

August 13, 2019

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 13th of August 2019 at 7:00 P. M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Dept. Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Joe Novak	Councilman
David Olbert	Councilman

Others present: Ruth Olbert, Wes Miga, Paul LaCourse, Bob Stringer, Mary Monaghan, Paul Hai, Beth Poulin, Kevin Bolan, Sue Paul, Erica DeMars and Mary Pound.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the General Fund Abstract #15 in the amount of \$40593.31. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #14 in the amount of \$11190.03. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

September meeting dates are tentatively set for September 10 and 24th.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert for a Resolution to award the Phase III remaining grant funds to the Newcomb Café and Campground. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

The 2020 Budget analysis has been prepared by the Essex County Real Property office. Motion was made by Councilman Olbert for a Resolution to adopt the Homestead/Non Homestead certificate of Base Percentages, Current Percentages and Current and Adjusted Base Proportions pursuant to Article 19 RPTL for the 2019 Assessment Roll. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

The annual Volunteer Dinner is set for August 16, 2019 at the Adirondack Hotel starting with a cocktail hour at 4:45 pm., and dinner starting at 6pm.

Sue Paul attended the NYSSA Local meeting today in North Hudson where they discussed the Protect the Adirondacks Lawsuit against DEC and the Park Agency regarding the connector trails. They encouraged business owners and individuals to write letters stating how these trails will affect their business.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Art of Wilderness proposal for Phase I Interpretive Planning Tasks of the Tahawus Village/ Winebrook Hills Commemorative Plaques at a cost of \$10400.00. This will include research, planning, design and production of panels. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried. The Town hopes to get a grant for funding on Phase II of the project.

The construction of the new salt shed is on hold. We will wait until December to post the bid specs and construction should begin in the spring.

The annual senior dinner cruise is September 4, 2019.

The deadline for turning in the Community survey is August 31, 2019. Please encourage all to turn it in.

Councilman Olbert suggested a “meet the candidate” night for the upcoming election. He hopes that they will think about it and get back to him if interested.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

July 30, 2019

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 30st of July 2019 at 7:00 P. M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Joe Novak	Councilman
David Olbert	Councilman

Others present: Mark Yandon, Wes Miga, Paul Hai, Sue Mills, Paul LaCourse, Bob Stringer, Ruth Olbert, Beth Poulin, Nancy Tracy, Jim Sorenson and Mary Pound.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the General Fund Abstract #14 in the amount of \$13999.90. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #13 in the amount of \$14289.68. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Capital Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #6 in the amount of \$620.57. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Water Abstract #7 in the amount of \$912.34. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the Sewer Abstract #7 in the amount of \$766.33. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

August meetings were tentatively set for August 13th and 27th.

The High Peaks Kitchen and Campground has been sold and papers are due to be signed tomorrow, with the closing scheduled for the end of the month. The Phase III Main Street Grant funding is still available for this project. Dylan Walrath from DEC will get the contracts ready.

The Chazen Company has submitted the CFA Grant Application for the Town. Copies of the Application were provided to the Board.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the attendance of Assessors Lowell Stringer and Edna Van Auken to the Assessors Conference and Ethics training in Lake George August 16, 2019. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

The Annual Senior Citizen Dinner Cruise is scheduled for September 4, 2019. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the cost of the cruise and transportation. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

New York State will have early voting for the 2019 General Election. Early voting will take place in Lewis, N.Y. October 26-November 3, 2019.

The Board is still working on a Memorial tribute for George Canon. Discussion decided on a black stone with an image of George and wording to be determined.

Protect the Adirondacks has filed a lawsuit against DEC and the Park Agency regarding the snowmobile trail. The Five Towns will be meeting with DEC on August 6, 2019 to discuss the connector trails.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the purchase of a S590 T4 Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader under State Contract #PC67141 at a cost of \$50803.32 Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to declare surplus 2002 Ingersol Rand DD12 Double Drum Roller. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

The Annual Volunteer Dinner will be August 16, at 6 pm at the Adirondack Hotel.

