

January 26, 2010

At the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., held at the Town Hall, Newcomb, N.Y., on the 26th of January 2010 at 7:00 P..M., the following Board Members were present:

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| George Canon    | Supervisor   |
| George Fennessy | Councilman   |
| Mary Anne Bush  | Councilwoman |
| Michael Tracy   | Councilman   |

Others present: Mark Yandon, Robert Lilly, Mike Moses, Jen Fifield, Paul Hai, Don Bott, Chazen Reps, Stu Messinger and Paul Cummings and Mary Pound. Absent: G. Hurlburt.

Supervisor Canon called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the General Fund Abstract #2 in the amount of \$22056.83. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to approve the Highway Fund Abstract #2 in the amount of \$60821.30. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush to approve the Capitol Projects #5 Abstract #1 in the amount of \$6423.25. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Bush to approve the Water Abstract #1 in the amount of \$431.35 and the Sewer Abstract #1 in the amount of \$8006.25. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

Representatives of Chazen Company, Stu Messinger and Paul Cummings gave a presentation on the draft Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of drafting an updated Comprehensive Plan was to incorporate changes in Newcomb that have taken place since the Comprehensive Plan of the 1990's was completed. They stressed that a plan does not have the force of law and is simply a guide that the community can use to implement some of the ideas and suggestions that are provided in the document. The Town Board must hold a Public Hearing and perform a SEQRA review before formal adoption of the plan. Chazen thanked the Town Board, the Comprehensive Plan Committee and the people of Newcomb for their assistance with the project.

Supervisor Canon had a meeting with Mike Carr of the TNC on January 25. While the Governor has called for a moratorium on new acquisitions of State Land, the easements to provide the snowmobile trail systems are to go forward. Both the DEC and TNC expressed that the trail to connect Indian Lake and Newcomb will be completed in time for the 2011-11 winter season. The sale of the "community enhancement" lands from the TNC to the Town of Newcomb requires an appraisal of the properties as part of TNC policy. They have requested the Town to share in the cost of the appraisal, estimated to be about \$20,000.

The Visitor Interpretive Center is slated to close in January 2011. Supervisor Canon would like to have a meeting with the APA, ESF and the Town to discuss options.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve prepay of fireworks from Northstar Fireworks to receive an additional 10%. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried.

The Town received a proposal from Blair Gregson for repair of the wall near the highway garage. The Board felt that we are not interested at this time.

Motion was made by Councilman Fennessy to authorize Supervisor Canon to sign the lease agreement with Verizon for cell service. Verizon emphasized that it may be 2 years before all necessary work is complete. Seconded by Councilman Tracy and carried.

February meetings were tentatively set for February 11 and 23.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to approve the transfer of \$6000.00 fro the General Fund to the Sewer Fund. Seconded by Councilman Fennessy and carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Tracy to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Bush and carried at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted\_\_\_\_\_