

December 27, 2011

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 27th of December 2011 at 7:00 P..M., the following Board Members were present:

George Canon	Supervisor
George Fennessy	Councilman
Mary Anne Bush	Councilwoman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Michael Tracy	Councilman

Others present: Mike Moses, Eugene Bush, Mark Yandon, Joe Novak, Ken Helms and Mary Pound.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the General Fund Abstract #24 in the amount of \$33724.90. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #24 in the amount of \$15523.52. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Water Abstract #12 in the amount of \$319.16 and the Sewer Abstract #12 in the amount of \$685.89. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Capitol Projects #11 Golf Course Abstract #8 in the amount of \$1663.01. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

There were no bids on the surplus equipment so the Board set new minimum bids for the 1995 Diesel Ford truck - \$250.00 and the 2000 Chevy truck - \$3500.00. The Ingersol Rand portable air compressor was set at \$750.

The Board received employment applications from Hillary Bureau and Larissa Roy for work at the skating rink.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Highway and General Fund transfers. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Supervisor Canon presented George Fennessy and Mike Tracy with Resolutions of Appreciation for their service on the Newcomb Town Board.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

November 29, 2011

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 29th of November 2011 at 7:00 P..M., the following Board Members were present:

George Canon	Supervisor
George Fennessy	Councilman
Mary Anne Bush	Councilwoman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Michael Tracy	Councilman

Others present: Mark Yandon, Mike Moses, Dan Allen and Mary Pound.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the General Fund Abstract #22 in the amount of \$107512.35. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #22 in the amount of \$93817.13. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Water Abstract #11 in the amount of \$3212.76 and the Sewer Abstract #11 in the amount of \$220.16. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

The Town received an inspection report from DEC on the Wastewater Treatment plant. The Town is requested to submit final "as-builts" construction diagrams for the plant and a copy of the Operation and Maintenance Manual by Dec. 31, 2011. Supervisor Canon has contacted AES and this will be done. They also requested that we contact AES regarding finding an alternative to confined space entry for employees. AES has responded and they say that tiles on the roof can be removed.

The Town has received employment requests from Chantelle Helms, Janice Wright, Trevor Montanye, Rick Bailey and Mandy Bush.

The Attorney General office is gathering data concerning local ethics laws. The Town of Newcomb is in compliance with a Code of Ethics in the Policy Manual. Supervisor Canon will respond to the Attorney Generals office with this information.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to authorize Supervisor Canon to sign the Professional Services Agreement with the Chazen Company for the Smart Growth Hamlet Plan. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Memory Tree lighting is December 4. Mary Bush will be available to read the names.

The Town received a letter from Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward regarding the "Adirondack Tour" and the use of the Santanoni Gatehouse. DEC has agreed to work with SUNY ESF regarding a permanent exhibit on the history of Santanoni at the VIC and use the center as a trail head to Santanoni. The Gatehouse will be used as a warm stop for those using the trails.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the purchase of a new laptop for the Medical Center. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

The Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts has requested using the Blast Furnace location for a play. They are working with AARCH on this project.

December meeting dates were tentatively set for December 13th and 27th. The Town Organizational meeting will be January 1, at 1:00 pm.

Minimum bids for surplus items were set as follows:

1995 Diesel Chevy Truck – minimum bid \$500.

2004 Chevy Truck with tool box – minimum bid \$5000.

Air Compressor – minimum bid \$1000.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

November 14, 2011

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 14th of November 2011 at 7:00 P..M., the following Board Members were present:

George Canon	Supervisor
George Fennessy	Councilman
Mary Anne Bush	Councilwoman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Michael Tracy	Councilman

Others present: Eugene Bush, Joe Novak, Ken Helms and Mary Pound.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the General Fund Abstract #21 in the amount of \$27217.54. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #21 in the amount of \$17110.24. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush to approve the Capitol Projects #9 General Fund Equipment Abstract #2 in the amount of \$163500.00. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Capitol Projects #11 Golf Course Abstract #7 in the amount of \$9607.19. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

The Town received an employment request from Beth Poulin to work at the skating rink.