The Town Landfill will be open 7 days a week starting this week through late fall.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the cost of the increase in fireworks for Labor Day and TR weekend. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

There is no Planning Board meeting scheduled for August. The next meeting will be September 5, 2019. Please encourage the community to fill out the survey.

Nancy Tracy thanked the Board for the Grant funds for Santanoni Inn. She asked if there could be something done about the speed of the traffic on the Santanoni road.

Sue Mills brought up the feral cat problem on Pine Tree Road.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn and move to Executive Session.. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried at 8:35 pm.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to close Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

July 16, 2019

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 16th of July 2019 at 7:00 P. M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Joe Novak	Councilman
David Olbert	Councilman

Others present: Mark Yandon, Mitch Moses, Robert Stringer, Laurinda Minke, Charlie Minke, Joan Burke, Sue Mills, Wes Miga, Beth Poulin, Dorothea Malsbury, Paul Hai and Mary Pound.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Deloria. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the General Fund Abstract #13 in the amount of \$44702.29. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #12 in the amount of \$39018.19. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Capital Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #5 in the amount of \$3951.20. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Capital Projects #5 Abstract #4 in the amount of \$2450.00. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Sara Coleman from Airosmith Development Company informed the Town that the AT&T contract is being sent out this week. They will need the signed contract to go forward with the APA. There will be a mono-pole cell tower placed in Winebrook.

There are still meetings going on regarding the Tahawus Railroad with different parties that are interested in acquiring the railroad.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert for a Resolution authorizing Supervisor Deloria to sign an agreement with the Chazen Company to submit an application on our behalf for the CFA Grant. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy for a Resolution and a letter of support for OSI to seek CFA Grant Funding. OSI has indicated that they intend to deed over the McNaughton Cottage to the Town of Newcomb. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Supervisor Deloria provided information on the NYS DEC Cedar River Bridge and NYS DEC Snowmobile trail court ruling decision. The Court has ruled that the community connector trails being built between Newcomb, Minerva and North Hudson are unconstitutional. This ruling will affect the Cedar River Bridge and connector trails to Polaris Bridge and Minerva/Newcomb.

Newcomb Day is August 4, 2019. We would like to try to update the mailing list to include emails and current addresses when they sign in.

The Bid Specs for the new Salt Shed should go out next week.

Summerfest is Saturday July 20. We will send flyers home with the Youth Program Kids to encourage attendance.

The temporary bridge is now open on the Campsite Road.

Paul Hai updated the Board on the Planning Board. They have been trying to set up a meeting with the Lake George Planning Board but it keeps getting postponed.

The Historical Museum has a new website. [**newcombhistoricalmuseum.com**](http://newcombhistoricalmuseum.com)

Mitch Moses brought up the broken headstones at the Cemetery. He feels it should be a priority to fix them.

Lorinda Minke has designed new banners that will be put up around Town.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted _____

June 25, 2019

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 19th of June 2018 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
Joe Novak	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman

Others present: Joan Burke, Ruth Olbert, Wester Miga, Paul Hai, Mark Yandon, Paul LaCourse, Bob Stringer, Beth Poulin, Laurinda Minke, Charlie Minke and Mary Pound. David Olbert – excused.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the General Fund Abstract #12 in the amount of \$32946.07. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #11 in the amount of \$20359.06. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Water Fund Abstract #6 in the amount of \$3304.20. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #6 in the amount of \$738.57. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

The New York State DEC Grand Opening of the Frontier Town Campground and Equestrian and Day Use Area will be Wednesday June 26, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Several people from Newcomb will be attending.

AT&T is still interested in putting a tower in Newcomb for cell service. They are looking at construction of a mono-pole tower. They will be sending a contract for consideration soon.

NYSEG sent a letter agreement for the street light conversion. Supervisor Deloria signed the agreement and now we have to wait on availability.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the attendance of Jennifer Fifield to the Assessor Certification Training in Ithaca, July 14-19. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Omnitrax has decided to discontinue negotiations to purchase the Tahawus Railroad line. There is a meeting scheduled on July 10, 2019 in Tahawus to meet with other representatives who may be interested in purchasing the line.

