

TOWN OF ESSEX
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Edward Gardner
Supervisor

Patricia Gardner
Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL:
Mark Wrisley
Bryan Garvey
Claire LaPine
James LaForest

**Special Year End Bill Paying Meeting
December 28, 2015**

Supervisor Gardner opened the meeting at 6pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
The Town Clerk read the special notice of the meeting.

Present

Excused

Roll Call: Councilperson LaPine
Councilperson Wrisley
Councilperson LaForest

Councilperson Garvey

Supervisor Gardner

Supervisor Gardner asked for a moment of silence for: Mark Wrisleys father, Stephen Sayward Sr., Fred Watrous and Jerry Morrrows mother.

Motion made by Claire LaPine and seconded by Mark Wrisley to accept the minutes of December 10, 2015. All in favor, no nays.

A motion by James LaForest to take off the table the discussion on the Octogan Schoolhouse. Supervisor asked James Graves if he had looked at the NYS Constitution Article VIII, Section 1. He replied that he had. Supervisor Gardner gave him a copy of the letter from our insurer and one from the legal department of the NYS Association of Towns. So the issue is that the town cannot let anyone use any building without a contract that would include a user fee because it would otherwise be considered a gift. The other issue is that whoever uses the building must have insurance even if the town does. This puts the user first in any lawsuit and protects the town. After further discussion all agreed that the building should not be used until upgrades of power and the interior be made and that James' group should continue investigating options for this to happen. Two other options were suggested for James to consider, one being the old church in Whallonsburgh owned by the Hurlburts and second the Visitors Center owned by ECHO.

James LaForest brought up the possible training opportunities that the county is offering. Supervisor Gardner said that he would get that out to all committee chairs.

A letter was read from H Nicholas Muller III, resigning from the Planning Board effective December 31, 2015 leaving a two year term. Motion made by James LaForest and seconded by Claire LaPine to accept his resignation. All in favor, no nays.

A discussion concerning our lack of a policy for computer, internet and email use it was decided to accept the general policy our insurer gave the town. A more in-depth policy will be compiled by a Policy Committee.

Resolution 105-2015
Policy for Use of Computers, Internet and E-Mail
December 29, 2015

Resolution 105-2015 is being offered to establish a general policy for use of town owned computer, internet and emails and to be in compliance with the insurance policy. A more in-depth policy will be compiled by the Policy Committee at a later date.

Motion Made By: Mark Wrisley

Seconded By: Claire LaPine

Yea No

Councilperson LaPine x
Councilperson Garvey excused
Councilperson LaForest x
Councilperson Wrisley x
Supervisor Gardner x

Supervisor Gardner received a proposal from Cedarwood Engineering Services, PLLC for landfill post closure monitoring and reporting. This is a significant reduction than what we pay Adirondack Landfill Services, LLC. Supervisor Gardner stated that our contract with Adirondack is expiring in February. It was decided to put out to bid this service to give Adirondack a chance to adjust their prices.

The issue of the lamp post on the Mastrovich property was brought up. The planning board had asked the board to act on it. Supervisor Gardner stated that after some investigation, the decision of putting the post in the right of way is a matter for the highway superintendent. Also in the zoning law there are some exemptions which include sidewalks, post, shrubs etc. The town board is responsible of the enforcement of decisions made by the planning board and the superintendent. Therefore the board has decided that no action by them can be made and it needs to go back to planning and the highway superintendent.

Resolution 106-2015
Intent to Sign Shared Service Agreement for Emergency Assistance
With NYSDOT
December 29, 2015

Resolution 106-2015 is being offered to establish the intent to sign a contract with NYS Department of Transportation for Shared Services for emergency assistance in the absence of a Governor's Emergency Declarations, as means to ensure that we are prepared to share assistance for a one year term.

Motion Made By: Mark Wrisley

Seconded By: Claire LaPine

Yea No

Councilperson LaPine x
Councilperson Garvey Excused
Councilperson LaForest x
Councilperson Wrisley x
Supervisor Gardner x

**Resolution 108-2015
Resolution of Condolence
December 29, 2015**

Resolution 108-2015 is a resolution of condolence to the family of Frederick Watrous, is being offered by the Town Board, who so moved its adoption.

WHEREAS, Frederick "Fred" Watrous of Essex, NY passed away at the age of 90 on December 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Frederick "Fred" Watrous was born on February 17, 1974, the son of Samuel R and Ardelle M (Fisk) Watrous; and

WHEREAS, Frederick "Fred" Watrous, was an employee of the Town of Essex as a heavy equipment operator until he retired; and

WHEREAS, Frederick "Fred" Watrous, had a love for "old time" tractors; and

WHEREAS, Frederick "Fred" Watrous, enjoyed traveling all the back roads throughout the North Country; and

WHEREAS, Frederick "Fred" Watrous, was known for his sense of humor and the ability to converse with anyone, anywhere; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Essex expresses their deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Frederick "Fred" Watrous; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that his resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Town Board with a suitably embossed copy thereof to be forwarded to the Watrous family.

Motion Made By: James LaForest

Seconded By:	Claire LaPine		
		Yea	No
Councilperson LaPine		x	
Councilperson Garvey		Excused	
Councilperson LaForest			x
Councilperson Wrisley		x	
Supervisor Gardner		x	

**Resolution 109-2015
Resolution of Condolence
December 29, 2015**

Resolution 109-2015 is a resolution of condolence to the family of Donald E. Wrisley, father of Mark Wrisley, is being offered by the Town Board, who so moved its adoption.

Motion Made By: James LaForest

Seconded By:	Claire LaPine		
		Yea	No
Councilperson LaPine		x	
Councilperson Garvey		Excused	
Councilperson LaForest			x
Councilperson Wrisley		x	
Supervisor Gardner		x	

Motion made by James LaForest, seconded by Mark Wrisley to pay the abstract.

	Yea	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Garvey	Excused	
Councilperson LaForest		x
Councilperson Wrisley	x	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

Reminder the Organizational Meeting on January 4th and the Water Meeting is January 5th.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by James LaForest.

Patricia Gardner
Town Clerk