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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-April 1, 2021

Supervisor Lant called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Lant led the board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present.

John Lant-Supervisor

John McEachron-Deputy Supervisor

Duane Bogardus-Councilman

Erinn Kolligian-Councilwoman

Ray O'Conor-Councilman

Also present was Director of Planning and Engineering, Ryan Riper, P. E., Comptroller, Maria Moran, CPA and Mark Schachner, Town Counsel.

Public Comment

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #99

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to suspend public comment for the April 1, 2021 meeting.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Approve Pending Minutes

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #100

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2021 meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

WWPP Quarterly Report

Margo Olson, Director of Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park said this first quarter of 2020 was really pretty good for Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park. For people who don't like snow and winter, maybe they don't feel the same way. But for the park users and for people who really look forward to getting outside in winter. The winter really cooperated this year for the first time in a long time. We had excellent snow coverage on the trails, so people could get out. There wasn't a time that I can think of, if you were to drive by on Scout Road you would find the parking lots, full of people getting out and enjoying the facilities at Camp Saratoga. So, we were able to do 24 days where we rented cross country skis and snowshoes, out of the health lodge there off of parking lot number one from the Old Boy Scout camp, and we had over 800 people of all ages, we have enough sizes of snowshoes that a whole family can go out, for two year olds all the way up to seniors everyone can get out and enjoy. We were able to groom the trails. Some of our volunteers and our staff would go out and groom the trails. Having that new grooming building that was part of the Eagle Scout project that the town helped to build, I know Scott Harrington was really instrumental in getting that built and working with those volunteers from the scout troop. It made it even that much easier having that in and out access with those garage doors would then be able to pull right in. So that really was great. And speaking of Scott, it was just terrific the work that he and other town employees put in that skating rink there on the parade ground Supervisor Lant asked if the rink was used a lot. Ms. Olson said it was. It was later in the winter but once it was there, we publicized it on our website and social media. We saw a lot of use and hope it's there again next year. Supervisor Lant said it will be and thanked Ryan Riper and Scott Harrington for going a great job. Ms. Olson thanked Mr. Riper and said it really adds to the facility and the opportunities for the community at Camp Saratoga. It was a great start of the year It really does mean so much for the people to get outdoors and it makes the winter go by faster. Another aspect of that was just how well the parking lots and roads are plowed so even after a storm people are able to get out and start their winter recreation.

Ms. Olson said we still saw some impacts of COVID in some of our programming, especially with schools as a lot of schools are still not up to full service. We did work with some we've been working with Ballard

Road Elementary school they did some virtual programs with us in the first quarter and we've actually been scheduling with them. They have plans for some in school programs with us and are going to be coming to the preserve for a field trip later in the spring. They are also submitting for the essay contest. We worked with some of the local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops who came for snowshoe walks and winter discovery hikes. There's a Wilton resident who started something called Open Air Sports. For six weeks we had groups that came and did all kinds of different snowshoe nature walks. We've been doing some planning and getting ready for some different volunteer projects. With it being April, we're starting our Woodcock surveys for the community science project. Just Tuesday night we had 30 participants via Zoom, getting trained for our virtual frog watch for the community science program we've been planning. We had a meeting with DEC and their biologist. We have plans underway to support her work on the state land and we have plans to work with her on Earth Day. We also have some volunteer projects that we're planning it Neilman Parcel on Ruggles Road for Earth Day. Ms. Olson said they also have plans with Capital Region PRISM. She said she didn't remember what it stands for, but it has to do with invasive species, and we'll be working with them to help keep invasive species out of the Camp Saratoga and the other parcels. They removed something called Japanese stilt grass that was over at the Neilman Parcel. Last year, they worked along with volunteers who helped get the Asian water chestnut out of the Delegan Pond. There are plans to remove the water chestnut again from Delegan Pond. After doing that for a couple of years, we should hopefully be clear. We will just have to keep up the maintenance on it to keep that species from taking over the pond. In terms of some of our other partners she said she mentioned DEC. We work with the Striders Club and they did get their permit from DEC to do their 5K summer runs out at Camp Saratoga. This summer they're looking forward to being able to provide that opportunity for the community because a lot of people like to sign up and do those summer runs. We did receive the Arts Council Grant again so we're hoping with COVID restrictions we'll still be able to, maybe on a smaller scale, do a couple of the music programs, the Blues for the Karner Blues, that we did out at the park, not last summer but the summer before. So, we have some planning, a good start to the year. We're looking forward to the warmer weather, the sunshine, the flowers, the butterflies, and people enjoying a different season a new season at the Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park.

