

REGULAR BOARD

Monday, April 5, 2021 - 10:00 AM

Shaun Gilliland, Chairperson
James Monty, Vice-Chairperson

Chairman Gilliland called this Regular Board Meeting to order at 10:00 am with the following Supervisors in attendance: Clayton Barber, Robin DeLoria, Archie Depo, Stephanie DeZalia, Shaun Gilliland, Charlie Harrington, Kenneth Hughes, Jim Monty, Noel Merrihew, Jay Rand, Tom Scozzafava, Jeffrey Subra, Joe Pete Wilson and Davina Winemiller. Joseph Giordano, Roy Holzer, Steve McNally and Ike Tyler were excused.

Department Heads present: Patty Bashaw, Michael Diskin, Dan Palmer Jim Dougan, Judy Garrison, Dan Manning, David Reynolds and Michael Mascarenas.

Also present: Sun News - Tim Rowland, Max Thwaites and Matt Watts.

GILLILLAND: I'd like to call this regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order. If you will join me in the salute to the flag. Can I have the roll call please Judy. I want to welcome everybody back. I think we are hopefully, turning the tide in this pandemic, starting to get back to normal. I talked to Public Health this morning we, as the Board of Health I mean first of all the infection rate in Essex County is down but we have to maintain our guard. It's rising in Clinton County and Franklin County; it's rising in the Capital District. This next wave, the young people wave the news is talking about and stuff like that is a real thing. We can't let our guard down and the biggest thing is vaccinations. We have got to keep pushing on the vaccinations. Linda is going to have to start turning vaccines over to other counties because we're not filling up our pods. We're getting 200 a week to the Public Health Department and the pharmacies are getting their allotments and stuff and the pharmacies are having a real problem getting people so we as a Board of Health in our towns have to get out there and get pushing them. I will say just take a look at where the vaccines are high and they are low. I will have to congratulate Essex the highest percentage in the county but the others the hesitancy is not socially economic you know because you take a look at some towns with higher socially economic levels and others with lower there's no correlation there. We've got to get over this and get people out there and get them because if we're going to beat this thing you've got to get them so I enlist all of your help to please, please get it out, on social media, push people, walk around town you know be a pest. You got to lunch in town, ask everybody there have you gotten your vaccination and why not because we've got to keep pushing on this so that's my paid political anthem for the morning with that, we'll start with resolutions please.

RESOLUTION # 60 – AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF ESSEX COUNTY WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE 2020 ESSEX COUNTY BUDGET.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Monty, seconded by Mrs. DeZalia and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2262 votes
NOES: 0 votes

ABSENT: 659 votes (McNally, Giordano, Tyler, Holzer)

RESOLUTION #61 – AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Scozzafava, seconded by Mr. Rand and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2262 votes

NOES: 0 votes

ABSENT: 659 votes (McNally, Giordano, Tyler, Holzer)

RESOLUTION #62 - AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND/OR COUNCILS.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Depo, seconded by Mr. Wilson and adopted.

RESOLUTION #63 – ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE POLICES AND PROCEDURES AND QUARTERLY REPORTS FOR THE CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCY (CHHA) APPROVED BY THE PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) AND THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR REVIEWED MARCH 2, 2021.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Harrington and adopted.

RESOLUTION #64 – OF CONGRATULATIONS TO REKEALTH EGELAND UPON CELEBRATING HER 104TH BIRTHDAY.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Rand, seconded unanimously and adopted.

RESOLUTION #65 – OF CONGRATULATIONS TO LUCIA EMILY DOUD WALLACE UPON CELEBRATING HER UPCOMING 106TH BIRTHDAY.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Gilliland, seconded unanimously and adopted.

RESOLUTION #66 – ACCEPTING, ADOPTING AND PLACING ON FILE POLICIES, PLANS, PROCEDURES AND ANNUAL REPORTS.

This resolution was moved by Mr. DeLoria, seconded by Mr. Depo and adopted.

RESOLUTION #67 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD BIDS, ISSUE CONTRACTS OR PURCHASE ORDERS.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Monty, seconded by Mr. Barber and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2262 votes

NOES: 0 votes

ABSENT: 659 votes (McNally, Giordano, Tyler, Holzer)

RESOLUTION #68 – OF APPRECIATION TO DONALD S. JAQUISH UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF ESSEX COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Scozzafava, seconded unanimously and adopted.

RESOLUTION #69 – PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS AGRICULTURE MONTH.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded Mr. Monty and adopted.

