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MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilwoman Kardash
Councilman Scott
Councilman Scouten
Supervisor Entwistle

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilman Rockhill

Tracy Northrop, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:35.

ABSTRACTS

GENERAL:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to pay Abstract #3, Vouchers #130-#182 in the amount of \$31,870.09. Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes
Councilman Scott-yes
Councilman Scouten -yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

HIGHWAY:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to pay Abstract #3, vouchers #55-#101 in the amount of \$116,716.39. Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash -yes
Councilman Scott-yes
Councilman Scouten-yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

PLANNING BOARD ESCROW:

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Scott to pay Abstract #3, vouchers #6-11 in the amount of \$200.00. Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes
Councilman Scott-yes
Councilman Scouten-yes
Supervisor Entwistle-yes

TOWN BOARD ESCROW:

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to pay Abstract#3, Vouchers #1-#2 in the amount of \$100.00. Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

TOWN CLERK MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to accept the minutes from the:

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Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

JUSTICE REPORT:

HIGHWAY:

PLANNING REPORT:

CODES:

ASSESSOR:

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to approve the reports as a whole. Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

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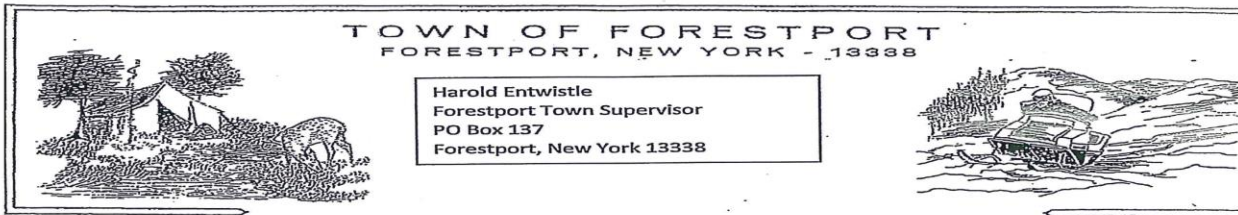
- John, from NOCCOG stated the Local Government conference is next Thursday.
- New York Planning Federation is offering a conference at the Sagamore Resort April 28-30, 2019. They will be discussing SEQR basics and ethics.

OLD BUSINESS BOARD:

- Building Permits on Minimum Maintenance Roads: April 17, 2019 there is a Public Hearing at 6:15. Letters have been sent out to all homeowners. Supervisor Entwistle has received a letter from the Planning Board with their concerns. Supervisor Entwistle read the letter with the changes the Planning Board would like made and they recommended the status change from Seasonal to Minimum Maintenance Roads.
- Bear Creek Lodge Roads Update: The Town Supervisor is waiting on Attorney Riley to find out who owns the roads. When he finds out they will let Tyler Terry from Bear Creek Lodge know.
- Buffalo Head Liquor License Application: A gentleman from Rome, Kevin Asaro bought the Buffalo Head. The Town Board wrote an opinion for the ABC Board that the Town Board has no complaints.
- Heartland Payroll Service: Supervisor Entwistle and Dawn Campbell have met with Carolyn from Heartland Payroll Service. Dawn expressed some concerns to Supervisor Entwistle. He is hesitant to switch Payroll companies at this point. Dawn has stated she would like to do the payroll service through the bank. Councilman Scott stated there should be a contingency plan in place in case Dawn falls ill. This will be tabled until next month.
- Audit reports have been completed for Justice, Tax Collector and Town Clerk. Someone new has been hired and has agreed to complete the audits in the future as well.

NEW BUSINESS BOARD:

- STEM Program: This is being held July 9th-August 8th from 9am-12pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Woodgate school. Applications can be picked up at the Town Clerk's office. The Board is looking for someone to run the Program, since Mrs. Burns will be unable to this year.
- Camp Nazareth: The Town is sponsoring one week of camp for the first 15 children to turn in their completed applications. There are only ten spots left. Ages for camp are 8-14. It costs the Town \$275 per child to send them to camp.
- Ski Club: There is an informational meeting this Saturday at 6pm at the Town Hall beginning with a movie. The Town will sponsor half of a 5 day ticket. The children have to be able to ski, own their own equipment and be semi-comfortable with their child skiing with a buddy.
- Resolution:
 - Cell Coverage



Resolution No. 1 of 2019

RESOLUTION URGING ADIRONDACK INTERCOUNTY, AOT, NYCOM, NYSAC, AND NYS TO COME TOGETHER WITH A PLAN TO PROVIDE CELL COVERAGE FOR ALL ADIRONDACK RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

WHEREAS, cellular service and the ability to use individual wireless devices should no longer be considered a luxury; and,

WHEREAS, today's society, in all walks of life, is heavily dependent on cell phone and wireless networks. All areas of the State, including the Adirondacks, need to have dependable access to this technology infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, cell phones and the requisite cell coverage are in many cases the first link of our emergency response chain for fire, ambulance, and law enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, increasingly, where service is available, cell phones are being used to alert authorities of lost or injured outdoor enthusiasts; and,

WHEREAS, first responders are able to use these available networks to quickly find and respond directly to where they needed, saving time and resources;

WHEREAS, this infrastructure drives tourism and commerce, and is core to our quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, there are still large tracts of the Adirondacks which are still deprived of this utility; and,

WHEREAS, we as government officials have an obligation to provide for the public safety, the education, as well as the equitable treatment and opportunity for all our citizens; now, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board hereby calls upon all local governments to stand together, individually and through our associations to insist that the time is now to provide all Adirondack residents and visitors with this critical technology; and be it also,

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Senate Minority Leader Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Heastie, All Adirondack Legislators, Adirondack Intercounty, NYSAC, AOT, NYCOM, and the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages.

