

**HORICON TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 15, 2025
6:00 PM**

Present at meeting:	Michael Geraci	Supervisor
	Kayla Carlozzi	Councilmember
	John Francisco	Councilmember
	Scott Hayes	Councilmember
	Teri Schuerlein	Councilmember
	Krista Wood	Town Clerk

Also: Deputy Supervisor Becky Ross, Assessor Christine Hayes, ZA Craig Leggett, Roger Friedman, Tom Luciano, Wayne Butler, Curt Smith, Matt Wood, Bob and Sylvia Smith, Lynn Keil, Jim Wallas, John Caruso, Mike and Kathy Hill, Tim Kerr, Patrick and Kristina Carras, Rick Smith, Camille Dougan, Janet Early, Roger and Marilyn Curtis, Paul and Margaret Curtis, and others.

Supervisor Geraci opened the regular meeting at 6:00pm.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 17, 2025 meeting were approved by Motion of Councilmember Schuerlein and Councilmember Hayes.

Ayes: 5 (Schuerlein, Hayes, Carlozzi, Francisco, Geraci) Nays: 0

Presentation – Roger Friedman / Schroon River Study – copy attached.

Roger Friedman briefly explained that the Schroon Lake Steering Committee would like to apply for a grant to do a study on a portion of the Schroon River; they are asking for the Town of Horicon's support to do this. He said both the Town of Schroon and the Town of Chester support the grant.

RESOLUTION #71-2025

Councilmember Schuerlein and Councilmember Francisco introduced Res. No. 71 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REQUEST TO SUPPORT GRANT SUBMISSION TO STUDY A PORTION OF THE SCHROON RIVER

WHEREAS, the Schroon Lake Steering Committee is seeking the Town of Horicon's support for the submission of a grant application to study the portion of the Schroon River from the Horicon Boat Launch to the Starbuckville Dam, and

WHEREAS, the reason for the study is to understand what is occurring in this section of Schroon River regarding the rising water levels, flooding, erosion and increased siltation, and

WHEREAS, the application will be a request for a land survey and engineering services for a Schroon River Bathymetry and River Bend evaluations as proposed by C.T. Male Associates to the Schroon Lake Park Commission at a cost of \$75,000.00, and

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded for this study and if there is a demand for matching funds, the Schroon Lake Association and the East Shore Schroon Lake Association will be responsible for covering the match,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board hereby supports the submission of a grant application to study a portion of the Schroon River.

Ayes: 5 (Schuerlein, Francisco, Hayes, Carlozzi, Geraci) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #72-2025

Councilmember Carlozzi and Councilmember Schuerlein introduced Res. No. 72 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF MAY 2025 ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize payment of the May 15, 2025 Abstracts as follows:

General Abstract	#5	\$ 67,655.48
Highway Abstract	#5	\$ 83,604.38

Ayes: 5 (Carlozzi, Schuerlein, Francisco, Hayes, Geraci) Nays: 0

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Correspondence to the Board:

- Library Board of Trustees RE: Receipt of a grant for the development of teen space in the Library
- Diane Cain RE: Letter of support for the Museum Annex in Adirondack

Reports: Town Clerk, Justice, Zoning, Assessor, NWEMS, Transfer Station, Library, Historian, Historical Society, and Fire Department

Supervisor's Report – see copy attached.

Town Board Liaison Reports – see copies attached.

Councilmember Schuerlein said she had at least a dozen people come to her to talk about the proposed Valentine Pond name change. She noted the Horicon Historical Society has a lot of exciting programs planned for the summer and encouraged people to attend. She said she attended one of the Adirondack Saratoga Blue Line Indivisible meetings that are held at the Town Hall; she had heard about the meetings and wanted to see what they were all about. She did let the group know she was on the Town Board, but made it very clear she was not there representing the Town at all. Councilmember Schuerlein said the meeting was interesting, very organized, and there were some good conversations. She said the members stressed they are a non-partisan group, however, Councilmember Schuerlein said she respectfully disagrees with that. She said she personally does not feel it is appropriate to have political activist organizations meeting in the town Hall regardless of political affiliation; she feels the Town Hall should be a non-partisan, non-political, neutral space.

Councilmember Carlozzi said there is a survey online related to the marketing efforts the Chamber is working on for Johnsbury, Chestertown, and Horicon. She also said the Comprehensive Plan Committee has released their surveys and stakeholder interview packets.

