

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsborg Regular Board Meeting May 1, 2007  
Held at 7:00pm at the Town of Johnsborg Library, North Creek, NY and the Executive  
Session to Interview a Candidate for the Alternate member of the Planning Board at  
6:30pm**

Minutes of the Executive Session of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsborg held on Tuesday May 1, 2007 at 6:30pm at the Johnsborg Library, North Creek, NY. Supervisor Thomas announced that the candidate for the vacant position of alternate member on the Planning Board had withdrawn his name from consideration due to time constraints. No interviews or executive session was conducted.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsborg held on Tuesday May 1, 2007 at 7:00pm at the Town Library, North Creek, NY Supervisor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and the pledge to the flag was led by Councilman Arnold Stevens

Roll call showed the following persons present: Supv. William H. Thomas; Town Councilpersons/ Eugene Arsenault, Sterling Goodspeed, Arnold Stevens and Alyce VanKeuren; Town Clerk/ William Rawson. Town Attorney Jordan was also present.

Guests: On attached list

**RESOLUTION NO. 132**

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Goodspeed to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2007 regular Town Board Meeting as written. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

**BID OPENING:**

The Town Clerk read the Legal Notice for the Scrap Metal Bid as it appeared in the North Creek News-Enterprise of April 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The Clerk noted that three copies of the bids had been requested and sent out. There was one bid received on or prior to May 1, 2007. The bid was opened and contained all the appropriate forms. Northern Car Crushers bid \$65.00 per ton to purchase and remove the scrap metal from the Town of Johnsborg Transfer Station.

**RESOLUTION NO. 133**

Mr. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mrs. VanKeuren that the Town Board accepts the bid from Northern Car Crushers for a contract for a contract to run from May 2, 2007 through October 31, 2007, in the amount of \$65.00 per ton to purchase and remove scrap metal from the Town of Johnsborg Transfer Station. With 5 members voting in favor and none opposed the resolution is declared passed. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas).

## CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter from the Gore Mt. Region-Town of Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce requesting that the Town Board institute camping at the Ski Bowl Park for the White Water Derby in the interest of drawing more business to the main Street area.
2. A letter from the Gore Mt. Region-Town of Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce informing the Town Board of the Chamber of Commerce position on the following two Occupancy Tax funding requests: Gore Mt. Region-Town of Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce (\$6,000.00)-approved and the North Creek Railway Depot Preservation Association request (\$5,000.00)-recommended for partial payment.
3. A letter from Ms. Tatiana Kudrjavcev canceling her request for the use of the auditorium in the Tannery Pond Community Center for the purpose of conducting a Pre-professional Ballet Camp during the weeks of August 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from April 17, 2007.
4. A letter from the North Creek Railway Depot Preservation Association requesting that the Town Board approve their request in full for \$5,000.00.
5. A letter from Susan McMeekin-Davis, President of the Our Town Theater Group expressing disappointment that their letter of April 9, 2007 was not read at the April 17, 2007 Town Board Meeting and requesting that the letter of April 9<sup>th</sup> regarding temperature control at the Tannery Pond Community Center be read.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Supv. Thomas asked for a report from Mr. Goodspeed or Mrs. VanKeuren about the outcome of their meeting with representatives from Our Town Theater Group, the Johnsbury Library and the Tannery Pond Community Center Association regarding the parking lot north of the Town Hall. Mr. Goodspeed explained that the committee recommended that the side of the lot next to the wall be allocated for handicapped parking and that the other side of the lot by the bank be allocated for senior citizens parking and all others to park in the lot to the south of the Town Hall. It was recommended that currently only signage be used and no local law be enacted at present.

## RESOLUTION NO. 134

Mr. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mrs. VanKeuren that the Town Board adjusts the parking in the upper lot so that the side of the lot next to the wall be allocated for handicapped parking and that the other side of the lot by the bank be allocated for senior citizens parking and all others to park in the lot to the south of the Town Hall. With 5 members voting in favor and none opposed the resolution is declared passed. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas).