RESOLUTION #70 – AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AMENDMENTS/CHANGE ORDERS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Merrihew, seconded by Mr. Monty and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2262 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 659 votes (McNally, Giordano, Tyler, Holzer)

RESOLUTION #71 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO LAKE PLACID MARATHON/INSPIRATION SPORTS, LLC FOR THE USE OF COUNTY ROADWAYS FOR THE 2021 LAKE PLACID MARATHON.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Rand, seconded Mr. Depo and adopted.

RESOLUTION #72 – AUTHORIZING TO SET THE DATES AND LOCATIONS OF THE 2021 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY EVENTS IN ESSEX COUNTY.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded Mr. Monty and adopted.

RESOLUTION #73 – AUTHORIZING THE RESTART OF THE ESSEX COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SERVICE EFFECTIVE APRIL 5, 2021, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES FOR THE PURPOSES OF ULTRAVIOLET CLEANING.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Rand, seconded by Mr. Merrihew and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2262 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 659 votes (McNally, Giordano, Tyler, Holzer)

RESOLUTION #74 – AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A REVOKABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH BOQUET VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSES OF INVESTIGATING A LOCATION FOR A NEW CENTRAL SCHOOL ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNTY COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE “THRALL DAM” PROPERTY WHICH CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 450 ACRES IN THE TOWN OF LEWIS.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Monty, seconded by Mr. DeLoria and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2262 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 659 votes (McNally, Giordano, Tyler, Holzer)

RESOLUTION #75 – DESIGNATING APRIL 2021 AS NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Subra, seconded Mr. Monty and adopted.

RESOLUTION #76 – OF APPRECIATION TO BONNIE MARKWICA UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE ESSEX COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Monty, seconded unanimously and adopted.

RESOLUTION #77 – ADOPTING A PUBLIC EMPLOYER HEALTH EMERGENCY PLAN.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Monty, seconded Mr. Subra and adopted.

RESOLUTION #78 – AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WENDLAND COMMUNICATIONS LLC FOR

CONSTRUCTION OF THE MONKTON PROJECT, UPON APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Merrihew, seconded by Mr. DeLoria and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2262 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 659 votes (McNally, Giordano, Tyler, Holzer)

RESOLUTION #79 – OF CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVIE CAPOZIO UPON CELEBRATING HER 100TH BIRTHDAY.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Gilliland, seconded unanimously and adopted.

RESOLUTION #80 – TO COMMEMORATE THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF COVID-19 IN ESSEX COUNTY.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Barber, seconded Mr. Rand and adopted.

GILLILLAND: Discussion?

MERRIHEW: Just a point of consideration, for our county being consistent with the Association of Counties about possibly reinstating flags to full staff. I think it's been one year now since we have had that recognition period. I receive quite a few requests of that consideration, it seems to have lost its meaning and now when we do have incidents there's no more condition. Just a thought.

GILLILLAND: I will bring up with the State.

MERRIHEW: Thank you.

GILLILLAND: Further discussion? Being none, all in favor, opposed – carried.

RESOLUTION #81 – PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 18-24, 2021, AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Monty, seconded Mrs. Winemiller and adopted.

RESOLUTION #82 – AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$50,000.00 FROM CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FOR CONTRACT MISC-22-0007, WITH TRUDEAU INSTITUTE, INC. FOR RAPID RESPONSE TESTING.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Rand, seconded by Mr. DeLoria and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2262 votes
NOES: 0 votes
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GILLILLAND: Discussion?

HUGHES: Mr. Chairman, did any other counties in the North Country contribute?

GILLILLAND: No, they did not but we, as I said, we have free testing for future pandemics or for this one for all county and also flu strains.

HUGHES: Thank you.

GILLILLAND: Your welcome. Further discussion? Being none, roll call please.

RESOLUTION #83 – AUTHORIZING A PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500.00 FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION FOR FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNTY-WIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) PROGRAM.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Subra seconded by Mr. Harrington and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2262 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 659 votes (McNally, Giordano, Tyler, Holzer)

RESOLUTION #84 – AUTHORIZING TO HIRE THREE (3) ADDITIONAL PER DIEM EMPLOYEES FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) PROGRAM.

This resolution was moved by Mr. DeLoria, seconded by Mr. Merrihew and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2262 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 659 votes (McNally, Giordano, Tyler, Holzer)

RESOLUTION #85 – OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF PATRICIA “PATSY” MCCAUGHIN.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Scozzafava, seconded unanimously and adopted.