Supervisor Canon attended an informational meeting with DEC on the Santanoni Gate House and improving public access to the site.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the purchase of a new 15 passenger van at State Contract price. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve attendance for Supervisor Canon, Councilman Bott and Councilwoman Bush to the AATV conference in Lake George on December 4-5. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the renewal of the Hach contract for the equipment at the water plant at a cost of \$1847.00. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the advertisement in the NCS Echo at a cost of \$50.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

There was discussion on a resident request to participate in the weekly senior shopping trip. This resident is not a senior citizen and it was decided that this request would be denied. There was also a request from Lana Fennessy to use the medical van for physical therapy. It was decided to make this available to her.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adopt the 2012 budget. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried. A certified copy will be sent to the County.

We are still waiting on the purchase of land from The Nature Conservancy. Mr. Dz. from Finch has agreed to relinquish the fiber agreement that TNC had with Finch paper.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush, upon the recommendation from the Highway Supt., to authorize Supervisor Canon to sign the 2013-2014 Municipal Lump Sum Snow and Ice Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to declare surplus the following items.

1995 Diesel Ford truck

2000 Chevy truck

Ingersol Rand portable air compressor.

Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

October 25, 2011

At the Public hearing of the 2012 Budget of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 25th of October 2011 at 7:00 P..M., the following Board Members were present:

George Canon	Supervisor
George Fennessy	Councilman
Mary Anne Bush	Councilwoman
Michael Tracy	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman

Others present: Mark Yandon, Michael Moses, Joe Novak and Mary Pound.

Supervisor Canon opened the Public Hearing of the 2012 Tentative Budget at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Canon did an overview of the budget and summarized some of the changes. Overall net appropriation for the General, Highway and Fire Protection are reduced by \$147,048. The calculated adjusted base proportions for Homestead percentages increased from 6.9% to 7.2%. Taxable assessed value decreased by approximately \$5,000,000. due to loss of transition assessment.

There was no public comment on the tentative budget.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the General Fund Abstract #20 in the amount of \$46213.65. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #20 in the amount of \$23467.42. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Water Abstract #10 in the amount of \$1050.45 and the Sewer Abstract #10 in the amount of \$5968.80. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the Capitol Projects #11 Golf Course Abstract #6 in the amount of \$10875.07. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

NYS Retirement noted a discrepancy in the Town of Newcomb's Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution filed last year. As a result we need to do a new resolution. Motion was made by Councilman Bott to adopt the corrected Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the request of the Chamber of Commerce to move the Chamber phone to the residence of Joanna Donk. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush to approve the 2012 North Country SPCA contract. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

The Town received an employment request from Chelsea Walsh.

The Town received a request from a Minerva resident to be picked up by the Newcomb Senior bus when they travel on Wednesdays. Supervisor Canon will speak with the Minerva Town Supervisor about this.

The committee that handles the local donations for the HEAP money met on Thursday morning to determine the policy for eligibility. The Town will be sending out a notice to residents advising HEAP recipients to contact the Office of the Aging when HEAP monies are used up to be eligible for an additional \$400 from the local donation money.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to authorize Supervisor Canon to sign the DEC , Town of Newcomb Main Street & Marketing Plan State Assistance Grant Contract. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

There will be a meeting with DEC to discuss Camp Santanoni on November 2, at 11:00 am in Albany.

November meeting dates were tentatively set for November 14 & 29.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

October 11, 2011

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 October 2011 at 7:00 P..M., the following Board Members were present:

George Canon	Supervisor
Mary Anne Bush	Councilwoman
Michael Tracy	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman

Others present: Michael Moses, Lanette Chase and Mary Pound. Absent: George Fennessy.

Supervisor Canon called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush to approve the General Fund Abstract #19 in the amount of \$28607.10. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #19 in the amount of \$14859.59. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the Capitol Projects #11 Golf Course Abstract #5 in the amount of \$12504.75. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott for a resolution to acknowledge the completion of the annual audit of the Justice records. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

There was discussion on changing the Town Policy Manual to provide for eligible employees who currently do not have health insurance benefits an opportunity to enroll at a later date.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to adopt the 2012 Elected Official Salaries and set the Public Hearing for October 25, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Supervisor	\$41600.00
Tax Collector	\$9672.00
Assessors (3)	\$8484.00
Town Clerk	\$15192.00
Highway Supt.	\$68822.00
Councilman (4)	\$8328.00
Town Justice	\$8328.00

Supervisor Canon did a preliminary review of the 2012 budget. Seasonal and part-time employees and elected officials received a 2% increase. Full time and Highway employees received a 3% increase.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush to close out the petty cash account for the Golf Course. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted _____

September 27, 2011

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 27th of September 2011 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

George Canon	Supervisor
George Fennessy	Councilman
Mary Anne Bush	Councilwoman
Michael Tracy	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman

Others present: Mark Yandon, Peter Montanye, Joe Novak and Mary Pound.