## OLD BUSINESS:

Supv. Thomas, while noting that the request from the Gore Mt. Region-Town of Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce that the Town Board allow camping at the Ski Bowl Park for the White Water Derby in the interest of drawing more business to the main Street area was quite late, asked if the Town Board wished to attempt a change in policy this year. Following a short discussion it was decided that there would be no change in the "no camping" policy at the Ski Bowl Park for this year; the Town board agreed to discuss this with the chamber of commerce for next year.

Supv. Thomas informed the Town Board that acts of vandalism had occurred the previous weekend to Town property. These acts included the breaking of the lifeguard chair at the beach, boards of the underpass walkway being broken out and destruction of lights and benches installed as a part of the Ryan McNally Eagle Scout project. The Town Board asked that anyone with information regarding these acts of vandalism please contact the town offices or the Warren County Sheriff Office. Mr. Arsenault asked that Supv. Thomas request increased patrolling from the Sheriff's Office.

Supv. Thomas updated the Town Board on the cost of the goose removal program done by the U.S.D.A. The program with an egg and nest treatment will cost approximately \$3,000.00; if a roundup and a donation program are added the cost would increase to approximately \$5,000.00. Ms. Andrea McKee, chairman of the Ski Bowl Park Committee, announced that individual landowners may apply for the same type of program as well as the Town.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 135

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Goodspeed that the Town Board will approve the implementation of a goose removal program involving an egg and nest treatment for a cost of approximately \$3,000.00. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

Supv. Thomas asked Ms. Andrea McKee, chairman of the Ski Bowl Park Committee, for an update on the park committee requests. Ms. McKee informed the Town Board that a master gardener candidate would volunteer to do a community service project involving planting near the pump house in the park in order to get their certificate. The cost of the materials would be about \$500.00. After a discussion it was decided that the \$500.00 could be obtained from money already requested by the Town from Occupancy Tax funds for beautification. The Ski Bowl Park Committee would request permission to apply for a N.Y. S. Parks grant (applications due by June 29) for the purpose of constructing a covered hockey rink. In order to apply the committee would need a set of preliminary drawings which would cost an estimated \$5,000.00. The matching funds from the Town would be approximately \$200,000.00. Mr. Arsenault asked about the source of the funding; Ms. McKee answered that the committee expected the funding to come from the money which the Town will receive following the land transfer with Front Street Mountain Development. Mr. Arsenault noted that this would use up that source of funding for one project. After a discussion regarding the costs for plans, matching funds and possible ongoing costs the Town board requested that the committee return with some estimates of the ongoing costs associated with the building (staffing and maintenance).

Supv. Thomas informed the Town Board that the \$40,000.00 which was to be deposited by Peaceful Valley Townhouses (Comlinks) in an account which requires the Town Supervisor's signature and that of a Comlinks representative to withdraw funds and the contract has been executed and the North Creek Water District Supt. has turned on the water to the project. A second issue with Peaceful Valley Townhouses (Comlinks) concerns their request to have their water rent pro-rated to 113 days due to the connection date; they are not disputing the

connection charges. Town Attorney Jordan advised the Town Board that this bill could be pro-rated to the connection date which he calculated at 115 days. Ms. Nancy Reich and Mr. Brian Cassini, present to represent Comlinks agreed to the number of days specified by Attorney Jordan and requested that the Town Board accede to their request.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 136

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Goodspeed authorizes the North Creek Water District Clerk to collect an amount of water rent on the Peaceful Valley Townhouses project pro-rated to 115 days at \$7.14 per day for this billing period only and the connection and inspection fees are to remain unchanged. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