The Five Town Supervisors will file an affidavit with the NYS Attorney General's Office in opposition to the Adirondack Wild and Protect the Adirondacks groups that are trying to prevent the NYS DEC Cedar River Bridge connection. Attorney Mark Schachner will be helping with this litigation.

Supervisor Deloria spoke with Randy Rist regarding the Hudson River Trail. He is willing to consider allowing the Town access to the Conservation Easement lands for the

Hudson River to Polaris Bridge Trail. Supervisor Deloria and Councilman Olbert will continue to work on this project.

The Town has received the sub-division and building permits from the Adirondack Park Agency for the Salt Shed/Private storage project at the Town Triangle. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy for a Resolution to exempt the project from all provisions of our local laws. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Highway purchase of a new Roller under State Contract at a cost of \$33725.00. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Work has begun on the construction of the new Campsite Road Bridge.

The Town has not received any more quotes for the resurfacing of the cemetery roads. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to hire Red's On the Ground Service to perform this work at a cost of \$7875.00. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to allow the Ericson family to use existing lot at the Huntington Cemetery. There are no more lots available to the public at the Huntington Cemetery. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

The survey for the Comprehensive Plan will be mailed out and it will also be available on the website. There will be a public meeting on Wednesday July 31 at the school at 7-9 pm.

The new Santanoni Exhibit at the Historical Museum is doing well.

Motion made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

June 11, 2019

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 11th of June 2019 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
David Olbert	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Joe Novak	Councilman

Others present: Mary Monaghan, Norm Fifield, Ericka Demars, Sue Pauls, Bob Zimmer, Andrew Sanders, Paul Hai, Charlie Bodnar and Mary Pound.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the General Fund Abstract #11 in the amount of \$49720.79. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #10 in the amount of \$8283.52. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

July meetings were tentatively set for July 16th and 30th.

Neil Lewis donated \$100.00 to the Town for use of the pavilion at the Overlook for a family wedding.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign the 5 year Snow and Ice contract with Dept. of Transportation. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to authorize the establishment of a petty cash account for the Newcomb Historical Museum, High Peaks Golf Course, Tax Collector and Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the sale of Town T-shirts at a cost of \$9.00 for Town employees and \$15.00 for the public. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to authorize the attendance of Karen Darrah to the Tax Receivers and Collectors training seminar in Lake Placid June 9-10th. The cost of the room, travel and a meal stipend of \$99.00 will be included. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

After several meetings, ROOST has agreed to dissolve the Schroon Lake Region and change it to the Adirondack Hub Region, which will include Newcomb, Minerva, North Hudson and Schroon Lake.

Gallup Concrete is scheduled to pour the concrete base for the bathroom addition at the overlook this week. Once this is done the General Fund crew can begin construction of the addition.

We are still waiting on pricing from two contractors for the resurfacing of the Cemetery roads.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the placement of a pole with a siren for the Newcomb Fire Department behind the new water plant. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

The General Fund crew will be shorthanded this summer. There was discussion on opening up two more positions to graduating seniors that may be undecided about attending college. Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve allowing eligible students to work this summer. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried. Councilman Olbert abstained.

There is a court hearing on Friday on the fight for the Cedar River Bridge. Attorney, Mark Schachner will be attending and will be filing an Amicus Brief on behalf of the 5 Towns if necessary. Motion was made by Councilman Bott for the Town of Newcomb to share in the legal costs associated with the court filings. This is not to exceed \$5000. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

The Planning Board has been discussing the vacant building issues in the Town. The next Comprehensive Plan meeting will be June 19, 2019. Paul Hai reminded the Town that there will be a tree planting at the APA on Thursday June 13, 2019 in memory of George Canon.