Supervisor Canon called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the General Fund Abstract #18 in the amount of \$47856.16. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #18 in the amount of \$49768.49. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush to approve the Water Abstract #9 in the amount of \$1590.67 and the Sewer Abstract #9 in the amount of \$27766.60. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Supervisor Canon presented the 2012 Tentative Budget to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk then presented the 2012 Tentative Budget to the Town Board.

The Nature Conservancy land transfer to the Town of Newcomb is still not complete. Todd Dunham from TNC emailed Supervisor Canon information on the easements for the land along the Hudson River. The folder was large and would not open so he will be mailing the hard copies to the Town.

Environmental Facilities Corporation will be doing a final review of the Sewer Project for compliance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

There will be a meeting with the State on September 29, regarding the snowmobile trail to Indian Lake. The State owns the easement for the trail and they have to make certain that the trail meets all safety requirements before they will approve it.

Mr. Sisti contacted Supervisor Canon again regarding the snowmobile trail near his land. There was discussion on the Town finding an alternate route to assess the Allen Rd.

The New York State contract prices are still not available for a new 12 passenger van.

NYMIR has done an insurance inspection of the Town. They indicated that the Town sidewalks are in need of repair.

The Historical Building and the Golf Course will close on October 10. The Town landfill will change to the winter hours on Wednesday of that week.

The Town Board received a request from Herb Chatzky for funding for concerts and other programs. The Board will review and discuss at a future meeting.

The October meetings were tentatively set for October 11 and 25. Supervisor Canon will go over the tentative budget on October 11. There will be a joint meeting with the planning board on October 6 to discuss the grant.

The Town Board received thank you notes from Harriet and John Anspach for the Sr. dinner cruise and from Congresswoman Teresa Sayward for the Adirondack tour.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted _____

September 13, 2011

At the 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 September 2011 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

George Canon	Supervisor
George Fennessy	Councilman
Michael Tracy	Councilman
Mary Bush	Councilwoman
Donald Bott	Councilman

Others present: Mike Moses, Mark Yandon, Eugene Bush, Rod Boula of Elizabethtown Hospital and Mary Pound.

Supervisor Canon called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush to approve the General Fund Abstract #17 in the amount of \$24261.07. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #17 in the amount of \$243812.48. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush to approve the Capitol Projects #8 Santanoni Abstract #3 in the amount of \$6160.00. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the Capitol Projects #11 Golf Course Abstract #4 in the amount of \$41192.34. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Rod Boula from Elizabethtown Hospital updated the Board on the construction and services at the hospital.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve attendance of members of Planning Board, Zoning Board, Code Enforcement and Town Board that would like to go to the annual New York Planning Federation conference in Albany, October 9-11. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

The third quarter water and sewer billing is as follows:

Water - \$11141.30 - Penalty - \$111.60

Sewer - \$10023.80 - Penalty - \$122.50 Total - \$21234.20

- Note correction from June billing, correct amount is \$20782.40.

The Town has received a FOIL request from MHM Attorneys at Law in respect to the Town Landfill. NYMIR has been retained by the Town to respond to this request.

There will be a Youth Board Planning Committee meeting in Elizabethtown on September 21 and November 15 at 5 pm. Board rep Mary Bush is planning to attend.

Kevin Bolan has listed some maintenance requests for the Medical Center and residence. These were given to Eugene Bush, maintenance supervisor to look over.

The Town Board has received thank you notes for the senior dinner cruise from Nancy West, Marion Hurlburt, Joyce Cunningham, and Mike and Dorothy Moses.

