

**TOWN OF BRIGHTON - FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

January 10, 2019

Page 1 of 10

The Regular Meeting for the Town Board of the Town of Brighton, Franklin County, NY, was held Thursday, January 10, 2019, directly following the 2019 Organizational Meeting at 7:00pm at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was Called to Order by Supervisor Peter Shrope at 7:13pm

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Shrope

Council Members: Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright

ABSENT: Council Members Brian McDonnell and Amber McKernan

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Blaine-Code Enforcement Officer, Andy Crary-Superintendent of Highways, Elaine Sater-Town Clerk, and several residents who are members of the Paul Smiths-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department (PSGVFD).

GUESTS: Pat McGuire from Sid G. Spear, Insurance Agency

NOTICE OF MEETING:

Notice of this meeting was posted on January 3, 2019, on the Town Clerk's Sign Board and in three local post offices. A notice was also published in the January 3 issue of the Adirondack Daily Enterprise.

BUSINESS (Part 1):

1. **Insurance Policy Increase:** Pat McGuire from Sid G. Spear Insurance agency recommended the Town increase its liability insurance coverage from \$1 million to \$3 million. Medical coverage is more expensive than ever and a single serious incident can cost over \$1 million. He gave some examples of incidents in other Towns. The increase in cost would be \$1,430. He mentioned cyber security insurance. The Town is not on a network so its exposure is low risk. Mr. McGuire provided the current insurance proposal to the Town Board.
2. **Paul Smiths-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department (PSGVFD) Annual Update:** Tom Tucker, PSGVFD newly appointed Chief, gave an annual update on the Fire Department. The issue of cancer insurance for the volunteers was discussed; currently only 3 firefighters are eligible for the VFIS coverage at \$137.00 each. Mr. Tucker provided the list of members and new officers for the fire department. A meeting between the Fire Department, Paul Smith's College, and the Town will be held to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding.

RESOLUTION # 5-2019

PAUL SMITHS GABRIELS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR 2019

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, Second by Lydia Wright

RESOLVED that the Town board accepts the list of Officers and Membership in the Paul Smiths-Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department as presented for 2019.

Chief - Tom Tucker

1st Assistant Chief - Steve Tucker

2nd Assistant Chief - Chrissy Raudonis

Captain - Ben Tucker

1st Lieutenant - Devin Cowan

2nd Lieutenant - Clayton Abare

Treasurer - Tim Moody

Secretary - Amanda Menard

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 3 (Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 2 (McDonnell, McKernan)

Resolution #5 declared duly adopted

**TOWN OF BRIGHTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

January 10, 2019

Page 2 of 10

REPORTS

1. **Highway - Andy Crary, Superintendent of Highways:** Report provided prior to meeting
 - a. Plowing and sanding of roads
 - b. Mixed up salt with sand, almost out of screened sand
 - c. Had Bob's Auto fix the 2015 plow truck
 - d. 2013 truck had to go to Plattsburgh for repair to the radiator cooling hose, it keeps coming off
 - e. Would like the Board to consider purchasing a used truck for backup

2. **Town Clerk - Elaine Sater:** Report provided prior to meeting
 - a. Total Revenue to Supervisor as of December 31, 2018 was \$25.00, from 2 Dog Licenses renewed
 - b. Jan 3 - Received more information from the Association of Towns concerning the Annual Meeting and Training School in NY City to be held February 17 thru 20, 2019. If anyone is planning to attend the Annual meeting a delegate and an alternate need to be appointed to vote in the Town's name. Resolutions to be voted on were distributed to Board.
 - c. Published notice in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise of the 2019 Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting to be held on January 10, 2019 at 7 pm. Posted notice in the Post Offices and on the Town Clerk's Sign Board.
 - d. Annual Town Clerk's Report of Receipts and Disbursements was distributed to Board; total revenue were \$6,994.16 from Building Permits - \$5,217.69, Certified Copies and Genealogical searches for birth and death records - \$460.00, Copier use, Notary fees and FOIL requests - \$14.50, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Sport Licenses - \$288.00, Dog Licenses - \$613.00, Donation for Park and Town Hall Use - \$295.00, Marriage Licenses and Certified Copies - \$80.00, Overpayment of fees - \$26.00 Distributions were: NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets for Spayed/Neutered Dog Program - \$113, NYS DEC for Sport Licenses - \$269,93, NYS Department of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$45.00, Refunds for overpayment - \$26.00, and Supervisor of Town - \$6,540.26.
 - e. TOWN HALL REQUESTS: None
 - f. RECORDS MANAGEMENT: Indexing Vol 6 of Minutes covering 1968 thru 1970

