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RESOLUTION TO SEEK LEAD AGENCY STATUS UNDER SEQRA REGARDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND BEGGS PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, The Town of Essex has received funding and is pursuing improvements to the public water system in Essex Hamlet, and

WHEREAS, the Town is required to comply with all applicable regulations and laws associated with the water improvement project and appurtenant improvements in Beggs Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Essex, New York, to establish the Town Board as the Lead Agency for this SEQRA review, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ann Ruzow Holland, Agent for the Town of Essex, is hereby authorized and directed to forward a "Notice of Intent to Establish Lead Agency" to the involved and interested agencies listed in the aforesaid Notice.

Dated: May 11, 2017

MOVED BY: James LaForest

SECONDED BY: Bryan Garvey

Approved on Roll Call as follows:

	Yes	No
Councilperson LaPine	X	
Councilperson Garvey	X	
Councilperson LaForest	X	
Councilperson Schueller	X	
Supervisor Gardner	Excused	

The assessors are requesting permission to attend a one day training in Lake Placid. This training covers how to assess various new types of properties at a cost of \$110 each. All in favor of this training.

Deputy Supervisor explained that there is a need to change the assistant water, wastewater operator salary. It will be more cost efficient to pay an hourly rate versus the salary rate. At the current rate of salary, it works out to be \$30 per hour.

Gretel Schueller made and seconded by James LaForest, a motion to change the Water Wastewater Operator Assistant pay from salary to an hourly rate of \$15, at the start of the next pay period.

Roll Call	YES	Nay
Councilperson LaPine	X	
Councilperson Garvey	X	
Councilperson LaForest	X	
Councilperson Schueller	X	
Supervisor Gardner	Excused	

Deputy Supervisor LaPine stated that the town's contract with the Grange is not in compliance with the State Comptroller's Office, meaning that by paying the utilities on the building that is considered a gift. Supervisor Gardner would like approval to have a professional appraisal done on this property. James LaForest asked if our assessors could do this. The assessment and an appraisal are different and an appraisal would be needed to value the property the same way the Old Stone Church was.

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Bryan Garvey made and James LaForest seconded a motion to hire an appraiser for the Grange building.

Roll Call	YES	Nay
Councilperson LaPine	X	
Councilperson Garvey	X	
Councilperson LaForest	X	
Councilperson Schueller	X	
Supervisor Gardner	Excused	

Supervisor Gardner has been in talks with the Willsboro Supervisor over the shared service of the beach that was discussed at the last joint town board meeting. Currently Willsboro has not exact figure for the shared service. Gretel Schueller commented that she remembers the ball park figure the Willsboro board gave us was extremely high for resident of Essex that would use the beach. After further discussion, it was decided to table this until Willsboro gives us a current dollar amount.

Deputy Supervisor LaPine asked the board to look over the job description for the Water/Wastewater Operator. Gretel Schueller felt that Tina should be advising on this matter. If all members of the board would submit their ideas then we can make a version all are in favor of.

There is a resignation from Jonathan Pribble from the Sewer Sustainability Committee. As of today, there has been no letters of interest for this committee from the ad put in the paper.

The Supervisor has been considering buying chairs for the board room. He can get one chair from the County Board of Supervisors for free. He wants permission to move forward with this. Gretel asked what was wrong with the current furniture and Claire responded that she could not respond that this was something the Supervisor wanted brought up. After discussing the issue, it was decided to have the Supervisor come back to the board with true costs. Councilperson LaPine, Councilperson Garvey and Councilperson LaForest agreed with Councilperson Schueller against.

Motion made by Bryan Garvey and seconded by Gretel Schueller to accept Abstract 5-2017.

Roll Call	YES	Nay
Councilperson LaPine	X	
Councilperson Garvey	X	
Councilperson LaForest	X	
Councilperson Schueller	X	
Supervisor Gardner	Excused	

Motion made by Bryan Garvey and seconded by Gretel Schueller to accept the Town Clerks Report. All in favor no nays.

Motion by Bryan Garvey and Seconded by Gretel Schueller to accept the Supervisors Report. All in favor no nays.

Supervisor Gardner stated that all department reports were available at the Town Clerks Office.

A motion made by Bryan Garvey and seconded by Gretel Schueller to enter executive session for a personnel matter. All in favor no nays.

Claire LaPine made a motion, seconded by Bryan Garvey to end the executive session. No decisions were made.

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The sewer and water departments needs to have certified licensed operators and Tracey Smith is looking to retire. Options for attaining this were discussed including hiring Dawn St. Louis as a backup. It was decided to run an ad for water and sewer operators. James LaForest made a motion and Gretel Schueller seconded motion to place an ad in the Press, Sun, and on line for Water operator and sewer operator. All in favor no nays.

Bryan Garvey made the motion to adjourn, seconded by all.

Respectfully Submitted
Patricia Gardner
Town Clerk