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REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING-July 1, 2021

Supervisor Lant called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Lant led the board and the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Roll Call by the Town Clerk showed all board members present.

John Lant-Supervisor

John McEachron-Deputy Supervisor

Duane Bogardus-Councilman

Erinn Kolligian-Councilwoman

Ray O'Connor-Councilman

Also present was Director of Planning and Engineering, Ryan Riper, P. E., Maria Moran, Comptroller and Town Counsel, Mark Schachner.

Public Comment

There was none.

Approve Pending Minutes

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #149

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2021 meeting, as typed.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly

put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed
5-0.

Richard McCane-Retirement

Supervisor Lant said Richard McCane retired from the Town of Wilton and we would like to present a plaque to him.

Presented to

RICHARD McCANE

by the

Wilton Town Board

In recognition of your Dedication

and Loyal Service while serving as a

Working Supervisor and

Motor Equipment Operator

in the

Town of Wilton Highway Department.

Your 31 years 3 months and 35 days

of service had made the workday

that much brighter. Thank you for making

our town a safer place to live.

Best Wishes in your well-deserved retirement.

July 1, 2021

John Lant	Supervisor
John McEachron	Deputy Supervisor
Duane Bogardus	Councilman
Erinn Kolligian	Councilwoman
Raymond O'Connor	Councilman

Supervisor Lant said he has worked with Mr. McCane for quite a few years and appreciated his great work ethic and dedication to the town.

Eagle Scouts

Supervisor Lant said we have three fine young gentlemen who we will present proclamations to for obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout. We have Trevor Borden, Jackson Ellnor and Evan Schmid.

P r o c l a m a t i o n

COMMENDING TREVOR BORDEN

UPON ATTAINING EAGLE SCOUT RANK

WHEREAS, **Trevor Borden** is a member of the Boy Scout Troop 4024 of Wilton and recently achieved the rare distinction of the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, an Eagle Scout award honors the scout, his family, his troop and his troop leaders; and

WHEREAS, a Boy Scout is required to complete an Eagle Leadership Service project as part of qualifying for the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, **Trevor Borden** planned and led a project to build a large shed at Camp Saratoga, in Wilton, NY; and

WHEREAS, **Trevor Borden** set his goal and completed his plan to build the shed with a concrete base and sliding doors to house an ATV and grooming apparatus; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the unusual dedication and diligence exhibited by **Trevor Borden** in attaining the rank of Eagle Scout; therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, that the Wilton Town Board commends **Trevor Borden** for his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, that the Town Clerk forward a duly inscribed copy of this Proclamation of Commendation to **Trevor Borden**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal of the Town of Wilton this 1st day of July, 2021. John J. Lant, Town Supervisor.

P r o c l a m a t i o n

COMMENDING JACKSON ELLNOR

UPON ATTAINING EAGLE SCOUT RANK

WHEREAS, **Jackson Ellnor** is a member of the Boy Scout Troop 4024 of Wilton and recently achieved the rare distinction of the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, an Eagle Scout award honors the scout, his family, his troop and his troop leaders; and

WHEREAS, a Boy Scout is required to complete an Eagle Leadership Service project as part of qualifying for the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, **Jackson Ellnor** planned and led a project to build a bridge in Moreau State Park in Saratoga County to be used by hikers as well as equestrian riders; and

WHEREAS, **Jackson Ellnor** set his goal and completed his plan by having the bridge built to accommodate two horses to cross in opposite directions with side rails for safety; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the unusual dedication and diligence exhibited by **Jackson Ellnor** in attaining the rank of Eagle Scout; therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, that the Wilton Town Board commends **Jackson Ellnor** for his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, that the Town Clerk forward a duly inscribed copy of this Proclamation of Commendation to **Jackson Ellnor**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal of the Town of Wilton this 1st of July, 2021. John J. Lant, Town Supervisor.

P r o c l a m a t i o n

COMMENDING EVAN SCHMID

UPON ATTAINING EAGLE SCOUT RANK

WHEREAS, **Evan Schmid** is a member of the Boy Scout Troop 4024 of Wilton and recently achieved the rare distinction of the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, an Eagle Scout award honors the scout, his family, his troop and his troop leaders; and

WHEREAS, a Boy Scout is required to complete an Eagle Leadership Service project as part of qualifying for the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, **Evan Schmid** planned and led a project to rebuild a Lake Anne lean-to at Moreau State Park; and

WHEREAS, **Evan Schmid** set his goal and completed his plan to rebuild the rotting structure by leveling the area and building with new and reused timber from the original structure; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the unusual dedication and diligence exhibited by **Evan Schmid** in attaining the rank of Eagle Scout; therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, that the Wilton Town Board commends **Evan Schmid** for his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, that the Town Clerk forward a duly inscribed copy of this Proclamation of Commendation to **Evan Schmid**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal of the Town of Wilton this 1st day of July, 2021. John J. Lant, Town Supervisor.