3. **Historian - Elaine Sater:** Nothing to Report

4. **Tax Collector - Holly Huber:** Nothing to Report

5. **Justice - Nik Santagate:** Report provided prior to meeting
Supervisor received a check in the amount of \$1,884 for 26 disposed cases form December 2018.

6. **Code Enforcement Officer - Paul Blaine:** Report provided prior to meeting
 - a. No building permits or certifications were issued during December 2018
 - b. Franklin County needs to update property files so he can download to new computer

7. **Assessor - Roseanne Gallagher:** Report provided prior to meeting
 - a. Provided a summary of her data collecting efforts during 2018; about ¾ of the Town is collected
 - b. Hopes to have new cards made and data that goes along with them completed by the end of February
 - c. Working on STAR renewals, she has gotten very few back that were sent out in November. She included in the notices that she should be available on December 6th at the Town Hall for 4 hours to help people with paperwork, only 2 people showed up.

8. **Animal Control - Tri-Lakes Humane Society:** Supervisor Peter Shrope received two Inspection Reports from the Department of Agriculture and Markets dated December 6, 2018. Both the Tri-Lakes Humane Society Municipal Shelter and Dog Control Officer were rated "Satisfactory" according to the Animal Health Inspector Janet Collier during an inspection on 11/30/18.

9. **Supervisor - Peter Shrope:**
 - a. Budget Report: Final report for 2018 was provided to the Board for review
 - b. Revenues: Transferred \$186.84 to General from T&A to cover dental reimbursement, Stumpage

**TOWN OF BRIGHTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

January 10, 2019

Page 3 of 10

fees \$863.64, \$1,884.00 from Town Justice, \$25.00 from Town Clerk, and \$90,000 from Tax Collector for Special District Fire Fund.

- c. NYCLASS Investments: Interest for December was \$197.33 for General, Total Amount \$108,306.04 (\$20,000 for Town Hall), and \$75.21 for Highway, Total Amount \$41,275.43.

MINUTES AMENDMENT/ACCEPTANCE

- Minutes of Regular Board Meeting December 13, 2018

Motion made by Lydia Wright, second by Steve Tucker, to amend the minutes of the December 13, 2018 Regular Board meeting with the following correction: Page 5, Committees, Para 1 AATV, change "Lake Placid" to "Saranac Lake".

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 3 (Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 2 (McDonnell, McKernan)

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

BUSINESS (Part 2):

- 1. 2018 BUDGET AMENDMENTS #2-2018- Supervisor Peter Shrope:** Two amendments are needed to transfer funds in General and Highway Funds to cover pre-paid bills and wages for Highway employees

GENERAL FUND 2018 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, second by Steve Tucker,

RESOLVED that the following amounts be and the same hereby are transferred:

\$ 193.00 from Account No. A1990.4 Contingent

As follows:

\$ 193.00 to Account No. A5132.4 Town Garage CE

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 3 (Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 2 (McDonnell, McKernan)

GENERAL FUND 2018 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 declared duly adopted.

HIGHWAY FUND 2018 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, second by Steve Tucker,

RESOLVED that the following amounts be and the same hereby are transferred:

\$ 5,928.00 from Account No. DA5110.1 General Repairs PS

As follows:

\$ 5,928.00 to Account No. DA5142.1 Snow Removal PS

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 3 (Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 2 (McDonnell, McKernan)

HIGHWAY FUND 2018 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 declared duly adopted.

