

campground. Mr. Butler added that Mr. Galusha was also requesting to widen the current crossing by ten feet to the south, at no cost to the County, to allow for two-way traffic.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraghty and seconded by Mr. F. Thomas to authorize a railroad right-of-way private use licensing agreement with Patrick and Daniel Galusha for a proposed campground and also to authorize extending the existing crossing by ten feet southward to accommodate vehicle ingress/egress, at no cost to Warren County.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Haskell called the question and the motion was carried unanimously to authorize a railroad right-of-way private use licensing agreement with Patrick and Daniel Galusha for the proposed campground and also to authorize extending the existing crossing by ten feet southward to accommodate vehicle ingress/egress, at no cost to Warren County. *A copy of the resolution request is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 18, 2007 Board meeting.*

Continuing with Item No. 3 on the Agenda, Mr. Butler apprised that Supervisor Merlino had asked him to request tax relief from the Town of Hadley. Mr. Haskell explained that the request was for the Warren County Board of Supervisors to write a letter to Saratoga County, requesting them not to tax the train station that Warren County will be constructing in the Town of Hadley.

Motion was made by Mr. VanNess, seconded by Mr. Belden and carried unanimously to authorize Paul Dusek, County Attorney, to write letters to the Town of Hadley and Saratoga County requesting tax relief for the proposed Warren County train station in the Town of Hadley. *(Subsequent to the meeting, it was determined that it would be unlawful for the Town of Hadley and Saratoga County to grant tax relief on the proposed building.)*

With regard to Item No. 4 on the Agenda, Mr. Butler advised that The Landing of Queensbury, an assisted living community, was requesting a paved bikeway access off from Woodvale Road in the Town of Queensbury.

Motion was made by Mr. Belden and seconded by Mr. Gabriels to authorize construction of a paved bikeway access (35'by 8') off from Woodvale Road in the Town of Queensbury.

Mr. Butler informed the Committee that Warren County would construct the County-owned portion first. He added that Mike Travis, Deputy Highway

Superintendent for the Town of Queensbury, would place all the required striping and necessary road signs. He further added that The Landing would then build a sidewalk across their property that would connect to the crossing. Mr. Butler stated that the bikeway access would be approximately 35 feet by 8 feet. Mr. VanNess asked if there was any liability to the County as far as markings or signs were concerned. William Lamy, DPW (Department of Public Works) Superintendent, replied that Woodvale Road was a Town road and therefore the responsibility of the Town of Queensbury.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Haskell called the question and the motion was carried unanimously to authorize construction of a paved bikeway access off from Woodvale Road in the Town of Queensbury. *A copy of the resolution request is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 18, 2007 Board meeting.*

Pursuant to Item No. 5 on the Agenda, Mr. Butler stated that New York State Department of Health was attempting to expand and provide public access to defibrillation devices. He added that Up Yonda had been awarded an AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) station in September of 2005. He further added that he had sent five Up Yonda staff members to be re-certified for CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and AED training with the AHA (American Heart Association) in April. He asked the Committee if they would like him to continue to re-certify his staff members every two years. It was the consensus of the Committee that the staff members should continue to be re-certified every two years.

Mr. Haskell stated that they were going to proceed to Item No. 7 on the Agenda, as Item No. 6 would be a lengthy discussion.

Pursuant to Item No. 7 on the Agenda, Mr. Butler apprised that the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) mandated that employees of the Parks and Recreation Department be trained as Fairground Operators. He added that the only employees who have received training thus far were Tim Benway, William Casey and himself. He further added that the DOH had waived the mandate for them in the past; however, they would no longer waive the training, due to the fact that it was being offered in Syracuse, New York.

