**Colton Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting, April 19, 2023**

**County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, 94 Main St., Colton NY 13625**

Present: Ronald Robert, Town Supervisor - absent Councilpersons: Lisa Fisher

Kevin Hawley, Highway Supt. Jacob Poste

Darren Richards, Code/Safety/DPW Supt. Stephen Knight

Jennifer Cole, Town Clerk Kevin Beary

Meeting attendees: Rick Perkins, Ed Fuhr, Mary Rutley, Jeff Tubolino, Shelley Rayner, Jackie Johnson, Kathy Matzell, Jeff Rousell, Holly Sharlow, Mason Clemo, Anne Townsend, Grace Hawley

Zoom attendees: Cynthia Hennessy, Dennis Eickhoff, Judy Fuhr, Mary Jane Watson, Peggy Shea, Peggy Mousaw, Michael Hayes, Randi-Lee Planty

Deputy Supervisor Lisa Fisher led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting opened at 6pm as scheduled.

Motion #1

**Approve the agenda for this meeting**

Mr. Poste made the motion to approve the agenda for this meeting, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Ayes 4 – Fisher, Beary, Poste, Knight

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

Motion #2

**Approve March 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Mr. Beary, seconded by Mr. Poste to approve the minutes from the March 2023 regular monthly meeting.

Ayes 3 – Fisher, Beary, Poste

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Abstain 1 Knight

Motion carried

Motion #3

**Authorize Bank Recon, Transfers & Bills in Warrant #4, 2023**

Motion made by Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. Poste to authorize payment of bills labeled Warrant #4, do a budget amendment and a transfer as indicated below.

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

General Fund…………………………………………………………………………….$143,777.71

Highway Fund……………………………………………………………………………...99,147.93

Library Fund…………………………………………………………………………………1,603.99

Colton Light Dist………………………………………………………………………………865.68

S. Colton Light Dist.,…………………………………………………………………………..809.04

Sewer Fund #1………………………………………………………………………………..4,052.51

Water Fund #1………………………………………………………………………………..3,944.58

**Courtesy of the Floor:**

*Jackie Johnson* spoke on behalf of the Colton Rescue Squad stating they are in need of a new ambulance. Currently the Colton Rescue Squad has two ambulances, one is a 2012 the other is a 2017. The 2012 ambulance is in need of several repairs. The last ambulance purchased years ago was $250,000.00. Colton Rescue Squad needs a reliable ambulance with 4WD. New today an ambulance with 4WD will be $371,000.00. Mrs. Johnson stated that the Colton Vol. Fire Dept. and Colton Rescue Squad are facing financial difficulties. They attempted to get a loan for a new ambulance and could not. A possible crisis could happen if something isn’t done soon. Discussion from members of zoom and meeting attendees on possible options for loans etc. Deputy Supervisor Lisa Fisher asked Mrs. Johnson if she could bring in paperwork on the specifics of the ambulance the C.R.S. is looking for. Ms. Fisher also asked Mrs. Johnson to please contact the town clerk to set up a meeting time for the town board to meet with members of the C.R.S. Mrs. Johnson stated that a new ambulance is much more important than a new beach.

*Mary Rutley –* Welcomed Mr. Knight to the Town Board. Mrs. Rutley stated that according to the last census done, Colton is primarily a retirement community. Mrs. Rutley stated her support of the Colton Rescue Squad purchasing a new ambulance. Mrs. Rutley also wanted to thank Peggy Mousaw for preparing and putting the A.U.D. on the Colton website. The Annual Update Document shows that the Town of Colton has a reserve of 1.8 million dollars. Mrs. Ruley feels a portion of that money could possibly go towards the C.R.S. in their purchase of a new ambulance. Mrs. Rutley also stated her concern about the increase of illegal offroad vehicles on the roads. This causes safety issues. Mrs. Rutley would like to see the local legislature advise the local law enforcement to patrol more in our area. Mrs. Rutley also stated that the town does not need another beach. She is concerned that people are currently having to choose between necessities. The beach would add additional taxes to the residents of the town. The following is what Mrs. Rutley sent to the town clerk after the meeting. Mrs. Rutley requested that what she read be posted in the minutes. The notes taken differed a bit.