- 2. Boiler Maintenance Service Agreement - Supervisor Peter Shrope:** Received annual boiler maintenance agreement for Town Hall and Town Garage for 2019

RESOLUTION #6-2019

BOILER MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR 2019

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, second by Steve Tucker,

RESOLVED that the Town Board accepts the Boiler Maintenance Agreement for 2019 from Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc. from Plattsburgh, NY, in the amount of \$727.50 for the Town Hall and Town Garage boilers.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 3 (Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 2 (McDonnell, McKernan)

Resolution #6 declared duly adopted

TOWN OF BRIGHTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2019

Page 4 of 10

3. **Association of Towns Letter - Supervisor Peter Shrope:** Received correspondence from the Association of Towns concerning the Annual Meeting and Training in New York City Feb 17-20. Resolutions for the meeting were enclosed; a resolution for Camp Gabriels property designation was not included.
4. **Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy - Supervisor Peter Shrope:** Had the Attorney for the Town Scott Goldie review the Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy provided by NYMIR and Franklin County

RESOLUTION #7-2019

SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION POLICY

Motion made by Supervisor Peter Shrope, Second by Lydia Wright

RESOLVED, that the Town Board accepts the Sexual harassment Prevention Policy as recommended by NYMIR, Franklin County (Resolution #271-2018), and reviewed by the Attorney for the Town Scott Goldie, as follows:

I. **POLICY STATEMENT**

Town of Brighton in Franklin County (hereinafter "Town of Brighton") is committed to maintaining a workplace free from sexual harassment. Sexual harassment, which includes harassment on the basis of sex, self-identified or perceived sex or gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or transgender status, is a form of workplace discrimination. Sexual harassment is considered a serious form of employee misconduct. All employees, interns, volunteers, and non-employees are required to work in a manner that prevents sexual harassment in the workplace. Any employee, intern, volunteer, or non-employee in the workplace who engages in sexual harassment or retaliation will be subject to remedial and/or disciplinary action, up to and including termination. This Policy is one component of Town of Brighton's commitment to a discrimination-free work environment.

Sexual harassment is against the law. All persons have a legal right to a workplace free from sexual harassment. This right can be enforced by filing a complaint internally with the Town of Brighton, and/or with a government agency or in court under federal, state or local antidiscrimination laws.

Sexual harassment is offensive, is a violation of our policies, is unlawful, and may subject the Town of Brighton to liability for harm to targets of sexual harassment. Harassers may also be individually subject to liability. Those covered by this Policy who engage in sexual harassment, and managers and supervisors who engage in sexual harassment or who knowingly allow such behavior to continue, will be subject to remedial action or discipline in accordance with law or an applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement.

This Policy also prohibits retaliation against individuals who report or complain of sexual harassment or participate in the investigation of a sexual harassment complaint, as further described herein.

Complaints of sexual harassment must be submitted to the Compliance Officer: Town Supervisor. In the event that the Town Supervisor is the subject of the complaint, complaints must be made to any Town Board member. The Town of Brighton will conduct a prompt, thorough and confidential investigation that ensures due process for all parties, whenever The Town of Brighton or its supervisory or managerial personnel receives a complaint about sexual harassment or retaliation, or otherwise knows of possible sexual harassment occurring. The Town of Brighton will keep the investigation confidential to the extent possible. Effective corrective action will be taken whenever sexual harassment or retaliation is found to have occurred. All persons covered by this Policy, including managers and supervisors, are required to cooperate with any internal investigation of sexual harassment.

All employees, interns, volunteers, and non-employees are to report any harassment or behaviors that violate this Policy. The Town of Brighton will provide a complaint form for the reporting of harassment and to file complaints. Managers and supervisors are required to report any complaint that they receive, or any harassment that they observe or become aware of in the workplace. Such reporting must be in written form to the Compliance Officer. Confronting the harasser is not required but is encouraged if the complainant feels it is possible and safe to do so. Anyone covered by this Policy has the right to file a good faith complaint without first communicating with the offender.

