

**Regular Meeting  
June 8, 2021  
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: Laura Cahill, Dennis Hudson, Tourism Director, Adele Burnett, Lynn Durkin, Peggy Brownell, Chris Holt, Planning Chairman, Dave Scranton, Codes Assessor Aimee VanWie, ZBA Chairman, Ray Kopp, Parks Supervisor, Mike Bartolotti, and Gary Zawatski.

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE** – Supervisor Frey as for a moment of silence in memory of Robert Gordon who he added will be missed dearly.

**MINUTES REVIEW** – Supervisor Frey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May meeting minutes. Hearing none

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

**COMMUNITY GARDEN** - Chris Holt thanked the Board for the support with the Climate Smart program, specifically the community garden. Supervisor also thanked the Inlet School Board for the support.

**TOWNSEND TRAIL** - Peggy Brownell asked the status of the Townsend Trail. Supervisor Frey explained that there has been no release of funds yet for the grant and we cannot continue on the work, because the State will not reimburse for work. Discussion followed

**FIREWORKS** – Lynn Durkin asked if we would consider silent fireworks in the future. Discussion followed.

**COVID** – Adele updated the Board that they are still doing vaccines in the County and also testing. Supervisor Frey encouraged people to get vaccinated and discussion regarding vaccines and the availability of Johnson & Johnson followed.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Supervisor Frey stressed that the Verizon Tower, that is being built behind St. Anthony's Church will be a Cell tower and not used for emergency communications. The construction was delayed for some time because of building material and supply shortages and delays in shipping. Supervisor Frey added that they are still looking for APA approval for the emergency tower that will be located on Corasanti hill. Ray Kopp mentioned that an easement issued is being addressed for access. Funding and Grants were discussed and Supervisor Frey added that no donated funds have been touched yet.

**PARKS DEPARTMENT** – Park's Supervisor, Mike Bartolotti thanked Chip and Highway Department for all of their help. Also thanked Inlet Community Church for donating parking blocks. Supervisor Frey stressed how great of a job Parks & Highway has done together on the work at the park and beach.

**CODES/GENERAL CODE** - Dave Scranton discussed the need to make sure the general code book is completely up to date and that Aimee, Bonnie and himself should meet to go over this. There was mention that the highlighted rental ordinance code link does not work in the code book. The rental ordinance was discussed the need for a public hearing to change the rental ordinance to the entire town to be regulated. This ordinance is geared to find faulty septic systems and code violations that could be a safety hazard.

Mike added that the Birch tree had to be cut down because it was dead. Trees will be planted closer to the cottage for more shade and privacy. He thanked Shawn and his highway guys for all their help. Supervisor Frey also thanked Highway and Parks for working so well together and getting all of the work done.

**ASSESSOR/CODES** - Assessor and Codes/Zoning Officer, Aimee VanWie provides a report each month and is available online and attached to the agenda packet. Aimee has been looking into electric charging stations for the town. Locations and costs were discussed. Aimee still had questions regarding the grants, and who would be responsible for maintenance and repair.

**BIRCHES** - Aimee stated she is getting many questions regarding the Birches property and some of the serious inquiries may not coordinate well with the Town's needs/wishes. Discussion regarding the Town even considering purchasing the property followed, however, the price of it is a huge roadblock for the town. Aimee just wanted to "put it out there" because there has been purchases in the past that the Town has regretted not pursuing.

**INFORMATION OFFICE** – Publicity 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 reported on the numerous projects that they have been working on. In addition:

Hauled garbage and recyclables;

Swept Downtown and Town Hall parking lot, finished our spring sweeping.

Chip sealed Gilbert Rd. Project was a success and came out good.

Cleared trees, blew leaves, raked and cleaned up trash in Moose River Plains. The gates were opened on time.

Finished up our sidewalk project with a total of 933.4 feet of new sidewalk completed

Picked up bandshell from Town of Webb for Memorial Day ceremony and returned to Old Forge. Not sure if anyone thanked Town of Webb for the use of it but thank you Town of Webb for the use of the bandshell.

We striped the Fourth Lake Boat Launch per DEC engineers drawings. Hope it works out. DEC is saying that work is slated to begin on the boat launch repair after Labor Day.

We built a new road for access to the compost, stump dump and hard fill piles. We made the access to our shop only an access to our shop so vehicles can't cut through to access the hill.

### **Coming Up**

Haul garbage and recyclables

Sweep downtown area and TOBIE trail

Work on getting the Rock Dam Rd opened in the Moose River Plains.