***Thank you to Mrs. Cole for including my previous comments with the minutes for the March meeting. Welcome to Mr. Knight coming onto the Board. Remember you and all the members of the Board are here to represent the citizens of the town not the supervisor. Our census shows that Colton is primarily a retirement community.***

***First, I support our Rescue Squad for the new ambulance to enable transports needed from the Colton area. I know how important this volunteer service was from Ike’s needs and now my own issues. Thanks to Peggy Mousaw recommending and our Town Clerk posting it, the Annual Update Document (AUD) prepared by the Bookkeeper in February was available on the website and it shows a reserve of $1.8 million in the general fund. Time for the Board to support our***

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*Courtesy of the Floor cont’*

***volunteers by providing funding for rescue efforts. We need to spend our tax money on necessities such as rescue services***

***rather than building a beach that could operate for as little as two months yearly. And thanks to the Squad volunteers who are here tonight. The second issue is the increase of illegal off-road vehicles on Cold Brook Drive and State Route 56 when the gate to the Multi-use ATV Trail is closed at the present time. And roads in Colton are closed to ATV and UTV traffic. Our legislator Mr. Perkins should advise the Sheriff’s Department that patrol of local roads is needed more than on trails. We have safety issues on Cold Brook Drive when the State Park opens. If folks are dodging the potholes around those curves during peak traffic, the large RVs will win over ATVs for space. Lastly, Colton does not need another beach. We need to maintain the resources we have. When folks are choosing between gas, food, etc or recreation and travel, we don’t need to incur additional taxes. Senior citizens, 62 years and up, have free day use at our State Park. They could take the grandkids! Or a family can buy a year pass for $80. Again, we do not need that beach!***

*Shelley Rayner –* Mrs. Rayner, the town bookkeeper and assessor wanted to return comment to Mrs. Rutley stating that she, Mrs. Rayner, is the one who prepares the A.U.D. for the town and has the town clerk put it on the website. Yearly the A.U.D. has been made available to the public on the town website per state law. Mrs. Rutley then spoke up saying that perhaps you prepared it, but Ms. Mousaw made sure it was on the website. Jennifer Cole, the town clerk, stated that Mrs. Rayner brings the town clerk the A.U.D. and it is then scanned and then posted to the town website. The Town Clerk is currently the only person who can make changes to the town website.

*Michael Hayes* - asked about the water sampling for the Morgan Rd. Beach project. Code Enforcement Office Darren Richards stated that the water sampling schedule takes eight weeks. During those eight weeks, tests for the Ph of the water is done as well as the turbidity, E-coli, color, and odor, once a week for the eight-week period. There is also a five-day rain event testing that must be done. Mr. Hayes asked why this project is still an item of discussion, there has been no positive feedback on it in his opinion. This project was once considered years ago and was terminated. Discussion from board members and attendees as to the cost of the testing, and what would be done once testing is final. Several attendees stated that they would like to see the results of the tests then decide what the next steps would be to consider.

*Peggy Mousaw* asked about Broadband, stating that the town board has taken no action on this topic. Deputy Supervisor Lisa Fisher spoke stating that broadband is on the agenda for this meeting and letters to Spectrum and SLIC were sent out previously, with no reply yet from either company. Ms. Mousaw stated that she felt the study for Morgan Rd. Beach project could be rescinded. Ms. Mousaw then offered the name of a lending/finance company Kansas State as an option for the new ambulance needed at the C.R.S. She stated that other municipalities use them for leasing, and they are inexpensive.

*Mary Jane Watson* asked if the town board could give Mrs. Johnson and the C.R.S. some kind of commitment to help pay for the ambulance. Mrs. Watson stated that the longer the delay on this, the longer it will take to get. Delivery time for a new ambulance could possibly take up to two years.

**County Legislators Report:**

At the April 3rd Full Board Meeting:

We had 37 resolutions.

We had 11 modifications to the budget.

We had 9 Agreements/ Contracts to be signed.

We had a resolution authorizing the filling of 6 vacancies positions.

We had a resolution authorizing submission of comments and recommendations to the NYS DEC regarding the South

Colton Conservation Easement Recreation Management Plan.

We had a resolution setting the allocation algorithm for Workers Compensation Plan participants for 2024,2025 and

2026.

We had a resolution approving a settlement agreement between Walmart, Walgreens, CVS and St Lawrence County with

respect to an action relating to the Opioid crisis.