Supervisor Lant asked if there were any questions for Ms. Olson. Councilman O'Connor said he saw the calendar of events while the kids are off; there's a lot of good stuff going on.

Ms. Olson said, they've been very looking forward to the to the vacation week for some of these programs. It's really nice to be able to work with the school kids during their breaks, too. We also work with preschoolers when it's not school break week. We have a monthly preschool program and we've been doing a lot more with retired people and seniors on the Academy for Lifelong Learning. We just finished doing winter programs with them, we're in their spring calendar. The program built up, so they've added a second shift for us, so we have twice as many of the seniors through that Academy of Lifelong Learning. It's called walking in nature, we all know how important it is for people's health, their mental health and their social wellbeing, to be out with other people, breathing that fresh air moving their bodies. The trails there really are a wonderful resource, and we're really happy to be able to get people out and kind of show off the wonderful facilities of our partners like the town and DEC.

Intent to Accept Land

Mr. Riper said the board is familiar with this location. It's a conservation subdivision located on Edie Road between Route 50 in Loudon Road. As with any conservation subdivision sometimes there's lands within the subdivision that could be donated to the town for open space. Usually, we look at the lands to see what public benefit there would be with the lands. This particular piece has a nice stream flowing along the back edge and the northern edge of the subdivision property. He said he took a walk out there with Josh Carlsson and Scott Harrington on Tuesday to evaluate the property, and it looked nice. He said the screen behind him is actually a picture of the stream. It's nice stream which flows through there, and it's has some nice terrain to it, but obviously, they encourage the board to go out and check it out, take a walk in the woods and see for yourself if it's something you'd be interested in, to obtain for the town, with the applicant providing a trail network. In the big picture, this particular piece of land could have some connectivity to other state lands town lands and future developments within this area. There are a couple other large parcels of land that probably will be developed and other residential subdivisions. This is something to really take a look at and consider. Scott Lansing from Lansing engineering is the engineer on this project and he can walk you through his plans and show you exactly the location of the open space that the applicant is willing to dedicate to the town.

Scott Lansing with Lansing Engineering appeared representing New York Development Group of Saratoga said Mr. Riper did a great job of outlining what we are proposing, the overall parcel is about 86 acres. We are proposing a 39 lot conservation residential subdivision. Edie Road is located right in this area. And then we have Amy lane that wraps around this area for connection on Edie Road coming in servicing the lots. We are proposing one lot as the homestead lot. That is where the current landowner resides, therefore, that lot will be separated off as a two acre lot. The balance of the lots will be throughout the parcel. As a part of the conservation residential subdivision, we are meeting all the requirements for the prescribed open space on accordance with section 109-21 G, one. There is a provision that, with acceptable open space of the town board we are afforded a ten percent density bonus. The project as shown right now does include that density bonus so there are four additional lots shown on this on this plan. As far as the open space that we are proposing to the town, it is approximately 13 acres, highlighted in the green. We have it so that it does follow the Bog Meadow Brook which follows the entire property line along the Northwest section of the property as a part of that open space. We wanted to make sure the trail had access on the proposed roadway as well, so it has access not only for the residents within the project but the public as well. Bog Meadow Brook has is a very nice water feature. The open space that we're proposing does include that water feature that's on our property as well as the buffers to that the vegetation around that, the bog, and the open space preservation of the vegetation along that that route, just for some background on the Bog Meadow Brook. This is our parcel right here (indicating). That is our 86 acres, this is the section of the Bog Meadow Brook that open space would be positioned. Bog Meadow Brook starts approximately in this area (indicating) just northeast of our parcel goes down and eventually connects into Lake Lonely which goes to the Kaydeross Creek, and then Saratoga Lake. Saratoga County Map Viewer does a great job of showing adjacent parks and trails. Up in the northeast area, we do have the Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park and then down on the southwest area we have the Loudon Road trail system. Further down to the south we have the Bog Meadow Trail, but this is positioned, essentially, right in the middle so we see this as a very nice link in a chain of potential future trails. We think it does have a very, very high benefit for the town in the future. That is essentially it, as Ryan did mention that

we welcome board members to take a look at it and experience it for yourselves, and we look forward to working with the board for potential dedication of open space to the town.

Deputy Supervisor McEachron asked if there's going to be an area where the residents can access that trail and also people that don't live in that development?