Motion made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

May 21, 2019

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 21nd of May 2019 at 7:00 P. M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Joe Novak	Councilman
David Olbert	Councilman

Others present: Mark Yandon, Wes Miga, Ruth Olbert, Joan Burke, Mary Monahan, Robert Stringer, Paul LaCourse, Marsha Chase, Beth Poulin, Mitch Moses and Paul Hai.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the General Fund Abstract #10 in the amount of \$54707.33. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #9 in the amount of \$59336.49. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Water Fund Abstract #5 in the amount of \$413.82. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #5 in the amount of \$714.17. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the Capitol Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #4 in the amount of \$20144.43. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Capital Projects #4 Highway Abstract #1 in the amount of \$19500.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Capital Projects #8 Santanoni Abstract #2 in the amount of \$10,000.00. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

June meetings were tentatively set for June 11th and 25th.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to rescind May 7th motion to authorize the transfer of 1.0 acre parcel of land from the 20 acre lot where the salt shed will be built. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried. Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the Resolution to transfer ownership of the 1.0 acre parcel of land to Clay Arsenault, subject to Permissive Referendum. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign contract with DEC for the Essex Chain Lakes. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

A reminder that the Household Hazardous Waste Day is Saturday July 27, 2019 in North Hudson. The Town will begin the collection on Saturday July 20 thru July 25. Residents can drop off waste during this time.

The Town received two estimates for the overlook bathroom addition. Gallup Concrete - \$3975.00 and Northwoods Concrete - \$4200.00. We will be contacting Gallup Concrete to make arrangements.

The Town will be resurfacing the roads at the Huntington and Newcomb Cemeteries. We have been able to get only one bid so far for this work. Discussion was tabled on this project.

Supervisor Deloria gave the Board an example of a Local Law for the Determination of Unsafe Buildings and Collapsed Structures. The Board is asked to review this example and consider if the Town needs to adopt a similar law.

There was a discussion on the Hudson River/Polaris Club Bridge six mile trail. DEC is busy with other projects and would welcome any assistance that the Town of Newcomb could provide. There was discussion on organizing a trail crew to work on this project.

Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages June Membership meeting is June 2-3. Anyone interested in attending should get registrations in by Thursday May 23.

The Historical Museum has been gifted a piano from the Pruyn Estate and an anonymous donor has gifted a 16 foot guide boat. These need to be picked up in Brewster, Mass. The Town will check into the cost of having a professional moving company bring it to Newcomb.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign the MOU agreement with SUNY ESF for the purpose of allowing vehicles to fuel up at our tanks. They will have a lock box and keys will be issued to each department. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

There was discussion on Town interest in the bank parcel and the Episcopal Church Building.

Committee members, Councilman Olbert, Councilwoman Fennessy and Wes Miga will meet with Joan Burke to discuss making the Historical digital collections available online. The Historical Museum will open a new exhibit starting May 30, 2019, "Behind the Scenes at Santanoni." They will be open Monday – Saturday 9-5 pm.

Councilman Novak presented some ideas for a monument stone honoring George Canon. We will consult family for a photo and other ideas.

The next Comprehensive Plan meeting will be Wednesday May 29, 2019 at 7 pm. They are looking for input from Code Enforcement for amendments to the Zoning Plan.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted _____

May 7, 2019

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 8th of May 2018 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
David Olbert	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Joe Novak	Councilman
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman

Others present: Mitch Moses, Paul LaCourse, Beth Poulin, Kevin Bolan and Mary Pound.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the General Fund Abstract #9 in the amount of \$22149.04. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the Capital Projects #8 Santanoni Abstract #1 in the amount of \$19975.00. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

June meetings were tentatively set for June 11th and 25th.

Town Attorney, Robert Hafner prepared a Resolution to permit the Town to transfer ownership of a 1.0 acre parcel of land from the 20 acre lot where the salt shed will be constructed. This is a permissive referendum which requires the Town to provide public notice in the newspaper with a 30 day waiting period from the date of the Resolution. Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

The Essex County Board of Supervisors have requested an additional 2% increase in the Essex County Occupancy tax which is currently at 3%. This request must be approved by the State Legislature.

Supervisor Deloria met with Linda Stringer to discuss the upcoming golf season. The golf memberships will remain the same. Cart fee rentals will be \$5.00 per person for members and \$10.00 per person for non-members. Trail fees for private golf carts will be \$150.00. No new private carts will be allowed but the town will grandfather the ones that are currently there. Hours of operation will be 8am-7pm. July and August weekends will be open 7am-7pm.