Supv. Thomas invited Top Ridge attorney Rob Simon to update the Town Board on the issue of a obtaining a performance bond or possibly a letter of credit for the Top Ridge transportation corporation. Top Ridge attorney Rob Simon explained that the D.E.C. has informed the Top Ridge developers that it will not issue a “speedies” permit to Top Ridge for until the transportation corporation is in place. Top Ridge attorney Rob Simon explained that the Top Ridge developers have located a source for a performance bond, however it is very expensive and therefore they wish to revisit the requirement for a performance bond versus a letter of credit. The Top Ridge developers also request that the Town Board consent to the incorporation of the transportation corporation prior to the bond being put in place. A lengthy discussion of the requirements necessary and the possible options open to the Town Board followed involving the Town Board, Top Ridge attorney Rob Simon and Town Attorney Jordan. The Town Board requested that Town Attorney Jordan work with Top Ridge attorney Rob Simon to have a unified statement for the Town Board by the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. No further action was taken by the Town Board.

Supv. Thomas asked Town of Johnsburg Assessor Ann Deppe to give the Town Board an overview of the Schlie Property parcel which is owned by the Town and is located off Goodman Road. Mrs. Deppe explained that the property is 181 acres in size and is assessed at \$3900.00 with a market value of \$147,000.00. The property has 3.5 acre zoning in the front and 8.2 acre zoning in the rear; this results in 31 total building sites. The property has been heavily logged and contains a run down residence. Ms. Deppe added that the selling price would depend heavily upon the way it was marketed and her estimate would be between \$175,000.00 and \$200,000.00. Mr. Goodspeed asked what manner the Town Could use to sell the property. Attorney Jordan explained that as long as the Town received a fair market value that there was no particular way which was necessary. Mr. Stevens requested to discuss this further with Ms. Deppe and Attorney Jordan in an executive session.

Supv. Thomas informed the Town Board that the Occupancy Tax funding request from Dollars for Scholars, which had seemed to be in the amount of \$6,354.00 was intended to be in the amount of \$3,000.00. Supv. Thomas asked if the Town Board wished to amend this award in light of the correction in the requested amount.

Supv. Thomas asked the Town Board if they wished to terminate the interim tenure of James H. Smith as Zoning Enforcement Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 137

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to terminate with thanks the tenure of Mr. James H. Smith as interim Town of Johnsbury Zoning Enforcement Officer, effective April 30, 2007. With all members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

Supv. Thomas informed the Town Board of the contents of a letter he had received from Ms. Patricia Tatich, Director of Warren County Planning and Community Development regarding funding for the Gore Mt. Interconnect. The H.U.D. funds are ready to be drawn upon for appropriate project expenses; there is a need to identify matching funds that are required for the activities to go forward. Also, there seems to be a lack of funds to complete the Ski Hut project as designed. There is concern regarding the lack of a positive response from National Grid as to their previous commitment of \$250,000.00 to this project. Presently, there is not an agreement in place between the Warren County Economic Development Corp and the Warren County L.D.C. for managing the portion of H.U.D. funds that were to be escrowed in the L.D.C. account. Ms. Tatich also noted that the costs may not reflect the federal requirement of federal wage rates; she requested a meeting with Supv. Thomas to identify roles and clarification on how the project will proceed.

Supv. Thomas asked Town Attorney Jordan to advise the Town Board regarding the purchase of a pickup truck by the Highway Department. Attorney Jordan explained that under the Town Purchase policy the purchase of the pickup truck would need to be done under a state contract or by a competitive bid, but not by using quotes.

RESOLUTION NO. 138

Mr. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens that the Town Board rescinds Resolution Number 124 regarding the purchase of a truck for the Highway Department and to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for two weeks in the North Creek News-Enterprise for bids on a pickup truck according to specifications from Highway Supt. Curtis Richards; the bids to be opened on June 5, 2007 at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY. With all members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

Supv. Thomas asked if the Town Board wished to move its 1<sup>st</sup> monthly meeting back to the Wevertown Community Center now that the well has recovered to allow the use of the plumbing facilities.