Councilmember Hayes said he also had communications with people about the Valentine Pond proposed name change. He said it was misconstrued that the Town initiated the proposed name change, but he made it clear to people that was not the case. Councilmember Hayes said someone had asked about cutting the brush around the Mill Pond, noting it was done a couple of years ago. He asked if Robbie could do that to make more room for the kids to fish. He said someone also asked him if signs could be posted around the Mill Pond stating fishing for 16 and under only. He said this used to be done but was not sure why it stopped; he asked if it is something the Town could look into. Supervisor Geraci said if it is something the Board wants to look into then it can be discussed at a future meeting.

Resolutions...

Councilmember Carlozzi and Councilmember Francisco introduced Resolutions #73 to #80 and moved their adoption:

Ayes: 5 (Carlozzi, Schuerlein, Hayes, Francisco, Geraci) Nays: 0

RESOLUTION #73-2025

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT ADIRONDACK ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS & VILLAGES
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Michael Geraci to attend the AATV Membership Meeting in Lake Placid June 2, 2025 at a cost of \$65.00.

RESOLUTION #74-2025

RESOLUTION TO AMEND CEMETERY REGULATIONS

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board, due to a price increase from the vendor, does hereby amend the Cemetery Regulations to increase the cost of one set of corner markers from \$275.00 per set to \$295.00 per set effective immediately.

RESOLUTION #75-2025

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH WARREN COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Warren County Youth Bureau for the youth recreation program reimbursement for 2025 in the amount of \$2,541.00.

RESOLUTION #76-2025

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE WARREN COUNTY TOURISM & CONVENTION DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to sign the Warren County Local Tourism Promotion and Convention Development Agreement in the amount of \$20,000.00 pursuant to the Warren County 2025 Occupancy Tax Spending Plan.

RESOLUTION #77-2025

RESOLUTION TO HIRE LIFEGUARDS FOR THE 2025 SUMMER SEASON

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby hire Willow Browne and Sasha Carmel as Lifeguards for the 2025 summer season at a pay rate of \$17.22 per hour.

RESOLUTION #78-2025

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL PAY FOR KAWANA SMITH

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize payment to Kawana Smith for up to three additional hours of time for the purpose of interviewing applicants for the Clerk Part-Time position.

RESOLUTION #79-2025

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CONTRACT ADDENDUM WITH LABERGE GROUP

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon entered into a contract with Laberge Group on January 10, 2011 for professional services related to the Brant Lake Upper Dam, and

WHEREAS, Laberge Group is requesting an increase in the contract of up to \$10,000.00 because of additional assessments, reporting, and certifications now being required, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize Supervisor Geraci to sign the Contract Addendum with Laberge Group increasing the amount of the contract up to \$10,000.00 for additional services related to the Brant Lake Upper Dam.

RESOLUTION #80-2025

RESOLUTION TO HIRE BOAT STEWARDS FOR THE 2025 SEASON

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby authorize the Supervisor to hire Boat Stewards for the 2025 summer season at the budgeted pay rate.

Old Business:

Highway Truck bid opening (2002 Sterling Tandem):

The Clerk advertised for bids for the Highway Department's old 2002 Sterling Tandem dump truck; the minimum bid was set at \$8,000. One bid was received and publicly opened; the bid was from Trevor Sweet for \$6,000. Being the bid was below the minimum the Board rejected the bid and will re-advertise.

Museum Annex in Adirondack - Exterior siding project bid opening:

The Clerk advertised for bids for the Adirondack Community Museum exterior siding project and four bids were received. The bids were as follows: Tower Contracting - \$ 92,000.00, Better Homes Builders - \$96,786.25, Upstate Estate Management - \$ 68,000.00, Express Roofing & Construction - \$ 89,750.00.00. Supervisor Geraci said the Board will not make an award tonight but will review the bids and make a decision at the June 19 Town Board meeting as to what they will do.

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Request to name private road (Briar Brook Hollow Road):

Supervisor Geraci explained that Patrick Carras had made a request to the Town Board several months ago to recognize a private road, for which he has a deeded right-of-way, that allows access to his property. The Board asked Mr. Carras to discuss this with Lynn Keil, whose property the right-of-way crosses, and to come to an agreement. Supervisor Geraci asked Lynn Keil if she is comfortable with the road; she said she is, and they are asking it to be named Briar Brook Hollow Road.

