

TOWN OF CATHARINE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 20, 2021

Members Present: Supervisor, Richard Lewis; Councilmen, Glenn Bleiler, C.Michael Learn, Jamee Mack, Highway Superintendent, Marty Vondracek

Absent: Ronald Hoffman

Public in attendance: Chris Conolly, Jack Lewis, David Reed, John VanSoest

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Lewis.

Public Heard: Chris Conolly presented a list of concerns from residents on Cayuta Lake, State Route 228 and County Rd 6 regarding Cool Lea Camp. He stated that they are renting jet skis, docking boats and having loud music til 11pm at night. The concern is that they have changed the business practices of Cool Lea camp that are in violation of our current Zoning Laws.

John VanSoest also came to discuss concerns regarding the loud music, as he had received calls from residents that thought the music was coming from his place. He suggested that someone talk to the new owners regarding the concerns of the neighboring residents.

David Reed talked about the revitalization that is going on in Watkins Glen and the concerns he has with the County wanting to use Covid Relief funds to create a Performing Arts Center in Watkins Glen. Glenn asked if there were funds available for revitalization of the Hamlet of Alpine. Dave wasn't sure but suggested we put in a request for funds and see what happens.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

RESOLUTION 40-2021

RESOLVE that the minutes of the June board meeting be accepted.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 41-2021

RESOLVE that the June Clerk's Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor.

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Mike Learn

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 42-2021

RESOLVE that the June Justice Report be accepted as submitted to the State Comptroller and the Supervisor

RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded by Glenn Bleiler

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Zoning Report: Harold reported that a large deck is being built on a log cabin on Steam Mill Rd, a Certificate of Occupancy was issued to the new house on Oak Hill Rd. He placed a stop work order on a building in Alpine. The owner has removed the signs, which is illegal. An appearance ticket is being issued to the owner to appear in the Town of Catharine Court on August 16, 2021.

RESOLUTION 43-2021

RESOLVE that the May Supervisor's Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack
VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 44-2021

RESOLVE that the June Supervisor's Report be accepted as submitted to the Supervisor
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack
VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Highway Superintendent's Report: Marty said due to the weather they have only put down about ½ of the gravel on Oak Hill. He said he would like to add gravel to the upper part of Oak Hill as well. He still needs to put gravel down on Carley Rd. They had flooding on Steam Mill Rd and Saxton Hill Rd. Beardsley Hollow had some flooding due to plugged sluice pipes. Soil and water had to do repairs to Saxton Hill to prevent washout of the road. Marty also stated that he was having some issues with the Chevy pick up and that the Dodge dump truck had to go to the shop for recalls. Jamee mentioned to Marty that she had a complaint from a resident on Carley Rd about the traffic during the races on Carl State's property. She states that they are cutting the corner and she feels this is a dangerous situation. Marty said that the corner is very sharp and it's not just race traffic that tends to cut the corner. It was suggested that signage would help.

RESOLUTION 45-2021

RESOLVE that the following bills be paid G109-G129 in the total sum of \$12,178.72 and H63-H71 in the sum of \$16,532.43.
RESOLUTION by Jamee Mack, seconded Mike Learn
VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

Unfinished Business: Rick stated the he and the Mayor of the Village of Odessa may have someone who is interested in becoming Code Enforcement/Building Inspector for the Town of Catharine and the Village of Odessa. He is still waiting on NYSEG regarding the light on the corner of State Route 224 and County Rd 10.

RESOLUTION 46-2021

RESOLVE THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CATHARINE
DISCONTINUANCE OF SCHOOL HOUSE ROAD AS A PUBLIC HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, School House Road is situated within Connecticut Hill Wildlife Management Area, and located on land owned in fee by the People of the State of New York, said lands being under the care, custody, and control of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Bureau of Wildlife; and

WHEREAS, that portion of School House Road (a.k.a. VanLone Road) west of the gate at the west end of School House Road was reputedly discontinued by the Town of Catharine; and

WHEREAS, the remaining portion of School House Road being about 0.6 miles in length is situated in the Town of Catharine; and

WHEREAS, the DEC has notified the Supervisor of the Town of Catharine that DEC intends to issue an order for the Discontinuance of public use of School House Road as a highway pursuant to Highway Law section 212, as amended by Chapter 161 of the Laws of 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catharine Highway Superintendent determined that the town Highway Department is not currently performing maintenance work on School House Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catharine Highway Superintendent further determined it is appropriate for the NYSDEC to seek a discontinuance of all that portion of Summerton Hill Road located in the Town of Catharine as depicted on the attached map annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the junction of the centerline of Todd Road and the centerline of School House Road, thence along said centerline of School House Road the following fourteen (14) courses and distances:

- 1) S 59° 58' 06" W 22.02 feet;
- 2) S 85° 35' 47" W 28.46 feet;
- 3) N 85° 55' 49" W 34.76 feet;
- 4) N 80° 17' 42" W 104.98 feet;
- 5) N 77° 23' 59" W 167.05 feet;
- 6) N 81° 15' 49" W 293.48 feet;
- 7) N 78° 11' 51" W 273.45 feet;
- 8) N 80° 20' 21" W 385.70 feet;
- 9) N 79° 28' 24" W 304.67 feet;
- 10) N 79° 14' 46" W 734.00 feet;
- 11) N 82° 55' 21" W 57.93 feet;
- 12) N 77° 12' 32" W 139.47 feet;
- 13) N 79° 58' 30" W 519.38 feet;
- 14) N 76° 56' 01" W 106.44 feet;

