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INLET TOWN BOARD AGENDA

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TUESDAY August 11th 2020

7:30 P.M. - Call Regular Meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Minute's Review – 7/14/2020 Town Board meeting minutes

See attached pages 2 - 5

Public Hearing - Remains open from 3/10/20 -Townsend request to remove separation & join parcels

See attached page 10

Public Comment – Regional covid-19 staying open issues

Communications -Tower Locations?..... All monies collected are still secure w/Cap21

CAP-21 - Covid 19 relief fund update

Youth Commission – Beach will be closed soon if staffing falls short

Police – Retirement plan changes, Staffing, equipment update

Assessor/Codes, Parks/Building/Information

See attached pages 5 – 8

Highway Department – Summer work schedule

Transfer/Recycling - Covid-19 Summer Hours - 7 days a week 8-12 ,1-7 staff working separate days

Town Clerk Report – Rental & revenue reports – plan for alternate use Cottages & Beach

– 6 & 7th lake fireworks is a private lake association function

Supervisors Report – Support for Doctor position in Old Forge - \$11,000 for the remainder of 2020

- Census replies way to low - Go to www.my2020census.gov.
- 2021 Budget workshops – set dates? Set flat budget, no increases?
- 7th lake Smelt report

See attached pages 8-9

Trails – Mountain bike trail work on Fern park property moving forward

Public Comment –

Executive Session – none

Audit Bills - Highway, General & Sewer

Next Regular Meeting– 9-8-19 – 7:15 Bills & updates, 7:30 Meeting

Regular Meeting HELD VIA ZOOM and LIMITED IN PERSON ATTENDANCE July 14, 2020

7:30 pm

Inlet Town Board

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Frey, at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were: Highway Superintendent Shawn Hansen, Gary Zawatski, Chris Biehn, Peg Brownell, Peter Funk, Codes/Assessor Aimee VanWie via Zoom, Don Townsend via Zoom, Becky Townsend via Zoom, Steve Young, via Zoom.

Officials present were: Supervisor Frey, Councilman Levi, Councilman Townsend, Councilman Schmid, Councilman Brownsell and Town Clerk Yvonne Lutz.

MINUTES REVIEW – Supervisor Frey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June Meeting minutes. Frey added that Dave Corasanti has now considered two towers since the last minutes were written.

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Frey stated that the Public Hearing currently open since the March 10 meeting is to research and hear discussion regarding selling a small portion of land to the Townsend family that currently separates two of the parcel's owned by the Estate of John Townsend. The Town and surveyor, John Deming, are still researching what options there are to either swap or abandon that property. Deming will finish the surveying tomorrow and he has to make sure no property owner, including the town, lose rights. The Town has to be very careful with abandonment because heirs to property have to be involved. The public hearing will remain open until a possible solution is found.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –
COVID 19**

Supervisor Frey was asked by the County Health office to make the statement that the Governor will request fines be imposed for anyone not in compliance with the mask and social distancing requirements. Sneeze shields are not adequate as the only form of protection. Masks must be worn. He added that we all need to comply so that the reopening does not go backwards. Councilman Levi asked if we are compliant in our seating in the Meeting room. Frey reported that we are meeting guidelines.

BENCHES Gary Zawatski asked if we were putting more benches out. He has requested the bench be put back in front of his place. Supervisor Frey said it shouldn't be a problem if it follows social distancing guidelines. Discussion regarding the need for more benches, even if placed distant from each other followed. Peggy Brownell mentioned that there are three benches together at Cedar Creek.