RESOLUTION #81-2025

Councilmember Carlozzi and Councilmember Hayes introduced Res. No. 81 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND NAME A PRIVATE ROAD

RESOLVED, that the Horicon Town Board does hereby recognize a private road in the Town of Horicon which crosses parcel #71.12-1-36 to provide access to parcel #71.12-1-25 and parcel #71.12-1-26 and has been named Briar Brook Hollow Road.

Ayes: 5 (Carlozzi, Hayes, Schuerlein, Francisco, Geraci) Nays: 0

Proposed Ice-Retardant System Local Law:

Supervisor Geraci said there has been discussion about the proposed Local Law regarding Ice-Retardant Systems. He said they received feedback during the winter from many Brant Lake residents that noted there are not enough people this time of year and suggested it be discussed in the summer. Supervisor Geraci suggested setting the public hearing for the July 17th meeting.

Bond Resolution for Town Projects:

Supervisor Geraci explained that the Town Board has been talking about town projects over the last couple of years. He said the Finance Committee is recommending the Town get a Bond to pay for this work which the Board is in agreement with. He said there is a Bond Resolution for seven different projects with a total estimated cost of \$1.3 million dollars. Supervisor Geraci said the first step in the process is for the Board to review the SEQRA Short Environmental Assessment Part 1 and to complete Part 2. Supervisor Geraci asked the Town Board members if they have reviewed Part 1; all Board members responded yes. Supervisor Geraci then read the questions on the Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 2; the Board answered no to each question. Supervisor Geraci said based on the answers by the Board, this means there is no significant environmental impact with the projects and therefore makes a SEQRA Negative Declaration. He then asked for a motion to adopt the Bond Resolution.

RESOLUTION #82-2025

Councilmember Carlozzi and Councilmember Schuerlein introduced Res. No. 82 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A NEW PARKS AND RECREATION BUILDING AND SIX OTHER TOWN PROJECTS;
AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$1,300,000 IN SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF HORICON
TO PAY THE COST OF SUCH PROJECTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$1,300,000 IN BOND
ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWN OF HORICON FOR THE SAME PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon (the "Town") wishes to complete several projects as detailed in Section 1 below, including a necessary new Parks and Recreation building; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that such projects are needed projects for the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determined that the project detailed in Section 1(A) below is an Unlisted Action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), conducted Uncoordinated Review and, after reviewing and addressing all relevant portions of the Short Environmental Assessment Form, determined that the projects would have no significant environmental impacts and herein adopts a SEQRA Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board below determines that the projects detailed in Sections 1(B), 1(C), 1(D), 1(E), 1(F) and 1(G) are Type II Actions under SEQRA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HORICON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The specific objects or purposes for which the obligations authorized by this Resolution (the “Bond Resolution”) are to be issued are the following seven (7) projects (collectively referred to as the “Project”):

- A. The construction or purchase and refurbishing of a new Town of Horicon Parks and Recreation equipment storage building with a separate area for the Town’s food pantry (“Project A”): The maximum estimated cost for Project A is \$845,000; and
- B. Repairs to Town Hall roof (“Project B”): The maximum estimated cost for Project B is \$218,400; and
- C. Remove existing Town Hall sound system and install new sound system (“Project C”): The maximum estimated cost for Project C is \$26,000; and
- D. Install new roofs for dugouts at Town ballfields (“Project D”): The maximum estimated cost for Project D is \$31,200; and
- E. Refurbish exterior of Town’s Adirondack Museum and install four (4) mini-split HVAC units (“Project E”): The maximum estimated cost for Project E is \$45,500; and
- F. Refurbish exterior of Town’s historic Heintzelman Library (“Project F”): The maximum estimated cost for Project F is \$113,100; and
- G. Hazardous materials abatement and demolition of Town’s storage garage (“Project G”): The maximum estimated cost for Project G is \$20,800.

Project A is a SEQRA Unlisted Action. The Town Board has conducted uncoordinated review, reviewed and addressed all relevant portions of the Short Environmental Assessment Form, and hereby determines that Project A will have no significant adverse environmental impacts and hereby adopts a Negative Declaration.

Projects B, C, D, E, F and G are hereby determined to be SEQRA Type II Actions and exempt from SEQRA review.

Each of the individual Projects include a 30% contingency as part of the calculation of its maximum estimated cost. None of the Projects is for a Special District of the Town.

The Project is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of One Million Three Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,300,000).

Section 2. The Project is hereby authorized by the Town Board.