Thence Westerly to the eastern terminus of the previously discontinued portion of School House Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Catharine is in support of the determination of the Town of Catharine Highway Superintendent;

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of discussions the Town Board of the Town of Catharine did on Sept. 15, 2015 pass resolution 2015-58 approving the transfer two roads (Summertown Hill and School House Rd.) on Connecticut Hill to NYSDEC; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Catharine does not express or offer any objections regarding the Discontinuance of School House Road by DEC; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Catharine does not now nor will it in the future seek to obtain any monetary or other such damages resulting from the Discontinuance of School House Road by DEC; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the official filing of the order for the Discontinuance in the office of the Department of Environmental Conservation, that the Town of Catharine's responsibility for maintaining that portion of School House Road described above and depicted in Exhibit "A" shall cease.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Mike Learn

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 47-2021

RESOLVE THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CATHARINE
DISCONTINUANCE OF SUMMERTON HILL ROAD AS A PUBLIC HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, Summertown Hill Road is situated within Connecticut Hill Wildlife Management Area, and located totally on land owned in fee by the People of the State of New York and being under the care, custody, and control of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Bureau of Wildlife; and

WHEREAS, that portion of Summertown Hill Road situated between the Catharine town line and the Cayuta town line was reputedly discontinued by the Town of Catharine on March 11, 1947; and

WHEREAS, the remaining portion of Summertown Hill Road being about 0.7 miles in length may be all or in part situated in the Town of Catharine; and

WHEREAS, the DEC has notified the Supervisor of the Town of Catharine that DEC intends to issue an order for the Discontinuance of public use of Summertown Hill Road as a highway pursuant to Highway Law section 212, as amended by Chapter 161 of the Laws of 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catharine Highway Superintendent determined that the town Highway Department is not currently performing maintenance work on Summertown Hill Road; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Catharine Highway Superintendent further determined it is appropriate for the NYSDEC to seek a Discontinuance of all that portion of Summertown Hill Road located

in the Town of Catharine as depicted on the attached map annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the junction of the centerline of Alpine Road and the centerline of Summerton Hill Road, thence along said centerline of Summerton Hill Road the following fourteen (14) courses and distances:

- 1) S 13° 09' 21" W 394.76 feet;
- 2) S 08° 24' 29" W 132.26 feet;
- 3) S 13° 23' 44" W 191.26 feet;
- 4) S 11° 30' 58" W 643.31 feet;
- 5) S 14° 09' 25" W 142.40 feet;
- 6) S 16° 32' 45" W 187.07 feet;
- 7) S 13° 17' 07" W 681.48' feet;
- 8) S 09° 56' 19" W 175.07 feet;
- 9) S 14° 20' 29" W 212.61' feet;
- 10) S 09° 04' 06" W 158.77 feet;
- 11) S 11° 51' 52" W 153.00 feet;
- 12) S 17° 13' 26" W 59.58 feet;
- 13) S 08° 51' 25" W 118.21 feet;
- 14) S 11° 23' 34" W 199.46 feet;

Thence Southerly to the northern terminus of 1947 discontinuance; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Catharine is in support of the determination of the Town of Catharine Highway Superintendent;

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of discussions the Town Board of the Town of Catharine did on Sept. 15, 2015 pass resolution 2015-58 approving the transfer two roads (Summerton Hill and School House Rd.) on Connecticut Hill to NYSDEC; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Catharine does not express or offer any objections regarding the Discontinuance of Summerton Hill Road by DEC; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Catharine does not now nor will it in the future seek to obtain any monetary or other such damages resulting from the Discontinuance of Summerton Hill Road by DEC; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the official filing of the order for the Discontinuance in the office of the Department of Environmental Conservation, that the Town of Catharine's responsibility for maintaining that portion of Summerton Hill Road depicted in Exhibit "A" shall cease.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Mike Learn

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

RESOLUTION 48-2021

RESOLVE that the Town of Catharine agrees to a 3 year contract with the Village of Odessa for Fire Protection for the cost of \$77,932 in 2022, \$79,491 in 2023 and \$81,081 in 2024.

RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded Mike Learn

VOTE 4 ayes, 0 noes

New Business: Diane will get estimates on replacing the concrete steps in front of the Town Hall as they are breaking apart. Glenn asked if maybe we should look into the possibility of building a ramp at the same time.

Jamee was asking if there was anything the Town could do with Shepherd's Creek in Alpine, as it is causing flooding issues with the heavy rains. Marty said he would talk to Soil & Water.

Glen was asking if we knew if anyone was monitoring the septic systems on Cayuta Lake, as they are supposed to be pumped and checked every 5 years. Diane said she would check with Watershed to see if they are keeping records on the properties around the lake to ensure they are being pumped and operating properly.

Motion to Adjourn by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Jamee Mack

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm

Respectfully submitted

Diane Sidle

Town Clerk/Collector

Next meeting at August 17, 2021 at 7:00pm