

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Stamford was held on May 15, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Stamford Municipal Building with the following present:

Supervisor-Michael Triolo
Councilperson-Rudy Stripp
Councilperson-Daniel Deysenroth
Councilperson-Roderick Hillis
Councilperson-David Post
Hwy. Supt. John A. Rice, Jr.

Also present was: Liz Page, Velga Kundzins, Karina Walker and Duane Martin.

A MOTION was made by Daniel Deysenroth and seconded by Rudy Stripp to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by Rudy Stripp and seconded by Roderick Hillis to approve the Supervisor's monthly report. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by Roderick Hillis and seconded by Rudy Stripp to approve Highway bills abstract no. 5, dated May 15, 2014, claim nos. 65 – 86 in the amount of \$31,578.56. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

A MOTION was made by Roderick Hillis and seconded by David Post to approve General bills abstract no. 5, dated May 15, 2014, claim nos. 73 – 88 in the amount of \$20,211.23. ALL AYE votes cast, MOTION carried.

Hwy. Supt John Rice, Jr. gave the following report:

- Rubble has been hauled for graveling dirt roads.
- Approximately half of the roads have been graveled and honed.
- Will be replacing two driveway culverts and patching more potholes.
- Mower will be ready to chop/cut brush and trim roadside grass.
- Two random drug and alcohol tests have been done.
- Rented a large excavator from Eklunds to repair a washed out headwall on Foote Hollow Rd. A guide rail or barrier is suggested.
- Received an estimate for guide rails for Town Brook Rd., past clove Rd. intersection.
- Will be working on getting ditches dug and culverts cleaned on Tower Mountain Rd. and Turkey Hollow Rd. to prepare for paving next month.
- Timber Tree Service cut some limbs and one large ash tree near a house and power lines.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2014 was introduced by Rudy Stripp and seconded by Roderick Hillis:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that we approve the installation of guide rails on: Town Brook Rd. past the Clove Rd. intersection, on Foote Hollow Rd. across from Betty Mattice's residence and on Town Brook Rd. near Douglas McMullen's residence in the amount of approximately \$7,600.

The foregoing RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A VOTE WHICH resulted as follows:

AYES: Michael Triolo-Rudy Stripp-Roderick Hillis

Daniel Deysenroth-David Post

NOES: None

Said RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2014 was introduced by Michael Triolo and seconded by Roderick Hillis:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that we appoint Gary Rosa to the position of Town Attorney effective May 15, 2014 to Dec. 31, 2014.

The foregoing RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A VOTE WHICH resulted as follows:

AYES: Michael Triolo-Rudy Stripp-Roderick Hillis

Daniel Deysenroth-David Post

NOES: None

Said RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supv. Triolo informed the board The Community Development Block Grant has been awarded to Town of Stamford in the amount of \$400,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2014 was introduced by Rudy Stripp and seconded by Roderick Hillis:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A
CONTRACT WITH WCCRC**

WHEREAS, The Town of Stamford intends to implement local community development activities with Community Development Block Grant funding which is available under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stamford has entered into an agreement with Western Catskills Community Revitalization Council Inc.(WCCRC) for the administration and delivery of the CDBG program, and a contract between the Town of Stamford and WCCRC has been drawn up and approved by the Town Board,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Stamford hereby authorizes Town Supervisor Michael Triolo to sign said contract.

The foregoing RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A VOTE WHICH resulted as follows:

AYES: Michael Triolo-Rudy Stripp-Roderick Hillis
Daniel Deysenroth-David Post

NOES: None

Said RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2014 was introduced by Daniel Deysenroth and seconded by David Post:

RESOLUTION FOR DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY FOR DIRECT
DEPOSIT OF NYS CDBG FUNDS

WHEREAS, The Town of Stamford intends to implement local community development activities with Community Development Block Grant funding which is available under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Stamford must designate a separate non-interest bearing account, which is covered by federal deposit insurance, as the depository for all funds to be received from the State of New York CDBG Program resulting from Project # 1108HR49-13,

WHEREAS, such an account has been opened at NBT Bank NA, Branch 315, Hobart NY,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Stamford hereby authorizes Town Supervisor Michael Triolo approve and sign this Designation of Depository.

The foregoing RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A VOTE WHICH resulted as follows:

AYES: Michael Triolo-Rudy Stripp-Roderick Hillis
Daniel Deysenroth-David Post

NOES: None

Said RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2014 was introduced by Rudy Stripp and seconded by David Post:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING SIGNATORIES ON CDBG CHECKING ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, The Town of Stamford intends to implement local community development activities with Community Development Block Grant funding which is available under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, a checking account has been opened at the NBT Bank, Hobart branch, with the purpose of paying WCCRC, Inc. for administrative funds,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Stamford hereby appoints the following persons to said account: Diane S. Grant, Town Clerk and Rudy Stripp, Deputy Supervisor.

The foregoing RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A VOTE WHICH resulted as follows:

AYES: Michael Triolo-Rudy Stripp-Roderick Hillis
Daniel Deysenroth-David Post

NOES: None

Said RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2014 was introduced by Rudy Stripp and seconded by Roderick Hillis:

WHEREAS, the Town of Stamford stands to benefit from the rehabilitation of mixed use commercial and civic buildings in the Villages of Hobart and Stamford.

WHEREAS, Western Catskills Community Revitalization Council, Inc., is submitting an application to New York State Homes and Community Renewal Office of Community Renewal for the NY Main Street Program Anchor Building grant funds on behalf of the owner of the Historic Hobart Inn.

WHEREAS, the area contains numerous historical buildings, and it is important that these buildings be renovated and brought to the standards of NYS Building Code so that they are not lost and so that businesses have viable spaces in which to work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Town of Stamford wholeheartedly supports these efforts of the Western Catskills Community Revitalization Council and the submission of an application for this NY Main Street Program.