Section 3. The plan for financing of the Project is the issuance of up to \$1,300,000 in serial bonds and/or bond anticipation notes of the Town which are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law. The Town has grants to help with Projects E and F, and intend to use any grants they have or may receive toward the Project.

The proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes may be used to reimburse expenditures paid by the Town from other funds or otherwise on or after the date of adoption of this Bond Resolution, or up to 60 days prior in accordance with Section 4 below. Pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 107.00(d)(9), a down payment from current funds is not required.

Section 4. The Town Board anticipates that the Town may pay certain capital expenditures in connection with the Project prior to the receipt of the proceeds of the Bonds. The Town Board hereby declares its official intent to use Bond proceeds to reimburse the Town for such Project expenditures occurring within sixty (60) days prior to adoption of this Resolution. This section of the Resolution is adopted solely for the purpose of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations and does not bind the Town to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness or proceed with the acquisition.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the following are the periods of probable usefulness (“PPU”), the applicable LFL Section, the maximum estimated cost, and the apportioned PPU for each of the Projects:

Project	PPU (Years)	LFL Section	Maximum Estimated Cost	Weighted Average PPU (Years)
A	15	11.00(a)(11) and (19) Class C	\$845,000	9.750
B	15	11.00(a)(12) Class B	\$218,400	2.520
C	5	11.00(a)(32)	\$26,000	.100
D	15	11.00(a)(19)(c)	\$31,200	.360
E	5	11.00(a)(13) Class C	\$45,500	.175
F	5	11.00(a)(12) Class C	\$113,100	.435
G	10	11.00(a)(12-a)	\$20,800	.160
		Totals	\$1,300,000	13.50

Accordingly, it is determined the weighted average PPU for the Project is 13.50 years, or 13 years.

It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds herein authorized may exceed five (5) years.

Section 6. The faith and credit of the Town of Horicon, Warren County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as they become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such years. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in the Town of Horicon a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as they become due and payable.

Section 7. For the purpose of paying the cost of the Project, there are hereby authorized to be issued serial bonds of the Town up to a maximum amount of \$1,300,000 the maximum maturity of which shall not exceed the thirteen (13) year weighted average period of probable usefulness set forth above and which shall mature on or before such date as measured from the date of the bonds or from the date of the first bond anticipation note issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, whichever date is earlier. The bonds may be issued in the form of a statutory installment bond.

Section 8. There are hereby authorized to be issued bond anticipation notes for the specific object or purpose in an amount up to but not exceeding the \$1,300,000 maximum amount of serial bonds authorized to be issued, in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds authorized, including renewals of such bond anticipation notes.

Section 9. Any bond anticipation notes shall be payable from the proceeds derived from the sale of the bonds or otherwise redeemed in the manner provided by Section 23.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Town of Horicon are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the bond anticipation notes and the interest on them.

Section 10. There are no bond anticipation notes outstanding which have been previously issued in anticipation of the sale of these bonds. Neither are the bond anticipation notes hereby authorized renewal notes. These bond anticipation notes will not be issued in anticipation of bonds for an assessable improvement. These notes shall mature at such time as the Town may determine and may be renewed from time to time, provided that in no event shall such notes or renewals extend more than one (1) year beyond the original date of issue except as permitted in the Local Finance Law.

Section 11. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Resolution and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 60.00, inclusive, of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this Resolution and the renewal of these notes, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and the power to sell and deliver the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of the bonds is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to sign any serial bonds and bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this Resolution by manual or facsimile signature, and the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to affix or impress or imprint a facsimile of the seal of the Town to any of the serial bonds or bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal by manual or facsimile signature. If executed by facsimile signature, such obligation shall be authenticated by the manual countersignature of the Town Supervisor or a designated fiscal agent. The Town Supervisor, as Chief Fiscal Officer shall be authorized to apply for financing with such appropriate entities as he shall choose. The Town Supervisor, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town, is authorized to execute and deliver any documents, complete such applications and forms, and to take such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent of the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 12. The exact date of issuance of the bonds and/or notes and the exact date upon which they shall become due and payable shall be fixed and determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer, provided, however, that the maturity of the notes or renewals shall not exceed one (1) year from the date of issue except as permitted by the Local Finance Law.