Supervisor Lant said the entire Town Board is as proud of them as their parents are.

Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park

Margo Olsen of Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park said they were the beneficiaries of Trevor Borden's Work. Erin McCabe is our Environmental Educator and the Stewardship and Volunteer Coordinator at Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park. Ms. McCabe said she loves her equipment shed. Ms. Olsen said Ms. McCabe is responsible for the trail grooming and has been for the past three to four years. The winter trail grooming is done by Ms. McCabe with the help of other volunteers. Ms. Olsen thanked the town for helping the project happen. Mr. Harrington and many town employees helped with the pouring of concrete and it is a great partnership. Trevor exemplifies the benefit to the public by having the trails groomed. There were people on the trails everyday snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Ms. Olsen said the mission of Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park is environmental education and is a very big part of what we do. We support the work of NYSDEC and the Nature Conservancy as our partners, in their work in environmental conservation. The other piece of our mission is encouraging and working to promote outdoor recreation and that can take place on all of the parcels, not only owned by the town, but by New York State, Saratoga County and the Nature Conservancy. Ms. McCabe, as Stewardship Coordinator, has a whole crew of volunteer parcel stewards who, on a regular basis, go out and walk the trail and report back to her so she can report any issues to the right people. The volunteers have worked through Covid-19 by keeping the trails and parking lots clean. On Earth Day they cleaned the parking lot on the Neilmann Parcel, weeded and replanted and tomorrow, Field Work Friday, which takes place every other Friday and Ms. McCabe coordinates with volunteers. They cleaned up a stairway from the lake to the cabins at the fire tower. This Friday they plan on cleaning up some overgrown areas at the Parade Ground. The Virginia Creeper is creeping up the flagpole.

Ms. Olson said there are a lot of environmental education programs taking place. We miscalculated and planned to do a lot more public programs like weekly Art's Hours and weekly pond exploration that we started offering right away in the spring. We thought we wouldn't have field trips and now, we have field trips. Some of the school districts came and visited the parks. We were a little busier because we had committed to the public programs and at the same time, wanted to get the school kids and teachers in. We had Ballard Road School and Tanglewood. They were out of the classroom and it was fun to get the kids out on the trails. They were able to see the Karner Blue Butterflies and see tadpoles at Deegan Pond. We are now into our summer and planning to get started again, after the pause with Covid, on the Larry Gordon Visitor Information Center. It is a slightly revised plan, a simpler plan, looking to utilize all of the historic buildings at Camp Saratoga instead of building one big building. It will give us many opportunities to improve those buildings and use them for the purposes for what we thought could be under one roof of a visitor center. Ms. Olson said Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park will be working with Mr. Ripper and Mr. Harrington to do some number crunching to figure out what some of the renovations and rehabilitations of those buildings will cost so we will know what to put into the grant application by the end of July. Hopefully, we will get those funds to help move this project forward.

Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Grant

Ms. Olson said last year the state did not offer, through the consolidated funding application, any grants. There were a lot of grants people were hoping to get last year so this year it will be very competitive. They will be reapplying and needs have arisen over the last two years. We are hopeful this is a realistic project and we will be applying through the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation under Parks. They have a specific category for exactly this project, taking under utilized buildings and making them more usable for the public. They talk about accessibility, not from a handicap standpoint, but accessibility for being available for use for the public and encouraging users and diverse groups to come and be able to access these public spaces. She said she feels we can make a strong case as she did two years ago, we are changing the project and making it a little bit smaller and manageable. Hopefully, it will be competitive. We were able to raise funds before the project was stopped by Covid. We will be able to use those funds to match. It is a 50/50 match for the grant. Because Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park does not own the buildings or the property, the Town of Wilton does, the town needs to resolve they are behind the project.

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #150

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to endorse and support the application of Wilton Wildlife Preserve and Park for a grant at Camp Saratoga.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Hazardous Waste Day Bid

Supervisor Lant said the town received two bids for Hazardous Waste Day.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #151

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the Hazardous Waste Day bid from Clean Harbors.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilwoman Kolligian, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

173 Traver Road Demolition

Supervisor Lant said the work on the property at 173 Traver Road has been completed. Mark Mykins, Code Enforcement Officer submitted a memo to the Town Board.