Install some culverts on the dirt section Uncas Rd Start prepping the first 1650 feet of Uncas Rd for paving. Have some ditching and culvert work on the shoulders to do. We will be paving from Route 28 to just past Chambers driveway

Grade and rake the Uncas Rd

Cut grass along sides of roads

### **TRANSFER STATION**

Open 7 days a week from 8 AM until 11:45 AM closed from 12 to 1 PM the open from 1 PM until 6:45 PM

We put up new signs. One out by the road that has (Open & Days) for the summer and days closed for the winter hours. There are a couple on the entry fence.

It has been a busy month. Plenty of C &D and a couple loads of metal hauled

Place is clean and orderly

We will have part time help near the end of the month

**PARK (CONT)** – Mike Bartolotti spoke again regarding the need for a new utility vehicle because the golf cart is no longer usable. We have a volunteer for flowers, Lynn Durkin and need an acceptable vehicle to use for this, in addition to the fact that the Toro cannot be used much longer for their needs, as the dump box is falling off the back. He has found two units available after calling 30 different places. Cazenovia equipment has one for \$12,950 and Warners in Rome has a similar unit for similar cost. Councilman Townsend made a MOTION to purchase the new John Deere from Cazenovia Equipment. Councilman Levi SECONDED the motion.

5 AYES 0 NAYS

**TRANSFER STATION (CONT)** - There was a discussion regarding the problem of the second hand pile that is located at the transfer station for people to look through. Councilman Brownsell feels that it ties up the line to come in the transfer station too long.

**TOWN CLERK -**

Reported revenues for the month of May

**FCLA** - Town Clerk handed mentioned that the FCLA was asking for the town to support the event “Maintain the Chain”. Councilman Levi made a MOTION to donate \$250.00 to support this cause, Councilman Brownsell SECONDED.

5 AYES 0 NAYS

**LETTER** – The Town Clerk read a letter of complaint regarding Supervisor Frey from Gary Zawatski. The letter expressed his dissatisfaction regarding Supervisor Frey’s behavior toward him last month. Supervisor Frey apologized again for his behavior. Mr. Zawatski spoke regarding how much the behavior had upset him, however, accepted his apology. Supervisor Frey stressed that we need to get answers regarding the easement/right of way because he feels very strongly about protecting the town’s interests.

**SUPERVISOR –**

**USE of TOWN HALL** - Limekiln Lake Association would like to use the meeting room for their meeting. It was stated as long as everyone is vaccinated and signs in, it is permitted. All future events and entertainment is going to happen, unless things with Covid go in the wrong direction and have to begin changing things.

**RETAINING WALL AT ST. ANTHONY** - **Supervisor** Frey stated that there is nothing to report this meeting on the retaining wall.

**LAND SWAP – TOWNSEND** We have received the map and description. Just waiting on attorneys to finalize everything.

**FERN PARK MASTER PLAN** - Lynn Durkin thanked everyone that was involved in helping with the master plan of Fern Park. She expressed some things that were taken away from the survey that had done through survey monkey, which received 552 responses. One thing that stood out is that many were confused that the Town of Inlet had two parks. Most only knew of Arrowhead.

**TOWNSEND TRAIL** - Peggy Brownell asked if the work can at least proceed to the Seventh Lake Road and if all permissions were received. Permissions are still outstanding, but we will focus on this project again and trying to obtain the grant funds.

**ZOOM** - Dennis Hudson asked if the Board would consider still doing Zoom meetings, in addition to the in-person.

**CTS** - Aimee VanWie expressed the desperate need for drivers with CTS. If you are able to volunteer, please consider.

**ELECTRIC CHARGING STATIONS** – Chris Holt asked if the school board considered the charging stations at their location, would the Town consider helping support. The Board unanimously felt they just want more information as to who is responsible for the maintenance and repair of these stations before any decisions are made.

**VACCINATIONS** – Peggy Brownell asked if people will police the population as to who is vaccinated and can enter business without masks. It was stated that each business can have their own rules, however, it is basically the honor system.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - NONE

A **MOTION** to pay highway bills presented was made by Councilman Levi, **SECONDED** by Councilman Townsend

5 AYES 0 NAYS **MOTION CARRIED**

A **MOTION** to pay General/Wastewater bills presented was made by Councilman Schmid **SECONDED** by Councilman Brownsell

5 AYES 0 NAYS **MOTION CARRIED**

All business having come before this Board, Councilman Schmid made the **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Councilman Levi **SECONDED**. Next regular meeting will be held July 12, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Yvonne Lutz, Town Clerk