There will be a joint meeting with the Town Board and the Planning Board on October 6 to discuss the Comprehensive Plan and Smart Growth Grant.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted _____

August 29, 2011

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 29th of August 2011 at 7:00 P..M., the following Board Members were present:

George Canon	Supervisor
George Fennessy	Councilman
Mary Anne Bush	Councilwoman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Michael Tracy	Councilman

Others present: Mark Yandon, Eugene Bush, Mike Moses, and Mary Pound.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush to approve the General Fund Abstract #16 in the amount of \$16112.64. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #16 in the amount of \$13266.15. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Water Abstract #8 in the amount of \$751.21 and the Sewer Abstract #8 in the amount of \$11429.02. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Supervisor Canon gave an update on the status of the Goodnow Dam project. Attorney Aspland wants to meet with the Town Attorney Jim Brooks to work out the details of the new petition. The Town will contact Mr. Brooks to try to work out how to determine resident status.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to authorize the lease of a 12 passenger van for the Adirondack tour by Congresswoman Sayward and the other attendees on September 14-15. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

The Town has received a FOIL request from MHM Attorneys, regarding the landfill.

The Town Assessors have won the challenge from Andrew Cullen on his assessment of his property in Goodnow Flow. The hearing officer upheld the Town Assessors amount.

Supervisor Canon asked members to start thinking about budget items for the 2012 Budget.

On October 6, 2011 at 6pm, there will be a joint meeting of the Planning Board and the Town Board to discuss issues and the DEC grant.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to accept the proposal from Northwood Concrete for the Golf Course Pavilion in the amount of \$6770.00. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

September meetings were tentatively set for September 13 and 27.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted _____

August 16, 2011

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 August 2011 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

George Canon	Supervisor
George Fennessy	Councilman
Mary Anne Bush	Councilwoman
Michael Tracy	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman

Others present: Mike Moses, Eugene Bush and Mary Pound.

Supervisor Canon called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the General Fund Abstract #15 in the amount of \$55403.76. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #15 in the amount of \$121016.56. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to repay the General Fund the money borrowed for the Sewer Plant reconstruction. The amount borrowed was \$254301.00 at .20% interest. The amount of interest was \$1350.00. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

The Goodnow Flow Association is planning to re-do the tax district petition. There needs to be ground rules for the new petition to address questions regarding residency.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to adopt a resolution in support of the Essex County Disaster Mitigation Plan. This plan gives instructions on what to do in case of a disaster. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

The Town current Excellus Health plan will no longer be available in 2012. The Town will need to change plans effective 12-1-2011 to avoid a rate increase. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush to move to the Simply Blue PPO plan effective 12-1-2011. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried. Burnham Financial will be here September 20, 2011 for a meeting to explain changes and for employees to sign up for the new insurance.

The Town of Newcomb was awarded a \$40000. planning grant from DEC for Smart Growth funding to develop Main Street. We are currently waiting for an award letter to confirm this grant. The Chazen Company wrote the grant proposal for the Town. Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to stay with the Chazen Company to administer the grant. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to adopt the current base proportions for the homestead and non-homestead properties for 2012. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the purchase of a rough mower for the golf course to replace the John Deer mowers. The State contract price is \$41192.34. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

There was some discussion on the snowmobile trail work.

Supervisor Canon will be contacting the Paul Smith Watershed Stewardship Program to look at Lake Harris. This is a proactive attempt to fight against invasive species that may

become widespread in the lake. We will also get signage from DEC to require boaters to clean their boats before entering the water.

The August 30th meeting was changed to August 29th due to the Senior Dinner Cruise.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to declare surplus the 1992 International 2500 dump truck from the Highway Dept. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

The Essex County IDA has received a request from Kronos, the factual owner of the rail line between Tahawus and North Creek, to provide copies of any Payment in Lieu of Payment agreements for the Towns of Newcomb and Minerva. This may suggest that Kronos is interested in a reversion of the rail line from the IDA back to them.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted _____

July 26, 2011

At the Public Hearing 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 July 2011 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

George Canon	Supervisor
George Fennessy	Councilman
Mary Anne Bush	Councilwoman
Michael Tracy	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman

Others present: Mark Yandon, Mike Moses, Ellie Yandon and Mary Pound.