The foregoing RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A VOTE WHICH resulted as follows:

AYES: Michael Triolo-Rudy Stripp-Roderick Hillis
Daniel Deysenroth-David Post

NOES: None

Said RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2014 was introduced by Rudy Stripp and seconded by Roderick Hillis:

WHEREAS, the Town of Stamford stands to benefit from the rehabilitation of mixed use commercial and civic buildings in the Villages of Hobart and Stamford.

WHEREAS, Western Catskills Community Revitalization Council, Inc., is submitting an application to New York State Homes and Community Renewal Office of Community Renewal for the NY Main Street Program Anchor Building grant funds on behalf of the owners of the Stamford Village Library.

WHEREAS, the area contains numerous historical buildings, and it is important that these buildings be renovated and brought to the standards of NYS Building Code so that they are not lost and so that businesses have viable spaces in which to work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Town of Stamford wholeheartedly supports these efforts of the Western Catskills Community Revitalization Council and the submission of an application for this NY Main Street Program.

The foregoing RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A VOTE WHICH resulted as follows:

AYES: Michael Triolo-Rudy Stripp-Roderick Hillis
Daniel Deysenroth-David Post

NOES: None

Said RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2014 was introduced by Rudy Stripp and seconded by Roderick Hillis:

WHEREAS, the Town of Stamford stands to benefit from the rehabilitation of mixed use commercial and civic buildings in the Villages of Hobart and Stamford.

WHEREAS, Western Catskills Community Revitalization Council, Inc., is submitting an application to New York State Homes and Community Renewal Office of Community Renewal for the NY Main Street Program Technical Assistance grant funds on behalf of the building owners and businesses in the Main Street business district of the Village of Stamford.

WHEREAS, the area contains numerous historical buildings, it is important that these buildings be renovated and brought to the standards of NYS Building Code so that they are not lost and so that businesses have viable spaces in which to work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Town of Stamford wholeheartedly supports these efforts of the Western Catskills Community

Revitalization Council and the submission of an application for this NY Main Street Program.

The foregoing RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A VOTE WHICH resulted as follows:

AYES: Michael Triolo-Rudy Stripp-Roderick Hillis
Daniel Deysenroth-David Post

NOES: None

Said RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Discussed was the possibility of the Western Catskills Community Revitalization Council, Inc. researching grant avenues for the South Kortright Recreational Park.

Duane Martin was present to request the town board for a resolution to oppose the Clean Water Act Regulation proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2014 was introduced by David Post and seconded by Daniel Deysenroth:

The Town of Stamford Opposes Clean Water Act Regulation Proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers

WHEREAS, The Town of Stamford Town Board affirms its commitment to environmental stewardship and the protection of our natural resources, and recognizes the need to harmonize municipal programs and services with the legislative intent and objectives of the Clean Water Act (CWA); and

WHEREAS, the CWA was not intended to protect ditches and other channels through which water flows intermittently nor was it intended to capture seeps, wet areas, isolated man-made ponds and other structures not currently subject to the CWA; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection and Agency (EPA) and the United States Corps of Engineers (Corps) have developed a proposed regulation on *Definition of "Waters of the United States" Under the Clean Water Act* to clarify the EPA and Corps' understanding and definition of the CWA that will inform all of EPA's regulatory programs and policy actions; and

WHEREAS, this proposed regulation creates greater uncertainty rather than clarity and would now capture a significant number of public works activities and transportation infrastructure that will now be subject to the CWA and its costly and time-consuming permitting and regulatory protocols; and

WHEREAS, the proposed regulation greatly expands the number of projects subject to jurisdictional determination or CWA permitting which do not currently require such oversight at great expense to the taxpayers of The Town of Stamford with little, if

any, substantive environmental benefit while diverting scarce resources from other programs that do provide environmental protection and conservation benefits; and

WHEREAS, the financial impact of the proposed regulation to Town of Stamford will create significant ongoing maintenance costs and delays to Town of Stamford citizens due to the need for jurisdictional determinations and expanded jurisdictional authority of EPA and the Corp; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Stamford Town Board believes that the standards for making jurisdictional determinations under the CWA and clarification or definition of the intent of the CWA should be accomplished only through the U.S. Congress, and limited by the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Stamford Town Board urges EPA and the Corps to withdraw the proposed CWA regulation immediately, work collaboratively with states and local governments to clarify federal jurisdiction under the CWA that is reasonable, environmentally responsible and respects the authority of state and local governments in ensuring the protection of our water resources and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town of Stamford Town Board supports any federal legislation consistent with the above recommendations and urges its Congressional and State representatives to intercede with EPA and request that EPA report to them on their response and adaptations regarding the aforementioned concerns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, should be transmitted to U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. House Representative Chris Gibson, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York State Senator James Seward, New York Assembly Representative Peter Lopez, and EPA Region 2 Administrator Judith Enck.

The foregoing RESOLUTION WAS DULY PUT TO A VOTE WHICH resulted as follows:

AYES: Michael Triolo-Rudy Stripp-Daniel Deysenroth

Roderick Hillis-David Post

NOES: None

Said RESOLUTION was thereupon declared duly adopted

A MOTION was made by Michael Triolo and seconded by Roderick Hillis to adjourn this meeting at 8:07 P.M. The next regular meeting will be held on June 11, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Municipal Building, 101 Maple Ave., Hobart, New York.

WE, the undersigned members of the Town Board of the Town of Stamford, Delaware County, New York, do hereby certify that we have examined the minutes of the previous meeting and found them to be correct and accurate as recorded.

Supervisor_____

Councilperson_____

Councilperson_____

Councilperson_____

Councilperson_____

Attest_____

Town Clerk