ARTS IN THE PARK The beach stewards will help with enforcing social distancing and masks at the event. Vendors are also required to wear face masks at all times. If you are not eating or sitting, you must be wearing a face mask. We have received comments and letters that people feel safe here. Only seven cases at the time, still the safest place in NYS. Gary thanked Adele for bringing over sanitizer to him. **LIMEKILN ASSOCIATION AND ISSUES** – Chris Biehn stated that they had a Limekiln Association meeting and they discussed the issue with several people getting stuck down at the end of the road trying to turn around. They are asking if the Town can do anything to help or have any advice to help the issue. Supervisor Frey recommended that the County Highway Superintendent, Inlet Highway Superintendent and the Association meet to try to find a solution. Discussion on ideas and restrictions followed. **TOWNSEND TRAIL** Peggy Brownell wants a status update on the Townsend Trail. Supervisor Frey explained that we were just awarded a \$125,000 grant to finish and the work cannot be started for the next phase until the paperwork is final. Frey mentioned that it was really a good thing we hadn't started because they would not give reimbursement for work already done and apologized to Peg for promising work to be done any sooner. Peg wanted to know that now without money being an issue, would they add blacktop to the project. It was answered that it would be the plan. The contract for the grant sat on someone's desk because of numerous issues. Peg asked if we still have money in the budget for the project. Frey explained that we do, however, would rather not use it if we can utilize the grant. Peg Brownell asked if the grant

will be enough to finish. Supervisor Frey stated that it should and if not, Inlet would be responsible for additional costs.

SEWER BILLS – Gary Zawatski asked if sewer bills would be coming out soon. Supervisor Frey stated that they would be and that there will be no increase this year. Gary asked if there are any more ideas and discussion about giving seasonal reductions. Supervisor Frey added that he cannot see the majority of the costs/burden be put on only year-round businesses/locations.

COMMUNICATIONS –

Corasanti had to move where his tower was originally meant to be, and the only place is the top of the hill. The MOU and lease still have to be fully reviewed with Mr. Funk to proceed with that location. Corasanti tower will have T-mobile and possibly ATT. It will

also have Herkimer County Emergency Services.

Funk hill will have ATT and Hamilton County Emergency Services. Verizon is working separately to go behind the church. There is a ZBA meeting July 23rd with the proposal. There seems to be some concerned residents about 5G and dangers to health from 5G. There have been some requests to not allow 5G due to safety issues. There is no research proving that 5G poses any health risk. CAP 21 should possibly communicate to donors again that ALL money is still in the account to be used on the towers. Mitch Lee is working on some news releases.

CAP 21 - The Covid Relief Fund is over \$200,000 and have given out over \$48,000 to people in need.

YOUTH COMMISSION – Supervisor Frey reported that we are lucky enough to have enough lifeguards this year. The extra employees we have are beach monitors. Frey reported that we had to remove the floating raft. The lifeguards have faced issues with adults not following rules. An incident just happened where Mitch had to ask people to leave the beach. Supervisor Frey thanked the lifeguards for their help on the buoys. Circles painted down in the park are really helping.

POLICE –

RETIREMENT PROGRAM – Quote has not come back for retirement. Still working on staffing issues. One trainee slated to come in August. New vehicle will come in two weeks.

PARKS DEPARTMENT – Park’s Supervisor, Mitch Lee provided a monthly report attached to the agenda.

ASSESSOR/CODES - Assessor and Codes/Zoning Officer, Aimee VanWie provides a report each month and is available online and attached to the agenda packet. Councilman Schmid pointed out that we are at 100% valuation. Supervisor Frey said Aimee VanWie is doing an excellent job with this.

INFORMATION OFFICE – Publicity/Tourism Director, Adele Burnett provides a detailed monthly report online and is attached to agenda packet. In addition to past events and information about her department, this report will detail upcoming events.

HIGHWAY Superintendent Hansen’s report provided is as follows:

- Hauled garbage and recyclables
- Brush pick up was a success
- Striped town hall parking lot and parking lot between the two churches
- Patrolled roads in Plains
- Paved Loomis Rd and backed up shoulders. Thank you to The Town of Long Lake and Hamilton County for sending trucks to haul the blacktop.
- Chip sealed Uncas Rd. Thank you to the Town of Long Lake for sending us a truck
- Spread gravel on Uncas Rd
- Helped county with their paving projects
- Hauled gravel for the new storage facility and got things up to grade. Still have more to go, letting things settle a bit.
- Sealed the Tobie Trail.
- Rebuilt mower deck on John Deere tractor
- Brake job on 205 and installed a starter
- Painted some of our snow removal equipment
- Mowed roadsides and weed wacked.