Mr. Lansing said the open space would follow along the Bog Meadow Brook. There is a section right in this area where the proposed right away for the subdivision would be. Immediately adjacent to that open space area, the town would have access through that area as well as the residents. If there was a potential paper trail that could be an area where there could be access.

Deputy Supervisor McEachron asked if it would be parking area for outsiders or just a trailhead.

Mr. Lansing said the applicants are proposing the land for dedication to the town for potential future trails.

Councilman Bogardus asked if any of the trails were across property lines or pretty much away from all property lines.

Mr. Lansing said they are away from the property lines. This is our parcel here (indicating).

Mr. Riper said the trails would be similar to what we have in Craw Farm now; all the trails would be on town owned land so we wouldn't have an easement.

Deputy Supervisor McEachron said his concern was where, potentially, someone who doesn't live in the subdivision could enter. As long as we're not going to put a parking lot there.

Councilman Bogardus said there's quite a space between the lots and the proposed trail head as far as I can see.

Mr. Lansing said each one of the lots have a frontage requirement is 125 feet so that area is roughly 375 feet.

Mr. Riper said this particular lot here (indicating) is a stormwater management area. It would be a town owned stormwater management area. What the thought would be is so this is the piece here. And, you know, this is a town owned land piece back here (indicating). These right here are owned by state. Potentially you could have a trail come out onto Edie Road, connect into here, travel down through this subdivision road.

Deputy Supervisor McEachron said he did not want any potential issues between the two lots where you would enter that area to get to the trails. He said we had an issue and doesn't want a repeat. We don't want to put in a parking lot after houses are built and then the subdivision residents question it?

Councilman O'Connor said Deputy Supervisor McEachron made a good point because he was thinking the same thing about making sure that future residence owners are emphatically informed that there will likely be a trail system, even if it's not on their properties, that it's going to be located behind their homes, so you don't have that issue. He said he was also wondering if Mr. Lansing had talked to his client about his client being amenable to cutting a trail, perhaps as one of the conditions of approval, if the town decides to accept the land? Mr. Lansing said he would check on that.

Councilman Bogardus asked if the trail that's proposed is going to be a pedestrian trail or are we looking at motorized vehicles as well?

Mr. Riper said it would be pedestrian and non-motorized vehicles only. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said there are no motorized vehicles there now.

Mr. Riper said, like Councilman O'Connor's comment, that would be one of the conditions that the real estate mapping must show this trail. Usually real estate agents have more of a rendering of a subdivision, and it is going to be part of their approval process that's shown. The trail is shown so no one is surprised that there is a trail within the subdivision behind their homes.

Councilwoman Kolligian said this isn't actually an existing trail right now right it's just the Bog Meadow, it's the creek trail, correct? That trail would need to be created to actually be in existence? Mr. Riper said that is correct.

Mr. Riper said the board should ask the applicant, like Councilman O'Connor mentioned, to develop this trail work with obtaining any permits. There doesn't need a lot of earthwork or clearing of trees, and it's a very open wooded area. And work with the agencies to get the approvals to do this and make that happen.

Mr. Lansing thanked the board.

Draft MS-4

Ryan Riper, Director of Planning and Engineering said the Draft Annual MS-4 Report if available for review. It is a stormwater report that is produced every year. There is a lot of data, number of miles the highway has to sweep streets, parking lots and catch basins cleaned. It is information for anybody who would like to review the draft annual report.

30 Day Waiver for Liquor License Application

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #101

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to waive the 30 day hold for the liquor license for Osaka Asian Fusion, 3084 Route 50, Suite 6.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Local Law #1 of 2021 Cemeteries

Ms. Baldwin said Gurn Springs Cemetery was privately owned until about the year 2000 when the town took ownership. We didn't have any rules or regulations regarding burials, stones, monuments and artificial plantings in the cemetery. We really need to set up the rules and regulations.

Ms. Baldwin said she spoke to Mike Monroe and he spoke to Kirk Woodcock. They are both in agreement with the highway department taking over the digging of graves. Supervisor Lant said the

highway department took care of the last grave and did an excellent job. He said it would be better for the highway department to be in control of the property.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #102

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to schedule a public hearing for May 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, for proposed Local Law #1 of 2021, Cemeteries.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Unsafe Building 173 Traver Road

Mark Mykins, Code Enforcement Officer said the property is owned by Tra-Tom Development. The son was living in the home for years, burned down last year. We talked to the owner a couple times about it we've sent a couple letters. The last time we talked to him, he said it was going to be taken down and that was in December. The building has not been taken down. We now have kids out there partying and putting graffiti all over the place, so it's become a community issue. We started to get more and more complaints about it, so we're looking to just have the building removed. We've sent him notice again to see if he'll do anything in the next 30 days.