Section 13. The Chief Fiscal Officer shall prepare the bonds and/or notes and sell them at public or private sale and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law including, but not limited to, the provisions of Section 169.00, if applicable, and at such sale shall determine the interest rate to be borne by such bonds and/or notes, and whether fixed or variable. The Town Board authorizes the Chief Fiscal Officer to establish substantially level annual debt service or a declining annual balance for the repayment of such Bonds if the Chief Fiscal Officer believes it is in the best interests of the Town. The Town Board authorizes the Chief Fiscal Officer to issue such serial bonds in the form of a statutory installment bond. Furthermore, the engagement of Fiscal Advisors, who the Town has satisfactorily worked with in the past, or other qualified financial offices, as may be determined by the Town Supervisor, is hereby authorized and the Town Supervisor, as Chief Fiscal Officer, is hereby authorized to sign a contract for such services and all documents relating to their engagement and the sale of the Town's debt using their services.

Section 14. If issued, the bonds and/or notes shall be in registered form, and shall bear interest at the determined rate.

Section 15. The Chief Fiscal Officer shall deliver the bonds and/or notes to the purchaser only against a certified check or other immediately available funds. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds and/or notes shall be deposited and/or invested as required by Section 165.00 of the Local Finance Law, and the power to invest the proceeds of sale is hereby delegated to the Chief Fiscal Officer and the power to invest in any instruments described in Section 165.00 is expressly granted.

Section 16. To the extent that it is permitted to do so under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the Town hereby designates the bonds and/or notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265(b)(3) of the Code acknowledging that currently this does not apply if the Town will issue more than \$10,000,000 during a calendar year. The Town hereby covenants that, to the extent permitted under the Code in effect as of the date of issuance of any bonds and/or notes, it will (i) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the bonds and/or notes to be excluded from gross income for purposes of Federal income taxes and (ii) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the bonds and/or notes to be included in gross income for purposes of Federal income taxes.

Section 17. This Resolution is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Section 35.00 of New York Local Finance Law, and shall not take effect until such time as provided. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to post and publish the notice required for Resolutions subject to permissive referendum.

Section 18. MILLER, MANNIX, SCHACHNER & HAFNER, LLC, Glens Falls, New York, is hereby designated

bond counsel.

Section 19. The validity of these serial bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

(A) These obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town is not authorized to expend money, or

(B) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or

(C) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the State Constitution.

Section 20. This Resolution or a summary thereof shall be published in the print version of the official newspaper of the Town, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 21. This Resolution shall take effect immediately, except as provided by Town Law Article 7 relating to permissive referendum requirements.

Section 22. The question of the adoption of this Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Ayes: 5 (Carlozzi, Schuerlein, Hayes, Francisco, Geraci) Nays: 0

The Resolution was declared duly adopted by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the full membership of the Town Board.

New Business:

Valentine Pond name change proposal:

Supervisor Geraci addressed the Valentine Pond name change proposal. He said on April 29th he received an email from the US Board of Geographic Names which is the Federal agency that has oversight on naming Geographic areas. He said the email he received was the result of a request from Eric Hermann who had asked the US Board of Geographic Names if the name of Valentine Pond could be changed to Valentine Lake. Supervisor Geraci said up until that point he had not heard anything about this, nor had the Town Board members. He responded back to the Federal Agency saying, in summary, it was the first the Town had heard of this, that he personally was not in favor of it, and knowing the Town Board, he would be surprised if they would be in favor of it either. He told them he would bring it up at the next Town Board meeting and get a resolution one way or another. He noted the name Valentine Pond goes back hundreds of years. He said Mr. Hermann was copied on the email and responded back asking for a meeting; Supervisor Geraci said they met last week. Mr. Hermann told him he did not mean to make this bigger than it is. Supervisor Geraci told him this is a subject very close to the hearts of a number of people that live here now or have family heritage. He said based on that discussion, Mr. Hermann rescinded his request to the US Board of Geographic Names, so the issue of the proposed name change is not going anywhere; it is done. Supervisor Geraci made it clear that this was not a Town endorsed action; the Town did not know anything about this. He noted the Board members did hear from a few people who were in favor of it, but certainly the majority of people were not. The Board feels this issue is finished.

Marilyn Curtis said her concern is for the future, and asked if this comes up again are there any rules that would prevent the change without going to the Town. Supervisor Geraci said he asked the US Board of Geographic Names that question, and they said they were not going to move forward without getting the Town's input; it cannot be changed without Town Board action.