Coming up

- Haul Garbage and recyclables
- Spread more gravel on Uncas Rd. Install some new culverts and do some ditching.
- Finish front brakes on 205
- Open up the Rock Dam Road the rest of the way
- Dig well for new storage facility

- Finish hooking up power to new building. Waiting for parts.
- Keep picking away at the new building.

TRANSFER STATION –

Superintendent Hansen offered the following monthly report:

- Open 7 days a week from 8AM to 7PM. Closed from 12 to 1 daily for lunch
- Sent a load of bailed cardboard not too long ago.
- Things are going well. Place is clean. Sorting is being kept up with. Staff is

working together great.

TOWN CLERK -

Reported revenues for the month of June. Cottage revenue may be down for this summer due to many cancellations.

6th and 7th Lake Fireworks

There have been questions from residents as to how the 6th and 7th Lake Association can hold fireworks. Supervisor Frey explained that it is a private event for residents of 6th and 7th lake and there is no issue with social distancing. No location for people to congregate to watch them and they are not advertised to the public.

SUPERVISOR –

TOWN OF WEBB HEALTH CENTER – Supervisor Frey expressed that we would need to help fund the health center in Old Forge to keep it open with Dr. Socash. MVHS is looking for a total of \$150,000 with all surrounding towns helping, Inlet's portion would be \$25,000. We have helped fund the Health Center in the past when it was owned by Town of Webb. Some residents and board members expressed some concerns as to legal agreements to continue to offer services, etc. Discussion followed. Councilman Levi made a **MOTION** to support MVHS in the Old Forge location contingent upon an agreement being reached with Town of Webb, MVHS and all towns that help with funding. Councilman Brownsell **SECONDED**. Town Clerk took a roll call vote.

Councilman Brownsell AYE Councilman Schmid AYE Supervisor Frey AYE Councilman Levi AYE Councilman Townsend AYE

Carried unanimously

TRAILS – Supervisor Frey brought up the grant again for the Townsend Trail. Thanked Mr. Tedisco and the DOT for finding the paperwork and awarding the grant. , he will need to sign the grant paperwork to get things moving. Councilman Schmid made a **MOTION** to sign contract DO40179 for the Townsend Trail grant, Councilman Levi **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT –

SCHOOL WELL Gary Zawatski asked why the well is being drilled at school if it is closed. Wondered who was paying. Supervisor Frey stated that it is being paid by the school district and that the building is being used for community use. There is already a community garden being “built” on the property. DOH requested a new well because any use of the building will require safe water. Supervisor Frey added that the Community garden has already drawn a huge interest. It will be down by the water (bottom of hill) and possibly the playground area. The location of the new well was decided based upon the location of nearby septic.

CLIMATE SMART The community garden is part of the Climate Smart initiative and is going very well. Over \$2,000 in donations so far.

LIMEKILN LAKE ASSOCIATION – Chris Biehn spoke about a proposal of placing rocks around the culvert pipe. Only issue might be having a tough time finding same size rocks.

A **MOTION** to pay highway bills, voucher numbers 1312-1365 in the amount of \$29,132.99 was made by Councilman Levi, **SECONDED** by Councilman Townsend

5 AYES 0 NAYS **MOTION CARRIED**

A **MOTION** to pay General/Wastewater bills, voucher numbers for General 1303-1375 and in the amount of \$123,377.67 and Wastewater 115-123 in the amount of \$2540.49 was made by Councilman Brownsell **SECONDED** by Councilman Levi.

