

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 3:00 p.m.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Brankman
Councilperson Kirkby
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson Morrison
Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

Keven Severance, Highway Superintendent
Catherine Simmer, Town Clerk
Tim Tryon
Daniel Berheide
Alice Halloran

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comment.

YOUTH COMMISSION: No comment.

SUPERVISOR TYLER introduced Alice Halloran and Daniel Berheide from Essex County Soil and Water. Daniel has been working on a forest management plan for the Westport Water Shed. As part of the plan Daniel has mapped out a potential sugar bush for a maple syrup leasing opportunity to present to the board. A ten-year lease would be best since operational cost are high especially in the beginning. He is still working on the template for a lease. He sees nothing but benefits for both the town and the forest. There is a higher return on maple leasing than maple logging. **COUNCILPERSON KIRKBY** asked who would oversee the sugar bush lease? **DANIEL BERHEIDE** stated that he would oversee the lease. **COUNCILPERSON BRANKMAN** asked if there is a conflict between the timber harvest and maple lease? **DANIEL BERHEIDE** no, we would go in ahead of time to harvest the timber. **COUNCILPERSON KIRKBY** asked if the APA has any say? **DANIEL BERHEIDE** replied no. **SUPERVISOR TYLER** said it would be nice for a local. **DANIEL BERHEIDE** stated it would be most beneficial for a local.

RESOLUTION #171
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with an all in favor.

5 Ayes Morrison, Kirkby, Viens, Brankman and Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2022 regular meeting as received.

RESOLUTION #172
APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion by Councilperson Kirkby, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Morrison, Kirkby, Viens, Brankman and Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract #28 in the amount of \$101,817.20 for Vouchers 567-591.

RESOLUTION #173
SIGN CONTRACT WITH LIVINGSTON ENERGY GROUP, LLC

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved with an all in favor.

5 Ayes Morrison, Kirkby, Viens, Brankman and Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Tyler to sign the contract with Livingston Energy Group, LLC.

**RESOLUTION #174
SIGN NYSDOT SNOW AND ICE CONTRACT**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, and seconded by Councilperson Kirkby, and approved with an all in favor vote.

5 Ayes Morrison, Kirkby, Viens, Brankman and Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED authorize Supervisor Tyler to sign the NYSDOT snow and ice agreement, contract #D014776.

**RESOLUTION #175
SIGN DANGEROUS DOG CONTRACT**

On a motion by Councilperson Kirkby, and seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved with an all in favor vote.

5 Ayes Morrison, Kirkby, Viens, Brankman and Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED authorize Supervisor Tyler to sign the 2023 NCSPCA shelter and dogs deemed dangerous agreement.

**RESOLUTION #176
HIRE TIM GAY AS TOWN ASSESSOR**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, and seconded by Councilperson Kirkby, and approved with an all in favor vote.

5 Ayes Morrison, Kirkby, Viens, Brankman and Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED hire Tim Gay for our Town assessor beginning December 1, 2022 at a rate of \$21,000.00 per year.

DPW SUPERINTENDANT REPORT: The road sand is done. Two trucks are set up for plowing. The brush head is installed and working well. We need to go behind it and do a little light clean up. Nancy Sherman is happy with what we did for her. Keven stated he will be going back in the spring to check on things after the winter. Jason, Ryan and Keven attended MSHA training which is for mine training which is needed for the digging that is done in the town. Chris Clark said we should have the truck back next week. The truck we had repaired at Charlebois is back and working great. COUNCILPERSON MORRISON is the grader in the other building? Is that where we are keeping it? KEVEN responded yes.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS: As you know we need to acquire or gain permission to use a piece of a local Wadhams residents land to drill our new well for Wadhams. The project is held up due to difficulties with the land owner. This is very discouraging.

COUNCILPERSON MORRISON would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCILPERSON BRANKMAN would like to inform the board of his resignation effective January 1, 2023.

RESOLUTION #177

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on an all in favor vote the meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

5 Ayes Morrison, Kirkby, Viens, Brankman and Tyler
0 Nays

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Catherine L. Simmer, Town Clerk