July 26, 2021

State of New York
2679 Route 8
County of Hamilton
Town of Lake Pleasant

A Regular Meeting of the Lake Pleasant Town Board was held on July 19, 2021 at the Lake Pleasant Public Library 2864 State Hwy. 8 Speculator, NY. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., to conduct whatever business that may come before the Board.
The following were present:
Supervisor: Betsy Bain
Councilman: Neil McGovern, Cristine Meixner, Nancy Seifts, Don Braunius
Town Clerk: Deborah O'Rourke
Highway Superintendent Randy Lavarnway (Absent)
Guests: Robert (Shorty) Hoffman, Bob Benkovich (Building/Code Officer) Karen McComb (Library President), Bonnie Reisinger, Stephanie Smit

RESOLUTION #77APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2021
OFFERED BY Neil McGovern 2nd by Nancy Seifts
RESOLVED, that the minutes of July 6, 2021 be approved as presented
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts Neil McGovern, Don Braunius, Cristine Meixner Nays: None

Committee Reports:

Old Business: ROW closing update: Laura Darling (Town Attorney) contacted Supervisor Bain about getting a copy of the Deed from 1997 that was mentioned in the town minutes. The new owner wanted a copy of it, Supervisor Bain will go up to the County Clerks office to get a copy of it. Hopefully that will be the last step before the closing.
New Business: The Stubbs R/O system is having some problems H2O Bill Dievendorf has ordered the parts. Dunn's (former Turners) contacted Bill Dievendorf asking for the ultra violet light on their R/O system needs to be replaced, Bill explained to them first they have to contact the Town not the R/O owner and that the ultra-violet light is redundant and not necessary so it is not the Town's responsibility.
Supervisor Bain reported that the Consolidated Health District Budget is down by $30,000 for 2021 because of lack of donations. Camp of the Woods will not be making a donation this year of $2,500 as in previous years because of business be down because of COVID. There are other donations that are not be made this year. The cost of the BTI program is going up this year because of two people being certified cost is $2,100.00 Neil McGovern feels if the public knows they can make donations to the CHD if they want. Further discussion on the TWIGS donation.
A copy of the Chamber of Commerce 2nd Quarter report was handed out. (See attached)
Supervisor Bain received a letter of resignation from Chairman Tom Connolly dated July 16th.
The dumpster that was put out this week at the Town Hall did not have any problems, Supervisor Bain and Mayor Barrett are going to get together and write a letter to Airbnb owners not to use the dumpster for their garbage but take it to the transfer station.

RESOLUTION #78 APPOINT VICTORIA BUYCE CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING BOARD
OFFERED BY, Don Braunius 2nd by Neil McGovern
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius. Nays-None
Supervisor Bain asked the Board for names to fill Vicki's seat on the Planning Board hopefully for next Town meeting. Neil McGovern feels that the Planning Board should meet on a schedule basis not just when a project needs to be reviewed.
Bob Benkovich gave his report as of June 30, 2021. There were 45 permits issued in the Town of Lake Pleasant as of June 30, 2021. Last year around the same time there were 45 permits issued. (See attached)

Committee Reports:
Cristine Meixner handed out the proposal from Adirondack Building Restoration for a new foundation for the Towns Museum $94,420. The proposal was sent on to Allison Gaddy at Lake Champlain/Lake George Regional Planning Board who is preparing the grant application.
RESOLUTION #79 THE BOARD AGREED TO HAVE CRISTINE MEIXNER MEET WITH THE HISORICAL SOCIETY ABOUT THE GRANT APPLICATION AND FUND-RAISING.
OFFERED BY Cristine Meixner 2nd by Neil McGovern
RESOLVED, that the grant is a 50% local match. The foundation is needs to be replaced.
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius Nays: None
Nancy Seifts reported that the Youth Rec program started last week

RESOLUTION #80 APPROVE AUDIT OF ABSTRACT #23
Voucher #1333-1365 Amount $118,451.38
OFFERED BY Nancy Seifts 2nd by Cristine Meixner
RESOLVED, that all bills in the following funds be paid as present.
GENERAL, HIGHWAY, LANDFILL, LIBRARY
ADOPTED by the following vote. Ayes: Supervisor Bain, Councilperson: Nancy Seifts, Cristine Meixner, Neil McGovern, Don Braunius Nays-None

Roundtable: Next Board meeting is March 1, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.
Public Comment: Karen McComb thanked Cristine for her work to get a grant for the museum. Fundraising is a good idea Karen feels but how much does the Town have in the budget for the museum upkeep? Betsy mentioned that Cris and she had talked about some money from the American Rescue Plan and some money from the sale of 175 Golf Course Road could be used towards the museum repairs. Karen said that the library received a donation which will be used to expand the rails for hanging art work in the Children's Room. The library asked John Foley for a proposal for landscaping the front of the building. Shorty Hoffman told the Board that the museum is a historical building so the foundation needs to be kept as stone not block. Shorty asked why isn't the Senior Meal Site open? Betsy said she just got the notice it will be opening July 28 one day a week. Neil said that the opening will be a slow one as it a State Program.

Cristine mentioned that the LED streetlights are completed in the Village suggested that the Board take a look at them. Don Braunius said that the Town has done very little maintenance at the Museum. He would like to see the Museum handicap accessible. Neil asked Bob Benkovich to look into what is needed for this to happen.