5 AYES 0 NAYS **MOTION CARRIED**

All business having come before this Board, Councilman Schmid made the **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. Supervisor Frey **SECONDED**. Next regular meeting will be held August 11, 2020 at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted, Yvonne Lutz, Town Clerk

ASSESSOR/CODES MONTHLY REPORT July 2020

CODE ENFORCEMENT

A copy of the monthly report for permit activity is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

I have received plans for a new home on Gilbert Road for the property adjacent to Jasper Day Trail. One of the Lind property lots has also sold recently.

Construction continues to be busy, with some materials in short supply.

ASSESSOR

While trying to create my School Tax Roll Files to send to Barry Baker for printing my Assessor computer crashed. Barry is coming to help me restore my files but I am asking to purchase a new computer for that office as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee VanWie

Inlet Parks Dept. Report for July 2020 Mitch Lee – Parks Dept Supervisor.

Work has begun on the Single-track flow trails at Fern Park. I would like to thank the Highway Dept. for the Two Tandem loads of fine crush material they dumped for the crew that is building the new trails.

At the End of Aug we will be Interviewing for a new Parks Laborer position as John transfers to highway. All potential candidates can pick up an application in the Information or Clerks office.

The floor at the Fern Park Pavilion is almost ready for a new coat of paint as the old paint was pressure washed.

The Parks staff have done a very good job keeping our restrooms and parks spaces clean and inviting to our visitors.

Information Office Report of the month July 2020

Submitted by Department Head Inlet Tourism Director Adele Burnett

1. Balance in **Petty Cash** on July 31 was \$32.19.
2. From April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 this office processed 0 **snowmobile permits** for the 2020/21 season. The Information Office will continue to sell 2020/21 Snowmobile Permits for the preseason rate of \$80 each until November 15, 2020. Permits can also be purchased at the Town of Webb Visitor Center and online at OldForgeNY.com. Stickers will be printed sometime in September and will be then be mailed to anyone who has purchased one prior to printing. Alexis is looking for a new program to replace the Filemaker program we have been using. **I am still hoping Inlet might be able to offer an online shopping cart for snowmobile permits.**
3. During July 2020, \$0 was collected from 0 businesses for a **co-op ad** in the CAA's 2020 vacation planner; and was given to the clerk to be deposited into the Publicity account 6410.400.
4. During July 2020, \$62 was collected towards the **summer concert series**; and was given to the clerk to be deposited into the Publicity account 6410.412.
5. The **Ping Pong Ball Drop, Live Music by Jamie Notarthomas and Fireworks** scheduled for July 4 were all canceled.
6. Dan Duggan & Peggy Lynn played **music** at Fern Park for an audience of less than 15 on July 11. Karen Savoca & Pete Heitzman scheduled for July 18 opted not to perform. Annie & the Hedonists played on July 25 to an audience total of about 70 with no more than 50 at a time. I cancelled the August 1 music because it was my cousins coming from Virginia and they were not able to come early enough to quarantine for the required two weeks beforehand. There may still be unadvertised, socially distanced music on the lakefront in August. This music does not allow alcohol consumption, there is no dancing, and seating for those enjoying the music is spaced more than 6 feet apart.
7. **Inlet's Crafters Market**, a much smaller version of "Arts in the Park" went very well. We had 14 vendors, instead of the usually 64, who were spaced 10 feet apart across the outfield of the baseball field at Arrowhead Park. Visitors and vendors wore masks, washed their hands and practiced social distancing. Full report can be made available upon request.
8. Our Frozen Royals (Jill & Karl Marsh) have declared Friday, August 7 **Hawaiian Shirt Day or Aloha Friday**. This will be added to the calendar as an annual Inlet event on the first Friday of August.