RESOLUTION #86 – INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2021, ENTITLED, “ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF CONFLICT DEFENDER FOR THE COUNTY OF ESSEX”

This resolution was moved by Mr. Merrihew, seconded by Mr. Barber and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2262 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 659 votes (McNally, Giordano, Tyler, Holzer)

RESOLUTION #87 – INTRODUCING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2021, ENTITLED, “A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM (OPEN C-PACE) IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX.”

This resolution was moved by Mr. DeLoria, seconded by Mr. Hughes and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2262 votes
NOES: 0 votes
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PALMER: Just as a note on that both of those public hearings for both of those local laws are scheduled for April 19th at 11:00 and 11:15.

GILLILLAND: Thank you.

GARRISON: Resolutions from the floor. Everyone should have a copy of their desks, authorizing Essex County, on behalf of the Public Defender’s Office, to accept an amendment to the three-

year New York State Indigent Legal Services Grant (OLS01 1350200), and authorizing the Chairman or County Manager to execute the same.

GILLILLAND: Do I have twelve to allow it on the floor please?

GARRISON: Yes, we do.

RESOLUTION #88 - AUTHORIZING ESSEX COUNTY, ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, TO ACCEPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE THREE-YEAR NEW YORK STATE INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES GRANT (OLS01 1350200), AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OR COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Monty, seconded by Mr. Merrihew and adopted upon a roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 2262 votes

NOES: 0 votes

ABSENT: 659 votes (McNally, Giordano, Tyler, Holzer)

GILLILLAND: Discussion?

MONTY: Is this just an extension to the existing grant, is what we're doing?

MANNING: They are just extending the term, yes.

PALMER: Yes, it's the term.

MONTY: Thank you.

GILLILLAND: Other resolutions from the floor?

MONTY: Yes, I would like to offer a resolution of congratulations to Catherine Flinchum upon her retirement. Catherine worked in the Treasurer's office from April 2019, to April 2021.

GILLILLAND: Do I have twelve to allow it on the floor please?

GARRISON: Yes, we do.

RESOLUTION #89 - OF APPRECIATION TO CATHERINE FLINCHUM UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE ESSEX COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Monty, seconded unanimously and adopted.

GILLILLAND: Any further motions from the floor?

DEPO: I'd like to offer a resolution of condolence to the family Pearl Macius.

GILLILLAND: Do I have twelve to allow it on the floor please?

GARRISON: Yes, we do.

RESOLUTION #90 – OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF PEARL MACIUS.

This resolution was moved by Mr. Depo, seconded unanimously and adopted.

GILLILLAND: Any further motions from the floor? I have a point of discussion. I'd like to move forward. Over the weekend I come to understand through my position essentially, with communications with the, as first Vice-Chair of the Association of Towns and Villages and effort by some environmental groups that are attempting to decouple the issues of cellular access in the Adirondack Park for Broadband expansion. That Broadband expansion would be supported by these groups if we, if the groups, citizen groups and Government groups would not push for cellular expansion so my feeling on the issue is, and probably should do a little whereas, Broadband and cellular access are as vital in the 21st century for economic parity and equity and for safety and for health and is necessary in this modern age and soon to be post pandemic age, as water and electricity. Our future rides on it. I think maybe this maybe almost a circuitous attempt to accelerate the depopulating of our young people from the park and going against what we all work sedulously to keep and maintain vital communities. It's absolutely critical and I don't think it's fair in the State of New York or equitable that those who live here in the park would not have access to things that are fully, given and expected to any other resident in the State of New York. Therefore, I would like to offer a resolution opposing the decoupling of access of cellular and broadband expansion and these are technical issues and almost technical rights to the people that we represent. I offer that resolution. Do I have twelve to allow it on the floor.

GARRISON: Yes.

GILLILLAND: Thank you.

RESOLUTION #91 – OPPOSING LEGISLATIVE AGENDA OF CERTAIN ADIRONDACK ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS SEEKING TO DECOUPLE BROADBAND AND CELLULAR EXPANSION COVERAGE IN ESSEX COUNTY AND THE STATE.
This resolution was moved by Mr. Gillilland, seconded unanimously and adopted.

WINEMILLER: I have a question.

GILLILLAND: Yes.

WINEMILLER: What is their reasoning?

PALMER: Towers.

GILLILLAND: Towers.

WINEMILLER: They don't like the towers?

GILLILLAND: That's correct and in discussions with Dan Palmer earlier today 5G or next step 6G and stuff may just wipe out Broadband and the technology will eventually fuse and you'll get as much on a 5 or 6G as you would on a high speed Wi-Fi so you know, decoupling those technologies is ludicrous.

