**Colton Regular Budget Workshop Meeting, October 26, 2022**

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

Present: Ronald Robert, Town Supervisor Councilpersons: Lisa Fisher

Kevin Hawley, Highway Supt. Jacob Poste

Darren Richards, Code/Safety/DPW Supt. Randi-Lee Cook-Planty

Jennifer Cole, Town Clerk Kevin Beary

Meeting attendees: Shelley Rayner, Peggy Mousaw

Zoom attendees: Dennis Eickoff, Peggy Shea, Mary Jane Watson, Cynthia Hennessy, Judy Fuhr

Supervisor R. Robert was absent from this meeting.

This meeting was scheduled to go over changes to the tentative 2023 Town budget. This meeting was advertised in the Towns official paper of North Country Now.

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

Deputy Supervisor L. Fisher turned the meeting over to the Town Bookkeeper Shelley Rayner.

Mrs. Rayner made the requested changes to the tentative budget from the October 3rd 2022 meeting. Mrs. Rayner went over the changes made and asked if there were any questions from the board.

Councilman K. Beary stated that he felt the $5000.00 in the budget for the Morgan Rd. Beach project should be taken out of the budget completely but would still like to proceed with the current budget.

Colton resident Peggy Mousaw had questions about the tax levy, salaries and wages, and compensation for persons who write grants for the Town, code enforcement and assessor roles. Ms. Mousaw recommended keeping the tax rate flat and raising the tax levy. Ms. Mousaw also recommended the town get a tax stabilization reserve. Ms. Mousaw also raised concerns over the Towns transfer station and water/sewer station. The Town Board informed Ms. Mousaw that the town is currently working on grants and funding for updates to both areas of her concern.

**Adjournment:**

Motion #1

With no further business to discuss Mr. Beary made the motion to close the budget workshop meeting at 6:35pm, seconded by Mrs. Planty.

Ayes 4

Noes 0

Motion carried

Meeting minutes by Colton Town Clerk Jennifer Cole