

The Town Board of the Town of Chester convened at the Town of Chester Municipal Center, 6307 State Route 9, Chestertown, New York, at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Supervisor Craig Leggett, Karen DuRose, Mike Packer, Larry Turcotte, Chris Aiken, Marion Eagan, Deputy Supervisor and Attorney for the Town, Mark Schachner.

Regular Meeting:

Supervisor Leggett opened the Regular Town Board Meeting at 7:03 pm with Chris Aiken leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLUTION NO. 53 OF 2020: ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 11, 2020, THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 26, 2020

RESOLVED, to accept the minutes from the Regular Town Board Meeting on February 11, 2020 (with the change to Resolution No. 35 of 2020 to read "since Dave Cavanagh"), and the Special Town Board Meeting on February 14, 2020 and the Special Town Board Meeting on February 26, 2020 as presented. On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, Resolution No. 53 of 2020 was **ADOPTED**.

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Committee Reports:

Supervisor Leggett opened Committee Reports at 7:04 pm.

Town Clerk reported the following documents were emailed to all Board Members:

- Town Board Minutes for the Regular Meeting, February 11, Special Meeting February 14, and Special Meeting, February 26, 2020
- Audited abstract for March 10, 2020 (Voucher # and Department)
- Zoning Administrator Activity Report for February 2020
- Zoning Enforcement Officer Report February 2020
- Property Clean Ups from the Zoning Enforcement Officer
- Planning Board Minutes for February 24, 2020
- Zoning Board Minutes for February 25, 2020
- Assessors Report for March 2020
- Animal Control Monthly Report for February 2020
- Town Clerk Monthly Report for February 2020
- Town Court Report dated March 3, 2020
- AOT 2020 Report to the Town of Chester from Larry Turcotte
- AOT 2020 Report to the Town of Chester from Maja Tlokinska-Scroggins
- Chester History Today, Winter 2020
- Tri-Lakes Community Alliance Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2020

Town Clerk reported the following correspondence:

• 30-day Advance Notice for a liquor license from the Carol Center for the Arts, Inc

Town Clerk handed out at the meeting:

- Assessors Report for March (updated)
- Two emails pertaining to the St. Patrick's Day Parade

Mrs. DuRose reported she attended the Adirondack YMCA breakfast meeting followed by their kickoff to their 2020 annual campaign, Planning Board Meeting, Library Board Meeting, Historical Society Board Meeting, Playground Committee Meeting and met with Craig and Carol Confer about summer planting.

Mr. Packer reported that he assisted with the new community room upstairs and investigated at the dump to see what would have to be done with a new compactor.

Mr. Turcotte reported that he attended the AOT Annual Conference in NYC and highlighted funded for making the State environmentally friendly and Federal surplus equipment.

Mr. Aiken reported that he attended a meeting with Supervisor Leggett, John Nick and Rich McCrum about boat data on Loon Lake and to discuss a boat fee.

Supervisor Leggett reported the following happened during the month of January and February:

- Attended a Schroon Lake Steering Committee meeting
- Met with Housing Community Renewal in Albany along with Marion Eagan
- Attended a Tri-Lakes Community Alliance meeting
- Referred the frying pan toss at the Winter Carnival
- Met with Jason Monroe and Marion Eagan to prep for FEMA meeting
- Met with Paul Smith's College about the Cunningham Community Forest inventory
- Attended the NWCS boys basketball game
- Lobbied for Soil and Water Conservation in Albany
- Met with Chris Aiken, John Nick and Rich McCrum about boat data on the Loon Lake and to discuss a boat fee
- Met at the County for an update about the Coronavirus
- Warren County will be doing a housing study county wide
- Price for an electric sign out front to replace the letters at the bottom is \$4,000

Supervisor Leggett closed Committee Reports at 7:12 pm.

Privilege of the Floor:

Supervisor Leggett opened Privilege of the Floor at 7:13 pm by introducing Bret McLoud from Paul Smith's College.

Tracey Clothier from the LA Group handed the Board members a scope of work dated 02-25-20, titled Cunningham Community Forest Master Plan which includes a project description and scope of services (proposed). The scope of services includes fourteen (14) tasks which involve Paul Smith's College, the formation of a small committee approved by the Town Board and the LA Group.