Deputy Supervisor McEachron asked if he will be responsible for that in the tax roll.

Mr. Mykins said once this goes through a public hearing, if he hasn't started demolition, we have to tear it down then it gets levied against his tax for the actual next year.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #103

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to schedule a public hearing for May 6, 2021 at 7:01 p.m. via. to deem 173 Traver Road an unsafe property and authorize removal of all structures, vehicles and site cleanup pursuant to Town Law §130 and Wilton Town Code §47.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly

put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed
5-0.

Public Employers Health Emergency Plan

Ms. Moran said the public employer emergency plan was the Governor's initiative back in September. This executive order required public employers like towns, counties, school districts to create a plan the town board is responsible for and signing off on this plan to say that this is what we're going to do. It's not just for a COVID type of event it is for any health event that would force us to close down or do something similar to what we did before. We've been there and done it before, but now it's just in a documented plan. I think it was a good exercise because it got the departments to individually, think about who's on first what's on second, how would we operate, what really needs to get done versus what can be done, you know, at a later time. Who's essential. The interesting thing is that the definition of essential personnel changed from when we started the COVID response. Essential meant department heads and we kind of created that ourselves because we needed some kind of structure or a framework around which to work under this Public Employers Health Emergency Plan Law. An essential person is a person who has to be on site whether it's in the building or perhaps even in the field so it could be our highway men who are going to be on the road, it could be our Land Use Administrator or our Engineer who is in the field, out there doing work. It kind of expanded the scope of who is determined to be essential so that's why it was a really good exercise for everybody to think about what they had to do. It also made us think a little bit more about how much PPP we have on hand, per essential person so we have an inventory we have our stock of masks and we're working on our gloves, which we have some, but we want to get more. It was a good exercise. I don't know if anybody had any questions about the actual plan. It was a template that was provided by an emergency services solutions outfit, who was kind enough to give a presentation at the Association of Towns and provide a framework from which the towns can dovetail off of this plan, it has created a consistent plan from town to town which is a very good outcome.

Councilwoman Kolligian said she imagined it's also helped us. Not that everybody is an essential, but who needs to be on site, who could work from home and what everybody is needed to be at home, like peripherals and computer equipment, those people who can work from home, should have. Hopefully, we never need it again.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2021 Budget Amendments

Ms. Moran said the first action has two items that we will be pulling money from fund balance. We do have a surplus that is going to move into a capital equipment and reserve fund eventually. The first item is a lawnmower for the park. We went with a vender who is sourced in Saratoga County in Clifton Park. Supervisor Lant said we got two quotes. One was in Washington County the other Saratoga County. They were the exact same price. He also said that when he became Supervisor, if possible, that our money be spent in Wilton, Saratoga, or Saratoga County. He said we all agreed on that so it should be spent in Clifton Park, Saratoga County.

The second item is the soccer goals for the Park. Mark Marino is requesting the purchase of some new soccer goals. Councilman Bogardus asked if this was for the netting or the actual goals. Councilman McEachron asked if they checked with the insurance co. Supervisor Lant said that with one of our storms some of them got damaged. Comptroller Moran said she didn't think it would have been covered under insurance. She said she was going to check again on that because she did not know it was a result of the tornado. There is FEMA for COVID and the windstorm that happened separately from the tornado.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #104

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2021 budget amendments, 1 and 2, requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 4/1/2021 Report to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

2.) 2021 Budget Transfer

Ms. Moran said the second action is for the transfer we would like to do for a rental of a machine that is going to screen the topsoil pile that is right outside the Highway Building. It contains a lot of rocks and branches and it needs to be sifted to be useful. Supervisor Lant said it was gifted to us. The rental is \$9,000. It's J & K Trucking & Excavating \$9,300.00 Dollars. Councilman Bogardus said he spoke to Mike Monroe on this matter, and he said they use a lot of topsoil and by renting this machine it would save us a lot in the long run. Councilman Bogardus said he would have to excuse himself from this vote because he has personal dealings with the owner of the company. Councilman McEachron asked if that would take care of the entire pile. Comptroller Moran said we have it for a whole month and it would take care of the whole pile.