Going forward, the Town will require college enrollment verification for those working for the maintenance department. Students must be enrolled full time to qualify. Students will also have mandatory pre-employment drug testing and sexual harassment training.

Essex County will be holding a Household Hazardous waste event. The town will collect waste during the week of July 20-26. Items will be taken to North Hudson on July 27.

Chazen Company has helped the Town of Newcomb with a Consolidated Funding Application in the past. We would like to have them prepare another application for us. Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign an agreement with Chazen Company for Consolidated Funding Application at a cost of \$3500. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Councilman Bott brought up a discussion on finishing the installation of new boards for the skating rink.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

April 23, 2019

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 23th of April 2019 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Donald Bott	Councilman
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
David Olbert	Councilman

Others present: Ruth Olbert, Joan Burke, Wes Miga, Skip Hults, Chris Fisher, Mitch Moses, Paul LaCourse, Marsha Chase, Mary Lamphear and Mary Pound. Excused: Joe Novak.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the General Fund Abstract #8 in the amount of \$24753.66. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #8 in the amount of \$67293, 72. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Water Fund Abstract #4 in the amount of \$2128.85. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Sewer Fund Abstract #4 in the amount of \$1455.39. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Capital Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #3 in the amount of \$717.50. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

May meeting dates were tentatively set for May 7th and 21st.

The Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages membership meeting is June 2, 2019. Officials that would like to attend need to get the reservation in before May 24, 2019.

National Grid will be conducting work on the transmission line to NYSEG, April 29th – May 3. Power will be on generator during that time and no outages are expected.

AT&T has asked about putting attachments on the top of the water tower. Supervisor Deloria encouraged them to put up a separate tower.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign the contract with North Country Life Flight at a cost of \$1000.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve attendance of Councilwoman Fennessy to the PERMA Annual Member Conference, May 22-24. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried. Councilwoman Fennessy abstained.

Frontier has completed their construction survey for broadband at Tahawus Lower Works. They should be running the fiber broad band line very soon. The Town of Newcomb will

be renewing services with Frontier as part of the deal to extend the broadband to Tahawus.

All of the materials have been submitted to the APA regarding the Salt Shed construction and minor subdivision. We are waiting to hear back from them so that we can begin the Bid process. Supervisor Deloria will follow up with the APA on Wednesday.

There are a couple of mapping issues with Google Maps. One with the directions to Boreas Ponds and the other with the Essex Chain Lakes. Supervisor Deloria will be working with them to get this corrected.

The Town did not receive an invitation to apply for the ABRC Forest Grant. DEC has notified us of an upcoming Consolidated Funding Application.

Skip Hults and Chris Fisher from Newcomb Central School did a presentation to the Board on the proposed Capital Project. The majority of the cost is to replace the windows and the parking lot to correct drainage problems that is causing water damage in the school.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted _____

April 9, 2019

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 9th of April 2019 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
David Olbert	Councilman
Joe Novak	Councilman

Others present: Mark Yandon, Wester Miga, Ruth Olbert, Bob Stringer, Lowell Stringer, Beth Poulin, Paul Hai, Paul LaCourse, Alex Helms, Kevin Bolan and Mary Pound. Donald Bott excused.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the General Fund Abstract #7 in the amount of \$20281.49. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #7 in the amount of \$9069.62. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the Capital Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #2 in the amount of \$1500.00. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the Capitol Projects #10 Water Abstract #1 in the amount of \$3752.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Assessor Lowell Stringer updated the Board on the current re-evaluation that his office is doing. The State land value has gone up to \$73 million from \$68 million. Motion was made by Councilman Novak to accept the State land values as stated by the Town Assessors. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the cost of four Highway garage doors, 20' x 14' at a cost of \$19995.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

The Agreement to Expend Highway Money was approved by the Town Board.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to increase the annual dental reimbursement for retirees from \$1000 annually to \$1500.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the attendance of Paul Hai to the New York Planning Federation Conference April 28th – 30th. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the conference fee, lodging, airfare and meal stipend for Kevin and Denise Bolan to attend the AAPA 2019 conference in Denver, Colorado, May 18-22. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

NYS DEC inspected the water district facility and tower and is requesting the Town apply for a new water withdrawal permit and SPEDES permit. AES will be working with them to determine if this is necessary.