Tracey turned it over to Brett McLoud, Chair of the Forestry Department at Paul Smith's College. Mr. McLoud and his students gave a 45 minute presentation and asked the Town if they could have a Community Outreach Day on May 2nd.

Supervisor Leggett thanked Mr. McLoud and his students for a great presentation and looks forward to hearing recommendation for the Community Forest.

Curt Austin asked about using the Town lawn again this year for the Porsche event again this year.

Mary Clark asked about the "Welcome to Pottersville" sign. Pat Powers asked where it was going to go. Supervisor Leggett commented that there was not a specific place at this time for the sign.

Mary asked about audio for Pottersville Firehouse. Mr. Aiken replied that they were going to talk about it more tonight.

Supervisor Leggett closed Privilege of the Floor at 8:18 pm.

New Business:

Supervisor Leggett opened New Business at 8:18 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 54 OF 2020: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR LEGGETT, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR LITTLE, AND CERTAIN PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD MEMBERS ATTEND THE ADIRONDACK PARK LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE IN LAKE PLACID APRIL 29 & 30, 2020 AND FUNDS BE APPROPRIATED FOR REGISTRATION, ROOMS, MEALS, AND TRAVEL

WHEREAS, the APA's Adirondack Park Local Government Conference provides trainings for municipal officials each year,

BE IT RESOLVED, Supervisor Leggett is authorized to attend the Adirondack Park Local Government Conference in Lake Placid April 29 & 30, 2020 and funds be appropriated out of budget code Al220.4 for registration, rooms, meals, and travel, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Planning & Zoning Board members, and Zoning Administrator Little are also authorized to attend and funds be appropriated out of budget code A8010.4 and A8020.4. On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, Resolution No. 54 of 2020 was **ADOPTED**.

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RESOLUTION NO. 55 OF 2020: AUTHORIZE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTIZE FOR SAND BIDS

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester Highway Department desires to purchase sand for winter road maintenance.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is authorized to advertise for bids for an amount of sand set by the Highway Superintendent with a submission date by Thursday, April 9, 2019 at 2 PM and will be publically opened and read aloud at 2:05 PM at the Town Clerks office. The Town Clerk will then submit the Bids and the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent to the Town Board for consideration and approval, if any, at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Aiken, Resolution No. 55 of 2020 was **ADOPTED**.

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RESOLUTION NO. 56 OF 2020: GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE LINE-UP TO BE ON FOSTER FLATS ROAD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

WHEREAS, the Tri-Lakes Community Alliance sponsors a St. Patrick's Day Parade each year, **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Board grants permission for the St. Patrick's Day Parade line-up to be on Foster Flats Road on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Turcotte, seconded by Mr. Aiken, Resolution No. 56 of 2020 was ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION NO. 57 OF 2020: GRANT PERMISSION TO THE CHESTERTOWN FARMERS MARKET TO USE THE FRONT LAWN OF THE TOWN HALL EACH WEDNESDAY FROM JUNE 10 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

WHEREAS, the Chestertown Farmers Market has used the front lawn of the Town Hall for seven (7) years with great success, and

WHEREAS, the Farmer Market request permission to use the front lawn for the weekly Farmers Market in 2020,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board grants permission to the Chestertown Farmers Market to use the front lawn of the Town Hall each Wednesday from June 10 through September 23, 2020 (17 weeks). On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Aiken, Resolution No. 57 of 2020 was **ADOPTED**.

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RESOLUTION NO. 58 OF 2020: AUTHORIZE THE WATER SUPERINTENDENT AND DEPUTY WATER SUPERINTENDENT TO ATTEND THE NEW YORK RURAL WATER

ASSOCIATION 41ST ANNUAL TECHNICAL TRAINING WORKSHOP & EXHIBITION AND FOR THE EXPENSES FOR REGISTRATION, TRAVEL, HOTEL, AND MEALS

WHEREAS, the New York Rural Water Association 41st Annual Technical Training Workshop & Exhibition is from Monday, May 18, 2020 - Wednesday, May 20, 2020, and

WHEREAS, Town Water Superintendents and Deputy Water Superintendents are able to attain certification credits at the training workshop,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes the Water Superintendent and Deputy Water Superintendent to attend the New York Rural Water Association 41ST Annual Technical Training Workshop & Exhibition and for the expenses for registration, travel, hotel, and meals to be paid out of SW1 and SW2 budget codes.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Aiken, Resolution No. 58 of 2020 was **ADOPTED**.