Supervisor Canon opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M., on the proposed Local Laws 1,2, and 3 to change the term limits for Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the General Fund Abstract #14 in the amount of \$43262.45. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #14 in the amount of \$25420.62. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush to approve the Capitol Projects #8 Santanoni Abstract #2 in the amount of \$4640.00 Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush to approve the Water Abstract #7 in the amount of \$2853.64 and the Sewer Abstract #7 in the amount of \$55726.32. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to do a single audit for EFC on the wastewater treatment plant. We received a proposal from Richard Dinalfo. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

The NYS Dept. of Health did an inspection of the Newcomb Youth Program. There were a couple of issues that Melissa Yandon has responded to. Overall it was a very good report.

A Town resident was concerned that there were zebra muscles in Lake Harris. These are a very invasive species. After inspection it was determined that they were snails. As a result of this "wake up call," the Town will have a freshwater group inspect do an inspection of the lake.

There was a salary discussion for the planning, zoning, youth commission and court clerk position. Motion was made by Councilman Tracy stating that effective August 1, this will be a salary position at \$425. per month. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

There was a website proposal from Lorinda Minke. She would like to be paid \$50 per month to take care of the web site. Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to accept this proposal. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

We need to set a date for the senior dinner cruise. Supervisor Canon will check for available dates.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to adopt the Local Laws 1,2,and 3. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

August meetings were tentatively set for August 16 and 30.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted _____

July 12, 2011

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 July 2011 at 7:00 P..M., the following Board Members were present:

George Canon	Supervisor
Michael Tracy	Councilman
George Fennessy	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Mary Bush	Councilwoman

Others present: Mark Yandon, Highway Supt., Michael Moses, and Mary Pound.

Supervisor Canon called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

The proposals for the construction of the Golf Course pavilion were opened.
D&H Construction Inc. - \$49900.00 \$3000.00 – electric - \$16675.00 prevailing wage rates.

Piper Construction - \$\$15760.00 labor cost. Town would pay \$19500.00 – materials, \$1200.00 – concrete, and \$2000.00 – electrical.

Fifield Construction - \$50835.00 with electric - \$48935.00 w/out electric.

S&R Construction Inc. - \$38200.00 - \$2900.00 - lights

Collett Bldg. - \$\$28104.00 - w/out electrical - \$21944.00

All bid proposals are more than expected. The Town Board made no decision on the proposals. Supervisor Canon will talk with the maintenance supervisor, Eugene Bush and construction for the pavilion will be on hold.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the General Fund Abstract #13 in the amount of \$37080.44. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #13 in the amount of \$17217.45. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

The Town is still waiting on the attorneys regarding the status of the Goodnow Dam.

The TNC Land purchase is in the hands of the attorneys. We are waiting for a closing date for the purchase. At the time of closure the Town and TNC will release a joint press release.

Lorinda Minke is working on updating the Town website.

The Town is currently working with NYSDOT on the sidewalks. There are several issues that need to be worked out.

We are waiting to hear from ESF regarding the new sign for Goodnow Mountain. The emblem for ESF has changed.

There will be a meeting on July 21 at 1:30pm to meet with Americorps workers. We will show them around and work out a schedule for them.

The gifts for Newcomb Day have been ordered and should be here by July 29. We also ordered Town of Newcomb decals.

The Sewer Fund has the funds to pay back the General fund. This will be done as soon as we work out some calculations on interest rates.

The NYS 2% tax cap will go into effect for the next budget year. In order to raise it, there has to be a public hearing and local law.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to adopt the resolutions to go to vote to change the 2year terms for Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Highway Supt., to 4 year terms. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried. Public hearing is set for July 26, 2011.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted _____

June 28, 2011

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 28th of June 2011 at 7:00 P..M., the following Board Members were present:

George Canon	Supervisor
Mary Anne Bush	Councilwoman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Michael Tracy	Councilman
George Fennessy	Councilman

Others present: Michael Moses, Mark Yandon, Highway Supt. Eugene Bush and Mary Pound.

Supervisor Canon called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the General Fund Abstract #12 in the amount of \$38495.11. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #12 in the amount of \$23291.37. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Water Abstract #6 in the amount of \$847.06 and the Sewer Abstract #6 in the amount of \$4496.18. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Bott to approve the Capitol Projects #8 Santanoni Abstract #1 in the amount of \$3360.00. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

The Town 12 passenger van is in need of replacement. Supervisor Canon checked in the State Contract for a new 2012 passenger van. These are due to come out in a few weeks so we will have to wait. In the mean time the Youth Program will have to continue using the van.

