

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**April 12, 2018
7:00 PM**

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	Kenneth Higgins	Councilperson
Absent:	Sylvia Smith	Councilperson
Krista Wood	Town Clerk	

Also: ZA Jim Steen, Assessor Christine Hayes, Robert French, Tom Johansen, Chuck Kabrehl, Gary Frenz, Skip Ostrander, Albert Martin, and Wayne LaMothe.

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There being no further comments the Public Hearing was closed at 7:07PM.

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Councilperson Olson and Councilperson Higgins introduced Res. No. 72 and moved its adoption:

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RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon, acting as Local Board of Health, based on the receipt of a set of stamped plans from Winchip Engineering (project #17-124), and the \$100.00 variance fee, does hereby grant a variance for an alternative septic system at 7283 State Route 8, Brant Lake (Tax Map #72.6-1-8) because the strict application of the minimum setback requirements, or the minimum lot size requirement, would result in a specified practical difficulty to the applicant. Further, the alternative proposed would not be materially detrimental to the purpose of this regulation, or to the property or natural resources in the area in or near the site of the proposed individual sewage disposal system, or otherwise conflict with the description, purpose, or the objectives of any plan or policy of the Town, and that the alternative proposed is the minimum variance which would alleviate the specified practical difficulty as found by the Board to affect the applicant. As a condition of approval, the project sponsor is required to perform maintenance on the system, and submit a maintenance report to the Town of Horicon Zoning Administrator, on an annual basis for the life of the system. Ayes: 4 (Olson, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Smith)

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Ayes: 4 (Higgins, Olson, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Smith)

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WHEREAS, the proposal by the PBA of NYS to increase forest ranger staffing has wide public and bi-partisan support from local governments, business groups, environmental groups and outdoor recreation clubs for a simple reason: It protects the people from the land and the land from the people; and

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**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**April 12, 2018
7:00 PM**

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Regular Meeting...

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Ayes: 4 (Higgins, Hill, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Smith)

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Ayes: 4 (Higgins, Olson, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Smith)

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WHEREAS, the addition of over 1 million acres of DEC managed lands the last several decades without staffing increases has caused the ratio of DEC managed lands per ranger to grow from 1 ranger per 28,516 acres in 1970 to 1 ranger per 53,752 acres today; and

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Privilege of the Floor...

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Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
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**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**April 12, 2018
7:00 PM**

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Regular Meeting...

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Ayes: 4 (Higgins, Hill, Olson, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Smith)

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Ayes: 4 (Higgins, Olson, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Smith)

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WHEREAS, NYS forest rangers have provided care, custody and control of the Forest Preserve and all DEC managed lands throughout the state since 1885, protecting the valuable natural resources and the people who recreate there; and

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Ayes: 4 (Olson, Higgins, Hill, Simpson) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Smith)

Privilege of the Floor...

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM by MOTION of Councilperson Higgins and Councilperson Hill, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

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Present at meeting:	Matthew Simpson	Supervisor
	Robert Olson	Councilperson
	Frank Hill	Councilperson
	Kenneth Higgins	Councilperson
Absent:	Sylvia Smith	Councilperson
Krista Wood	Town Clerk	

Also: ZA Jim Steen, Assessor Christine Hayes, Robert French, Tom Johansen, Chuck Kabrehl, Gary Frenz, Skip Ostrander, Albert Martin, and Wayne LaMothe.

Supervisor Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

A Motion was made by Councilperson Olson, seconded by Councilperson Higgins, to go into session as the Local Board of Health. The Board moved into session as Local Board of Health at 7:00 PM, and Supervisor Simpson opened the public hearing for the septic variance request at 7283 State Route 8.

Public Hearing - Septic Variance at 7283 State Rt. 8 / Martin / Tax Map #72.6-1-8:

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-Albert Martin gave the background on the structure, noting that he believes the 500-gallon septic tank and "pit" were put in sometime in 1948, so the system is about 70 years old.

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-ZA Steen noted that aerobic treatment systems must be maintained on an annual basis or the system does not function properly. He suggested the Board consider a condition of approval requiring the property owner to perform annual maintenance for the life of the system.

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