Unanimously adopted,

I, Tracy Northrop, Town Clerk of the Town of Forestport, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy and the whole thereof, of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Forestport on the 20th day of March, 2019.

Tracy Northrop

A motion was made by Councilman Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kardash to approve the resolution to provide cell phone coverage for all Adirondack residents and visitors. Roll Call:

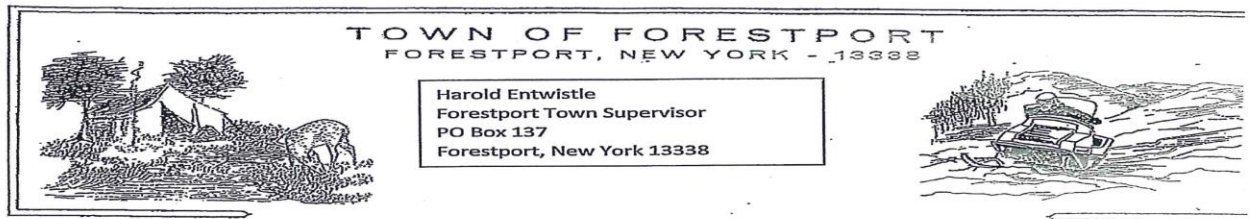
Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

➤ Snowmobiling in the Adirondacks



Resolution No. 2 of 2019

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SNOWMOBILING AND INCREASING SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MILES IN THE ADIRONDACKS

WHEREAS, snowmobiling is a critical part of the winter economy in the Adirondacks; and,

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1972, Governor Rockefeller issued a press release, upon signing the Adirondack State Master Plan, (SLMP), that states in part that approximately twenty miles of snowmobile trails in areas classified as Wilderness by the SLMP will be closed, and replaced in areas outside the Wilderness and Primitive lands, and that an additional 930 miles of trails located in other classifications will remain; and,

WHEREAS, since the SLMP was adopted in 1972, the State of New York has purchased nearly 350,00 additional acres of Forest Preserve land, which at the time of purchase, had many miles of community snowmobile trails that were not part of the State trail system; and

WHEREAS, the State Master Plan does not create a cap on snowmobile trail mileage, but states there will be no material increase in mileage that existed in 1972, allowing for snowmobile trails on state lands to remain; and,

WHEREAS, the arbitrary 848.88 miles of snowmobile trail miles that the DEC and APA use as a cap is not supported by Governor Rockefeller's promise to the people of the State of New York in 1972, which assured the people that they would have a minimum of 950 miles of snowmobile trails in the Adirondacks; and

WHEREAS, DEC, has, during Unit Management Plan adoption called for the closing of snowmobile trails for various reasons, while identifying replacement trails; and,

WHEREAS, upon the adoption of the Unit Management Plans the targeted snowmobile trails are closed, leaving the people of the State of New York waiting years in some cases for the replacement trails to be built; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board hereby calls upon DEC and APA to abandon the snowmobile mileage cap, allowing any snowmobile trails on State Lands acquired after 1972 to remain as long as those lands are not Wilderness or Primitive; and it is further,

RESOLVED, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board calls upon DEC to stop the practice of closing snowmobile trails identified in Unit Management Plans, for replacement, until the new trails are ready for use; and further,

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, DEC Commissioner Seggios, Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Senate Minority Leader Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Heastie, All Adirondack Legislators and Town Supervisors, All Adirondack Counties, and the Association of Adirondack Towns and Villages.

A motion was made by Councilman Scouten and seconded by Councilman Scott to approve the resolution in support of snowmobiling and increasing snowmobile trail miles in the Adirondacks. Roll Call Vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

- Forestport Elementary School: The Adirondack School Board is discussing closing Forestport Elementary School. Supervisor Entwistle has reached out to Legislatures and petitions are going around. The Town Board has written a letter which was submitted to the Board of Education and the letter will be placed on the website. The letter is asking the Board of Education to delay this for a year to allow the teachers and staff to consider their options and transition the students better. Assemblyman Blankenbush will be reaching out to the committee that is trying to keep Forestport school open. Supervisor Entwistle stated on record, he has been flooded with letters in regards to the Town purchasing the building. He stated it is no secret the Town has been looking for a new building for over a decade. However, the Town has no current plan to move, the Town Board would

not put the future of local children and educator's behind the idea of a new office building. In moving the offices, there are a lot of financial things that would have to fall into place, purchase price, property, design phase, what do we do with the current building, operational costs of a new building. They are things that enter into a decision. If anyone has any questions, please contact Supervisor Entwistle.

- Flowers: The Board is looking for people to water flowers again this year. Flowers will be in Forestport, Woodgate and Otter Lake.
- White Lake Inn Block Party and Old Forestport Days:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scott to schedule a Public Hearing for the closure of Maple Road for "Lightning on White Lake Block Party" for April 17th at 6PM and "Old Forestport Days April 17th at 5:45 PM.

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

NEW BUSINESS PUBLIC:

- Jeanne Wolcott addressed the Board that in 2020, it will be Forestport's 150th birthday. She wants to start planning now for next years celebration. She stated they could partner with Rome since they share a Birthday. At their 100th birthday they had a tug of war across the pond between Rome and Forestport. She brought a list of ideas that she passed out to the Board. Discussion took place.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Kardash and seconded by Councilman Scouten to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote:

Councilwoman Kardash-yes

Councilman Scott-yes

Councilman Scouten-yes

Supervisor Entwistle-yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm by Supervisor Entwistle.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy M. Northrop
Forestport Town Clerk