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #105

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2020 budget transfer requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 3/5/2020 Report (attached) to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O'Connor duly put to a vote, all in favor except Councilman

Bogardus, who abstained. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Personnel

Mark Marino wanted to give advanced notice that he's interested in the hiring of 3 positions. The first would be a full time Program Events Coordinator who would take the place of the prior Recreation Leader who left in August 2020. They would be responsible for everything from summer camp and events that are done at the Park.

He would also like to hire a part time employee for activities at the park. We did have someone before covid who would help with after school, summer camp and open gym. She was an all-around worker who was very beneficial to them. The title would be Recreation Assistant and part time means 17 1/2 hours per week.

The third item is Mark Marino would like to have someone part time for maintenance. Also, part time at 17 ½ hours a week. He would also like to formally request that Michael Laubach who is a full-time employee be allocated as officially 100% to the park. When he was hired full time, he was voted on by the Board as someone who would be working at the park but also have time to work at the town hall. Because of covid we needed the additional help keeping things clean. Now that things are easing up, he would like Mike to be officially at the park. Councilman Bogardus said we hired him for both the park and town hall. We are currently down on our grounds people at the town. He said he doesn't think we should do that right now. He has been beneficial at both places. If we make him all park, we're going to lose. Councilman McEachron asked what's the purpose of this exclusiveness. Mark thought he needed Mike more there at the park said the Comptroller. He also asked if he was needed at town hall right now. Comptroller Moran said Roy and Scott are handling everything right now. Councilman Bogardus said he thought we should still share him. Once they start working outside with the lawns and trying to keep up with the interior it will be hard. Councilwoman Kolligian said if Marks looking for a pt. employee is that a little overkill at the park? Do we need all that or are we selling town hall short? Councilman Bogardus mentioned that the park has a few employees that can maintain it. That's why we hired him as a split item. He thinks Scott needs help right now until we can get him some help. Mark Marino entered the meeting.

He said originally, he was coming over full time to replace Steve Vance for buildings and grounds. It was 3 hours at the town hall and 4 hours at the park. He was full time, but it was temporary until Scott could find someone else. Once we got moving on, and he had the manpower he needed we went back to his regular work schedule. We had six people working at the park prior to covid. Once that hit, we cut back on the staffing. Councilman Bogardus stated that Mark Marino said that Scott is up to his full capacity for personal which is we are not. Michael was filling in for the absence of the person who resigned. Scott will start doing the outdoor responsibilities plus indoor with just two people. He will start falling behind unless we can jockey some items around to help at town hall. He said he didn't know how many people they have for groundskeepers who might be able to share some of the duties that Michael would be at town hall. There are rainy days that they could do other duties. Mark Marino was explaining how many fields they have. It takes almost two days with two people to cut the grass. The park is a source of revenue for the town and our goal is 35,000 every year. In order to do that, I need, a full staff of six people. He said he thought the park was the only revenue for the town. Councilman Bogardus asked how many people he has now. Mark Marino said 3 years ago we were peaking in activities, facility rentals, and we had six people. We can't keep up with basic maintenance like painting and power washing. We now must

do a lot of outsourcing now. He said he feels he's going backward as far as bringing in revenue now. Councilman Bogardus said he's not trying to create problems, but at town hall, we're taking half an item away. Councilman Bogardus said he would like to hold off on this for another month to see if we can fill the items. They were all in agreement to wait. Councilman Lant asked if they were all in agreement for the Program Events Coordinator.

a.

i.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #106

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to hire a Full-time Program Events Coordinator for Gavin Park.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

ii.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #107

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the hiring a part-time Activities employee at Gavin Park.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Supervisor Lant asked if the Board would like to wait on deciding about Michael Laubach's position. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said he should go where he is needed until we can fill this void. Supervisor Lant said before Covid-19 John and himself were at a meeting we told them they could go to 40 hours because I would like to get things caught up. We did not follow through with that, we stopped it. I'd like to go back to that and try it for 6 months and see how it works out. They are working 35 hours now. Councilman Bogardus said so we are increasing the parks hours by 5 hours. So that gives Mike time to come down to town hall then. That's 25 extra hours a week. He also said who will make that determination? Deputy Supervisor McEachron suggested we give it to Ms. Moran.

b.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #108

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to increase the Park and Recreation employees from a 35-hour work week to a 40-hour work week with a half hour lunch, effective April 27, 2021.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Moran said we will see how it works out. Some may not want to work a 40-hour week.

c.