9. Thinking about possibly turning this year's **Fall Festival** into a one-day "enhanced farmers market" on Saturday, September 19. I plan to reach out to the vendors soon to start these conversations.
10. Kiwanis has decided not to sponsor **Adirondack Kids Day**, and so this event has been postponed until October 2, 2021. An official announcement from Adirondack Kids will be posted and shared soon.
11. **The IABA** does not have any meetings scheduled for July or August, but they will get together if it is needed. This group has lots of great ideas and continues to work well together. Notes from IABA meetings can be found at www.GoInletNY.com. Their next meeting would normally be on the first Tuesday of September, but this year that day falls prior to Labor Day and so may be moved to another date.
12. I am still keeping **Inlet's Update Page** www.inletny.com/inlet/inlets-covid-19-updates updated. On this page you will find a list of Town of Inlet businesses and paid IABA businesses that are open and what their hours are. You will also find a link to contact information for town departments, information about the services still being provided, and some other helpful links.
13. The **Climate Smart Communities Task Force** is continuing to work on a community garden at Inlet Common School. They have a Facebook page and are on Instagram – Follow them!
14. I am still working with Luke on the **sign for the front of the town hall** building that says, "Inlet Town Hall" and "Information Office."
15. **Information Office Window Hours** for July will be: Daily 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., staying open until 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays and occasionally until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. The lobby is locked while the window is closed.
16. **Margie** has been filling in when needed.
17. Conversations about **installing webcams** at Fern Park, Arrowhead Park and in front of Inlet Town Hall began in July of 2019. Over the winter season, this was discussed again. In addition to this being helpful for security reason, it will be nice to share the webcam views (of the ice skating rink, sledding hill/trailhead, lakefront & Legion Square) on InletSnow.com with other area webcams. I am hoping to have an update on this to share with everyone soon.
18. Like **Inlet, NY Information & Events on Facebook** and then subscribe to our events to always know what's going on! Inlet is also on Instagram and Twitter!
19. Some **events & meetings** between this and the next town board meeting:
 - August 12 – Inlet Common School BOE @ 6:15 p.m.
 - August 14 – Ice Cream Social @ Point Park
 - August 13 – Dinner & Music @ The Woods Inn
 - August 20 & 21 – Mammogram Van @ Old Forge
 - August 26 – Inlet Planning Board @ 7:00 p.m.
 - August 27 – Inlet ZBA @ 7:00 p.m.
 - August 28 – Gravel Weekend @ Inlet
 - September 5 – Plein Air Paint Out
 - September 6 – CAP-PY Duck Derby

Dates for the rest of 2020 and into 2021: (all dates are being monitored and will only take place if circumstances allow.)

- August 15 – Dan Berggren @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- August 22 – Fritz Henry @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- ~~August 29 – Jim & Bonnie Tracy @ Arrowhead Lakefront~~
- September 5 – The Jam Bones @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- ~~September 11 – Adirondack Canoe Classic passes through Inlet~~
- September 19-20 – Inlet Fall Festival @ Fern Park

- ~~October 3 – Adirondack Kids Day @ Arrowhead Park~~
- ~~October 3 – IVES Clam Bake @ IVES Building~~
- October 30 – Halloween Parade & Party @ IVES Building
- November 27-29 – Adirondack Christmas on Main Street
- December 1? – Holiday Open House
- December 12 – New York Shootout
- December 13 – Cookie Swap @ Inlet Town Hall
- December 31 – Champagne Bus
- February 27 – Frozen Fire & Lights
- March 13 – “Let’s Get Crooked!” @ Inlet Town Hall
- May 5 – Community Pride Day
- May 31 – Post #1402 Wreath Laying Ceremony @ Legion Square
- May 31 – Hamilton County Memorial Day Parade @ Inlet
- June 12 – Black Fly Challenge @ Arrowhead Park
- July 3 – Live Music @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 4 – Live Music & Fireworks @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 10 – Live Music @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 17 & 18 – “Arts in the Park” @ Arrowhead Park
- July 17 – Live Music @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 24 – Live Music @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 30 – “An Evening with the Symphony” @ Arrowhead Park
- July 31 – Inlet Classic Car Cruise & Show @ Arrowhead Park
- July 31 – Live Music @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- August 7 – 6th & 7th Lakes Improvement Association Picnic @ Fern Park & Fireworks over Seventh Lake
- August 7 – Live Music @ Arrowhead Lakefront

2020 7th Lake Smelt Restoration Project

This year was a very challenging year for all! Weather and water and fluctuating water levels were again a challenge.