We had a resolution supporting a request by the City of Ogdensburg and the Senate and Assembly bills that allows for

the taxation of State property located in the City of Ogdensburg.

We had a resolution Commemorating the Bicentennial of the town of Norfolk.

We had a resolution Proclaiming Earth Day April 22, 2023, in St Lawrence County.

We had a resolution Proclaiming April as National Child abuse month.

We had resolutions declaring April as sexual awareness month.

We had a resolution designating April 2023 as Fair Housing month.

We had a resolution proclaiming April 3rd – 9th, 2023 as Nation Public Health week.

We had a resolution celebrating April as National County government month and commemorating a milestone 90th

Birthday (April 22nd) of an original member of the St Lawrence County board of Legislators, Ernie Labaff.

We had a resolution authorizing Salary Matrix change for CSEA Grade 7 for 2023 and 2024.

We had a resolution approving federal aid local project supplemental agreement for right of way acquisition for Lazy

River road over Grasse River. Also accepting real property obtained by the State relative to the same bridge.

**Assessor/Bookkeeper Report:**

NYClass/NBT investment earned $18,051.95 since last month.

2023 Cornell Professional Development Classes will be held this year from July 16th thru July 21st. The entire cost of this training including hotel, classroom, meals, and mileage are totally reimbursed to the town after completion of the course. The coursework is required by New York State to become certified.

Motion #12

Mr. Poste made the motion to approve Mrs. Shelley Rayner, Sole Assessor, attend the 2023 Cornell Professional Development Classes from July 16th thru July 21st, seconded by Mr. Beary.

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

**Dog Warden Report:** nothing at this time

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**Town engineer Jeff Tubolino:**

Addendums were given to board members for the Transfer station. Currently there are four general contractors, two electrical contractors and one HVAC contractor interested in this project. Requests have been made for a bid extension on the date. Currently the open date for the sealed bids is April 24. Asking to extend the sealed bid opening date to May 1st. A proposal from Blue Line Engineering was given to board members for consideration for the Transfer station upgrades.

Motion #4

Mr. Poste made the motion to extend the sealed bid opening date from April 24th to May 1st, seconded by Mr. Beary.

Ayes 4 Fisher, Beary, Poste, Knight

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

Motion #5

Mr. Knight made the motion to accept and sign the proposal from Blue Line Engineering, DPC, seconded by Mr. Poste.

Ayes 4 Fisher, Beary, Poste, Knight

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

**Highway Report:**

* Since the last meeting we have finished sweeping the town highways. We are starting on the two hamlets this week.
* We all got trained in first aid and CPR this week.
* We had a few minor washouts on gravel roads that we fixed as they occurred. We did have a major washout on Wildwood Rd taking out one full lane of asphalt and about 30 loads of gravel. This was caused by a breached beaver dam in Parishville. It was 10 o'clock at night when this occurred in the dark. It was hard to tell how much damage was done so I closed that section of road for the night. We repaired the damage the next day leaving one lane gravel and opened the road back up. As soon as an asphalt plant opens, we will complete the repair.
* We cut several dangerous trees using the county bucket truck. Trevor Wood was the bucket truck guy for the county when he worked there so they let us use it from time to time as he has the proper training and experience.
* I've been talking with the county highway engineering dept. about Cayey Road Bridge. They prepared the documents you have including a preliminary site plan and cost expectation. The bridge that is there has been there since 2006. It was offered as a loan from state DOT on a 5-year loan. The cost includes all necessary materials and is a CHIPs and extreme winter recovery eligible project. I do not have our actual CHIPs numbers yet because the state budget is not passed yet. Last year was the first year of a 5-year program. Our CHIPs amount was $186,000. EWR and PAVE NY were about $ 50,000 combined. I need to place the material order immediately to get on the list. If I order this week the schedule for casting the beams is Sept. 1st.

Motion #6

Mr. Poste made the motion to allow Hwy Superintendent K. Hawley to order the materials needed to replace the Cayey Rd. bridge, seconded by Mr. Beary.

Ayes 4 Fisher, Beary, Poste, Knight

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

* I have two bills over my spending limit this month one is Viking Cives for $26,000 for ware items the other is to for a drum of transmission fluid for $2,700.

Motion #7

Mr. Knight made the motion of approval for retro-active support of Mr. Hawley purchasing the needed items from Viking Cives and the drum of transmission fluid, seconded by Mr. Poste.