Ms. Moran said Charles Merchant who is a highway laborer, has submitted his resignation effective April 15, 2021 and the board should accept his resignation.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #109

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Charles Merchant, Laborer in the Highway Department, effective April 15, 2021.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

d.

Highway Superintendent Woodcock is looking to hire Zack Infield to the Laborers position that was just vacated. The purposed start date for Mr. Infield would be April 19th, 2021. The suggested base rate of \$15.53.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #110

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to hire Zach Infield at the base rate of \$15.53 per hour with full benefits starting April 19th,

2021 contingent upon passing all screening requirements.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

e.

Superintendent Woodcock is requesting to also hire a seasonal laborer at a rate of \$16.00 an hour. Councilman Bogardus asked why there a difference in the wages. Comptroller Moran said because he is seasonal and so we will request him to come back year after year at the same rate. It does not go up the way the full time would on the step scale and has no insurance benefits.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O’Conor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #111

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to hire Noah Gordon as a seasonal laborer at a rate of \$16.00 per hour starting April 13th, 2021.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Ryan Riper is requesting that Josh Carlsson who is our Land Use Administrator, be granted compensatory time while administering our virtual meetings.

f.

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #112

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to grant Josh Carlsson compensatory time while administering virtual meetings.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Everyone thanked Josh.

4.) Other

Tina Weber is requesting a monthly standard reimbursement for her phone at a rate of \$30.00 a month.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #113

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to reimburse Tina Weber the standard monthly amount of \$30.00 for her cell phone.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O'Connor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Mark Marino is requesting the board to approve the sale of certain items on Auctions International.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #114

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to sell the following items at Auctions International;

- (4) 1500 watt sodium flood lights**
- (1) 4' steel roller**
- (2) full sized plexiglass basketball back boards**
- (2) basketball hoops**
- (3) pallets of concrete blocks**
- (1) 275 gallon fuel tank**

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O'Connor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Highway Superintendent Woodcock is looking to sell items on Auctions International and some examples include, oil filters, a power broom, belts, and metal shavings.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #115

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to allow Kirk Woodcock to sell various items, as above, at Auctions International.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Supervisor Lant asked if anyone had committee reports. Councilman O'Connor said he'd like to mention a few things. He said Tuesday Superintendent Patten and some other folks all met over at Dorothy Nolan so people could be introduced to Brandon August, the Saratoga County Sheriff Deputy that is covering the town. Everyone exchanged contact information. Also, maybe for a future town board meeting, everybody knows the State Legislature and Governor approved recreational marijuana sales. Supervisor Lant stated that he had that on his report and would discuss later.

Supervisor Lant asked Councilman Bogardus if anything was done about the roof. Councilman Bogardus said we are still looking into more detail about it.

Councilman Lant wanted to thank Maria Moran, Sue Baldwin and Nancy Riely for keeping up with the rules and regulations of the state to keep us safe. They have put a lot of time into that. Bobby Williams plays a big part as well. We are lucky we've got them all.

Supervisor Lant said Ryan Riper discussed the recreational marijuana sales with him and Mark Mykins. He said he didn't think it should be sold all over Wilton. It was suggested we look at the zoning and pick out some places. If anyone has suggestions, we are open to it. Councilman O'Connor said two things, one option is having a zoning allowance for it. The other option is there are already multiple municipalities that have reached a decision that they would rather not have retail sales of marihuana within their community. Deputy Supervisor asked if we could do that. Councilman O'Connor said yes. There is a provision in the law that if a community wants to opt out, they can. Deputy Supervisor McEachron said we should it send out to the people of the community, or a survey, and see what they would like to see.

Supervisor Lant said he'd like to think 98% of our employees have had at least one shot. He said he would like to get these buildings open in the next few weeks. Councilman Bogardus said his only concern is the Senior Center. Councilwoman Kolligian said last she talked to Robin, they were doing a great job getting vaccinated or making appointments. We just want to proceed with caution. Deputy Supervisor McEachron asked Supervisor Lant if he wanted to open the building. He said he wanted everyone to agree. He also wants the workers to feel safe. Ms. Baldwin said we are doing everything we are supposed to do, wearing masks, anyone that has entered the building has signed in. We are prepared. Supervisor Lant said he would reach out to all the department heads tomorrow and ask them.

Adjournment

On a motion introduced by **Councilman O'Connor** and seconded by **Deputy Supervisor McEachron**, all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, John Lant

Councilman, Raymond O'Conor

Deputy Supervisor, John McEachron

Councilwoman Erinn Kolligian

Councilman Duane Bogardus