RESOLUTION NO. 139

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Goodspeed that the Town Board will resume its normal schedule of holding the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of each month in the Wevertown Community Center beginning with the June 5, 2007 meeting.

With all members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

In a related issue Supv. Thomas informed the Town Board that an annual water test would be conducted on the Wevertown Community Center and the Sodom Hall. Results of tests conducted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of April were as follows: Sodom Hall analysis was satisfactory for potable water and the Wevertown Community Center sample did not meet the threshold for potable water.

Supv. Thomas distributed copies of possible locations for all season helicopter landing zones in the North Creek hamlet area to the Town Board for review. The three sites are near the airport (Bennett Field), parking lot number 6 on the Gore Mt. access road, and at the Town of Johnsborg Transfer Station. These are listed in order of suitability as determined by D.E.C. Forest Ranger Steve Ovitt.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Supv. Thomas asked, if the Town Board, having interviewed a candidate for the position of alternate member on the Planning Board, James J. Morris IV, on April 17, 2007, wished to act upon appointing a new alternate member on the Planning Board.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 140

Mrs. VanKeuren presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Goodspeed that the Town Board having conducted an interview with the candidate for the position of alternate member on the Planning Board that the Town Board appoints Mr. James J. Morris IV as the alternate member on the Planning Board for a term to end on December 31, 2010. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays – 0

Supv. Thomas informed the Town Board that the North Creek Fire Company and District had authored a letter to the Planning Board requesting to be kept informed of any major developments as they come before the Planning Board. The Town Board expects that the fire companies will be more responsive than in the past to requests from the Planning board to be included in the process.

Supv. Thomas noted that the Town Board had received requests for Occupancy Tax Funds from both the Gore Mt. Region-Town of Johnsborg Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$6,000.00 and from the North Creek Railway Depot Preservation Association in the amount of \$5,000.00. The Gore Mt. Region-Town of Johnsborg Chamber of Commerce had recommended funding of both but suggested that the funding level of the North Creek Railway Depot Preservation Association be in the amount of \$1500.00 and that their request be fully funded at \$6,000.00. Supv. Thomas added that the Occupancy Tax Fund balance currently had \$7,283.84 in non-allocated funds; therefore both requests could not be fully funded at present. Ms. Patricia Connor, President of the Chamber of Commerce, in regard to the North Creek Railway Depot Preservation Association request, said that Occupancy Tax Funds were not designed to keep a not-for-profit organization's door open. Mr. Michael Ellis suggested that there was a conflict of interest in having the Chamber of Commerce review and recommend

their own request which was in competition for a limited amount of funding with other groups' requests. Mr. Larry Carr added that the request had originally been placed in February of 2007 and if the request had been reviewed at that time by the question of available funds would not have come up. Mrs. Nancy Beaudin, Mrs. Helen Miner, Mr. Michael Ellis and Mr. Larry Carr spoke on behalf of full funding for the North Creek Railway Depot Preservation Association request. Ms. Patricia Connor and Mr. Edward Milner spoke on behalf of full funding for the Gore Mt. Region-Town of Johnsburg Chamber of Commerce request. Supv. Thomas said that there is usually an additional payment of approximately \$5,000.00 made to the Town in the fall of the year and asked if partial funding until later in the fall would work. Mr. Milner noted that upon signing of the contract to have work begun upon creating the marketing strategy that the Chamber of Commerce will be committed to the entire amount of the request. Supv. Thomas said that these request will be fully funded before any new request will be looked at when the next funds become available. Mr. Stevens asked if the funds would be used in the Town of Johnsburg exclusively and was answered yes.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 141

Mr. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens that the Town Board approves the Occupancy Tax Funds request from the Gore Mt. Region-Town of Johnsburg Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$4,000.00 of the \$6,000.00 total requested for the purpose of developing a comprehensive marketing strategy and approves the Occupancy Tax Funds request from the North Creek Railway Depot Preservation Association in the amount of \$3,283.84 of the \$5,000.00 total requested for the purpose of keeping the Owens House Gallery open for a full 12 months; the Town Board further resolves that when and if any additional Occupancy Tax Funds are received by the Town of Johnsburg that the balance of these requests (\$2,000 for the Gore Mt. Region-Town of Johnsburg Chamber of Commerce and \$1766.16) will be filled prior to any other request being entertained. With 5 members voting in favor and none opposed the resolution is declared passed. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas).