Betsy informed the Board that there will be a ribbon cutting at Oak Mt. for their Mountain Rescue Training Center on July 28. The Mountain Rescue Training Center is a log cabin on top of Oak Mt. It is owned and run by the Outdoor Emergency Services Group. The training center was made possible by a grant sponsored by NYS Senator James Tedisco. Speculator Primary Care will be closed on Tuesday July 27th and Wednesday July 28. The staff will be out for training on their training on their new EMR system. This system will link the primary care directly into the hospital's system.
Betsy received the hard copy of the BST audit for 2019 she has a copy if anyone wants one. The Audit for 2020 is almost done.
Next meeting is August 2, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

***ON A MOTION BY Don Braunius 2ND by Neil McGovern
TO ADJOURN 8:00 p.m.
ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah O'Rourke, Town Clerk

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July 19,2021

Members of the Board,

To update you on this year's permit activity to date, there were 45 permits issued in the Town of Lake Pleasant as of June 30, 2021. Around the same time last year (2020) there were 45 permits issued. The comparison between the years is as follows:

	2020	2021
• New residential buildings	5	6-3r
• Alterations	11	12-1r
• Additions	3-1r	0
• Demolition	3	2
• Septic Systems	8	6-1r
• Solid fuel burning devices	1	1
• Wells	4	5-1r
• Garages/sheds	3-1r	7
• Decks/canopies/porches	3	5
• Sign	1	0
• Pools	1	0
• Commercial Buildings	2	0
• Temporary Tent Structure	0	1

Six of the permits are renewals.
No stop work orders have been issued.
No reports from the Lake Pleasant Fire Department were received.

If there are any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Benkovich
Code Enforcement Officer
Town of Lake Pleasant

2021 2nd Quarterly Report to the Town of Lake Pleasant Board
(4/1/2021-6/30/2021)

ACTIVITY	1st Q 2021	2nd Q 2021
MAILINGS	~175	~200
TELEPHONE CALLS	~300	~350
EMAILS RECVD/SENT	950/700	1300/1100
WEBSITE-Users	4021	5561
-New	3826	5316
-Total Sessions	4736	6815
-Avg Session Duration	1 min 44 sec	1min 41 sec
FACEBOOK-Followers (to date)	9274	9375
-Posts	162	146
-Messages (conversations)	28	20
INSTAGRAM-Followers (to date)	1117	1130

ADVERTISING	1st Q 2021	2nd Q 2021
Hamilton County Express	1 (snowmobiling) $62.10	2 (Farmers' Mkt) $111.00
ADK Guide	Summer Guide $450.	
Community Pride Day Sponsor	$100.	
Farmers' Mkt Banner		$39.95
Flower Barrel		$30.00
Upstate Summer Guide		$349.00
Hiking & Paddling Guides		$396.20
TOTAL	$612.10	$926.15

2nd Q 2021:
The second quarter is usually busy with planning and preparing for a busy summer. This year was no different except for the added need to have a contingency plan if restrictions and guidelines remained in effect in terms of COVID.

ROOST:
We participated in conference calls and virtual meetings regarding summer events in general and specifically the Great Adirondack Garage Sale weekend. We also worked with our representative regarding the making of a video in our region in line with Adirondack Experience's marketing plan.

Economic Development:
We took part in virtual meetings with the North Country Chamber of Commerce, Common Ground Alliance and ANCA.

Past Q Events:
We attended the first **'Southern Adirondack Night at Fonda Speedway.'** Compliments of O'Connor Racing and the Oxbow Inn, we were invited to set up a table where we distributed brochures, giveaways and discount offers from several local businesses. The idea was to encourage people from the Fonda area to take a day trip to our region, and the sponsors were able to secure a discount for Hamilton County residents to attend the races that night. We have heard from several of the participating businesses that they have already received many coupons from that night.

Community Pride Day took place on May 5th. Once again, our local school, several organizations and individuals signed up to help clean up our communities on that day. We were instrumental in organizing and spearheading the collaboration in our region.

Our **Membership Gathering** was held on May 19th at Camp Fowler. Over 30 members attended and were offered refreshments and a tour of Camp Fowler's grounds. The 2020 Sarah B. Osborne Award was presented to Hughes' family in recognition of the late Mark Hughes' community involvement, dedication and years of service to several organizations.

The Great Adirondack Garage Sale was held over Memorial Day weekend in our area as well as throughout the entire Adirondack Park. We assisted several sellers in signing up for it and provided maps for buyers.

Because the Garden Club relinquished their **Community Flower Barrel Program**, we have taken on organizing, planning, implementing, planting, and maintaining it. Along with the help of several volunteers, this beautification program has been revived.

The Speculator Region Farmers' & Crafters' Market opened on June 24th to a record number of attendees and vendors. This year is shaping up to be the biggest one to date, with almost 50 different vendors committed to attend. In preparation for this year, we attended many conference calls and virtual meetings with the authorizing agencies as the rules and regulations were continually evolving again this year.

Next Q Events:

- Promote, plan, organize, coordinate and implement the Speculator 4th July Parade & Celebration
- Promote all the other regional 4th of July festivities, along with all Summer events/activities
- Continue to maintain the Community Flower Barrel Program
- Manage and promote our weekly Speculator Region Farmers' & Crafters' Market
- Continue weekly submissions of area events/activities to the Hamilton County Express
- Planning for Fall 2021 and beyond, including the Speculator Region Bear & Wine Festival, slated for October 2nd.