The above mentioned property otherwise known as Tax Map Number 127.12-1-21 located in the Town of Wilton, owned by Tra-Tom Development, has been successfully remediated. The home and abandoned vehicles that were located on the property have been removed and the foundation hole filled in and graded at the homeowner's expense. The Town of Wilton will not have to perform any work on this property. Sincerely, Mark E. Mykins.

Smoking Policy

Councilman O'Connor said there have been discussions over the past few months about the new cannabis regulations and legalization in the State of New York. One of the things we did not address are situations and or locations in which cannabis can be used. We simply address the sale and distribution in the town. Councilman O'Connor said he spoke with Counsel, Mr. Schachner last week about crafting a local law that would limit locations, as it applies to public properties such as Gavin Park, Town Hall Complex and other town owned properties. Mr. Schachner said it was somewhat intentional that the board did not address this issue when they adopted the local law. He said Councilman O'Connor asked if it should be addressed at that time and Mr. Schachner said he advised not mixing it with the Opt-Out Law. He said the board is discussing whether they want to regulate the ability or the right of people to smoke substances other than tobacco in areas where smoking cigarettes in areas that may already be prohibited. Mr. Schachner said we may apply that to any town owned property. Councilman Bogardus asked if this would be covered under our current drug and alcohol policy. Mr. Schachner said that may be so but has not looked at the policy recently. Councilman Bogardus said cannabis is a drug whether it is legal or not. We have employee policies that address drinking alcohol or being under the influence of drugs. Mr. Schachner asked if that is for employees or visitors. Councilman Bogardus said there are no drugs or alcohol allowed on the Gavin Park property. Mr. Schachner said if the no alcohol policy includes no drugs on all town owned properties. The board does not have to do anything and is under no obligation to do any of the things being discussed

but if the goal is to prohibit the use of marijuana on town owned properties and if it is covered under the drug policy, the board does not have to do anything. If not, the board has the authority but not the obligation to do that. Councilman O'Connor said he is not familiar enough with the local law and whether or not the local law would be superseded by the state law legalizing the use of cannabis. Mr. Schachner said if our local law prohibits the use of drugs on all town owned properties, he didn't think the state law would supersede the local but could look into it. We will first need to figure out if our local law does or doesn't cover it. Councilman O'Connor said the town law might include illegal drugs or illicit drugs, in which case, cannabis is not. Mr. Schachner said that is correct. Councilman O'Connor said he would look further into it and report next month.

Conservation Easement-Vincek Farm

Mr. Riper said the board passed a similar resolution in February for the Vincek Farm. The grant opportunity has run out but there is another available and is similar to the original one.

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #152

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to endorse and support the conservation easement on the Vincek Farm.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O'Connor, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Committee Reports

Councilwoman Kolligian said she spoke to the Senior Center Director, Robin Corrigan. Ms. Corrigan said everyone is doing well and they have scheduled a boat ride on the Minnie Ha Ha in September to see the leaves changing. They are all very excited. Supervisor Lant said he stopped by on the first day back and welcomed everyone.

Councilwoman Kolligian said she was in a webinar last week regarding Short Term Rentals. She said she forwarded it to the board members. She said she learned some things and also received reassurance we are not the only ones trying to figure out how to make it work. There is not much precedence and some court cases have not held up. We are trying to find the right way to do it through zoning. We are not trying to control what people do with their private property, we are trying to protect the neighbors by making sure parties are not going all night. When a Sheriff knocks on the door, it matters.

Supervisor Lant said Gavin Park Summer Camp is open. On Route 50, across from Perry Road, along with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, our Highway Department, Mr. Riper and Mr. Harrington, they built an archery range. They built about a dozen targets and a platform. It is very impressive.

Comptroller's Report

1.) 2020 Budget Transfers

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #153

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2021 budget transfers, requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 7/1/2021 Report to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O'Connor duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

2.) Budget Amendments

On a motion introduced by Councilwoman Kolligian, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #154

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2021 budget transfers, requested for and listed in the Comptroller's 7/1/2021 Report to the Town Board.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

3.) Personnel

On a motion introduced by Councilman O'Connor, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #155

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of William Lemanski, Recreation Maintenance Worker, effective August 2, 2021.

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Bogardus, duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

4.) Asset Disposal

On a motion introduced by Councilman Bogardus, the board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #156

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the request from the Highway Superintendent to place the following items on Auctions International;

**Cedarapids Paver
Pile of wood and logs
Gas powered cut off saw**

The adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman O'Connor duly put to a vote, all in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment

On a motion introduced by Deputy Supervisor McEachron, seconded by Councilman O'Connor, all board members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Baldwin, Town Clerk

Supervisor, John Lant

Deputy Supervisor, John McEachron

Councilman, Duane Bogardus

Councilwoman, Erinn Kolligian

Councilman, Ray O'Connor