Motion was made by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mr. Belden and carried unanimously to authorize five Parks and Recreation (Building Maintenance) employees to attend Fairground Operator Training offered by the NYS DOH in Syracuse, NY on May 2, 2007, using a County vehicle and authorizing overtime

and meal reimbursement. *A copy of the Authorization to Attend Meeting or Convention is on file with the minutes.*

Regarding Item No. 8 on the Agenda, Mr. Butler introduced Kenyon Simpson, member of the Board of Directors for Warren County Cornell Cooperative Extension and 4-H Educator for Saratoga County Cornell Cooperative Extension. Mr. Simpson distributed "The 4-H Shooting Sports Project" brochure to the Committee, a copy of which is on file with the minutes. Mr. Simpson explained that the Shooting Sports Project would like to schedule an activity at the Warren County Fairgrounds on May 9, 2007. He added that it would be an opening activity to promote and recruit for the Shooting Sports Project in Warren County. He explained that Shooting Sports included airgun activities, archery, tomahawk throwing, etc., as well as first aid, conservation, living history and habitat enhancement.

Mr. Simpson explained that in order to participate as a Program Instructor, State mandated training would have to be completed. He added that the program used certified instructors only. He further added that the program was covered by the 4-H insurance. He stated that Extension would like to start having more of their program activities on the County Fairgrounds. He asked the Committee if a separate Certificate of Insurance was needed for each activity or if one Certificate of Insurance would be sufficient for the year. Mr. Haskell replied that Mr. Butler would consult with the County Attorney and advise him on that question.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Haskell asked how often the 4-H program would use the County Fairgrounds and Mr. Simpson replied as much as three to four times a month; however, he added there could be months, such as December through March where they would not use it at all. It was the general consensus of the Committee to allow 4-H to use the County Fairgrounds for The Shooting Sports Project and other outdoor programs.

Mr. Simpson exited the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Regarding Item No. 2 on the Referrals portion of the Agenda, Mr. Haskell stated that he was unsure if the bid had gone out on the Biondi Building. Mr. Butler stated that he was waiting to hear if Supervisor Merlino was interested in the Building. Mr. Haskell stated that if Mr. Merlino wanted the building it could be

sold to Lake Luzerne for one dollar; however, he noted if Mr. Merlino did not want the building it would be put out for bid to be torn down for salvage. It was the consensus of the Committee to give Mr. Merlino two weeks to make his decision on the Biondi Building and an additional two weeks to have the building torn down.

Regarding Item No. 1 on the Referrals portion of the Agenda, it was the consensus of the Committee to table discussion of the Lake George Outdoor Drama Theater until next month.

Returning to Item No. 6 on the Agenda, Mr. Haskell referred to the map and recommendations that were made during the tour of the Kellogg property and the North Creek Train Station, a *copy of which is on file with the minutes*.

Mr. Haskell stated that recommendation 'A', was to replace the roof of that building with a green metal roof for an approximate materials cost of \$5,250. He said that recommendation 'B', was to take down the middle building and replace it with a 28 foot by 50 foot picnic pavilion at an approximate materials cost of \$12,000. He added that the roof of the middle building was collapsed and the building was unusable. Mr. Haskell continued that recommendation 'C', was to replace the roof of the middle building with a green metal roof at an approximate materials cost of \$2,500. He noted that recommendation 'D', was to renovate the electrical in that building to make it code worthy for public use at an approximate materials cost of \$5,000. Recommendation 'E', he continued, was to grade and mow the property south of the buildings and had already been completed, at no cost to the County.

Mr. Haskell stated that the total cost to complete all of the recommended improvements on the property would be \$24,750. He added that the Parks, Recreation and Railroad budget did not have funds available to complete all of the aforementioned projects; however, Wayne LaMothe, Assistant Director of Planning & Community Development, suggested funding may be available though some grant funds.

Paul Dusek entered the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Mr. LaMothe stated that the County had been awarded funds under the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. He added that the grant included \$20,000 for brick and mortar that could be used for the Kellogg property. He said that the

funds could not be used to tear down a building, nor could they be used to pay salaries for laborers. Mr. LaMothe apprised that the funds could be used to provide materials for all of the aforementioned projects; however, these funds could not be used for the demolition of the building as in recommendation 'B'.

