

Town Board Meeting
March 17, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Lanning, Councilor Brace, Councilor Howard, Councilor Badami, Councilor Coville, Attorney Smith.

Also Present: Julie Stenger, Dana Pickering, Peter Buehler, Dick Perkins, Rob Howard, Bridgett Winkelman, Sue Murphy, Nancy Murray, Gene LaForte, Courtney Alexander, Kristi Clancy, Kerry Porter, Danielle Cheney, Allan Wellington, Jason Gabak (Skaneateles Press), Jonathan Monfiletto (Skaneateles Journal), Gordon Carlson, Randy Nonenmacher, Bill Pavlus, Denise Rhoads, Terri Leubner, Melanie Stearns, Allison Priest.

Department Reports

▪*Highway, Water, Transfer Station:* Allan Wellington reported that they did not have to plow snow over the last two weeks. They have been out 80 times so far this season compared to 150 times for the same period last year. In addition to normal operations, Allan attended an Advocacy Day in Albany and talked to our representatives to lobby receiving additional funding for road and bridge repairs. In the Water Department three employees attended water school to maintain their water license. They inspected all water districts looking for leaks, repaired a leaking water valve and made repairs to additional damaged valves. At the Transfer Station they are doing normal equipment repairs, grading off the hard fill area and sorting the log pile to aid with the grinding operation. They are also excavating around the municipal waste building for drainage.

▪*Parks:* Sue Murphy reported that the Parks Department page on the Town's website has been updated to include the applications for PlayDay, the Farmers Market and Building and Grounds Use. The Park's calendar has now been changed from an ice event calendar to a year round events calendar. Residents can visit the calendar to find out when events such as the farmers market is or when swimming and Playday begins.

Sue referred to a proposal before the Town Board to protect the crabapple trees from cars parking too close to them during busy events. Pictures were displayed showing the damage from tire ruts to the area from cars parking near the trees. To protect the trees and the Skaneateles Garden Club's investment she is proposing installing a vehicle barrier along the drive lane fronting that area.

Councilor Brace explained the possible options and cost. Option #1 would add cement wheel stops that are 240 feet in length and require winter storage, due to winter plowing. Depending on the length, total cost would range from 27 units at \$20/each (\$540) to 23 units at \$45/each (\$1035). Option #2 would add a split rail fence that would be 240 feet in length. The fence would not need to be removed but may require some annual maintenance. The cost would be \$864 plus installation. Option #3 would be bollards (painted metal posts). These were deemed unattractive and more expensive so this option was not pursued. She said this has been discussed with the Skaneateles Garden Club who are in agreement with installing a split rail fence. Councilor Brace said that she and the Parks Department are recommending Option #2, the split rail fence.

Councilor Badami agreed stating that the split rail fence would look so much better than the concrete and added that he would be in favor of adding a fence on the north side of the entrance to protect those trees as well. Sue Murphy said that there may be some fundraisers in the future that might help pay for more fencing in the future. She said the Village has agreed to help with digging the post holes if the work can be done in the next few weeks.

Attorney Smith stated that because of the price, this purchase is not subject to the Town's procurement policy.

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On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Option #2, a split rail fence in the amount of \$864 was approved to be added to protect the newly added flowering crab apple trees located south of the State Street entrance.

Councilor Brace asked if she could speak regarding the Skaneateles Falls Park at this time. Supervisor Lanning agreed. She said she is looking at meeting at the Skaneateles Falls Legion to discuss the Skaneateles Falls Park Master Plan. Funding in the amount of \$20,000 was received from County Legislator, Michael Plochocki and she would like to find out what the community wants in that park. They have arranged for the Legion to be available at 10 a.m. on April 2nd at either in the picnic pavilion or in the Legion depending on the weather. She believes it is an opportunity to build consensus for what should be improved or added to the park. Anyone is invited to attend. She has reached out to some neighbors and post cards will be mailed to everyone in the area. She said she is hoping to generate interest for volunteers to participate in a community build project. She plans to bring site plans to show the boundary of the park.

Councilor Badami questioned the access to the park and the parking situation. Councilor Brace said that parking is available at the east end of the park. Councilor Badami said he realizes that but knows that people attending baseball and softball games are still parking on private property which upsets the property owner. He suggested adding signs to direct people to the correct place to park. Councilor Brace asked Sue Murphy if the Parks had any other agreements for parking and access. Sue said that the Parks Department has been given permission for maintenance access only to the park through the Skaneateles Falls Legion.

Councilor Brace said that on May 7th there will again be a clean-up at the Charlie Major Nature Trail. They will be looking for volunteers. Last year Karen Price provided several student volunteers and she hopes that will be the case again this year. Scouts have also been involved. May 7th is also I Love My Park in NYS and is also National Love Your Park Week.

▪*Budget:* Bridgett Winkelman reported that Cuddy and Ward let her know that the 12/31/15 AUD (Annual Audit Update) has been filed with NYS. Tomorrow she will be submitting to the Town Board both the Supervisor's Report and Fiscal Summary for January and February. Supervisor Lanning reported that Moody's has upgraded our bond report as a result of our esteemed Budget Director's hard work.

▪*Fire Department:* Peter Buehler reported that they had three training sessions and three meetings in March. They re-established the "junior" firefighter program within the SFD.

Students age 14-18 years of age residing within the SCS District will be able to apply for membership as a Restricted Age Member (RAM). Applications will be available May 1st. Tickets are available for the High Stakes Money Drawing and the 4th Annual Casino Night scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the Austin Park Pavilion. He reported that they have 63 active members.

Public Comment: Dick Perkins, President of the Skaneateles Fire Department said that the fire department had concerns about the Nursery School occupying the locker rooms and lobby area of the Austin Pavilion due to their events where alcohol is served. He said he received confirmation today from the Alcohol Beverage Control Board (ABC) that they do not believe this would be a problem because the Nursery School would not be in operation during their events. They do have concerns about the use of the entire facility for their Labor Day Events. Courtney Alexander stated that Labor Day is September 5th the first day of school for the Nursery School would be September 12th so she did not believe this would be an issue. Mr. Perkins questioned the use of the facility for their Casino Night on September 24th where they use the kitchen, lobby and arena. Councilor Brace said that hopefully construction will be finished in that area by then.

Mr. Perkins was concerned that the Town Board did not understand that the Fire Department has two separate units. There is the Skaneateles Fire Department and he is the President of the Skaneateles Volunteer Fire Department which is the corporation end of it that handles all the fundraising and events. The Corporation owns the fire trucks, not the Village. They lease the trucks to the village for \$1 a year. He said he would be glad to sit down with everyone to explain their whole operation.

Mr. Perkins questioned Councilor Brace asking her who sent the email to her stating that he (Dick Perkins) was going to be at this meeting tonight. She said that she has been in touch with Al Pola but did not know if it was an email from him or she heard it somewhere else. Al Pola is a friend of hers and she has been discussing if there could be any potential issues with the fire department. She said she would review of her emails and let him know.

Councilor Badami asked if his concerns were allayed. Mr. Perkins said the fire department and he believes everyone who uses the facility would have liked to have been involved from the start just to address the concerns. He said at this point the fire department is comfortable. Councilor Badami agreed but also said that their concerns are very important to the Town. He said the Town wants to work with the fire department hand in hand. Mr. Perkins said the people in the Skaneateles Fire Protection District have the lowest rate on their taxes for fire protection of any department in the county and that is why their fundraising is so important.

Courtney Alexander from the Skaneateles Nursery School said that they had a very successful open house last night and they actually have a larger enrollment this year compared to last year at this time. They are very happy with the increase. She wanted to publically state that they have no intention of disrupting any current activities in the Austin Pavilion and would like to work as closely as possible with the other groups that use the facility. Councilor Brace said that is what the Board has been working on all along to make sure that other users were not impacted

by the Nursery School use. The Nursery School has said from day one that it is about sharing. Courtney said they love all the events so they don't want to see them impacted either.

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Minutes: Councilor Badami made a motion, seconded by Councilor Coville to accept the March 3, 2016 minutes as presented.

Councilor Howard	Abstain
Councilor Brace	Yes
Councilor Badami	Yes
Councilor Coville	Yes
Supervisor Lanning	Yes

Carried 4-0

Nursery School Update: Attorney Smith said that he has been in discussion with Mr. Bush, attorney for the nursery school regarding the lease agreement. Mr. Bush provided him with a copy of the lease that the nursery school had with the school which he will email to the Board. He said he would like to receive input from the Board but said he especially wanted input on the monthly rent that will be charged and who will be responsible for major and minor repairs, subletting, insurance and indemnity, utilities, plowing, right of termination, and late charges.

Councilor Badami questioned if there was a lease with St. James Church. Courtney Alexander said there was not a lease. She will email what the agreement was. She said that there were some issues with the school lease. Supervisor Lanning asked if they had all their equipment from St. James. Courtney said that the playground is still there.

Councilor Badami said he wants to make it as easy as possible for them balanced with the fiduciary responsibilities of the Town to protect the taxpayers with this business transaction. It should be as fair as possible.

Attorney Smith said that Mr. Bush is providing a red-line version of the school lease that will incorporate what the nursery school did not like about that lease.

Councilor Badami asked if they had insurance. Courtney said yes.

Councilor Brace referenced a concern from a constituent who questioned setting a precedent in preparing this space for a private tenancy. While the Town is only making generic improvements to the quality of the building, she wanted the Board to be aware that the question on precedent may also be a concern of others.

Councilor Badami said that this is a not for profit organization and they are ready, willing, and able to move in with the conditions regarding the other users. Right now we have a non-productive asset. He said he wanted it on the record that this is not treating this business differently. There are numerous reasons to support this including the public good that the school provides for the community.

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Andy Ramsgard Proposal: Supervisor Lanning said that this proposal is to prepare the bid specs for the work that will be done at Austin Pavilion. The proposal is \$6,000.

Councilor Brace said it was important that Andy tied the proposal to a standard form of agreement, which is common in the business. It simplifies the discussion on what you are and are not getting for the service. It includes the design documentation necessary for bidding. Then the Town has to figure it out during construction how much support we will need from him. She said the Town may not need a lot of support during construction. It is a very simple project. She said that it is a really good price and she is sure that it reflects some accommodation to support the Nursery School. She said it is a very reasonable proposal and is tied to a scope of services. She would have really liked to have this go out for a competitive bid for all the local businesses but since this is for professional services the Town is not required to go out to bid and given the schedule for this project the Town does not have the time to wait to go out to bid. The capital improvements to Austin Arena will still have to go out to bid. Getting this project done early in the summer will alleviate any interference with the use of the Arena by other groups. The only concern she has is there is no timeline.

Courtney Alexander said the Nursery School would love to have an open communication with Mr. Ramsgard and to have a timeline. Supervisor Lanning said that this helps move the project forward.

Councilor Brace said she does not know who Andy Ramsgard will be using for engineering. Attorney Smith said that the Town also has an engineer to plug any gaps.

Councilor Howard questioned how long it would take to do an RFP for these services. Attorney Smith said there is not a minimum time requirement. He said if the Town Board chose to put this out as an RFP then the Board would authorize the Attorney to prepare the required documents, schedule a bid opening date and authorize the Town Clerk to submit the notice to the newspaper and to post it. He said Councilor Brace is correct that when it is professional services the Board is not required to go out to bid. An RFP would be required to do the construction.

Councilor Howard said this seems so rushed. She is a little uncomfortable. Councilor Brace suggested contacting other professionals in the area to see if they are interested and perhaps scheduling a special meeting. She acknowledged that it is rushed but that this needs to move forward. She said she didn't put together an RFP because she did not know if Andy was going to continue to do pro bono work on this. Councilor Brace said this is not a lot of work. It is not like designing a brand new building or renovating the existing Town Hall. It won't have any façade changes except some windows or doors. She said this is so small and so utilitarian. She said that the Town engineer submitted a proposal for services to do a study on the structural evaluation and preliminary programming which had a value of \$5,000, and Andy Ramsgard provided this at no cost.

The Board discussed that the scheduling challenges and the need to move this forward so that it would not impact the other users of the facility.

Councilor Brace said that because of the time constraints due to scheduling challenges the reasonable proposal and that the agreement provide for whatever assistance may be required.

Councilor Brace made a motion to accept the proposal from Ramsgard Architectural Design, P.C. dated March 17, 2015 to provide complete architectural services under the AIA Standard Form Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$6,000. Councilor Badami said he would like to amend that motion to state that based upon Councilor Brace's professional opinion that this is a reasonable proposal.

On a motion of Councilor Brace seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Board the original motion was modified to accept the proposal from Ramsgard Architectural Design, P.C. dated March 17, 2015 to provide complete architectural services under the AIA Standard Form Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$6,000 based on Councilor Brace's professional opinion that this is a reasonable proposal.

Councilor Brace added that in order for this to stay on schedule and to have good communication the Town Board should appoint a steering committee. She said it does not have to be her but said the Town needs to do this and to meet on a regular basis. Councilor Badami said that Councilor Brace would be the most likely choice with her professional experience. Supervisor Lanning said we also have to include the Fire Department, Rotary, and the Methodist Church. He agreed that a committee should be formed.

Introductory Local Law 2016-A – A Local Law Amending the Town Code of the Town of Skaneateles to Define When An Application Before the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals will be deemed to be Abandoned: Supervisor Lanning said that the public hearing was held on this at the March 17th meeting. Comments were received and the public hearing was closed.

Attorney Smith said that in order to go forward it is necessary to do a SEQR review of the law. He recommended going through the Short EAF.

Councilor Brace said that she would like to propose modifying the Local Law to address those projects that are already on the books that have been essentially abandoned. She feels that with the feedback from the community that existing applications that have been abandoned should have a grace period after which the proposed law would come into effect. She questioned what is the difference with an existing application and a new application when applying the proposed law. She believes grandfathering existing applications makes less and less sense. She does not agree that a dormant application never comes under this law.

Councilor Howard agreed with Councilor Brace. She also would like to see the year of grace given to new applicants and to existing applicants. The feedback she has received from the public has been along these lines.

Supervisor Lanning said his concern is about the number of times Victory Sports has been mentioned in public record and emails and that this law can't be targeting specific projects. He said that the safest route is not risk another lawsuit.

Councilor Coville agreed with the statements made by Councilor Brace and Howard but said the law can always be changed later to include the applications on the books. He said it is important to get this law on the books.

Attorney Smith said you can either make a motion to go forward with SEQR to review the proposed law as it is now written, or make a motion to amend the local law and schedule another public hearing before going through SEQR.

Councilor Badami said he also agreed with Councilor Brace and Howard and said he has concerns for projects such as Victory Sports and others but suggested voting on this proposed law and schedule further discussion three weeks from now and come up with language. He does not want to leave the door open for others.

Councilor Howard asked if he proposed that this would be done at the next meeting. She does not want this to fall through the cracks again.

Councilor Coville said he agrees with Councilor Brace and Howard but he wants to close the door now so that no new applications can get through and he wants to take time to review new legislation to make sure the Town is not open to an additional lawsuit.

The Town Board agreed to move forward with their decision on this Local Law but to begin looking at legislation to take into consideration applications that fall outside this local Law.

Resolution #16-55

On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board it was agreed to do a SEQR review on Introductory Local Law 2016-A.

Short EAF Part I

1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? **Yes 5-0**

If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.

Short EAF Part 2

1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations? **Yes 5-0**

2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land? **No 5-0**

3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community? **No 5-0**

4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)? **No 5-0**

5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway? **No 5-0**

6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities? **No 5-0**

7. Will the proposed action impact existing:

- a. public / private water supplies? **No 5-0**
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities? **No 5-0**
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources? **No 5-0**
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)? **No 5-0**
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems? **No 5-0**
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?
No 5-0

Part 3

For every question in Part 2 that was answered “moderate to large impact may occur”, or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

In answering this question the Town Board stated the following:

The purpose of this law is to provide a mechanism to deem an application before the Planning Board or Zoning Board abandoned if there has been no activity for six months for a minor project or twelve months for a major project. Though this law would amend existing land use regulations, it is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on the environment because if anything it would remove proposed development projects from the approval process.

Resolution #16-56

Councilor Coville made a motion, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board that based on the information and analysis, and the supporting documentation, the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and making the determination of a negative declaration.

Resolution #16-57

On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Introductory Local Law 2016-A known as A Local Law Amending the Town Code of the Town of Skaneateles to Define When An Application Before the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals will be deemed to be Abandoned was adopted to be known as Local Law 1 of 2016 and will become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Resolution #16-58

Board of Assessment Review Appointment: Councilor Howard said only one candidate, William Whipple, applied for the position and though two others were interested they were not available at this time. Councilor Howard scheduled the interview with Mr. Whipple and asked Peter Babbles and Joe Calipari, members of the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) to participate in the interview. She and the two BAR members thought Mr. Whipple was an excellent choice and are recommending his appointment to this position. Mr. Whipple retired and moved to Skaneateles three years ago and has extensive work experience in the home construction business.

Councilor Howard made a motion seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) approval of the Town Board, William Whipple was appointed to fill the vacancy on the BAR replacing Robert Coville for the period from March 17, 2016 to September 30, 2017.

Resolution #16-59

SEQR for Invasive Species Grant: Randy Nonemacher, Chairman of the Skaneateles Conservation Area Advisory Committee, prepared a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to be submitted to The Finger Lakes PRISM (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management) to chemically treat an approximately one-acre infestation of the invasive European lineage of the common reed, *Phragmites australis* subsp. *australis* (haplotype M) in the vicinity of the lower beaver pond along Gully Road at the Skaneateles Conservation Area (SCA) in the Town of Skaneateles during the Summer of 2016. This treatment will be part of a longer-term project to (1) reduce the *Phragmites* density around the pond to a negligible level and then to (2) regularly monitor for reoccurrences and treat them as they occur. The first phase will likely require three years of treatment, and the second phase will continue indefinitely.

A discussion was held among the Board Members regarding their concern about the product that would be used to treat the Phragmites. The Board stated that they would like additional information on other products that could be used that would not have an environmental impact. Mr. Nonemacher said that there are other products but he is not sure how effective they would be. If not treated the Phragmites will take over the entire pond

Attorney Smith said the grant does not commit the Town to move forward. The Town Board does not need to do SEQR (Part 1 Long Form) before the grant is awarded but must do SEQR before the grant is accepted. He suggested moving on a parallel track to gather information for SEQR and if successful then SEQR would need to be done in order to accept the grant. He suggested either Randy Nonemacher or the Town Engineer gather the information necessary to do SEQR.

The Town Clerk was directed to submit the application that was approved at the March 3rd meeting.

Resolution #16-60

Howard Brodsky's Contract: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) authorization of the Town Board, Supervisor Lanning was

authorized to sign the contract for the period from 1/1/16 to 12/31/16 with Howard Brodsky, Town Planner at a rate of \$75, a rate that has not increased since his 2005 contract

Resolution #16-61

Municibid – Zamboni: Janet Aaron reported that she advertised the Zamboni on Municibid where the highest bid received was \$510 from Dorothea Hughes from the Auburn YMCA. The Town previously placed this out for bid in the local papers and rejected the bid received.

On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Supervisor Lanning and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the bid in the amount of \$510 for the purchase of the Zamboni by the Auburn YMCA was accepted.

Resolution #16-62

Farmers Market Updated Application and Guidelines: Councilor Brace reported that 7 p.m. on May 10, 2016 Sustainable Skaneateles and a number of farmers are holding an event at the High School library on the benefits of fresh produce.

On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Brace and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the updated Farmers Market application and guidelines were accepted as presented.

Meetings with Joel Russell March 21st and March 22nd: Supervisor Lanning reported that Joel Russell, who is a land use attorney and planning consultant and worked on the 1996 and 2005 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning and would be here to meet with as many interested groups in the community in order to bring resolution to the Article 78. Most of the meetings will be open to the public.

Resolution #16-63

Authorize Debbie Williams to provide consulting services to the Town Board on Meetings with Joel Russell – Not to exceed \$200: On a motion of Councilor Badami, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, Debbie Williams was authorized to provide consulting services to the Town Board on the meetings with Joel Russell, not to exceed \$200.

Resolution #16-64

Fire Department Request to use Austin Pavilion – Casino Night 9/24/16: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Fire Department was approved to use the Austin Pavilion for their September 24, 2016 casino night fundraiser.

Resolution #16-65

Creation of a Steering Committee – Austin Pavilion Renovation/Improvement Project: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board a Steering Committee was created to oversee the Austin Pavilion renovation and improvement project.

Councilor Brace said she believes as the Parks Liaison she should be the point person on the committee. Councilor Badami agreed. She said she would like to see Sue Murphy, Courtney Alexander, Fire Department representatives, and Andy Ramsgard be on this committee and Supervisor Lanning if he so chooses. Councilor Brace said this is just for the first phase, which is not the lobby space. It is for the development of the team rooms, the power, lighting, windows and doors. Pete Buehler said the power is very important because years ago the fire department paid to have power added to the pavilion part of the arena. They paid for all the wiring. He believes the fire department put a dry transformer in the arena as well. He suggested reaching out to the Rotary because they borrow their electric cords for the pancake breakfast. He also suggested reaching out to the Methodist Church for the Antique Show.

Resolution #16-66

Letter of Resignation – Assessor Linda Wright. Supervisor Lanning said that a letter of resignation was received from Linda Wright effective May 31, 2016. He said that Linda is in her third year of a six year term.

On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the letter of resignation from Assessor Linda Wright was accepted effective May 31, 2016.

Janet Aaron was directed to advertise for the position.

Announcements/Correspondence/Updates

▪*Stauffer Management Company's Notice of Certificate of Completion:* Supervisor Lanning acknowledged Notice of Completion on the Stauffer site in Skaneateles Falls. Councilor Brace said they may be done with their environmental cleanup but they are not done with their obligations. Councilor Lanning said he would follow up with NYSDEC.

▪*CNY Regional Planning & Development Board – Solar Feasibility Assessment Report:* Supervisor Lanning said there has been legislative action in Albany that has changed the solar procurement. The Town will pursue having solar installation at the Transfer Station. From his conversation with Chris Carrick of the CNY Regional Planning and Development Board, of all the municipal sites considered, the Transfer Station is one of the top three as far as feasibility. The Town is going to pursue having solar panels that will provide electricity to offset the Town of Skaneateles municipal electric use and as well as the possibility remote solar installations that might be available to the residential or business community.

Councilor Brace suggested having the Engineering Advisory Committee look at this. Supervisor Lanning agreed.

▪*Town of Skaneateles Multi-Use Corridor proposed project submitted to the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council has been selected as part of our 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program:* Councilor Brace said this will provide traffic studies from the Village Line to Skaneateles Falls. The funding is provided by the Federal Government and reimburses the Onondaga County Planning Agency for their engineering and planning expenses. It will provide information on what widths of roads lend themselves to multiuse i.e., vehicles, bicycles. Pedestrians. She is looking forward to the study they will do at the intersection of Old Seneca Turnpike and Mill Road,

▪*Update on Franchise Agreement with Time Warner Cable:* The Town’s franchise agreement expires on April 16, 2016. The Town hopes to encourage increased coverage under the new contract. The Village’s contract is also up in May 2016. Councilor Brace said she hopes the Town can coordinate with the Village to hopefully gain leverage with Time Warner.

Resolution #16-67

Budget Amendments/Adjustments: On a motion of Councilor Howard, seconded by Councilor Coville and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the following budget amendments and adjustments were authorized:

Budget Adjustments

General Fund

\$ 1,750.00	Increase	012204.01.004.00	Supervisor – C/E
\$ 1,750.00	Decrease	019904.01.004.00	Contingency Account

Cost associated with Association of Town Conference

Highway – Town wide Fund

\$ 1,500.00	Increase	051422.03.002.00	Snow Removal Equipment
\$ 1,500.00	Decrease	051424.03.004.00	Snow removal – C/E

Cost associated with purchase of new salt box

Resolution #16-68

Abstract #16-06: On a motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board voucher #16-263 to #16-356 from the following funds:

General Fund: \$63,506.16	Part Town:	\$5,174.20
Highway: \$17,292.70	Highway P/T:	\$6,412.71
Water: \$23,554.54	Water #5:	\$ 140.40
Sewer: \$ 1,094.48	Sewer #6:	\$ 254.36
T & A: \$ 351.82	Limeledge Water:	\$2,247.05

Total: \$120,028.42

Public Comment/Questions:

Bill Pavlus said that there the Conservation Areas are always busy. He encouraged dog owners to pick up after their dogs and be responsible dog owners. Councilor Brace said dog owners need to remind other dog owners.

Randy Nonemacher, Chair of the Conservation Committee: Randy Nonemacher reported that 65 senior students and faculty are participating in ESF’s BioBlitz program on April 23rd and 24th where they have chosen to come to the Town’s conservation lands to inventory the plan, animal and fungus species on the property.

Resolution #16-69

Executive Session: On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue regarding the Assessor's position.

On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board the meeting was returned to open session.

Resolution #16-70

Assessor Position: On a motion of Supervisor Lanning, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Clerk was authorized to advertise for the Assessor's position.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet L. Aaron
Town Clerk