II. **SCOPE**

- A. Who is covered by this Policy? This Policy applies to all employees, applicants for employment, interns, whether paid or unpaid, volunteers, non-employees and persons conducting business with the Town of Brighton¹
- B. Who can be a target of sexual harassment? Sexual harassment can occur between any individuals,

TOWN OF BRIGHTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2019

Page 5 of 10

regardless of their sex or gender. New York Law protects employees, paid or unpaid interns, and non-employees who provide services in the workplace. This Policy also protects volunteers of the Town of Brighton.

- C. Who can be a sexual harasser: A harasser can be a superior, a subordinate, a coworker or anyone in the workplace including an independent contractor, contract worker, vendor, client, customer or visitor, or anyone with whom the person interacts while conducting their job duties.
- D. Where can sexual harassment occur? Unlawful sexual harassment is not limited to the physical workplace itself. It can occur while employees, interns and/or volunteers are traveling for business or at employer sponsored events or parties. Calls, texts, emails, and social media usage can constitute or contribute to unlawful workplace harassment, even if occurring away from the workplace premises or not during work hours.

¹ Non-employees, as defined by law, includes contractors, vendors and consultants or those who are employees of the contractor, vendor or consultant.

III. DEFINITIONS OF PROHIBITED CONDUCT

A. What is sexual harassment?

Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination and is unlawful under federal, state, and (where applicable) local law. Sexual harassment includes harassment on the basis of sex, self-identified or perceived sex or gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or transgender status. Sexual harassment includes unwelcome conduct which is either of a sexual nature, or which is directed at an individual because of that individual's sex when:

- Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment, even if the complaining individual is not the intended target of the sexual harassment;
- Such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment; *or*
- Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting an individual's employment.

A sexually harassing hostile work environment consists of words, signs, jokes, pranks, intimidation or physical violence which are of a sexual nature, or which are directed at an individual because of that individual's sex, self-identified or perceived sex or gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or transgender status. Sexual harassment also consists of any unwanted verbal or physical advances, sexually explicit derogatory statements or sexually discriminatory remarks made by someone which are offensive or objectionable to the recipient, which cause the recipient discomfort or humiliation, and/or which interfere with the recipient's job performance.

Sexual harassment also occurs when a person in authority tries to offer job benefits for sexual favors. This can include hiring, promotion, continued employment or any other terms, conditions or privileges of employment. This is also called "quid pro quo" harassment.

Anyone subject to and/or covered by this Policy who feels harassed should complain so that any violation of this policy can be corrected promptly. Any harassing conduct, even a single incident, can be addressed under this policy.

B. Examples of sexual harassment

Sexual harassment under the law and prohibited by this Policy may include, but is not limited to, the following prohibited conduct:

- Physical assaults of a sexual nature, such as:
 - Touching, pinching, patting, grabbing, rape, sexual battery, molestation or attempts to commit these assaults (which should be reported to local authorities as promptly as is possible).
- Unwanted sexual advances or propositions, such as:
 - Requests for sexual favors accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning the target's job performance evaluation, a promotion or other employment benefits or detriments; subtle or obvious pressure for unwelcome sexual activities.
- Sexually oriented gestures, noises, remarks, jokes or comments about a person's sexuality or sexual experience, which create a hostile work environment.
- Sex stereotyping, which occurs when conduct or personality traits are considered inappropriate or treated negatively simply because they may not conform to other people's ideas or perceptions about how individuals of a particular sex should look or act.