Mr. Butler reminded the Committee that the costs listed were for materials only. Mr. Belden asked if \$20,000 would be enough to complete all of the projects and Mr. Butler said that it was not and that the Committee would have to prioritize and decide which projects should be done first. Mr. Haskell stated he felt that the roofs should be done first. Mr. VanNess asked where the funds would come from to pay for the labor and Mr. Haskell answered that the Parks and Recreation crew would do the work.

Discussion ensued.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to proceed with recommendations 'A', and 'C', the replacing of both roofs with green metal roofs, first.

Mr. Haskell stated that he felt it was also important to make recommendation 'D', renovating the electrical to make it code worthy for public use, a priority as well. It was the consensus of the Committee that recommendation 'D', be completed also.

Mr. Haskell stated that the Committee needed to decide the source of funding for the cost to tear down the building. He added that there would be dumpster and machinery costs to consider.

Mr. Belden asked if the DPW could provide an excavator to cut down on the costs. Mr. Lamy stated that if the project were done at the right time, an excavator might be available.

Discussion ensued, pertaining to the tearing down of the building.

Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to wait until after the "Thomas the Tank Engine" event on May 19, 2007, to proceed with the demolition of the building.

Mr. LaMothe asked how much of the estimated \$12,000 was to tear down the

building and Mr. Butler replied that the \$12,000 only reflected the materials cost for building the pavilion. Mr. Lamy stated that disposal of the building would cost \$69 per ton. Mr. F. Thomas asked if it would be possible to burn the building and Mr. Lamy replied that the roof, windows, electrical, etc. had to be removed before a building could be burned. Mr. Haskell suggested that the North Creek Fire Company might be willing to burn the building after it was taken down and that it would be worth asking the Fire Chief.

Mr. Lamy stated that he had a discussion with Hoddy Ovitt, an organizer of the Blue Grass Festival, about the possibility of the Festival returning to the County Fairgrounds. Mr. Lamy stated that Mr. Ovitt would consider using the County Fairgrounds if the County's fees for use of the property were more user-friendly. Joan Sady, Clerk of the Board, stated that the County had recently reduced the rental fee for use of the County Fairground facilities to \$150 per day from \$300. The consensus of the Committee was to work out an agreement for 2008 with the organizers of the Blue Grass Festival for use of the County Fairgrounds.

Mr. Haskell stated that the next topic of discussion was the budget performance report, which included payroll figures for the year through the beginning of March. Mr. Lamy apprised that the Parks and Recreation Department and Up Yonda Farm were both "right on track" concerning overtime usage. He added that this Department did not typically incur heavy overtime usage during the winter months. Mr. Butler added that there would be overtime needed on the weekends at the Fairgrounds, as he would need to have staff available for any emergencies that arose during events.

General discussion ensued.

Mr. LaMothe announced that there was grant funding available under New York State's EPF (Environmental Protection Fund) Program and he distributed a sheet describing the three categories of funding available, a copy of which is on file with the minutes. He added that the three categories were Acquisition, Historic Preservation and Parks. Mr. LaMothe apprised that the Kellogg property would fall under the category of Historic Preservation. He added that the Planning Department would be willing to work with Mr. Butler to submit an application for the EPF grant. Mr. LaMothe informed the Committee that the maximum amount that could be requested was \$500,000; however, he advised against asking for any more than \$200,000.

Mr. Belden stated that he felt that the County should apply for the grant. Mrs. Sady asked if a project outline was needed before the application could be submitted and Mr. LaMothe affirmed. Mrs. Sady stated that the applications were due by June 29, 2007. Mr. Dusek said that a resolution would be needed authorizing the application for the grant to be submitted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mr. Belden and carried unanimously to authorize application for the Environmental Protection Fund Grant in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. *A copy of the resolution request is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the May 18, 2007 Board meeting.*

As there was no further business to come before the Parks, Recreation & Railroad Committee, on motion made by Mr. F. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Geraghty, Mr. Haskell adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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