Also, as everyone knows this spring was a strange year for the water levels We went from ice to high water in a week. Seems as if the fish were confused as well.

Mats were first put out in mid-April by Jeremiah Best and Gary Lee! I cannot express my appreciation enough for their help and support!

We put down the mats in April and put the mats in 7th around the beginning of May. We pulled the mats for good at the end of May and beginning of June. *

The runs were off and on throughout the season as the weather dipped above and below freezing and we had ice on the lakes along the shores in May. Many nights the water temperature in the creeks was below 40 degrees and had many temp runs through the season of around 48 and 38 degrees. The water in the lakes was way down this year from many freeze/thaw and a mild but long winter.*

The highlight was again in Maxon’s Creek where the smelt were doing their own spawning! We put eggs in above the dam on

May 11th.*

We put two boxes in Buck Hollow Creek with about 100-150 thousand eggs. The PH was 6.2-6.4 in April when the lake was down and ended up around 6.6 when we pulled our boxes.*

We put one mat around 25k eggs in Maxon's creek where we saw a very strong run this year. We had many smelt over 6+ inches with suckers spawning well after the smelt spawn. This may have been a result of low lake levels. The PH through the season was 6.8-7.0.*

We put a box in the lake just outside the second creek (Kilborns) or about 100-150k. We did not see any smelt in the creek this year as the lake was down and they could not get into the creek but did see many smelt at the mouth of the creek under the boat house.

We also put a box at Woodholme (formerly Bill Faro') in 7th lake and this was about 50-100k smelt eggs. 7th lake was around 7.0 PH.*

In Bottle Creek we could not find any smelt but it was extremely challenging due to the conditions this year. We did not put any eggs in since we had such poor numbers. This has been a challenge all along. We will continue to try if the egg supply is adequate.

We have been following the water and salinity at Buck Hollow and with a good ph (5.49 on April 16 and 6.8 on May 11). As a result we put in two mats with a total of 150,000 eggs. This has the potential to be a real bonanza if they could get smelt reestablished here.*

Additionally, for the third time since I started this project, mats were put out from the outlet from Bug Lake near the foot bridge, This time they were put up stream a couple of hundred feet. Thanks to Gary Lee!

We had good Ph readings this year and the salinity, while not ideal was pretty good for fish survival*.

In total for the last 10 years we have brought in approximately the following numbers of eggs:

Bug Lake outlet – 5,000 (includes two earlier stocking)

Bill Faros dock -directly to 7th Lake – 170,000

Buck Hollow -200,000

Kilborns – 80,000

Bottle Creek -185,000

Maxon's Creek – 325,000

TOTAL Estimated eggs: 965,000!

This number does not include eggs that were sporadically brought in prior to 2010.

This is the last year of our current permit and I will reapply shortly.

Our emphasis, going forward would be to try and get eggs into Buck Hollow and get that reestablished!

Thanks to Jeremiah Best and Gary Lee along with Kathy Damon who made this year's project possible. A thank you to all who make this possible!

Dave

*Paraphrasing from Jeremiah Best.

Townsend – Town of Inlet Land Swap

Town to Townsend

$$153.81' \times 40' = 6152.40'$$

$$+ 50' \times 40' - 2 = 1000'$$

Total 7152.40 square feet of land

Townsend to Town

$$158.96' \times 40' = 6358.40$$

$$-25' \times 40' - 2 = 500$$

Total 5858.40 square feet of land

Difference 1294'

Land Value Table Used Rural Residual:

High value for 1294' \$178.00

Low Value for 1294' \$30.00