Ayes 4 Fisher, Beary, Poste, Knight

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

* I received one bid for our Flow Boy trailer from Sheehan Equipment. That invoice is also in the bills for $35,000. You also have my agreement to spend form. You will notice no projects are listed. This is because we do not yet have our official CHIPs numbers as the state has not passed their budget.

Motion #8

Mr. Knight made a motion to approve the bid from Sheehan Equipment purchasing the Flow Boy trailer for $35,000.00, seconded by Mr. Beary.

Ayes 4 Fisher, Beary, Poste, Knight

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

**Code Enforcement Report:**

Transfer Station

Scrubbing the transfer station site is almost complete. We have had a decent response to bid inquiries so far.

Water/Sewer

We have successfully renewed Justin’s water license and recently his Waste Water license has been updated. Chad Moore just had his water license renewed as well. Everything running well so far. We also have a proposal for the Waste Water Plant upgrades from our town engineer. I will defer to him on this proposal.

Building and Grounds

The rink liner was taken out and the pickleball equipment is in. We are a month ahead of last year as per request from the

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*Code Enf/DPW cont’*

town supervisor. Power brooms and tractor brush all set for Spring cleaning and will start after the scrubbing of the transfer station new site. We are requesting the board to hire two summer helpers. 40 hours a week for 10 weeks at 15.00 an hour. This was not a budgeted item last fall and would be an addendum as per request from the town supervisor last fall.

Safety

The town and BTI program received a great article from PERMA which we were featured as a Safety highlight story of last year. Very nice article and I commend Andrea Malik for her new safety program which has reduced our incident reports significantly.

Code Enforcement Office

21 permits for the new year. We have had several subdivision applications and two area variances. Two more variance applications are pending.

Mr. Richards requested permission from the board that himself, Andrew Cochran, and Mike Schwartfigure to attend the upcoming DIG Safe seminar.

Motion #9

Mr. Poste made the motion to allow Darren Richards, Andrew Cochran, and Mike Schwartfigure to attend the upcoming DIG Safe seminar, seconded by Mr. Beary.

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

Mr. Richards also stated that the insurance claim for the ceiling in the museum was denied. Bonno Builders gave an estimate of how much it would cost to repair the damage.

Motion #10

Mr. Knight made the motion to request the town attorney E. Gustafson look into the insurance claim, seconded by Mr. Poste.

Ayes 3 Fisher, Knight, Poste

Noes 1 Beary

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

Librarian and town historian Dennis Eickhoff stated that the upstairs has to be closed off because of damage. He would like to see movement on this asap.

**Town Clerk Report:**

* Sarah Williamson of the Adirondack Paranormal Society contacted me asking if the town of Colton would consider having their annual haunted house here in Colton again this year. The dates would be the weekend of October 6 and 7 & 13 and 14. The first weekend would be youth/family oriented. The second weekend would be adult/scary oriented. Mrs. Williamson asked if she could utilize the fireman’s field for this event. I did inform her if she would like to have the haunted house there, she would need to contact the Colton Volunteer Fire Dept. I have not heard back from Mrs. Williamson since.
* Google workspace/Town emails – I received an email from Carrie at CST regarding our google workspace account. There has been a price increase that Carrie wanted to bring to our attention.

**Monthly Plan Yearly Cost** - $1296.00. The monthly plan allows you to make changes and cancel at any time. The cost has gone up from $6 to $7.20 per user. We have 15 total town emails currently. With the monthly plan, the price could change again.

**Annual Plan Yearly Cost** - $1080.00. This keeps our price at $6 per email, however, there is a minimum 1 year contract. You can add users, but NOT remove users until the 1 year contract ends. So, even if you removed an email, we would still be charged for it until the contract was up.

This needs to be decided before May 15th as it will automatically change on the 16th.

Motion #11

Mr. Knight made the motion to switch our Google workspace account from a monthly plan to an annual plan, seconded by Mr. Poste.