The suggested Local Law regarding designation of Pine Tree Road and Goodnow Flow Road for ATV's is not a permitted use.

AARCH has selected the three interns for Camp Santanoni 2019 Summer Staff. These students will intern with Joan Burke at the Historical Museum for one day.

There will be a meeting on Thursday April 11, 2019 at the Chester Municipal Center regarding the proposed 99 mile long First Wilderness Heritage Trail that will run from Corinth to Newcomb. Dave and Ruth Olbert will be attending the meeting.

Highway Superintendent, Mark Yandon commented on the Sustainable Winter Road Maintenance Workshops.

Youth Commission would like more sand for the beach and coverage for the roots under the trees.

Alex Helms is looking for land to lease to store and cut wood.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted _____

March 26, 2019

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 26th of March 2019 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
David Olbert	Councilman
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Joe Novak	Councilman

Others present: Ruth Olbert, Joan Burke, Wester Miga, Paul LaCourse, Laurinda Minke, Charlie Minke, Beth Poulin, Nick Funari, Jayne Funari, Kevin Bolan and Mary Pound.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the General Fund Abstract #6 in the amount of \$89854.98. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #6 in the amount of \$88063.84. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Water Abstract #3 in the amount of \$756.82. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Sewer Abstract #3 in the amount of \$1265.40. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

April meeting dates were tentatively set for April 9th and 23rd.

DEC has approved a Cooperative Agreement with the Town of Newcomb providing a Memo of Understanding for the Town to undertake preapproved maintenance, repairs and facilitate staffing at Camp Santanoni. This will also include summer interns. This is a five year agreement. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy for a Resolution to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign the agreement with DEC. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried. Motion was made by Councilman Olbert for a Resolution authorizing work by Gore Electric on the Gate Lodge for no more than \$20000.00. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve meal stipend for officers to attend the APA Local Government Day. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the attendance of Mark Yandon to the Ithaca Highway School June 2-5 with a meal stipend of \$214.00. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

NYS DEC regulations require the town to have two certified operators and submit a staffing plan for the Winebrook Sewer plant by May 1, 2019. We currently have Tracy Smith from Ticonderoga as our Certified Operator and our maintenance department has been going to the plant on a daily basis. Supervisor Deloria and Wes Miga plan to meet with DEC to discuss this regulation.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to allow NYSEG or its sub-contractors to set up a staging area at the triangle to temporarily store poles needed for replacement in this area. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

The “Experience Newcomb App” is ready to go live and is being published to the Apple Store/Google Play Store. This should be ready in 3-5 days.

The Town website will be updated to the web software “Word Press” Web Instinct is our current provider and they will do the update.

A Minor Subdivision Application and Commercial Use Application was submitted to the Park Agency to begin the process for relocating the Storage Shed Building. Bids for construction should be going out soon.

Councilman Olbert gave a special thank you to Larry Newcomb, Jackie LaCourse, Ruth Olbert, and Laurinda and Charlie Minke for manning the booth at the Adirondack Sport and Fitness Show in Saratoga.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted_____

March 12, 2019

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 13th of March 2018 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
David Olbert	Councilman
Joe Novak	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman

Others present: Joan Burke, Ruth Olbert, Paul Hai, Kevin Bolan, Paul LaCourse, Wes Miga, Mark Yandon, Beth Poulin and Mary Pound.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the General Fund Abstract #5 in the amount of \$57333.68. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #5 in the amount of \$17813.13. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

The Town has received the reimbursement money from EFC for the Water Grant. This money will be used to pay back the General Fund for funds used to pay bills not yet reimbursed from the Water grant.