Supv. Thomas distributed the Johnsburg Emergency Squad quarterly report on the expenditure of monies received from the Town of Johnsburg for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2007, to the members of the Town of Johnsburg Town Board. Mr. Goodspeed noted that Front Street Mountain Development had offered to assist the Johnsburg Emergency Squad in fund raising and he wondered if this was progressing.

Supv. Thomas asked the Town Board if they wished to pass a resolution in appreciation of Mrs. Marjorie Swan for her work to secure the Daughters of the American Revolution grave marking for Abiram Galusha, Revolutionary War soldier.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 142

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault:

**IN APPRECIATION** of the hard work which has been done by:

**Marjorie Swan**

**WHEREAS**, Marjorie Swan was born, grew up in, and was educated in the

Town of Johnsbury, and

**WHEREAS**, Marjorie Swan served the residents of the Town of Johnsbury and Warren County as Historian for 16 years between February 1990 and February 2007, and

**WHEREAS**, her membership in Jane McCrea Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, includes service as chaplain and as chairman of the Constitution Committee and she has been an active member of both the Warren County Historical Society and the Northeastern New York Genealogical Society since they were organized, and

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday May 12, 2007, a ceremony will be held to pay homage to this American Revolutionary Soldier with a Grave Marking Ceremony in the Wevertown Cemetery, and

**WHEREAS**, without her hard work this ceremony, the placement of the grave marker on the grave site of Abiram Galusha, a private in the American Revolution, could not have been brought to fruition, and

**NOW THEREFORE**, at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsbury on May 1, 2007,

**BE IT FIRMLY RESOLVED**, that the Town Board, on behalf of all the residents of the Town of Johnsbury, express its appreciation for the service rendered by Marjorie Swan on the behalf Abiram Galusha, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board, on behalf of all the residents of the Town of Johnsbury, express its appreciation for the many years of service rendered by Marjorie Swan to the Town of Johnsbury and Warren County and hereby express its sincere best wishes to her in the future.

With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared passed. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

Supv. Thomas asked the Town Board if they wished to pass a resolution in appreciation of Mr. Joseph G. Minder in recognition of his service to the Town of Johnsbury and to dedicate May 7, 2007 to his memory.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 143

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault:

#### Proclamation

The Johnsbury Town Board, does hereby proclaim May 7, 2007 to be dedicated to the memory of a good friend of the Town of Johnsbury

Joseph G. Minder

In recognition of his service to the Town of Johnsbury and his Country

**WHEREAS**, he was a lifelong resident of the Town of Johnsbury, and

**WHEREAS**, he served in the United States Army from May 15, 1941 through May 30, 1946, surviving three and one-half years as a Japanese prisoner of war, and

**WHEREAS**, he has served the Town of Johnsbury as a member of the North Creek Fire Company, the North Creek American Legion Post 629, and as a leader of the local Boy Scouts Troop, and

WHEREAS, he was an inspiration to many generations of residents of the Town of Johnsbury as a member of the North Creek United Methodist Church and his co-workers at Barton Mines Corporation through his love of family and the outdoors, especially gardening and skiing, and  
 THEREFORE, be it firmly resolved that the Town of Johnsbury strongly encourages the public to join Warren County in proclaiming that May 7, 2007 be dedicated to the memory of a good friend and lifelong resident of the Town of Johnsbury,  
 Joseph G. Minder.

With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared passed. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

Supv. Thomas distributed the Workplace Violence Policy to the Town Board and the Town Attorney for review.

