**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD**

TOWN OF SANDY CREEK
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**Date:** November 6, 2019

**Kind of Meeting:** Public Hearing

**Place:** Sandy Creek Town Hall

**Board Members Present:** Ruth E. Scheppard **Others Present:**

 Nola J. Gove Tammy L. Miller

 Dave Warner

 Nancy Ridgeway

 John W. Wood, Jr.

**PUBLIC HEARING on the 2020 budget and fire protection contracts**

Supervisor Ridgeway opened the public hearing on the 2020 preliminary budget and the 2020 fire protection contracts at 7:01 pm. No one was present to speak for or against the contracts or the budget. The hearing was closed at 7:02 pm.

**RESOLUTION 95-19 REGARDING: NORTH SANDY POND RESILIENCY PROJECT DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE**

**On motion** made by Ruth E. Scheppard, seconded by Nancy Ridgeway, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** – 5 Ayes Warner, Scheppard, Ridgeway, Gove, Wood

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek approves the 2019 budget of the Town of Sandy

**WHEREAS**, the Town has been provided a grant award of $320,000 under NYSDEC’s Water Quality Improvement Project Program, Great Lakes Nature-Based Shorelines, for the North Sandy Pond Resiliency Project, which is being matched by $140,000 in contributions by the Town, the Sandy Pond Channel Maintenance Association, and The Nature Conservancy;

**WHERAS**, the Town has previously passed a resolution that the project will not have significant adverse environmental impact;

**WHERAS**, the amount of erosion experienced in 2019 and there is a possibility of additional funding for the project, the project has been expanded to allow for 30,000 cubic yards of sand to be used in restoration of the beach and dunes;

**WHERAS**, prior SEQR documents provided consideration of mechanical dredging if determined to be feasible;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.7 9 (c), the Town has reviewed the criteria for determining significance and reasserts the following findings with consideration of expanding the project and potential use of mechanical methods:

 1) the project seeks to address ongoing significant erosion of the dunes and beaches north of the channel in a positive manner through nature-based shoreline protection;

 2) impacts on fish and wildlife species are minimized by avoidance of sensitive periods and avoidance of habitat alternation with special consideration of endangered Piping Plover habitat;

 3) water quality impacts are minimized by the nature of the material to be dredged (nearly 100 percent sand) and use of methods designed to avoid re-entry of sediments into water ways;

 4) the basis for the Town’s designation and the State’s significant coastal fish and wildlife habitat designation specifically note the value of an intact barrier beach and the project is designed for protection of natural resources and continued natural condition of the barrier system by avoiding shore-hardening structures;

 5) the Town has coordinated with a specific public and private membership committee established to aid with the project design; and the USACE, USF&W, NYS DEC, NYS DOS, and NYS OPRHP with respect to protection of resources and permit requirements in developing the project;

 6) the project seeks to avoid a substantial change in recreational use of North Sandy Pond and Lake Ontario by alteration of the existing and potential breaching of the barrier north of the channel with associated inlet formation;

 7) temporary impacts related to equipment travel will have temporary impacts and will involve restoration of the travel pathways by both mechanical and natural means; and

 8) that the record high Lake Ontario water levels in 2017 and 2019 resulted in substantial and record levels of erosion wherein the effort to restore the dune and beach natural resources is in the public interest and can be accomplished with minimal adverse impact;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town as lead agency pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), specifically 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b)(3), with respect to the above-described action, does amend and reaffirm its determination that the project will not have significant adverse environmental impact and hereby makes a Negative Declaration under SEQR, specifically as provided under 6 NYCRR Part 617.7.

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**RESOLUTION 96-19**

**On motion** made by Nancy Ridgeway, seconded by Nola J. Gove, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** – 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Warner, Wood, Gove, Scheppard

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will enter executive session at 7:20 pm to discuss collective negotiations of the Teamsters Local #317 contract. Everyone left the meeting, including Town Clerk Miller for a family emergency. Councilman Scheppard agreed to document the end of the meeting.

**RESOLUTION 97-19**

**On motion** made by Ruth E. Scheppard, and seconded by John W. Wood, Jr., the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** – 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Warner, Wood, Gove, Scheppard

 0 No

**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will exit executive session at 7:38 pm.

**RESOLUTION 98-19**

**On motion** made by Ruth E. Scheppard, and seconded by John W. Wood, Jr., the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** – 5 Ayes Ridgeway, Warner, Wood, Gove, Scheppard

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**Resolved** that the Town Board of the Town of Sandy Creek will contract with Advanced Business Systems Incorporated to upgrade the copier in the Historian Department to a Kyocera TASKalfa 3553CI model.

**On motion** by John W. Wood, Jr., seconded by Dave Warner, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy L. Miller, RMC

Town Clerk