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Polling Place:

Mrs. DuRose asked if there was a reason why we could not switch off every year with Pottersville. Supervisor Leggett said that it is complicated to get a place approved and people now know where to go. Mr. Aiken asked if it was worth looking into. Supervisor Leggett asked Chris Aiken to give the Board of Elections a call. Chris said he would team up with Karen.

RESOLUTION NO. 59 OF 2020: AUTHORIZE THE CHESTERTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FIREHOUSE AS THE OFFICIAL POLLING PLACE IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER

WHEREAS, the Town of Chester is required to designate an official polling place each year, and **WHEREAS**, the Town, in conjunction with the Warren County Board of Elections, has approved the Chestertown Firehouse in previous years,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town authorizes the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company Firehouse as the official polling place in the Town of Chester.

On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, Resolution No. 59 of 2020 was ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION NO. 60 OF 2020: AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR LEGGETT TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NORTHSTAR FIREWORKS TO PROVIDE THE SUMMERFEST FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000 AND THE TOWN BOARD SETS SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020 AS THE DATE OF FIREWORKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NORTH WARREN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUMMERFEST WHEREAS, Northstar Fireworks from East Montpelier, VT has provided firework displays for the Town

in the past, and

WHEREAS, the service and displays have been satisfactory each time,

BE IT RESOLVED, Supervisor Leggett is authorized to sign a contract with Northstar Fireworks to provide the Summerfest fireworks display for an amount not to exceed \$6,000 and appropriated from budget code A6410.43, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board sets Saturday, July 11, 2020 as the date of fireworks in conjunction with the North Warren Chamber of Commerce Summerfest, and with a rain date of Sunday, July 12, 2020.

On a motion by Mrs. DuRose, seconded by Mr. Packer, Resolution No. 60 of 2020 was **ADOPTED**.

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RESOLUTION NO. 61 OF 2020: AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK TO PLACE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR HIRING OF FULL TIME DIESEL MECHANIC FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Highway has need to fill the position of Mechanic,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is authorized to place advertisements for the hiring of a full time Mechanic for the Highway Department, to be filled on a date at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent in the Sun Community News.

On a motion by Mr. Turcotte, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 61 of 2020 was ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION NO. 62 OF 2020: AUTHORIZE CURTISS AUSTIN, ORGANIZER OF THE PORSCHE 926 EVENT TO USE THE FRONT LAWN JUNE 20, 2020

Whereas, Curtiss Austin, Organizer of an event for Porsche 928 owners to be held the weekend of June 20, 2020, request permission to hold an informal car show on Main Street Chestertown on the lawn in front of the Municipal Center beginning on or about 3 pm on Saturday June 20th and ending no later than dusk

Be it resolved, that permission is hereby granted for such use subject to the following conditions:

- 1. A certificate of insurance shall be provided in advance naming the Town of Chester as beneficiary,
- 2. Damage to grass shall be avoided; any such damage shall be repaired by the organizer or should he fail to perform such repairs, he shall reimburse the town for its expenses,
- 3. Should the lawn be soft due to extended rainfall, the organizer shall restrict the event to the paved areas north and/or south of the Municipal Center,
- 4. The organizer shall pick up all litter,
- 5. Organizer shall advise participants that no alcoholic beverages are to be consumed on town property,
- 6. The Town may revoke this permission with or without cause.

On a motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 62 of 2020 was ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION NO. 63 OF 2020: APPOINT MINDY CONWAY AS AN ALTERNATE ON THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

WHEREAS, an alternate member of the Board of Assessment Review is needed,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board appoints Mindy Conway as an alternate on the Board of Assessment Review for a one year term ending September 30, 2020,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board authorizes Mindy Conway to attend the training and reimburse her for travel expenses.