NYCLASS is a local government investment pool. Earnings rates for this pool is much higher than what we are able to get at Community Bank. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy for a Resolution to join the NYCLASS investment program. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

The AT&T cell contract has met with a problem. AT&T would like to drain the water tower to mount the equipment. Welding on the tower will damage the new coating. They are looking for an alternative mounting method.

There will be a community meeting on April 12, 2019 at the Newcomb Fire Hall with SLIC Network from 3-7 pm. They will answer questions and begin signing people up for installation. The Newcomb Medical Center will be the first to hook up to the new network.

The deadline for registration to the APA Local Government Conference is March 20, 2019. The Conference is April 3-4 in Lake Placid.

Clay Arsenault has showed some interest in locating his storage shed business at the Town triangle area out by Shapley's Corner. He is agreeable to a land swap of 1 acre in exchange for the Draper Store property. Supervisor Deloria will be working with the APA regarding the inclusion of this 2-lot subdivision as part of the Salt Shed project. Motion was made by Councilman Novak to allow Supervisor Deloria to proceed with this transaction. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Planning Board Chairman, Paul Hai reported that the first meeting of the Comprehensive Plan was well attended. The next meeting will be March 28, 2019 at 7 pm.

Joan Burke reported that they have scanned 15,480 documents and pictures that are now preserved at the Historical Building. They still have many more to do.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

February 26, 2019

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 26th of February 2019 at 7:00 P. M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Donald Bott	Councilman
Joe Novak	Councilman
David Olbert	Councilman
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman

Others present: Paul LaCourse, Laurinda Minke, Charlie Minke and Mary Pound.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the General Fund Abstract #4 in the amount of \$32857.44. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #4 in the amount of \$58861.10. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Novak to approve the Capitol Projects #3 Buildings Abstract #1 in the amount of \$12640.55. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Water Abstract #2 in the amount of \$235.91. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Sewer Abstract #2 in the amount of \$986.09. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

March meetings were tentatively set for March 12th and 26th.

Frontier Broadband has received approval for funding to provide "Fiber to the Home" to households in the Tahawus Lower Works community. They would require at least 15 homes to commit to the broadband and a two year commitment.

The Town has received a contract from AT&T for cell service. They would like to put their equipment on the water tower. Supervisor Deloria needs to talk with their engineer about drilling the tank because any damage would void our warranty for the coating on the tower. Motion was made by Councilman Novak to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign the contract with AT&T pending on information we receive from the AT&T engineer. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

The Town had a meeting today with NYSEG. They are making progress with the concerns that we brought to them in the November meeting. They have replaced many poles and are trimming trees. They hope to recruit additional workers to for generator support.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign a letter cancelling the Town agreement of services with AES Northeast for the Salt Shed Storage Building. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried. The Town will be building a fabric covered salt shed at a significant savings.

The subject of relocating the historic rangers cabin has come up again. Supervisor Canon had interest in moving the cabin to Newcomb several years ago. Supervisor Deloria

talked with Tom Martin at DEC about the project and he will look into the feasibility of it.

The deadline for registration to the Adirondack Park Local Government Day conference on April 3-4 is March 20. Please return registrations to Mary Pound before this date if you are interested in attending.

The Town received the training power point presentation from Burnham Financial for the Sexual Harassment training. All employees are required to take the training and sign a form. Town will develop a plan to distribute training materials on a USB stick and get with department heads to implement.

The Town received a letter of support from Senator Betty Little for the Regional Forest Economy Partnership Grant opportunity. The purpose of this grant is to assist rural communities in transitioning from a historic dependence on forest based economy to discovering new opportunities for economic diversity. Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to authorize the submission of a letter of interest to the Northern Border Regional Commission. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried.

Supervisor Deloria provided a slideshow on the new "Experience Newcomb App." The next town newsletter will request pictures from everyone in the community on Newcomb wildlife and other topics.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Novak and carried at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

February 12, 2019

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 12th of February 2019 at 7:00 P. M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
Donald Bott	Councilman
David Olbert	Councilman

Others present: Wester Miga, Paul Hai and Mary Pound. Councilman Novak on conference call.