The Nature Conservancy has agreed to all the stipulations that the Town had requested for the land purchase. The Town will not be responsible for tearing down the cabin and they will be done with the log yard property in 2012. The paperwork is in the hands of the Attorney.

The DOT will be here on July 7, at 10 am to meet about the new sidewalks.

Rucinski Hall has provided sets of prints for the golf course pavilion. Proposals will be due on July 12.

The pile of brush is getting quite large at the landfill. The pile will be split in half before they burn.

NYMIR did a safety inspection on town property. They recommended that we put a lock on the skating shack when it is not in use. They also noted that the sidewalks are in need of repair.

Civil Service has determined that all town employees must sign an Oath of Office.

The status of the new sign for the Goodnow Mountain trail head is currently being reviewed at ESF.

The snowmobile club and the highway department will get together as time allows to discuss re-routing the snowmobile trail.

July meetings were tentatively set for July 12 and 26.

Supervisor Canon would like the Unit Management Plan to include plans to rebuild the Santanoni barn.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted _____

June 14, 2011

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 14th of June 2011 at 7:00 P.M., the following Board Members were present:

George Canon	Supervisor
George Fennessy	Councilman
Mary Anne Bush	Councilwoman
Michael Tracy	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman

Others present: Mary Pound.

Supervisor Canon called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the General Fund Abstract #11 in the amount of \$27205.32. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #11 in the amount of \$8405.94. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the Capitol Projects #11 Golf Course in the amount of \$2879.00. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

The State of Emergency is still in effect due to the storm damage. This will allow the Town to assist residents with clean up.

The Town and The Natures Conservancy are close to any agreement on the land purchase. In addition to the cost of the land the Town will pay \$3500. toward the appraisal and \$10000. for the survey.

New York State DOT will be here on June 21 at 10:00 am to assist with the plans for the sidewalks.

There will be a proposition on the next election ballot for a possible 4 year term for Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent. The Board of Elections recommends that this be done individually.

The Water and Sewer billing for the second quarter is as follows:

Water - \$10812.50	Penalty - \$120.90	
Sewer - \$9712.50	Penalty - \$136.50	Total - \$20287.40

The Town will accept sealed proposals for the construction of a golf course cart storage pavilion. The ad has been sent to the Post Star and we will send out specs to some of the local contractors.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted _____

May 31, 2011

At the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 31st of May 2011 at 7:00 P..M., the following Board Members were present:

George Canon	Supervisor
George Fennessy	Councilman
Michael Tracy	Councilman
Donald Bott	Councilman
Mary Bush	Councilwoman

Others present: Mark Yandon, Highway Supt. Mike Moses and Mary Pound.

Supervisor Canon called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the General Fund Abstract #10 in the amount of \$22767.72. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #10 in the amount of \$4358.71. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush to approve the Water Abstract #5 in the amount of \$529.54 and the Sewer Abstract #5 in the amount of \$9504.40. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Capitol Projects #9 General Fund Equipment Abstract #1 in the amount of \$35515.82. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

The discussion on the medical van policy was revisited. Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to set the age to be eligible to use the van at 65 or older or with a medical procedure which precludes the ability to drive. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

The discussion on the demolition permit increase was also revisited. Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to increase it to \$100 for demolition of building up to 400 square feet. For buildings in excess of 400 square feet, the permittee is responsible for the removal and disposal of the debris. They must obtain a roll off or find an alternative way to dispose of material. Seconded by Councilman Bott and carried.

The Town website needs to be updated. Interested persons should submit a proposal for the Board to approve.

Supervisor Canon has declared a State of Emergency in the Town of Newcomb due to the recent wind storms. Brush and limbs less than 5" can be brought to the landfill burn pit. Those greater than 5" should be brought to the stump dump.

The Town is still waiting on The Nature Conservancy for the land purchase. They are in the process of cleaning up the office site.

Rozelle East will begin the completion of the wastewater treatment plant on June 13.

Supervisor Canon will call the Department of Transportation to assist the Town in preparing specs for the sidewalks.

June meetings were tentatively set for June 14 and 28.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted _____