:
1/09/12; 2/13/12; 3/12/12; 4/09/12; 5/14/12; 6/11/12; 7/09/12; 8/13/12; 9/10/12; Tues., 10/09/12; Tues., 11/13/12; 12/10/12. **MR. SENA SECONDED AND THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- **BUILDING AND ZONING YEAR END REPORT**

Mrs. Carlson thanked Mr. Lawson for providing a yearend report for 2011. Mrs. Carlson said Mrs. Best has obtained an additional filing cabinet for Mr. Lawson's office and work is ongoing on a comprehensive file of all town properties by Tax Map ID# (both new and old numbers will be used). *There was general discussion of how difficult the new ID numbers are to locate on the maps.*

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Mr. Lawson said he has found a place to order new flood maps online. He said they are still the ones dated in the 1980's but at least they don't have holes in them.

- **CHATAUQUA CO. UNDERSHERIFF CHUCK HOLDER - COURT SECURITY FOR 2012**

Mrs. Carlson said she had spoken to Sheriff Holder about costs for court security. She said Sheriff Holder explained that because they are laying off so many of their junior officers, the officers who will be covering court are more senior and the cost will be going up to \$24.70/HR (?).

- **SURVEY OF RAYNOR PROPERTY**

Mrs. Carlson said that the survey has been completed at the Raynor property. She said they had not marked the back boundary and she will be contacting Mr. Masters about it.

- **NEWSLETTER AND ISSUE WITH INTERNET SPEED**

Mrs. Miller asked about collecting e-mail addresses for recipients who wish to have the newsletter sent electronically.

Mrs. Carlson said that would be a good idea to help reduce mailing costs.

Mrs. Thomas said she had spoken to Mrs. Gleason our web designer about doing the survey on internet speed using a link from the town website and she had assured her it could be done and results returned to the town in a format (i.e. PDF) that can be used to compile the information received.

Mrs. Carlson asked if there was any way to see how many visits are made to the town website.

Mrs. Thomas said Mrs. Gleason sends her a regular analysis of that data and said she would forward some of the reports to the Supervisor.

- **MOTION # 189 OF 2011**

MR. WHITNEY MOTIONED TO PAY THE GENERAL FUND VOUCHERS AS AUDITED AND REVIEWED EARLIER. MR. MCNEILL SECONDED AND THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **MOTION # 190 OF 2011**

MR. WHITNEY MOTIONED TO PAY THE HIGHWAY FUND VOUCHERS AS AUDITED AND REVIEWED EARLIER. MR. STOW SECONDED AND THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **YEAREND FUND TRANSFERS**

- **MOTION # 191 OF 2011**

MR. WHITNEY MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOOKKEEPER TO MAKE 2011 YEAREND INTERFUND TRANSFERS AS NECESSARY, A COPY OF WHICH WILL BE ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES AND PROVIDED TO THE SUPERVISOR. MR. SENA SECONDED AND THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Nancy M. Thomas, Town Clerk