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Deloria at 7:00 pm. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the General Fund Abstract #3 in the amount of \$27696.75. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #3 in the amount of \$9028.61. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Capital Projects #5 Abstract #3 in the amount of \$16675.09. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

The Town is researching options with Hybrid Building Solutions for construction of the new salt shed. The cost would be \$286000.00 for a 60' x 80' structure without the concrete slab. Motion was made by Councilman Olbert for a Resolution asking Essex County Community Resources to prepare final Bid Specifications and to bid out a OGS approved "fabric structure storage shed." Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

ROOST has a proposal for Essex County Board of Supervisors to increase the current occupancy tax from \$.03 to \$.05 cents beginning in 2020. NY State legislation is required to permit change in county law. This proposal would also have to pass the County Economic Development Committee, Ways and Means Committee and the full Board of Supervisors.

The Board received a letter from Ryan Gutheil of Middlebury College encouraging the Town to partner with SUNY ESF for marketing the Town. This will be referred to Paul Hai.

The cost of a new Pisten Bully Trail groomer has increased to approximately \$248000.00. The Snowmobile Club will be applying for grant funding. The lease amount for this machine would be \$3000.00 per month. We will be looking into this as an option.

The maintenance department feels that they can remodel and insulate the current bathroom at the overlook to make it a four season bathroom. They would also put an addition on the south end to accommodate the "Experience Newcomb Electronic App" and brochures. Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the remodeling of the bathrooms at the overlook. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried.

DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos has decided not to retire.

There will be a 'kickoff' meeting for the Comprehensive Plan on February 28, 2019 at the Newcomb Fire Hall at 7:00 pm. All are invited to attend.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

January 15, 2019

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 15th of January 2019 at 7:00 P. M., the following Board Members were present:

Robin Deloria	Supervisor
Lana Fennessy	Councilwoman
David Olbert	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman

Others present: Mark Yandon, Monica Young, Paul Hai, Paul LaCourse, Wes Miga and Mary Pound. Excused: Joe Novak.

Supervisor Deloria called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the December 27, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the minutes of the January 1, 2019 organizational meeting. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the General Fund Abstract #1 in the amount of \$62127.01. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #1 in the amount of \$28915.68. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Olbert to approve the Capital Projects #5 Abstract #1 in the amount of \$73299.98. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to approve the Capital Projects #7 Abstract #1 in the amount of \$32500.00. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

February meetings were tentatively set for February 12th and 26th.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the audit of the Town Justice Court Records and Docket Books. Seconded by Councilwoman Fennessy and carried by roll call vote: Supervisor Deloria – Aye, Councilman Bott – Aye, Councilwoman Fennessy – Aye, and Councilman Olbert – Aye.

The Board received the Code Officers Report.

There will be a meeting January 16, 2019 with Jim McKenna from ROOST. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign the Letter of Agreement with ROOST to request the \$2500.00 to be used to enhance tourism and drive new visitors to Essex County. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fennessy to authorize Supervisor Deloria to sign the lease agreement with AT&T. They agree to pay the Town of Newcomb \$1500.00 per month for rental on the water tower. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

We are moving forward on the Experience Newcomb APP. We have created a G-Mail Account, purchased a web domain called experiencenewcomb.com., opened an APPLE Development Account and opened a GOOGLE Play Developer Account.

In efforts to separate the publicity and marketing from the Town of Newcomb Official Web Site, from the Discover Newcomb Website, Supervisor Deloria will be meeting with Tom Williams from Paradox Consultants to discuss reworking the site.

Phase III of the Main Street Revitalization Program has begun. The AC/Heating system is being installed at the Lake Harris Lodge, sheet rocking and restaurant equipment and furnishing will be purchased and installed. These items are being paid for from a Grant. The remaining funds are on hold and have been set aside for local government projects.

The current groomer for the snowmobile trail is in really rough shape. It is very old and the entire front drive sprocket broke off. It had to be welded back together. The Town needs to look into the purchase of a new groomer. The Snowmobile Club should also look into grant funding for a new groomer.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Olbert and carried at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted _____