

**Town of New Scotland
Special Town Board Meeting
July 24, 2019**

The following Town Officials were in attendance:

Deputy Supervisor:	Adam Greenberg
Councilperson:	Daniel Leinung William Hennessy Patricia Snyder
Highway Superintendent:	Kenneth Guyer Arrived at 6:37 PM
Town Clerk:	Diane Deschenes
Absent: Supervisor:	Douglas LaGrange

1. Call to Order

Deputy Supervisor Greenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Thomas Hart to discuss grant opportunity

Deputy Supervisor Greenberg said the discussion of this grant has been tabled. He is not going to submit it this year but will look for other opportunities in the future. They had trouble with the initial submission. The estuary program would not work with them even though there were technical problems on their end. They said we should have tried to submit it earlier. Mr. Hart will keep his eyes open for possibilities in the future.

7. Discussion/Action re: Resolution approving CFA Grant Application for Hilton Park Improvement

Councilperson Hennessy said that this is a resolution to address approval by the Town to officially submit a Consolidated Funding Application to New York State for renovations and improvements to the barn and Hilton Park. It outlines many items. He offered to go over the budget if desired. The reason we don't have a specific budget on this is because the grant is not due until 4 PM on Friday. We do not want to have the difficulty in submitting it that Mr. Hart and Mrs. Kavanaugh had two weeks ago when submitting their grant. We will submit it tomorrow. The fact remains that between now and tomorrow budget numbers could change, but it's unlikely that it will be significant. He could provide those tonight. He and Attorney Naughton were a little apprehensive putting exact numbers in a resolution inasmuch as tomorrow they might change by a few dollars. Councilperson Snyder said that he could give a high level. Councilperson Hennessy said that the project right now is for \$1,000,061. That includes renovation of the barn items which include replacing the roof, replacing the first floor siding, replacing doors, painting or staining the roof in a color or material to be determined, including subgrade and subbase below a concrete floor which will run down the core of the barn in accordance with some of the maps he sent Supervisor LaGrange who he believes forwarded it to everyone. It will include two bathrooms on the first floor that will be public during the day for Rail Trail users and for Town and park users. It will include a green room next to the outdoor amphitheater section of the barn. The green room is the preparation staging room for amphitheater-type use. It will include a mechanical room. In the mechanical room we will have the Town water meter and all of the electrical controls required to run a grinder pump outside. The grinder pump outside will connect to the existing Town sewer that Highway Superintendent Guyer help put in crossing the Rail Trail when he supervised excavation of the hump that was taken out two years ago. They smartly installed a vacant empty water line and vacant empty sewer line in anticipation of future development of this barn. That will then be connected to the Kensington system. The grant includes money for the connection pipe, the grinder pump, and all the mechanical room items. Lastly, it includes a fire alarm system and a sprinkler system. It's somewhat debatable right now primarily whether we need it just for bathrooms, but in anticipation of use of the barn we are including it for full use of the facilities. It will be sized for that. The money is for that. The plumbing that will serve the bathrooms is all sized to accommodate the entire facility. That in general is the barn.

The park will include two parking areas, one on them at the Maple Road curve and one right next to the barn. It will include an outdoor skating rink to replace the Swift Road skating rink. Highway Superintendent Guyer has been helping size that. It will include eight-foot-wide trails on the park which will be wide enough for our service vehicles for the park. It includes educational kiosks that will be helpful for passive park recreation amenities for people walking in the park. It includes a

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wood pathway over a wetland area which will be mapped and delineated by professionals for wetlands and threatened and endangered species all in accordance with NYSDEC Law. It will include a potential connection to a potential Bender Melon Farm trail system which may be part of their application; he didn't have their specifics. They are submitting a grant this week also to the State of New York. There is an existing passenger bridge over the Rail Trail there; it would be wise to make sure it is safe and structurally sound. It needs some floor planking. One of our bright ideas was to use some of the old barn planking and finish it as need be. It would be perfect planking for over the bridge deck. In general, that's it.

The overall project cost is \$1,000,061. The breakdown is as follows: \$1,068,241 is the current concept cost estimate. The funding for that will include a \$120,000 state and municipal funding grant secured by Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy. Another funding source will be another state and municipal funding grant from Assemblywoman Fahy for \$125,000. That leaves \$823,241. Of that, the State will grant \$411,620. The town is responsible for \$411,621 and of that we will pay utilities \$326,005 of Town cash funds and donations as received, and \$85,616 will be Town force work provided by our Highway Department, possibly the County Highway Department and administrative costs. It's all broken down. So, the Town is responsible for \$411,621 and of that, not including Town work force that Town employees can do, we have to come up with \$326,000. Currently our Parks funds have \$328,000. We don't necessarily have to use all of that obviously. We are generating upwards of \$14,000-\$15,000 a year in pavilion rentals and fields income. We will prepare obviously a financial budget and program to accommodate whatever we have to do.

**RESOLUTION NO. 170 OF 2019
Town of New Scotland, New York**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION
FOR JOSEPH HILTON TOWN PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland, Albany County, New York was convened in public session at the Town Hall located at 2029 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159, on July 24, 2019, at 6:30 PM.

WHEREAS, the Town, with the assistance of the Town Planner, prepared an application for a grant to fund various improvements to the Joseph Hilton Town Park (the "Park");

WHEREAS, the grant, if awarded, will require the Town to contribute to the improvements as the Town's contribution to the project;

WHEREAS, the grant is intended to provide funding for the following improvements to the Park:

Site:

- construction of two parking areas;
- primary and secondary trails;
- a grassed amphitheater;
- erection of kiosks as part of the Park amenities;
- connection of water and sewer to the Hilton Barn; and
- construction of a winter ice-skating rink.

Building:

- renovation of the Hilton Barn, including crawlspace subgrade, roof, siding, and doors;
- construction of public rest rooms with plumbing and heating; and
- construction of a "Green Room" (staging/prep room) for the amphitheater.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland hereby approves the submission of the application for the grant, and authorizes the Supervisor to sign all relevant documents to facilitate the application, including the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), which is annexed to the Agenda.

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A motion was made by Member Hennessy, seconded by Member Snyder, to adopt Resolution No. 170 of 2019.

Deputy Supervisor Greenberg asked for any follow-up questions. Councilperson Leinung asked if we are putting this in and if we get what we're asking for it would be basically \$411,000 from the State and we would have to put up \$411,000 in matching? Councilperson Hennessy agreed adding that so far the estimate is cash of \$326,000 (donations, cash, and funds) and then in-kind services by Town employees. Councilperson Leinung asked the timeline. Councilperson Hennessy said that supposedly we will hear in November or December as to when and if it's awarded. Councilperson Snyder asked if Assemblywoman Fahy says she could get \$240,000. Councilperson Hennessy said that she already granted that to the Town. Councilperson Snyder asked if this was in addition to the other money. Councilperson Hennessy said that we did get \$1.5 million when we moved the barn. In the subsequent years we received two more grants, one for \$120,000 and another for \$125,000. The \$120,000 I believe is part of the quite zone and the Clarksville sidewalks grant. Councilperson Snyder asked if this is stuff that she's already put out for us? Councilperson Hennessy agreed. Councilperson Snyder said that she didn't know if this was new revenue or if this was revenue that we've been counting on. Councilperson Hennessy said that he believes there are other Assemblywoman Fahy grants that may be eligible to be utilized here too that are sitting in our coffers. So, yes. Supervisor Dolin had five \$15,000 grants totaling \$75,000. One was for a parking area down at the Rail Trail next to Upper Font Grove Road; one was for solar down by Winnie Lane; there were five of them. Supervisor LaGrange used the one at the Community Center. He was able to combine two for the Community Center improvements. There is one there and there is another one for a pavilion up at Swift Road that we haven't used, so there is stuff that can be dealt with. Councilperson Snyder said that she was just glad to hear that. She just has a hard time understanding what we really have available to us in terms of grants. It seems a little loose. Councilperson Hennessy said that this is what we gleaned from the Supervisor's office this week. Councilperson Snyder said that we hear about these grants and then they go away. That's all good.

Highway Superintendent Guyer said that his only comment is for the bathrooms. When they are designed, can they be made all masonry? He knows that they are going to be in the barn. Councilperson Hennessy said that it's a concrete floor. He personally was thinking of a finished concrete floor. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that that was fine. He'd like masonry walls and a floor drain tied into the sewer. He'd like something we could go in and hose down because public restrooms are rough. We struggle at Swift Road. They are old and they are made out of plywood with rubber floors. When something goes wrong in there they are a pain to clean. Something with nice masonry we could clean out and go inside and hose, washing the whole inside of the restroom down. That would be nice when designing a new restroom.

In favor: 4 Ayes
Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Approved: 4 Ayes

4. Resolution to amend contract deadline for completion of Krumkill Rd. Corrective Maintenance FHWA Project

Highway Superintendent Guyer said that they had their preconstruction meeting last Friday. Prime Highway came in with what we anticipated, an extension. When we got the bids back they were all overpriced, and we had to go back to the State regarding funding. It came back to us that they would but it chewed up time. It's mainly on that. They came back with a request for a September 13th deadline, and at our preconstruction meeting Mr. Martinelli from NYS DOT said that they went through the timeline. They were asking for a two-week cure time on this recycling process that was required. Mr. Martinelli said that, from doing this the past few years, we may need a few more days or weeks than just the two weeks. At his suggestion it was pushed back to September 30th. Jeff Johns from Stantec didn't have an issue with it. NYS DOT was the one who recommended going to September 30th. So, we don't have an issue with it as long as it's this construction season and we get this done. That's what we're asking for, a September 30th completion date. That's an up-to. There is a good chance it will be done prior to that. He talked to Attorney Naughton, and he created this resolution.

Resolution 2019-171

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WHEREAS, the Town has entered into a contract with Prime Highway Contractors, LLC (“Prime” or “Contractor”), for the Krumkill Road Corrective Maintenance paving project, and the contract included a deadline for completion of the project;

WHEREAS, the Contractor has requested an extension of the deadline for various reasons, including the time needed for the recycled asphalt to cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland hereby approves an extension of the deadline for completion of the project, and the new deadline for completion is September 30, 2019. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign an Addendum which shall provide: “The Contract is hereby amended to provide that the deadline for the Contractor to complete the work is September 30, 2019.”

A motion was made by Member Greenberg, seconded by Member Leinung, to adopt Resolution No. 171 of 2019.

Councilperson Hennessy said that he liked the recycling of the existing base. That makes sense. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that it’s the newest thing. Deputy Supervisor Greenberg asked if the start date is August 9th? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that they want to mobilize August 19th. Deputy Supervisor Greenberg asked if we could get some signs up? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he pulled out our old signs from the last time we closed Krumkill. We are going to take them over to Guilderland and just have new dates put on and we’re going to put those up to alert the traffic. After that Prime Highway and their subcontractors are in charge of everything else.

In favor: 4 Ayes

Opposed: 0 Nays

Motion Approved: 4 Ayes

Highway Superintendent Guyer said that there is going to be a two-day closure while they do drainage work. Once the drainage work is done and the dip before the bridge, the road will be reopened. During the recycling process and the paving process it will be open for one-lane traffic and they will have flaggers. The closure is just two days while they do under drain and stuff. While that’s going on and the road is closed, our forces on Councilperson Greenberg’s side are going to attend to that crack in the road that we deal with ever couple of years. We are going to utilize that closure date for ourselves, as well. We should be able to peel off the asphalt and touch up what we have to and then repave. It’s a Band-Aid. It’s what we do every few years. Until something fails, there is no funding. Anyway, that’s for information only.

5. Bid award recommendation: Overlook Drive Paving Project

Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we had the bid opening this morning. There were three bidders. Luizzi Brothers were the lowest bidder. There is a milling there too. It’s going to be removal of the old road down to the subbase. It will be bindered in and then topped. Councilperson Hennessy asked if they use the milling for that? Highway Superintendent Guyer said that the millings are coming out. Councilperson Hennessy asked what they are going to do with all of that. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we’re keeping it. When we get milling like that we mix it in with our shoulder material. When we pave roads we mix it in with crusher run and everything else, anything we can grab for free. We utilize them for shoulder material. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he recommends awarding the bid to Peter Luizzi Brothers at a contract of \$90,000.

Resolution 2019-172

Deputy Supervisor Greenberg offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland does hereby award the Overlook Drive Paving Project to Peter Luizzi & Bros. Contracting, Inc., for \$90,000.

Seconded by Councilperson Hennessy.

Deputy Supervisor Greenberg wanted to commend Highway Superintendent Guyer because this was his idea to subcontract this out. We had a price from the County which was \$102,000. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that it started out at \$102,000. Deputy Supervisor Greenberg said that everyone should be aware that because of Highway Superintendent Guyer’s recommendation we are saving \$12,000.

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All present and voting, the motion carried (4 Ayes).

6. Authorize Highway Superintendent to sign Agreement with Contractor for the Overlook Drive Paving Project

Highway Superintendent Guyer said that next is the contract we will enter into with Peter Luizzi & Brothers for the Overlook project. Attorney Naughton wanted the Town Board to approve the contract. It's \$90,000. Upon completion and satisfaction we will pay out \$81,000. We will retain \$9,000 for 30 days and make sure everything is still good and then we will pay out the remaining \$9,000.

Resolution 2019-173

Deputy Supervisor Greenberg offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Scotland does hereby approve the contract with Peter Luizzi & Bros. Contracting, Inc., for the Overlook Drive Paving Project and authorizes the Highway Superintendent to sign the agreement.

Seconded by Councilperson Leinung All present and voting, the motion carried (4 Ayes).

Deputy Supervisor Greenberg asked if anyone had anything else.

Playground Equipment

Highway Superintendent Guyer said that we were talking about the Parks and barn improvements. He knows that we had a study done of the Swift Road Park a couple of years ago by Barton & Loguidice. At some point when he gets a little more free time he'd like to sit down with someone and pull that out. We might be able to utilize bits and pieces. He, Mr. Duncan, and the residents would like some more modern playground equipment, some newer stuff and a different location. At Swift Road it's currently tucked in the corner and hidden. We spoke to the residents and we told them we're on board with them but it's not just buying some new equipment. It's a reworking. We think the best spot for this is where the building sits. It's visible. It's right there along with the basketball court, tennis court, and the baseball field. We could turn the building into a new little pavilion where the parking lot is with a new modern playground. Parents would be able to sit in the pavilion. There is already parking there and we could have restrooms. It's kind of centralized and visible, but in order to make these things happen we have to move the building. It's like a snowball thing. We explained that to the residents and they understood. He would just like to revisit this at some point. At some point we'd like to start changing things in Feura Bush, too. They have the exact equipment that Swift Road does. Deputy Supervisor Greenberg said that there has been some talk about this. There is a general concept to do something. When we move forward we should redesign all of the parks at one time. Highway Superintendent Guyer agreed and said that the residents do, too. Councilperson Hennessy asked if he is able to keep the names of the residents or have them send a letter. We need letters of support in order to support grant applications or to support convincing others that we need it. Highway Superintendent Guyer said that he has them on his computer.

8. Adjourn

Councilperson Hennessy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Leinung. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Diane R. Deschenes, Town Clerk