On a motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mr. Packer, Resolution No. 63 of 2020 was ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION NO. 64 OF 2020: AUTHORIZE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW (BOAR)

WHEREAS, Chris Aiken resigned in December 2019, leaving an unexpired term ending September 30, 2021,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for a member of the Board of Assessment Review by purchasing a sign for the front lawn and placing an ad in the Sun Community News.

On a motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 64 of 2020 was ADOPTED.

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Loon Lake Boat Wash Hours of Operation:

Mr. Aiken said that they had a very good meeting with John Nick and Rich McCrum from the Loon Lake Park District Association (LLPDA). They crunched a bunch of numbers and it boiled down to that there could be some serious money saved by trimming one hour off a day in the afternoon, saving 153 hours which would equate to \$2,250.00. This amount was based on last year's launch and retrievals log sheets. In order to get the news out LLPDA would put it in the newsletter.

Mrs. DuRose thought it would be a good idea. Chris said the hours for 2019 were 7 am to 7 pm from Mother's Day until Columbus Day. Supervisor Leggett said it is slow from Mother's Day to Memorial Day and the Board should look at some of the slower times at the next meeting and possibly make more adjustments.

RESOLUTION NO. 65 OF 2020: SET THE 2020 BOAT WASH HOURS TO BE 7 AM TO 6 PM FROM MOTHER'S DAY TO COLUMBUS DAY

WHEREAS, the boat was hours for 2019 were 7 am to 7 pm from Mother's Day to Columbus Day, seven (7) days a week, and

WHEREAS, there were only a few boats launched or retrieved from 6 pm to 7 pm during the 2019 Season.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board sets the hours of Boat Wash operation to be 7 am to 6 pm from Mother's Day to Columbus Day.

On a motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 65 of 2020 was ADOPTED.

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Loon Lake Boat Fees:

Mr. Aiken said that John Nick had some great ideas at how to administer a fee, somewhat like how the landfill has fees. Supervisor Leggett said that we should keep it real simple; a \$10 fee for launching once and if you want to do it multiple times then you pay for \$20 unlimited launches.

Mr. Turcotte asked if the Loon Lake Park District tax rate would be reduced. Supervisor Leggett replied yes it would because the amount taken in would go towards costs incurred from Loon Lake. Larry asked if there was going to be more coverage on the Lake as far as Safety Officer. Supervisor Leggett commented that he would be meeting with the Sheriff tomorrow. Larry asked if this would apply to canoes and kayaks as well.

Mrs. DuRose said she would not be in favor of a launch fee. Supervisor Leggett said that Loon Lake has public access and is more susceptible to invasive species which comes with a big ticket cost.

Supervisor Leggett will look into the details of having a launch fee for the next meeting. Mr. Packer said he was in favor of it. Mr. Turcotte does not think it is a good idea; it is a cost of doing business like at Dynamite Hill. Mr. Aiken would like to think about it some more and is leaning in favor of it because it is a service.

Supervisor Leggett and the Town Clerk will present a plan for implementing a launch fee at the next meeting and Mr. Turcotte and Mr. Aiken will present a plan for reducing the hours at the boat launch during the slower months of the season.

PA System:

Mr. Aiken will look for a system that could have two microphones and possible recording functions.

Supervisor Leggett said we do not need any Board action at this time and that we all know we need to have something for the meetings at the Pottersville Firehouse.

2020 Census:

Mr. Turcotte wanted to remind everyone to take the census, because when the Federal government hands out money to the State of New York it is based on population.

Social Media Director:

Supervisor Leggett would like the Town to have a Facebook page and hire someone to maintain it.

