

TOWN OF ESSEX

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Edward Gardner
Supervisor

Patricia Gardner
Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL:

Claire LaPine
Bryan Garvey
James LaForest
Gretel Schueller

June 9, 2016
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
6:00pm

Supervisor Gardner called the meeting to order and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:	Present	Absent	Excused
	Councilperson LaPine	Councilperson LaForest	Councilperson Schueller
	Councilperson Garvey		
	Supervisor Gardner		

Supervisor Gardner gave the floor to Mark Kimbal. Mark explained that the goal of all this has been to make it official to purchase water from the town for his small livestock. Ed has shown me the proposed policy and it all looks good. to me. I wasn't to thank the Ed for getting this together.

Supervisor Gardner asked if anyone else wanted to speak. Ken Hughes wanted to thank the board for the resolution of support and said that they received it in time to submit it with their grant application. He also updated the board on various events and happenings that have happened since last month. Supervisor Gardner asked if the Essex Initiatives were going to replant all the planters in town and if they were there was money set aside for this in the budget. Ken said that their committee was planning to do this and he would inform them of this. The town clerk reminded them to get a release from sales tax from the town.

A motion made by Bryan Garvey and seconded by Claire LaPine to accept the minutes of May 12, 2016.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilperson LaForest	Absent	
Councilperson Schueller	Excused	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

A motion made by Claire LaPine and seconded by Bryan Garvey to accept the minutes of May 25, 2016.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilperson LaForest	Absent	
Councilperson Schueller	Excused	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

Supervisor Gardner told the board that he with the help of others created a policy for outside users. Tina found that the average cost of water in the country is 3 cents per gallon. He asked the board how they felt about this.

Bryan Garvey made and Claire LaPine seconded the following resolution:

Resolution 50-2016, is being made to establish a fee for water for outside the district water users.

Water Policy for Outside Users

Water will be made available from the Water District for users outside of the District as long as it is metered. The Town will supply the meter for this purpose. The hookup fees and any other costs will be borne by the water user. Water will only be available from the Fire Department #1 or the Town of Essex Sewer Plant.

The Charge or water will be two cents per gallon. Decisions on hookups and meter reading will be made by the Water Operator. The decisions of the Water Operator may be appealed to the Town Board.

If after one year the policy proves satisfactory, it will be amended into the Water Law.

	Yea	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilperson LaForest	Absent	
Councilperson Schueller	Excused	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

The town clerk read the letter of resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals received from Frank Walls. Bryan Garvey made a motion to accept with regrets the letter of resignation from Frank Walls. Claire LaPine seconded this motion. All were in favor, no nays.

Supervisor Gardner explained that in order to be in total compliance with the state, a SEQR had to be completed with a negative declaration.

Resolution 48-2016, The Environmental Assessment Form in conformance with the DEC SEQRA, has declared the action of the sale of the Old Stone church to be a negative declaration. This resolution allows the supervisor to sign the SEQRA form.

Motion Made By: Claire LaPine Seconded By: Bryan Garvey

	Yea	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilperson LaForest	Absent	
Councilperson Schueller	Excused	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

Supervisor Gardner explained that NYS Retirement told us we need to correct our standard hours.

Motion Made By: Bryan Garvey and Seconded by Claire LaPine to establish the Standard Workhours.

Councilperson LaPine yes Councilperson Garvey yes Councilperson LaForest Absent

Councilperson Schueller Excused Supervisor Gardner yes

(see attached)

Supervisor Gardner informed the board that the Fortunes daughter was recently in the Miss USA pageant. He asked for a resolution of congratulations.

Resolution 51-2016, is being offered to congratulate Neely Fortune, daughter of Jan and John Fortune.

WHEREAS; Ms. Neely Fortune, daughter of Jan and John Fortune of Essex, NY grew up summering in Essex;

WHEREAS; Ms. Fortune competed and won the title of Miss Vermont USA in November of 2015;

WHEREAS; Ms. Fortune on June 5, 2016 competed in the Miss USA pageant;

BE IT RESOLVED; That the Town Board of the Town of Essex wishes to congratulate Ms. Neely Fortune and he parents on such honors to participate in the Miss USA competition.

Motion Made By: Bryan Garvey

Unanimous Second All in Favor

A motion to pay Abstract #6-2016 for a total of \$81, 421.44 was made by Claire LaPine and seconded by Bryan Garvey.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No
Councilperson LaPine	x	
Councilperson Garvey	x	
Councilperson LaForest	Absent	
Councilperson Schueller	Excused	
Supervisor Gardner	x	

Jane Terlouw gave an FYI for an Open House to be held July 17 12-3 in honor of Rev. John and Peggy Hunn. Rev. Hunn is retiring.

With no other business before the board, a motion by Claire LaPine to adjourn the meeting at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Gardner
Town Clerk