Ayes 4 Fisher, Beary, Poste, Knight

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

**BTI Report:**

* As of April 17th, all streams have been treated for the first round.
* The Raquette river hasn’t been treated yet since we have only found a few and I am waiting for the major hatch which is usually late April-early May. The Colton Bypass (Stone Valley) and the South Colton Bypass have been treated.
* Because of the permit modifications I made this winter, I was able to treat more of Big Cold Brook, from Catamount Lake Club and from the main road on Diamond Club to the river. I am currently investigating sections of the North Branch of the Grass River and may treat a portion of that.
* The new crew member resigned.
* All the crew are now focusing on Mosquito control. We are just starting to find mosquito larvae this week. All residents can participate in controlling mosquitoes by eliminating standing water on their property, see attached sheet.
* PERMA featured the Colton Bti Program in their April 2023 newsletter, attached. We have had no injuries. The safety protocols I have established & amp, equipment work. I want to thank Safety Officer Darren Richards for all his support in this area.
* All the crew have been working extremely hard. The 37th BTI season is off to a good start!

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**Planning Board Report:**

The planning board met on 04/18/2023. We heard a discussion by Ben and Courtney Burd with Kunoco about building a storage facility on Rte 56 between Colton and South Colton. The conditional use application didn’t come in in time to have a public hearing this month, but it is on the agenda for next month. We also considered a conditional use permit for Les Baker and Baker’s Sizzling Grill. The application did not contain a site plan, and the description of what he wanted to do was vague and missing information. The planning board could not make a determination because the application was considered

incomplete. The application will be reconsidered when the information is supplied.

Jeff Rousell and Anne Townsend have met with several people about getting grants for the comprehensive plan. They will be at the meeting tonight to explain further.

Dan Murphy has expressed an interest in joining the planning board. The planning board unanimously recommends that Dan be appointed to the planning board.

Jeff Rousell and Anne Townsend, both members of the planning board, spoke to the town board about the Town of Colton’s comprehensive plan. A comprehensive plan is a high-level roadmap for 10 years in the future. The last comprehensive plan the town had was 45 years ago. Colton Planning board has met with other municipalities similar to ours. There is a funding opportunity available for a grant that offers 90% of the funding up to $100,000.00. This opportunity opens in May and closes in July.

Motion #13

Mr. Knight made the motion stating the Colton town board is in full support of the Colton planning board for their work and strategy on the town’s new comprehensive plan, please keep moving forward with it, seconded by Mr. Poste.

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

**Library Report:**

Grant came in $9,000 under budget. Bonno Builders came and looked at the back wall to repair damage. In The Heart Cabinetry to repair cabinets. Also, an upgrade to the library computer system will take place April 26th.

**Correspondence:**

Peggy Shea and Peggy Mousaw both stated that they feel the engineering cost was reasonable. Judy Fuhr stated the board may want to consider raising the spending limit for department heads. Peggy Mousaw shared that SUNY Potsdam is now bringing back the Local Government Conference. The conference takes place on October 10, 2023, $35.00 per person, registration starts at 8:30am. This conference is for local municipalities.

**Unfinished Business:**

Discussion on where Donna Buckley, keyboard specialist for Mr. Robert, would be paid out of. The contingency line, 1990.4, was made for unforeseen expenses. A new line will be created for the keyboard specialist, 1220.12.

Motion #14

Mr. Knight made the motion to approve moving $5,800.00 from the 1990.4 contingency line to the new line, 1220.12, keyboard specialist for Mr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Poste.

Ayes 3 Fisher, Knight, Poste

Noes 1 Beary

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

**New Business:**

* Change all town board meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of the month, except for November and December.

Motion #15

Mr. Poste made a motion to change all Town of Colton board meetings to the third Wednesday of each month except November and December, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

Town Clerk Jennifer Cole requested permission to place an ad in the town’s official newspaper to announce the change in town board meetings.

Motion #16

Mr. Beary made the motion to allow the town clerk to place an ad in the town’s official newspaper announcing the change in dates for town board meetings, seconded by Mr. Poste.