Privilege of the Floor:

Curt Smith said he is the one that spoke to Councilmember Hayes about putting up signs that state only kids 16 and under are allowed to fish on the Mill Pond; he feels the fishing should be for the kids not the adults. He said

it was posted like that for years but said he did not know why it was stopped. He said even if it is not monitored, he feels the signs would deter most people. Rick Smith said he agrees it should be for kids, noting it might be a fine line when you have a parent teaching their kid to fish. Supervisor Geraci noted that enforcement would be an issue. Councilmember Francisco said he will talk to DEC to see what their rules are. Supervisor Geraci said if this is something the Board wants to look into they can discuss it at next month's meeting.

Executive Session

Motion made by Councilmember Schuerlein, seconded by Councilmember Francisco, to move to Executive Session for discussion on the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property, all in favor. The Board moved to Executive Session at 6:55 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:15 PM and Councilmember Schuerlein made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Carlozzi, to return to regular session, all in favor. Supervisor Geraci said there was discussion on the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property, and no action was taken.

Adjourn... There being no further business to attend to the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM by MOTION of Councilmember Schuerlein and Councilmember Francisco, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Town Clerk

Study of the Schroon River from the Horicon Boat Launch to the Starbuckville Dam.

One premise that we will all agree on is that there is no quick fix for having even moderate control over the lake levels of Schroon Lake. In the summer of 2023, we had an unprecedented quantity of rainfall along with fierce intensity rainfall (no matter if it is climate change, El Niño or just an extremely rainy summer in the Schroon Lake Watershed). In 2024 we saw just the opposite – draught!

For those relatively new to the Schroon Lake Watershed, please understand that the Starbuckville Dam when first installed was designed to keep the level of the lake high enough to float logs down to the Hudson River. The Dam has made the level of Schroon Lake several feet higher. As an example, before the dam was built, the beach at Adirondack Lodges on the East Shore was a baseball field.

Schroon Lake, known as a wide spot in Schroon River, has a huge watershed (much larger than most other lakes) and when there is a major “watershed” rain event the result is very high water and flooding. Schroon Lake has multiple tributaries that flow into Schroon Lake and only one outlet!

Several years ago, the Schroon Lake Steering Committee met with a representative from USGS (United States Geological Survey). In this person’s opinion based on comparable data, even if the Dam is opened days before a major rain storm, the effect would be minimal due to the huge volume of water entering Schroon Lake.

One of the biggest problems is the Schroon River corridor between the Horicon Boat Launch and the Starbuckville Dam. There are obvious impediments or constriction points in the area from the Horicon boat launch and south to the Dam. One of these is the “relatively” new bridge that was constructed by the Horicon boat launch – it is definitely a choke point for several reasons. Also, at least twice over the past couple of years a beaver dam let loose and dumped tons of material into Trout Brook that made its way to Schroon River south of the boat launch and has also created another choke point. In addition, increased sand and silt have been building up in Schroon Lake and Schroon River corridor. Yes, there are trees down along Schroon River from the Horicon boat launch to the Dam that might also impede water flow.

- 1) The Steering Committee, the Environmental Committee, the SLA and ESSLA support submitting a grant application to study this portion of Schroon River.
- 2) In 2023 CT Male submitted a proposal to the SL Park Commission for the study. The cost is now \$75,000.
- 3) We hope to be working with either Warren County Planning, Warren County Soil & Water and/or the Lake Champlain - Lake George Regional Planning Board for the grant submittal.

We understand that there are other issues at the Dam that must be taken care of, however the residents of Schroon Lake need some answers as to if there are solutions to what has been happening on Schroon Lake and the River. **If we receive a grant to study this portion of Schroon River, the East Shore Schroon Lake Association and the Schroon Lake Association will be responsible for the match so no taxpayer dollars will be necessary for this endeavor.**

We are asking you by resolution to support a grant application to study this problematic, but critical area.

Sincerely,
Roger Friedman
Schroon Lake Steering Committee Member
VP Schroon Lake Association

C.T. MALE ASSOCIATES

Engineering, Surveying, Architecture, Landscape Architecture & Geology, D.P.C.

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September 21, 2023

Tom Luciano, District Commissioner
Schroon Lake Park District
PO Box 50
Adirondack, NY 12808

*Re: Proposal for Land Survey & Engineering Services
Schroon River Bathymetry and River Bed Evaluation
Towns of Horicon and Chester, Warren County*

Dear Mr. Luciano:

C.T. Male Associates Engineering, Surveying, Architecture, Landscape Architecture & Geology, D.P.C. (C.T. Male) is pleased to present this proposal to provide land survey and engineering services to provide an analysis of the Schroon River bed from the outlet of Schroon Lake to the Starbuckville Dam, a distance of approximately 5.3 miles.