**TOWN OF BRIGHTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

January 10, 2019

Page 6 of 10

- Sexual or discriminatory displays or publications anywhere in the workplace, such as:
 - Displaying pictures, posters, calendars, graffiti, objects, promotional material, reading materials or other materials that are sexually demeaning or pornographic. This includes such sexual displays on workplace computers or cell phones and sharing such displays while in the workplace or in a work-related gathering or setting.
- Hostile actions taken against an individual because of that individual's sex, self-identified or perceived sex or gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or transgender status, such as:
 - Interfering with, destroying or damaging a person's workstation, tools or equipment, or otherwise interfering with the individual's ability to perform the job;
 - Sabotaging an individual's work;
 - Bullying, yelling, name-calling.

C. Retaliation

In addition to sexual harassment, retaliation for opposing or complaining of sexual harassment or participating in investigations of sexual harassment is prohibited by law and prohibited under this Policy. No person covered by this Policy shall be subjected to such unlawful retaliation. Unlawful retaliation can be any adverse employment action, including being discharged, disciplined, discriminated against, or any action that would keep or discourage anyone covered by this Policy from coming forward to make or support a sexual harassment claim. Adverse action need not be job-related or occur in the workplace to constitute unlawful retaliation.

The New York State Human Rights Law and this Policy protect any individual who has engaged in "protected activity." Protected activity occurs when a person has:

- made a complaint of sexual harassment, either internally or with any anti-discrimination agency;
- testified or assisted in a proceeding involving sexual harassment under this Policy, the State Human Rights Law or other anti-discrimination law;
- opposed sexual harassment by making a verbal or informal complaint to the Town of Brighton (including a supervisor or manager) or by simply informing a supervisor or manager of harassment;
- reported that another employee, intern, volunteer or non-employee covered by this Policy has been sexually harassed; or
- encouraged a fellow employee, intern, volunteer and/or non-employee covered by this Policy to report harassment.

Employees, interns, volunteers, and non-employees who believe they have been subjected to retaliation should report this conduct in accordance with the same reporting procedures as are outlined below. These complaints of retaliation will be investigated in accordance with the same procedures utilized to investigate a complaint of sexual harassment. Individuals also may file complaints of retaliation with the federal or state enforcement agencies (EEOC or New York State Division of Human Rights.) Any individual found to have engaged in retaliation as defined in this Policy may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination, and/or other corrective or remedial action as necessary.

IV. REPORTING PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Reporting Procedures

Preventing sexual harassment is everyone's responsibility. The Town of Brighton cannot prevent or remedy sexual harassment unless it knows about it. Any employee, intern, volunteer or non-employee who has been subjected to behavior that may constitute sexual harassment is strongly encouraged to report such behavior to the Compliance Officer set forth below. Anyone who witnesses or becomes aware of potential or perceived instances of sexual harassment should also report such behavior to the Compliance Officer.

- **Compliance Officer: Town Supervisor**
- **In the event that the Town Supervisor is the subject of the complaint, complaints are to be made to any Town Board member.**

Although encouraged, note that neither this Policy nor state or federal law requires that an individual tell an alleged harasser to stop his/her actions. Failure to do so does not preclude the individual from filing a complaint of sexual harassment. Individuals should feel free to keep written

TOWN OF BRIGHTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2019

Page 7 of 10

records of any actions which may constitute sexual harassment, including time, date, location, names of others involved, witnesses (if any), and who said or did what to whom.

Reports of sexual harassment may be made verbally or in writing. If made verbally, the Complaint must be reduced to writing by the individual who it was reported to. The written report must be given to the Compliance Officer. A form for submission of a written complaint is attached to this Policy, and all employees, interns, volunteers, and non-employees conducting business in the workplace are encouraged to use this complaint form. Individuals who are reporting sexual harassment on behalf of other employees, interns, volunteers or non-employees should use the complaint form and note that it is on another person's behalf.

Employees, interns, volunteers or non-employees who believe they have been a target of sexual harassment may also seek assistance in other available forums, as explained below in the section on Legal Protections.