WILSON: Thank you Shaun. Thank you for bringing this up to us. It's all communications Broadband, cellular if we're not pushing to do everything we can to have modern, high speed communications whether it's cellular or Broadband we're leaving ourselves behind in the dust and so I hope you continue to monitor this and keep us up to date on what we can do. I'm happy to push back and make sure these things stay together under communications.

GILLILLAND: Thank you.

MONTY: I can't agree more there's no further proof than this last year living through this pandemic with what Broadband and good cellular service would have meant to our students, to our medical people. I think there's no proof that 6G is going to be end all, be all so if we don't, if we can't do this they are just going to keep pushing and I agree it's just one more step in trying to shut down the Adirondack Park and keep it as one big playground and that's not what it is.

GILLILLAND: Thank you Mr. Monty.

SCOZZAFAVA: Just to expound on this, the Town of Moriah will probably be going to court. I just want every community to be aware of the Eddy Foundation who came in and purchased a large, parcel of land called Parch Pond on the Ensign Pond Road. We were approached by them three years ago or four years ago, came to a town board meeting DEC was also involved in it they kind of act as a broker for the State of New York to earmark certain parcels that they want to obtain so they file a 480a, they pay their taxes four or three years and now this year they are trying to get a refund back out of last year's taxes because our Assessors for whatever reason didn't accept the paperwork but now they are filing for a total exemption. That wipes millions off of our taxable value. I supported the State purchasing that property as did our town board with exception of Councilman Garrison at that time and I have to give him credit because he kind of called it that something like this could happen and it did happen. Tubb Mill Pond is another situation where it took millions off the assessment roll. The State of New York now owns it now this year it's off the roll completely, we have not received one tax dollar for those parcels so I'm just giving you a heads up when these environmental groups come in and they want to purchase these large tracks of land in your community and you know, we're going to pay taxes and the State of New York pays taxes and we'll pay the taxes until such time the State acquires it, it's a lot of BS. Don't buy it.

GILLILLAND: Thank you. In AATV we have heard a lot of that. Traditionally the local communities do have the authority to push back on these large State purchases. I don't know of any community that has pulled the trigger on it but I think throughout the park the communities will start.

SCOZZAFAVA: They do need a resolution from your town board.

GILLILLAND: Right.

SCOZZAFAVA: Prior to the purchase but the problem, I mean we were sold a bill of goods. It's that simple so now they are filing for a 501c3, they are saying if you have trails marked out the public has access to it and so on and so forth. I mean, we supported it because we had a lot of our constituency that wanted us to support it for the hiking trails and so on but again, what we were told and what's happening now is entirely two different stories and it's just not right. If you're going to come in and buy the property for whatever reason the State drags their feet be it Covid or pandemic or so on continue to pay your taxes on that property don't burden everybody else in the Town of Moriah and Essex County and the school districts take a huge hit. You wipe millions of dollars in my community when 60% of your roll is residential that hurts.

WINEMILLER: I just wanted to let know that this exact same thing happened recently, I talked to Jay about it, the Echo Bay portion of St. Armand. Lake Placid Land Conservancy had wanted to purchase this land to give to the state and after researching it and finding out about \$56,000 in

taxes for 2021 and that's what we could expect our town board voted against it and it didn't go through.

GILLILLAND: Congratulations. That's good.

I will say one thing I'm frustrated at is non-profits. We have a huge, billions of dollars in property in assessed value in the county off the tax rolls by 501c3's that I have found in certain cases by suspicions that these 501c3's are not acting as non-profits anymore and or the land is not being used specifically for the mission of the non-profit when they qualify for their exemption and I did approach the Real Property Office about the possibility of going back and auditing all these and asking these organizations to come back and prove that the property is being used for the purpose of the mission of the 501c3 as stated in their mission statements which is a requirement. It probably would be a large undertaking but then I was also told from the Property Office at the time that we don't have the authority so I would ask Dan Manning if you could look into that?

MANNING: Sure.

GILLILLAND: Because I think it's needed particularly you know, we're only one of two counties totally in the park, we're hammered quite a bit in this regard and I think it's a time we, as a board take a real close look at how that works.

SCOZZAFAVA: Absolutely. Supposedly they are non-for-profits, 501c3 but it's amazing when you stand up to them how they go out and find these high price law firms to take you to court. You know? It would be interesting to see what they are paying their Directors and so on.