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

* Resolution 1-2023 – in support of the 2023 legislative agenda for Adirondack Assoc of Towns.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA OF THE ADIRONDACK ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS & VILLAGES**

**RESOLUTION #01-2023**

**WHEREAS,** the Adirondack region is unique in New York State and the nation, and is the single largest constitutionally protected landmass in the contiguous United States, in which the vast majority of all land is

committed to preservation, conservation, recreation, and resource management, and

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*New business cont’*

**WHEREAS,** the Adirondack region is also home to 130,000 full-time residents living in over 100 small communities, and

**WHEREAS,** the combination of human communities and natural splendor creates both the Adirondack region’s enchanting appeal and its complex policy challenges, centered around protecting this special place while meeting the needs of people who live here and hundreds of thousands who visit, and

**WHEREAS**, the Adirondack region is one of the most economically challenged areas of New York State, and has experienced legacy industries sharply declining or disappearing, outmigration of young people, families and college-educated citizens, and

**WHEREAS,** the region’s challenges also include limited broadband and cellular service, aging infrastructure, declining school enrollment, increasing reliance by an aging population on volunteer emergency services that have difficulty maintaining adequate workforces, and challenges associated with responsibly managing and preserving natural resources that draw large numbers of visitors to the region, and

**WHEREAS,** the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages is a non-partisan alliance of local elected officials who represent the towns and villages within the Adirondack Park, whose mission is to educate policymakers and decision-makers about the reality of life in the Adirondacks, to work with other interested groups, and to support solutions that protect the Adirondack environment and open space while ensuring sustainable economic opportunities and the wellbeing of residents and visitors, and

**WHEREAS,** the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages has adopted a 2023 Legislative Agenda in furtherance of its mission, and is requesting that the Town of Colton join in supporting the Legislative Agenda, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule “A”, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Town of Colton hereby supports the 2023 Legislative Agenda of the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages, and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Clerk of Colton be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Stec, Assemblymember Walczyk, the New York State Association of Counties, the Association of Towns of New York State, the New York Conference of Mayors, the Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks, and the Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages.

Motion #17

Mr. Beary made the motion to accept and sign the above resolution, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

* Resolution 2-2023 – multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan update for SLC.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE AND ADOPTION OF THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**RESOLUTION #02-2023**

**WHEREAS**, the St. Lawrence County Office of Emergency Services, with assistance from Barton &amp; Loguidice, D.P.C., has gathered information and prepared the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for St. Lawrence County, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for St. Lawrence County, New York has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 201; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 44 CFR, Chaper1, Part 201.6(c)(5) requires each local government participating in the preparation of a Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan or Plan Update to accept and adopt such plan; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Colton, has reviewed the 2022 St. Lawrence County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, has found the document to be acceptable, and as a local unit of government, has afforded its citizens an opportunity to comment and provide unput regarding the Plan Update and the actions included in the Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Colton, will consider the St. Lawrence County HMP Update during the implementation and updating of local planning mechanisms, and will incorporate the hazard assessment data, hazard vulnerabilities, and mitigation actions in these mechanisms, where applicable;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Colton, as a participating jurisdiction, adopts the Multi-

Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for St. Lawrence County, New York, dated 4 April, 2022.

Motion #18

Mr. Beary made the motion to accept and sign the above resolution, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

* Resolution 3-2023 – against passage of Conservation Subdivision Design Bill A04608.

**Resolution against passage of Conservation Subdivision Design Bill A04608**

**Resolution No. 3 of 2023**

**WHEREAS**, The Adirondack Park Agency Adopted a Large Subdivision Permit application that incorporated many of the action items in the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill, and

**WHEREAS**, implementation of the Adirondack Park Agency Large Subdivision Permit, is possibly more protective of the Environment than the Conservation Subdivision Design allows for, and

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*New business cont’*

**WHEREAS**, Conservation Design laws are seldom mandatory, and are a tool to keep open space in urban areas, and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New York as of March 20, 2018 owned 2,505,802 or 44.6 percent of the Adirondack Park in fee, the State as of November 12 2018 also owns 785,434 acres of Conservation Easements, where development and subdivision rights have been extinguished, and

**WHEREAS**, this means there are more than 3.3 million acres of a 5.9-million-acre Adirondack Park that will never be developed or subdivided, and

**WHEREAS**, of the remaining 2.6 million acres of private land, existing development, roads, lakes, rivers, streams, steep slopes, wetlands and high elevations are not suitable for development, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed legislation would amend the existing Adirondack Park Agency Act which has been in effect for 50 years, and

**WHEREAS**, before major Adirondack Park Agency permit application processes are changed, a public hearing process needs to be implemented so that property owners have an opportunity to understand and comment on how this proposed law will affect their property values, and