B. Supervisory Responsibilities

All managerial and supervisory personnel of The Town of Brighton shall be responsible for enforcing this Policy and shall have particular responsibility for ensuring that the work environment under their supervision is free from sexual harassment and retaliation. In addition to being subject to discipline or other remedial action if they engaged in sexually harassing conduct themselves, all supervisors and managers who receive a complaint or information about suspected sexual harassment, observe what may be sexually harassing behavior or for any reason suspect that sexual harassment is occurring, are required to report same in writing, to the Town Supervisor. Supervisors and managers will be subject to discipline (or other remedial and appropriate action) for failing to report suspected sexual harassment or otherwise knowingly allowing sexual harassment to continue.

Supervisors and managers will also be subject to discipline or other appropriate remedial action for engaging in retaliation.

C. Town of Brighton's Responsibilities

The Town of Brighton will be responsible for ensuring that this Policy is provided to employees, interns, and volunteers, and that training on this Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy is conducted annually.

V. INVESTIGATION AND RESPONSE PROCEDURES

All complaints or information about suspected sexual harassment will be investigated, whether that information was reported in verbal or written form. Investigations will be conducted in a timely manner and will be confidential to the extent possible.

An investigation of any complaint, information or knowledge of suspected sexual harassment will be prompt and thorough, commencing immediately and completed as soon as possible. The investigation will be confidential to the extent possible. All persons involved, including complainants, witnesses and alleged harassers will be accorded appropriate due process to protect their rights to a fair and impartial investigation.

Any employee, volunteer, intern or non-employee may be required to cooperate as needed in an investigation of suspected sexual harassment. As further set forth herein, The Town of Brighton will not tolerate retaliation against those who file complaints, support another's complaint, or participate in the investigation of a complaint.

All investigations will be conducted by the Town Supervisor or their designee. The nature of an investigation may vary on a case by case basis dependent upon the circumstances and extent of the allegations. Generally, investigations should be conducted by the Town Supervisor or their designee in accordance with the following steps:

- Upon receipt of complaint, the Town Supervisor or their designee will conduct an immediate review of the allegations, and take interim actions, as appropriate. If the complaint is oral, encourage the individual to complete the "Complaint Form" in writing. If he or she refuses, prepare a Complaint Form or other write up of the complaint based on the oral reporting.
- If documents, emails or phone records are relevant to the allegations, take steps to obtain and preserve them.
- Request and review all relevant documents, including all electronic communications.
- Interview all parties involved, including any relevant witnesses;
- Create (at a minimum) written documentation of the investigation (such as a letter, memo or email), which contains the following:

**TOWN OF BRIGHTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

January 10, 2019

Page 8 of 10

- A list of all documents reviewed, along with a detailed summary of relevant documents;
- A list of names of those interviewed, along with a detailed summary of their statements;
- A timeline of events;
- A summary of prior relevant incidents, reported or unreported; and
- Recommendation(s) for the final resolution of the complaint, either with any recommendations for corrective or remedial actions to be taken.

- Keep the written documentation and associated documents in the employer's records.

Once the investigation is completed, the Town Supervisor or their designee will make a Final Determination as to whether the Policy has been violated.

The Town Supervisor or their designee shall promptly notify the complainant of the Final Determination, and also inform the complainant of their right to file a complaint or charge externally as outlined below.²

If a complaint of sexual harassment or retaliation is determined to be founded, The Town of Brighton may take disciplinary and/or corrective action. The Town Supervisor will be responsible for overseeing the implementing of any corrective or remedial actions deemed necessary

² Where a complaint was filed regarding sexual harassment against an individual other than the person making the written complaint, the person against whom the harassment was directed will be treated as the complainant for purposes of this Policy.

VI. REIMBURSEMENT

Any employee who has been subject to a judgment of personal liability for intentional wrongdoing in connection with a claim for sexual harassment shall reimburse the Town of Brighton for any monies it paid to a complainant for what was found to be the employee's proportionate share of said judgment. These reimbursements must be made within ninety (90) days from payment by the Town of Brighton to the Complainant. A failure to reimburse will result in the sum being withheld directly from the employee's compensation or through enforcement of a money judgment.

