

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on 3/14/16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

Present: Mayor John Barton
Trustee Thomas VanAernem
Trustee Michael Horrigan
Trustee Robert Cook
Trustee James Gallagher, Jr.
Attorney William Nikas

The Mayor opened the meeting to Public Comment.

Michelle Wood, 103 Maple Street feels there is a lack of social media for the Village. The newsletter is the only way to know what is going on in the Village. She would be willing to help in any way she can – Facebook, improving the Village website, etc...

Sharon Lowell, 10 East LeClaire Street inquired as to whether the Board has come to a decision on the tree in front of her home. The Mayor advised that nothing has changed since the last meeting. The Village will not be taking the tree down. The sidewalk will be repaired in the spring as only a temporary fix was done to get through the winter. Mrs. Lowell asked if the Village would consider splitting the cost to take the tree down. The Mayor advised that he would let her know after giving it some consideration.

The Mayor advised that the Village is moving forward with the Alienation of Paris Park. Attorney Nikas reviewed the full EAF with the Board.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ALIENATION OF THE MUNICIPAL PARKLAND
KNOWN AS "PARIS PARK" AND CONVERTING SAME INTO MUNICIPAL PARKING**

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and carried, it is

RESOLVED, that the attached resolution be adopted issuing a negative SEQRA declaration/approval of action.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE
FOR THE AUTHORITY TO ALIENATE THE 50,979 SQUARE FOOT VACANT PARCEL
OF VILLAGE OWNED PARKLAND FOR THE PURPOSE
OF CONVERTING SAME TO MUNICIPAL PARKING**

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee VanAernem and carried it is

RESOLVED, that the attached resolution be adopted requesting the NYS Legislature for the authority to alienate Paris Park for the purpose of converting it to municipal parking.

Attorney Nikas advised that he will submit the documents to Senator Woerner and Senator Little who will introduce the request to the New York State Legislature for consideration.

Trustee Cook informed the public the purpose of the adopting the above resolutions. The Village is at the final stages of getting the authority to remove the property known as Paris Park from parklands so that it can be used as municipal parking. The draft architect drawing showed about 110 parking spaces. Many steps were required to be taken in order to accomplish this – surveys, groundwater and stormwater assessments, archeological and historical say the decision. All of this was required to be submitted to various state agencies – SHPO, DEC, etc.. who all have a say in what the property can and can not be used for. The Village is now at the point where it can ask the NYS Legislature for the authority to alienate the parkland as it requires an act of legislation under Home Rule. That is why we are

sending this on to our Senators who will sponsor this request. This is the hardest part of the process and may take some time to complete. Obtaining this additional parking is a very positive step for the Village because we have little or no municipal parking. By creating municipal parking we will be doing all of our businesses a great favor and the biggest beneficiary of this will be the Strand Theatre. Once the project is up and running it is the Village's hope the parking lot will be filled. It will be nice to have parking within a few steps of the Strand Theatre.

The Mayor noted that municipal parking is a need identified in the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

The Mayor advised that the Village has received and reviewed the survey regarding the request of John Hall to purchase a portion of Village property located on Ferry Street. A brief discussion ensued

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and carried

WHEREAS, The Village of Hudson Falls owns property located in a residential area adjacent to 52 Ferry Street, and

WHEREAS, John C. Hall, Jr., the adjacent property owner, has requested that the Village of Hudson Falls consider conveying a portion of the subject property to him for purposes of erecting a garage, and

WHEREAS, the property has an estimated value of \$1,500, and

WHEREAS, the Board has concluded that the property has no municipal purpose or benefit.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 40' x 72' piece of property located adjacent to 52 Ferry Street and depicted in a copy of the attached survey map is hereby deemed surplus village property and of no municipal purpose to the Village, and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said property be conveyed to John C. Hall, Jr. for \$1,500, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Village Clerk/Treasurer and Village Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all necessary documents to complete the transaction; and

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried the minutes of the regular meeting of 2/8/16 and Special Meeting of 2/11/16 were approved as read.

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and carried it is

RESOLVED, that the request of Superintendent Fiorillo be approved to hire Joshua Rouse of 153 Broadway Hudson Falls as Laborer effective 3/15/16 at the starting rate reflected in the collective bargaining agreement.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gallagher, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and carried it is

RESOLVED, that the request of Chief Diamond be approved to hire Brandon M. Burkhardt, 11 Notre Dame Street, Fort Edward to PT Patrolman effective 2/29/16 at the rate of \$18.00/hour.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee VanAernem and carried

WHEREAS, the Village Justice Court will close as of March 31, 2016 and

WHEREAS, the Village Board recognizes there will be the need for administrative duties and tasks following the official closing of the Justice Court and

WHEREAS, Lisa Ringer, Court Clerk has offered her services on a part-time basis in order to complete said duties and tasks, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ringer has secured a full-time position beginning April 1, 2016 requiring her to undertake the court tasks in the evenings and/or on weekends, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board recognizes Mrs. Ringer should be compensated more than her regular hourly rate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, beginning April 1, 2016, Court Clerk Lisa Ringer shall receive \$32.63/hour to perform the necessary administrative duties and tasks associated with the closing of Village Justice Court not to exceed 12 hours, and it is

RESOLVED, that Mrs. Ringer be entitled to health care benefits through the month of April at her current contribution rate, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor has the authority to authorize additional hours if they are justified.