It is our understanding that the Schroon Lake Park District (SLPD) and residents have observed that the water level in Schroon Lake rises significantly during periods of wet weather and the lake is slow to return to its normal level after the wet weather subsides. The Starbuckville Dam, located 5.3 miles downstream of the lake's outlet, is intended to control the lake level through its gates, but there is evidence of that geomorphologic conditions on the bed of the Schroon River upstream of the dam could be acting to potentially restrict flow out of the lake, regardless of operation of the gates at the dam. It is common over time in riverine systems for the elevation of the riverbed to change as flood events, sediment deposits and other conditions occur. The purpose of this study is to perform a bathymetric survey of the Schroon River, produce bathymetric mapping and evaluate the results to determine the extent of the elevations in the bed of the river that could limit the ability of water to drain out of Schroon Lake.

The detailed work scope includes:

Task 1 - Bathymetric Survey and Mapping

A three-person survey field crew will perform a bathymetric survey of the Schroon River from the outlet at Schroon Lake to a point just upstream of Starbuckville Dam, a distance of 5.3 miles.

1. **Survey Benchmarks:** Using GPS equipment establish benchmarks (tied into USGS NAVD 1983) at the following locations proceeding downstream - 1) Schroon Lake Association Boat Wash Station 2) E. Schroon River Road Bridge Crossing north of

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Starbuckville Dam. Information about the location and elevation of the benchmark will be provided to the SLPD.

2. **Survey - Bathymetric/ Profile:** Gather bathymetric river cross section elevation information via boat in a pattern of "S-curves" from stream bank to stream bank every 125 to 200 feet along the Schroon River. In addition, at the two bridges crossing the river along the study limits, perpendicular cross-sections be obtained immediately upstream of the bridge, at the centerline of bridge and immediately downstream of the bridge.
3. **Mapping:** Mapping in AutoCAD Civil 3D will be provided documenting the results of the bathymetric survey. Ground elevation shots outside of the stream banks will be obtained via publicly available LiDAR elevations as needed to supplement the bathymetry.

Task 2 - Evaluation of Bathymetry

The bathymetric mapping will be evaluated with a focus on determining the presence of riverine conditions such as restrictions or riverbed material deposition that have formed on the Schroon River above the Starbuckville Dam.

Task 2 will include preparation of profile of the river between the lake and the dam and mapping callout of riverine conditions that could be limiting outflow from Schroon Lake, with relation to the gate operation at Starbuckville Dam.

Task 3 - Summary Letter & SLPD Presentation

The findings of the bathymetric survey will be summarized in a letter report. The focus of the letter will be to document any portions of the riverbed that could be limiting flow from leaving Schroon Lake regardless of operation of the gates at Starbuckville Dam. The letter will also outline potential next steps for the SLPD to be aware of if the SLPD intends on progressing with a project on the Schroon River to improve outflow from Schroon Lake.

The report will be presented at one SLPD meeting. Additional meetings or presentations can be provided at our hourly rates.

Assumptions, Exclusions, and Clarifications

1. This proposal assumes that NYS Prevailing Wage Rates apply to this project. Our survey field work fees reflect NYS Prevailing Wage Rates for a three-person field crew. The three-person field crew includes two staff to perform the bathymetric survey and the third staff member to navigate the boat.

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2. This proposal assumes that C.T. Male will have unfettered access to the project site during our normal business hours.
3. Task 2 will not include analysis of the specific material deposits or depth for any potential sediment/riverbed material deposits. The evaluation of the riverbed will be based upon bathymetric survey only.
4. Any additional requested services performed beyond the proposed scope of work would be subject to additional compensation beyond the quoted fee.
5. Fees presented in this proposal are valid through the end of 2024.

Fee

C.T. Male will complete the proposed scope of services for the lump sum fee \$63,800.00 based on the following tasks and fees:

Task	Description	Lump Sum Fee
1	Bathymetric Survey and Mapping	\$50,800.00
2	Evaluation	\$7,500.00
3	Summary Letter & SLPD Presentation	\$5,500.00
	TOTAL FEE	\$63,800.00

Invoices will be submitted monthly based on the percentage of work completed.