VII. FURTHER CONFIDENTIALITY AND DISCLOSURE

In recognition of the personal nature of discrimination complaints and the emotional impact of alleged discrimination, The Town of Brighton shall keep complaints as confidential as is consistent with a thorough investigation, applicable collective bargaining agreements, and other laws and regulations regarding employees and the workplace setting. For the protection of all individuals who make complaints or are accused of prohibited discrimination, every witness interviewed during an investigation under this Policy will be advised of the confidentiality requirement and instructed not to discuss the complaint, the investigation, or the persons involved. To the extent complaints made under this Policy implicate criminal conduct, The Town of Brighton may be required by law to contact and cooperate with the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

The terms of any settlement or other resolution are subject to disclosure UNLESS the Complainant seeks confidentiality. This request for confidentiality may be revoked within a certain time period in accordance with State law.

VIII. FALSE REPORTS

Reporting of a false complaint is a serious act. In the event it is found that an individual bringing the complaint has knowingly made false allegations, The Town of Brighton may take appropriate remedial action and/or disciplinary action in accordance with the provisions of applicable collective bargaining agreement and/or state law.

IX. LEGAL PROTECTIONS AND EXTERNAL REMEDIES

Sexual harassment is not only prohibited by The Town of Brighton but is also prohibited by state, federal, and, where applicable, local law.

Aside from the internal process at The Town of Brighton, individuals may also choose to pursue legal remedies with the following governmental entities at any time.

A. New York State Division of Human Rights (DHR)

The Human Rights Law (HRL), codified as N.Y. Executive Law, Art. 15, § 290 et seq., applies to employers in New York State with regard to sexual harassment, and protects employees, interns and

**TOWN OF BRIGHTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

January 10, 2019

Page 9 of 10

non- employees. A complaint alleging violation of the Human Rights Law may be filed either with Division of Human Rights or in New York State Supreme Court. Complaints with DHR may be filed any time within one year of the harassment. If an individual did not file at DHR, they can sue directly in state court under the HRL, within three years of the alleged discrimination. An individual may not file with DHR if they have already filed a HRL complaint in state court.

Complaining internally to The Town of Brighton does not extend the time for filing a complaint with DHR or in court. The one year or three years is counted from date of the most recent incident of harassment.

An individual does not need an attorney to file a complaint with DHR, and there is no cost to file with DHR.

DHR will investigate the complaint and determine whether there is probable cause to believe that discrimination has occurred. Probable cause cases are forwarded to a public hearing before an administrative law judge. If discrimination is found after a hearing, DHR has the power to award relief, which varies but may include requiring the employer to act to stop the harassment, or redress the damage caused, including paying monetary damages, attorney's fees and civil fines.

Contact DHR at (888) 392-3644 or visit dhr.ny.gov/complaint for more information about filing a complaint. The website has a complaint form that can be downloaded, filled out, notarized and mailed to DHR. The website also contains contact information for DHR's regional offices across New York State.

B. United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

The EEOC enforces federal anti-discrimination laws, including Title VII of the 1964 federal Civil Rights Act (codified as 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq.). An individual can file a complaint with the EEOC anytime within **300 days** from the harassment. There is no cost to file a complaint with the EEOC. The EEOC will investigate the complaint, and determine whether there is reasonable cause to believe that discrimination has occurred, at which point the EEOC will issue a Right to Sue letter permitting the individual to file a complaint in federal court.

The EEOC does not hold hearings or award relief, but may take other action including pursuing cases in federal court on behalf of complaining parties. Federal courts may award remedies if discrimination is found to have occurred.

If an individual believes that he/she has been discriminated against at work, he/she can file a "Charge of Discrimination." The EEOC has district, area, and field offices where complaints can be filed. Contact the EEOC by calling 1-800-669-4000 (1-800-669-6820 (TTY)), visiting their website at www.eeoc.gov or via email at info@eeoc.gov

If an individual filed an administrative complaint with DHR, DHR will file the complaint with the EEOC to preserve the right to proceed in federal court.

