

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - TOWN OF BRIGHTON - FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY**

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**A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held on Thursday, August 26, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 17 County Road 31(aka Jones Pond Road), Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Meeting was Called to Order** by Deputy Supervisor Steve Tucker at 7:10 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag was recited

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

**PRESENT:** Deputy Supervisor Steve Tucker

**Council Members:** Jeffrey Leavitt and Peter Shrope

**ABSENT:** Supervisor John Quenell and Councilmember Lydia Wright

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Elaine Sater - Town Clerk

**RESIDENTS:** There were no residents present

**GUESTS:** None

**NOTICE OF MEETING:** Notice of this meeting was faxed to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise and radio station on August 24, 2010. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Town Clerk's Sign on August 24, 2010. Notices were posted in three post offices and businesses in the Town on August 25, 2010.

***TOWN HALL PROJECT:***

**Jeffrey Leavitt** led a discussion of proposed phase 1 and 2 of the Town Hall Project. "Phase 1" being items needed to be accomplished so the Town Offices could move back into the Town Hall and "Phase 2" being items that can be completed at a later date.

**Peter Shrope** said for the record that the Board made a motion to hire Wesley Haynes as the Town's representative to oversee the project. A private citizen has been consulted on this project and is giving his opinions. He feels he has been superseded in his role as an elected official of the Town. The Board has not designated another owner's representative, but he recognizes that there are lots of various kinds of skills to draw on in this community and he appreciates all those skills. He would like to see a little more effort made to include the Town Hall Committee members in this process. Even though he is a committee member he had to ask the Supervisor the status of the project at the last meeting.

**Jeffrey Leavitt** said hiring Wesley Haynes is a moot point because Wesley Haynes was going to do this project as a "summer resident", but due to the non-passage of the budget, the summer has passed and he will not be available to continue as the "owner's representative" for this project.

**Peter Shrope** said the Board has never discussed not continuing this project because the NY State budget was not passed. The Board passed Resolution #33 that says the Town would borrow funds to start the project. The intention of the Board was to move forward with this project.

**Steve Tucker** said because the NY State budget was not passed the Town was afraid to borrow money.

**Peter Shrope** said at the last board meeting (August 12) the citizens were saying the Board was mismanaging the project, so he went back through the minutes, and there is no discussion by the board to hold up the project because of the NYS budget.

**RESOLUTION #85**

**TOWN HALL PROJECT PLAN PHASE 1**

**Motion made** by Jeffrey Leavitt, **second** by Steve Tucker,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has reviewed a list of items to be completed in the Town Hall so the Town Offices can move back in to the Town Hall before winter,

**RESOLVED** that the Town Board approve the following items to be considered "Phase 1" so Crawford & Stearns can update the Town Hall project plans and to commence work on the Town Hall Project

- a. **Interior:** Patch and refinish ceiling, walls, and floor. Rework restroom wall, bathroom, kitchen. Move elec service to mech room, rewire building, install new interior lights. Re-plumb bathroom including new water heater, reconfigure and replace heater units, re-plumb heater units. Refinish, replace doors.
- b. **Exterior:** Install underground electric service, improve HD water well, install lateral to TH, reset

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foundation pier, level floor/fix insulation,  
and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following items be considered “Phase 2” to be done as time allows or after Town Offices are back functioning in Town Hall:

- a. **Interior:** Replace windows, Add insulation in attic, Install exhaust fans, duct to roof vents. Install new file cabinets, conference table and chairs, stacking guest chairs, new platform and desk for justice and new desk for CEO, new historic display.
- b. **Exterior:** Move fuel tank, construct shelter. Install flood lights for flag and monument, move dusk to dawn light to front parking lot, install MA flood over handicap parking lot. Rework front entrance, including path. Re-secure roof where necessary, paint roof, repair rafter tails. Patch/repair exterior trim. Rework crawl space. Paint entire exterior. Point piers at entrance. Repair side entrance. Re-grade exterior/curb/slab to lift.
- c. **Build Addition**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Aye 3 (Leavitt, Shrope, Tucker), Nay 0, Absent 2 (Quenell, Wright)

**RESOLUTION #85** declared duly adopted.

***EXECUTIVE SESSION:***

**Motion made** by Deputy Supervisor Steve Tucker, **second** by Peter Shrope, **to GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**, at 7:55 p.m., in accordance with Public Officers Law, Article 7, Section 105(d) to discuss current litigation “Town of Brighton vs Paul Smith’s College” Avoidable Alarm Violations.

Aye 3 (Leavitt, Shrope, Tucker), Nay 0, Absent 2 (Quenell, Wright)

**Motion made to GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION** by Peter Shrope at 8:55 p.m., **second** by Deputy Supervisor Steve Tucker. Aye 3 (Leavitt, Shrope, Tucker), Nay 0, Absent 2 (Quenell, Wright)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to Adjourn at 8:57 p.m.** made by Deputy Supervisor Steve Tucker, **second** by Peter Shrope, **Aye 3** (Leavitt, Shrope, Tucker) Nay 0, Absent 2 (Quenell, Wright)

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater  
Brighton Town Clerk