**WHEREAS**, this change would require private property owners to incur undue burden to hire external consultants to complete additional ecological assessments that will add significant time to proceed with proposed developments, and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed law could eliminate the potential for development on certain lands, which could be a “taking” without compensation, current law already protects and regulates these lands by the Adirondack Park Agency, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed bill places additional burden on property owners that is not necessary to protect environmental and ecological systems and is not beneficial to the well-being of the Adirondack Park and its residents.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Colton does not approve of the proposed Bill, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Colton does hereby call upon the local governments to stand together, individually and through our associations to insist that the Conservation Subdivision Design Bill (A04608) be withdrawn, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Stewart-Cousins, Senator Stec, Senator Griffo, Senator Walczyk, Assembly Speaker Heastie, Assemblyman Jones, Assemblyman Simpson, Assemblyman Smullen, Assemblyman Blankenbush Adirondack Intercounty, the Association of Adirondack Towns & Villages, and the Chairs of the Encon Committees Senator Harckham, Assemblywoman Glick.

Dated: April 19, 2023

Motion #19

Mr. Beary made the motion to accept and sign the above resolution, seconded by Mr. Poste.

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

* Resolution 4-2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF COLTON TO MAINTAIN YEAR-ROUND MORGAN RD. CAMP**

**RESOLUTION #04-2023**

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Colton owns the land on which Morgan Camp Rd. is situated, and

**WHEREAS,** residents live year round on the Morgan Camp Rd., and

**WHEREAS,** these residents pay property taxes and are entitled to the same services that other homeowners receive,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town of Colton shall undertake the maintenance of the section of Morgan Camp Rd. that belongs to the Town of Colton in the same manner as it maintains other Town of Colton roads.

Motion #20

Mr. Beary made the motion to accept and sign the above resolution, seconded by Mr. Poste.

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

Hwy Supt. Kevin Hawley stated that the town attorney should be involved in this process.

* Letter of resignation from Stephen Knight for both Planning Board and BAR.

Motion #21

Mr. Poste made the motion to accept Mr. Knights letter of resignation for the Planning Board and BAR, seconded by Mr. Beary.

Ayes 3 – Fisher, Beary, Poste

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Abstain 1 Knight

Motion carried

* Letters of interest for the BAR seat.

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**Colton Regular Monthly Town Board Meeting, April 19, 2023**

*New business cont’*

We received two letters of interest for the open seat on the Board of Assessment Review. One from Cassie Reagan. One from Peggy Mousaw.

Motion #22

Mr. Knight made the motion to appoint Mrs. Cassie Reagan to the Board of Assessment Review, seconded by Mr. Beary.

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

* Letters of interest for the Planning Board seat.

We received two letters of interest for the open seat on the Planning Board. One from Shawn Robert. One from Dan Murphy.

Motion #23

Mr. Beary made the motion to appoint Shawn Robert to the Planning Board. No second.

Mr. Poste made the motion to appoint Dan Murphy to the Planning Board, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Ayes 3 Fisher, Poste, Knight

Noes 1 Beary

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

* Juneteenth? Town of Colton closed? Open? This is not in the union contract. Matter discussed. Board chose to follow current union contract.
* Museum – insurance claim denied. Est. $18,000.00 repair for ceiling – covered previously in this meeting.

Motion #24

At 8:31pm Mr. Poste made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

Motion #25

At 9:16pm a motion was made by Mr. Knight to move to regular session, seconded by Mr. Poste.

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

\*\* NO ZOOM ATTENDEES WERE PRESENT WHEN THE MEETING WAS BROUGHT BACK INTO SESSION \*\*

DPW Supervisor Darren Richards requested that the DPW dept. hire two positions. One youth/summer help position, one temporary help.

Mr. Beary made a motion to hire both, no second.

Mr. Poste made a motion to hire just the temporary help, no second.

Mr. Beary made a motion to hire the temporary help for four weeks or until Deputy DPW Supt. Justin Johnson comes back and the youth position for 10 weeks, no second.

Motion #26

Ms. Fisher made a motion to hire one youth/summer help position for 10 weeks at $15.00 per hour, seconded by Mr. Poste.

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

**Adjournment:**

Motion #27

With no further business to discuss Mr. Beary made a motion to close the regular monthly meeting at 9:37pm, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Absent 1 Robert

Motion carried

Meeting minutes by Colton Town Clerk Jennifer Cole

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