C. Local Protections

Many localities enforce laws protecting individuals from sexual harassment and discrimination. An individual should contact the county, city or town in which they live to find out if such a law exists.

D. Contact the Local Police Department

If the harassment involves physical touching, coerced physical confinement or coerced sex acts, the conduct may constitute a crime. Contact the local police department.

TOWN OF BRIGHTON HARASSMENT COMPLAINT FORM

(Submit to Town Supervisor or Town Board Member)

This form may be used to file a complaint of harassment which is a form of discrimination prohibited by federal law, the New York State Human Rights Law, and the Town of Brighton Policy.

Filing this complaint form with the Town of Brighton in no way deprives you of the right to file a complaint with the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, New York State Division of Human Rights, and/or the Federal/State courts.

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Residence _____

Mailing Address (if different from residence): _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Department _____

**TOWN OF BRIGHTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, NEW YORK
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

January 10, 2019

Page 10 of 10

Have you filed this charge with a Federal, State or local government agency?

YES/NO: _____ When _____ (Month/Day/Year) Where: _____

Have you instituted a suit or court action on this charge?

YES/NO: _____ When _____ (Month/Day/Year) Where: _____

(AN AFFIRMATIVE REPLY TO THIS QUESTION WILL IN NO WAY STOP A REVIEW OF YOUR COMPLAINT)

Alleged Discrimination Occurred on or about:

Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____ Time: _____

Is this alleged discrimination continuing: YES ___ NO ___?

Are you personally the subject of the alleged harassment? YES ___ NO ___?

If not, please state the name of the person(s) who are the subject of the alleged harassment: _____

Describe the alleged act of harassment. **Use additional sheets if necessary.** _____

Indicate the name(s) of the alleged harasser(s): _____

State the name(s) of any potential witness(es): _____

I swear or affirm that I have read the above related facts and that the statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Date: _____ (Signature)

-INFORMATION PROVIDED HEREIN WILL BE CONFIDENTIALLY MAINTAINED-

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 3 (Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 2 (McDonnell, McKernan)
Resolution #7 declared duly adopted**

- 5. Paul Smiths College Meeting - Supervisor Peter Shrope:** Met with President Cathy Dove and Amber McKernan to discuss issues involving Paul Smith's College, further discussion is required for land behind highway garage, lease of ball fields in Gabriels, and Memorandum of Understanding with PSGFVD.

COMMITTEES

AATV- Brian McDonnell: Supervisor Peter Shrope received a letter from the AATV with the "year wrap up". The next meeting will be held on June 2 and 3 at the Hotel Saranac in Saranac Lake.

AUDIT OF VOUCHERS:

RESOLUTION #8-2019

PAYMENT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS AS LISTED ON THE ABSTRACTS

Motion made by Lydia Wright, second by Steve Tucker,

RESOLVED that the Supervisor be authorized to pay the audited vouchers as listed on the abstracts as follows:

PREPAID FUNDS: Abstract #1 for Voucher #1A and 1B for 2018 General Funds in the amount of \$400.06 and #1C for 2019 General Funds in the amount of \$78.36 and STREET LIGHTING 2019 FUND in the amount of \$72.98.

GENERAL FUND: Abstract #1 for Voucher #1 through and including #22 for 2019 funds in the amount of \$23,953.61

HIGHWAY FUND: Abstract #1 for Voucher #1 through and including #10 for 2019 funds in the amount of \$51,148.77

SPECIAL FUND-FIRE DISTRICT: Abstract #1 for Voucher #1 for 2019 funds in the amount of \$47,279.00

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye 3 (Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 2 (McDonnell, McKernan)
Resolution #8 declared duly adopted**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 8:25pm made by Lydia Wright, second by Steve Tucker, Aye 3 (Shrope, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0, Absent 2 (McDonnell, McKernan)

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine W. Sater, RMC, Brighton Town Clerk