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RESOLUTION NO. 66 OF 2020: APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET TRANSFERS AND **ADJUSTMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Bookkeeper has presented the following budget transfers and adjustments,

code		balance	from code		balance after transfer	BUDGET
A1355.2	Assessment EQ	\$ (213.70)	A1355.4	Assessment	\$51,016.02	\$51,230
A1460.4	Records Mgmt	\$ (890.37)	A1990.4	Contingency	\$19,109.63	\$20,000
A1989.4	School Share	\$ (7,118.17)	Fund Balance		\$216,453.83	\$223,572
A3310.4	Traffic Control	\$ (386.60)	A1990.4	Contingency	\$18,723.03	\$20,000
A8010.41	Zoning Legal+Engr	\$ (200.00)	A8010.4	Zoning	\$2,276.75	\$2,477
A6410.410	Downhill Derby	\$ (1,632.76)	A6410.41	Publicity	\$14,367.24	\$16,000
SW2-8310.11	Admin PS Assistant	\$ (180.00)	SW2-8340.1		\$7,820.00	\$8,000
SW2-8320.2	Source&Supply EQ	\$ (6,336.70)	Fund Balance		\$55,939.30	\$62,276
SW1-8310.11	Admin PS Assistant	\$ (188.00)	SW2-8340.1		\$6,812.00	\$7,000
DA8760.1	Storm Damage PS	\$ (689.40)	DA5110.1		\$298,204.30	\$298,894
DA8760.4	Storm Damage	\$ (194.60)	DA5110.4		\$132,810.20	\$133,005
DA9040.8	Workman's Comp	\$ (2,386.15)	DA9010.8	Retirement	\$78,613.85	\$81,000
DA9055.8	Disability Ins	\$ (52.00)	DA9060.8		\$179,589.68	\$179,642

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board approves the budget transfers and adjustments as presented. On a motion by Mr. Turcotte, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 66 of 2020 was ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION NO. 67 OF 2020: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ABSTRACTS

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has entered the vouchers and created an Abstract of Audited Vouchers, and WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the Abstract,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board accepts the Abstract of Audited Vouchers and authorizes payment as presented.

Number 3 of 2020					
General A	\$230,854.77				
Highway DA	\$54,991.46				
Library L	\$897.28				
Chestertown Water SW1	\$647.05				
Pottersville Water SW2	\$8,914.75				
Other TA	\$4,916.40				
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On a motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, Resolution No. 67 of 2020 was ADOPTED.

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On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm.

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On a motion by Supervisor Leggett, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, meeting reopened at 9:38 pm.

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A discussion took place on whether or not to go into executive session.

Mr. Aiken asked if Jeremy Little, Zoning Administrator, and Tom Thorsen, Enforcement Officer, were in one department or two separate ones. Supervisor Leggett commented that it was never clarified. Historically, the Zoning Administrator carried out enforcement as well and Jeremy was his clerk. So now Jeremy has taken over as Zoning Administrator while still handling all his prior clerk duties. So the new position of Enforcement Officer was established to pick up what the Zoning Administrator didn't have time to do. The Zoning Administrator would be in charge of the Zoning Office and all things zoning, that also includes enforcement. Tom Thorsen said that if that was the case he would have heard at least one in the last 18 months a statement to that effect.

Tom commented that if it is set up that way then it is much easier to manage Jeremy than it is Tom when the Supervisor doesn't agree with Tom.

Tom brought up the issue of having a signed complaint in order to work on something and feels he is being hassled and denied information to help him do his job.

The Attorney for the Town commented that if there is a violation then they have to cure the violation. The Town cannot authorize something that is in violation.

Mr. Turcotte would like to work with Tom about procedures and policies.

Supervisor Leggett asked Tom if there was a problem with Jeremy being his supervisor. Tom replied that that there was because he is influenced by other people.

Tom read a prepared statement and a lengthy discussion ensued.

The Attorney for the Town commented that the Town is not allowed to give legal advice.

Marion Eagan said the problem started when Tom had to give Mindy the complaints and then when he had to write an end of the year report and asked the man about the beach to wait until spring and then told Tom what was said.

Supervisor Leggett thanked Tom and said we are on a learning curve. Tom said he hoped he could remain independent. Mr. Leggett asked Tom if he would still take advice from the Supervisor. Tom said he takes advice from anybody.

On a motion by Mr. Turcotte, seconded by Mr. Packer, the Board went into Executive Session at 10:53 pm to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

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On a motion by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Mr. Turcotte, the Board came out of Executive Session at 11:10 pm.

No action taken.

On a motion by Mr. Packer, seconded by Mrs. DuRose, meeting adjourned at 11:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Town Clerk