MANNING: We had a situation in the Town of Jay when I was in private practice on a much smaller level so they didn't have the greatest, they had a good lawyer but he thought he was better than what he was and they set up a phony 501c3 in the Ausable Acres sub-division which is a sub-division in our town with about 1,000 1-acre lots and it was the idea behind this 501c3 was ecological reasons and birds and bees but they never set up anything. They never had, there were no trails there was no nothing and they succeeded in getting people at that time the properties weren't worth much so people wanted to unload them they would unload them into this land trust and then the land trust in turn would give them a huge tax credit saying the property is worth say, ten grand when it was only worth about fifteen hundred at that time but anyway they succeeded about doing that with about ten lots and I fought it and we ended up winning because I went but this is a difficult on this level it's much more difficult but I went through their 501c3 paperwork, went to the IRS and as things got to a trial I threatened them with I'm going to the IRS, I'm going to show them what you've got here and you've got zip so it's something that would take a lot of work and probably wouldn't need to be something that we would handle in house because we just don't have the manpower but it is a serious situation. It's been bubbling on the surface for years and you know, you do have to make a stand or we are not going to be living here much longer.

DELORIA: Dan, this is more information for you. In Newcomb we had a situation this year actually where we had a local 501c3 it happened to be of the church nature having acquired land and of course Newcomb has this dual tax rate down here well, the facility that they were using certainly they received the tax exemption however, this vacant piece of land was not being utilized so what the assessor did is he gave them the form and said look, you prove to me under real property tax law that you're entitled to that exemption and then I will grant that and he did not and basically he put a tax on it . I think the fight is with the local assessors, they should buckle down, say prove

it. I don't think there's proof enough, take it to the Board of Assessor Review and take it to Albany from there.

MANNING: No, that's a good point but you want all your ducks in a row ahead of time. You want to be prepared because these guys are not going to give up without a fight so you know you're going to be facing a high class, legal representation so you need to get everything in order.

DELORIA: I think the Assessors are the starting place and go from there.

SCOZZAFAVA: We absolutely in Moriah don't have a lot of money to take them on in court but we need to shine a light on this whole situation because it's just wrong. Every 501c3 yet give target practice or trails are marked out on that property it's just don't come in and tell the community you're going to pay taxes on a piece of property until such time the State acquires ownership and then go ahead and file for total exemption, that's just wrong.

GILLILLAND: Thank you.

PALMER: Just to go back to the 5G build up verses Broadband you really have to understand the impact of that. The 5G build out is far more important I think even than the Broadband build out. The standard for Broadband is 40 megabytes of download data, that's the standard that they established for that. 5G provides you with 2 ½ gigs so that's 2500 megabytes of download and people often well, you know it's cellular, it's not internet. That's not true. If you have 5G cellular you can use that as a hotspot to connect to the Internet so places you can't get a Broadband wire to if you get cellular coverage to that individual is going have speeds five times faster than the standard for Broadband so towers and build out of 5G within the Adirondacks – because eventually you will see most all internet access go through 5G or 6G generation cellular service that's critical to the Adirondacks. It's critical to any area.

DELORIA: And that 5G is going to require the tower so in Newcomb we have both Verizon and ATT but the ATT tower apparently doesn't push out 5G because it has to have something to bounce off of but with 5G towers you're going to have data in the high peaks where it may be needed for 911 calls.

PALMER: Absolutely forest rangers.

MONTY: I have no question about that but remember those hotspots cost money.

PALMER: Well, they do.

MONTY: And they charge most of the residents in Essex County because they limit the amount of data you can get. I've had several people come to my office complaining about within ten days of home schooling their kids their hotspots are down, they are not down but they are very slow, kids can't stream their lesson plans and the next thing you know they are getting a bill for \$170.00.

PALMER: Well, that's part of the whole 5G build out you've got to have enough access it isn't just that you have it, it has to be enough.

MONTY: So I understand the answer but for Essex County it's not a good answer. I don't think.

PALMER: Not yet, but it will be.

GILLILLAND: I feel that the residents of the park have a right to the same economic technological equity as every other New Yorker. Anything further to come before this board?

RAND: I'd like to make a motion of condolence to the family of Andrew St. Lewis dedicated employee of the Town of North Elba who suddenly and tragically passed away last week.

GILLILLAND: Do I have twelve to allow it on the floor please?

GARRISON: Yes.

**RESOLUTION #92 - OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF ANDREW ST. LEWIS
This resolution was moved by Mr. Rand, seconded unanimously and adopted.**

GILLILLAND: Anything further to come before this board? Being none, we are adjourned. Thank you ladies and gentlemen.

As there was no further discussion to come before this regular board meeting it was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Garrison, Clerk
Board of Supervisors