Supv. Thomas distributed the Supervisor's Monthly Report, for the month of April 2007, to the members of the Town of Johnsbury Town Board.

Ms. Cherie Ferguson noted that the Copperfield Inn had borrowed the flag standard from the Town and had replaced the eagle on the top with a new one in thanks.

Supv. Thomas displayed the "Platinum Level Life Share Sponsor 2006" award from the American Red Cross in recognition of the level of blood donation in the Town of Johnsbury.

Supv. Thomas informed the Town Board that Thermal Associates, the company installing a grant funded air-conditioning system in the Library had made a proposal to the Town Board to extend the system throughout the entire Town Hall at a cost of \$4622.00

#### RESOLUTION NO. 144

Mr. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mrs. VanKeuren that the Town Board will extend the air conditioning system currently being installed in the Town of Johnsbury Library throughout the remainder of the building at a cost of \$4622.00. With 4 members voting in favor, the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays – 1 (Stevens)

Town Justice James L. French explained to the Town Board that since Justice vonCzoernig had to begin a leave due to an operation that he has done the work load of both Town Justices. Justice French said that he used to spend two nights per week handling the paper work and now is spending four nights per week working into the morning hours in some cases in order to keep the caseload current. Justice French asked that the Town Board compensate him for the additional work load by paying him the amount of both salaries until the return of Justice vonCzoernig, which is expected to be in early July. Mr. Goodspeed noted that Justice French is a very capable justice who conducts training sessions for newly elected justices. Supv. Thomas agreed that Justice French should be compensated for doing the job of both justices. Mr. Stevens asked if there was a requirement to pay Justice vonCzoernig during the period in which he can't perform his duties; Supv. Thomas answered that it was required by N.Y.S. law.

Mr. Stevens asked the amount of salary involved; it would amount to approximately an additional \$1300.00 over the three month period.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 145

Mr. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to authorize the payment of double the normal Town Justice salary for 3 months (April, May, June) to Town Justice James L. French in recognition of the increased work load he is handling as a result of the incapacitation of Justice vonCzoernig during his convalescence from an operation. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays – 0

#### RESOLUTION NO. 146

Mr. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens that the following certified bills which have been reviewed by the board members be paid: General Fund- Warrant #9G/Claims #179-198; Highway Fund- Warrant #9H/Claims #78-92; North Creek Water Dist.- Warrant #8W/Claims#36-38; Warrant 3CPF/Claim #4. With all members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays – 0

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ms. Patricia Connor announced that the Gore Mt. Region-Town of Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce is requesting nominations for its “Citizen of the Year” award.

Mr. Robert Nettle suggested that if the Town Board decided to sell the Schlie property that it sell the property as a single parcel or only the more valuable front lots will be purchased and the Town will be unable to sell the rest.

Mr. Tim Record said that the property seemed to be a valuable resource and suggested that all purchase requests should be written.

Mr. Lloyd Burch said that the Town has tried 2 or 3 different skating rinks in the Ski Bowl Park and noted that land in the park is scarce and valuable; it should not be filled up too fast and there should be a well thought out master plan for the use of the land.

Ms. Andrea McKee said that the hockey rink and changing building would be placed in an area which is not expected to be used for any other purpose.

A motion to enter executive session to discuss a possible land sale with the Town attorney and the Town Assessor was presented by Mrs. VanKeuren with a second from Mr. Goodspeed at 10:00pm. With all members voting in favor the motion is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0

A motion to adjourn the executive session and return to the regular meeting was presented by Mr. Stevens with a second from Mr. Arsenault at 10:25pm. With all members voting in favor the motion is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Goodspeed, Stevens, VanKeuren, Thomas) Nays - 0. The executive session was closed at 10:25pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Mr. Goodspeed with a second from Mr. Stevens at 10:25pm. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Closed.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00pm on May 15, 2007 at the Town Library, North Creek, NY.

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Prepared by William Rawson, Town Clerk