Schedule:

The start date for the bathymetric survey work is dependent upon contractual start dates and weather conditions. The bathymetric survey will not be performed during winter months or periods of significant flow on the river. Once started, the field work can be completed within two weeks. The final report can be submitted to the SLPD 12 weeks after completion of the bathymetric survey field work.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these services and are available to answer any questions regarding this proposal. Should you have any questions please contact me at 518.786.7651 or k.serra@ctmale.com for contractual arrangements.

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Respectfully,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Serra". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Kathryn Serra, P.E.
Project Engineer

Supervisor's Significant Meetings / Activities Report
April 18 – May 15, 2025

April 18	NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation webinar
April 21	Several discussions with NY Class ref investment transfer
April 21	Warren County Board of Supervisors Committee Meetings
April 22	Warren County Board of Supervisors Committee Meetings
April 23	ARPA reporting webinar
April 25	Transfer of investment funds
April 28-May 2	Out of the Office
May 1	NYS Comptroller ref completion of 2024 Annual Financial Report
May 5 & 6	Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages
May 7	Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) regarding Boat Stewards for 2025
May 7	Various discussions with residents ref Adirondack Pond name
May 8	Rodger Freidman ref Schroon River Study
May 9	Out of Office
May 12	Council Member Francisco ref Town Projects
May 12	Town of Chester Supervisor ref Joint Projects
May 12	Horicon Historical Society
May 12	Warren County Planning Dept. ref various projects
May 12	Horicon FD with Firefly representative and TB Member John Francisco
May 13	Warren County Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting
May 13	Warren County Board of Elections
May 14	Counsel to the Town ref various issues
May 15	Town Board meeting

Town Board Member Kayla Carlozzi
Activity Report April 17 – May 13, 2025

DATE	ACTIVITY
April – May	Boosted and talked about the Marketing efforts for Johnsbury, Chester & Brant Lake
Week of April 21 st	Covered Social Media for Krista – posted the new highway truck
May 7, 2025	Worked with personnel committee to identify staff to water the town's flowers throughout the weekends over the summer
May 12, 2025	Reviewed Ice Retardant regulations that are being proposed
May 13, 2025	Worked with Carl Heilman to secure 11 photos for our new website Comprehensive Plan review of Surveys and Stakeholder interviews
May 15, 2025	Signed bills for the town, prepared for Town Board meeting

Town Board Member John Francisco
Activity Report April 1, 2025 to May 15, 2025

- 4/21 Picked up Cederwood's specifications for building project at Adirondack museum.
- 4/22 Met with contractor at Adirondack museum.
Phone conversation with Mike Hill about Adk. Museum.
- 4/25 Met with Mike Hill to go over specs from Cedarwood for museum.
Town Hall Zoning Office on issues
- 4/28 Checked on window project at Historical building, windows look good
- 5/9 Discussion with Krista about a building reserve fund for emergency repairs, etc.
- 5/15 Sign bills and attend Town Board meeting.

Town Board Member Scott Hayes
Activity Report April 17th – May 15th, 2025

4-25-2025	Met with Darian Granger to check out the new truck and to catch up on what they have going on.
5-12-2025	Met with Mike and Kathy Hill to discuss the Adirondack Museum.
5-14-2025	Signed Bills.
5-15-2025	Town Board meeting.
	Talked with a lot of people regarding the proposed name change of Valentine Pond to Valentine Lake.

Town Board Member Teri Schuerlein
Activity Report April 18 – May 15

- April 18:** Reached out to Elise Stefanik's Office regarding email received from SALS (library)
- April 21:** Attended Library Board meeting
- April 26:** Met with Lynn Keil-reviewed flowers for Town
- April 27:** Met with Historical Society Officer-discussed use of Adirondack Museum Annex
- April 29:** Met with Robbie-reviewed list from Lynn Keil
- May 6:** Met with resident who inquired about a "Community Garden"- will discuss with Town
- May 7:** Phone call with Sup. Geraci- ice bubblers
- May 8:** Attended Adk/Saratoga Indivisible mtg @Town Hall
- May 8:** Met with Barb French-her calls/emails are not being returned from the County to fix damage
- May 8:** Received phone call from irate resident re: ice bubblers
- May 8:** Start of angry residents (12+) coming to "The Moose" to discuss name change of Valentine Pond
- May 12:** Attended Historical Society meeting
- May 13:** Emailed Sup. Geraci re: question of donations for Adirondack Museum
- May 14:** Informed Historical Society of Attorney's recommendations on donations for windows
- May 15:** Signed invoices
Attended Town Board Meeting