The Mayor reported that a proposed letter has been drafted to Supervisor Hogan regarding the recovery of remediation costs via property tax levy. Attorney Nikas explained that the letter deals with abandoned houses or houses that are in foreclosure and have deteriorating issues which may affect the public health and safety as well as aesthetics and structural problems. The Village has a code that allows us to enforce measures against the land owner. Many times you have a situation where the land owner is long gone or they are living in the house awaiting the foreclosure to be finalized because they are upside down on their mortgage. The question then is who is going to pay for the necessary remediation costs. The Village can file a lien but the lien sits behind any mortgage. If the mortgage is worth more than the house, the foreclosure will cancel out the Village's lien. In this case how do you justify incurring the costs of remediation. One way of doing this would be to advance the funds for the remediation and add the cost to the Village tax bill. If the Village tax bill isn't paid it is levied to the Town and County Tax because in our County there is an agreement where the County reimburses the Village for any Village taxes that are not paid. This agreement can be terminated by the County because they do not want to be responsible for the additional costs/levies. One of the benefits of having the agreement with the County is the tax sales are conducted by the County and the Village is collecting 100% of their tax levy. It is not the best interest of the bank to lose their mortgage so you can expect that the bank will pay the taxes. The problem is when there is not a bank, it would be unlikely that the Village would recover the special assessment. A way to convince the County to continue the agreement and allow the Village to add special assessments to the tax bills is to guarantee that the Village reimburse the County for any uncollected special assessments. This would be a win-win for everyone because when you remediate the property you're increasing the value of the property which increases the value of the tax base for the Village, Town and County. In addition, you would be cleaning up a piece of property that is going to continue to foster blight and at the same time not taking advantage of the County. The Village Board will have to decide on a case by case basis whether it is likely to get its money back. This would be done by searching the title records for mortgages, etc... The proposal is to have Washington County continue taking the role as the lead in the tax sale process with the Village protecting them from any loss associated with the special assessments. This would take an amendment by Washington County.

A discussion ensued regarding the issue, the request from the Attorney General's Opinion and the proposed agreement with Washington County. The letter will be placed in final form and discussed with Supervisor Hogan. The assumption would be that Supervisor Hogan would take the Village's request to the County's Real Property Tax Committee. Presuming the Village and County come to an agreement, Attorney Nikas and the County Attorney will draft an Intermunicipal Agreement.

Trustee Cook reported that he has met with James Thatcher, CT Males's Community Development Manager and grant writer, to investigate a grant opportunity. In 2015 the State adopted the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act and came up with 200 million dollars spread over several years for waste water and drinking water infrastructure improvement. This coming year the State has allocated \$75 million dollars statewide for this 60/40

grant program. Mr. Thatcher believes that the Village can take the Village's \$600,000 CDBG Grant and use that towards the Village's 40% contribution for a 1.2 million dollar grant. This would go a long way towards improving our water infrastructure. If the Village is interested in pursuing this, Mr. Thatcher will make the necessary calls to determine if it is possible to dovetail our existing CDBG Grant with the State's 60/40 grant program.

Trustee Horrigan inquired as to how this would impact our relationship with Shelter Planning. Mayor Barton advised that he had a conversation with Bob Murray to make him aware of the Village's intentions. The Mayor clarified that there would be no charge from Mr. Thatcher's firm until Mr. Thatcher verified that this scenario is possible. There would be a cost for the grant application if the Village moved toward applying. Trustee Cook confirmed that Mr. Thatcher is going to do two things before the Village moves toward applying for the grant: 1. Confirm the Village can in fact dovetail its CDBG Grant with the State program and use it toward the Village's 40% contribution and 2. of the 75 million dollars, is it reasonable to assume that there will actually be money out there for communities like ours or will all the money go towards communities like Hoosick Falls with the PFOA problems. Superintendent Fiorillo reported that he was very interested in this program and that April 15, 2016 is the deadline for Round 2 of the applications - we missed the opportunity for Round 1 and it doesn't appear there will be enough money to fund Round 3 of the program. The Mayor noted that there would have been a 40% contribution on the Village's part had we applied for Round 1.

The entire Board agreed to have Jim Thatcher of CT Male look into the above specifics. Trustee Cook anticipates they will know by the end of the week.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and carried the following budget appropriations be approved:

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
A-5110.4 Street Maintenance	\$618.00	
A-8560.4 Shade Trees		\$618.00

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and carried, the following monthly reports were approved as read: Police Department, submitted by Chief Diamond; Justice Court submitted by Justice Matthew Mabb; Code Enforcement submitted by Francis Cortese; and Fire Department, submitted by Chief Michael Fitzgerald.

Upon motion made by Trustee VanAernem, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and carried the following abstracts were audited and ordered for payment:

General Fund	Check Nos.	29834 - 29898
Drug Fund	Check No.	1313
Water Fund	Check Nos.	5544 - 5545
Federal Program Income	Check No.	192
NYS Main Street Grant	Check Nos.	1019 - 1020
Trust Fund	Check Nos.	6629 - 6648
Payroll Fund	Check Nos.	29111 - 29145

The Mayor thanked Trustee Horrigan for his nine years of service to the community.

Trustee VanAernem concurred with Mayor Barton thanking Trustee Horrigan for his service and noting it has been a pleasure working with him.

The Mayor opened the meeting to Public Comment.

Superintendent Fiorillo inquired as to whether the bids should be rejected for the Cherry Street Neighborhood Water Line Project. The bid tabulations will be reviewed this week with Chazen and it is likely they will be rejected,

consequently this could be done at the Special Meeting scheduled for March 28, 2016 to present the 2016-2017 Tentative Budget.

The Mayor announced the Special Meeting to present the 2016-2017 tentative budget is scheduled for March 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The April meeting will be held on April 4, 2016 to swear in the newly elected officials and to conduct the annual organizational meeting. A public hearing to consider the 2016-2017 Village Budget will be held on April 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The Village Election will be conducted on March 15, 2016 from Noon to 9:00 p.m. at the American Legion on Pearl Street.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried the Board entered into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the PBA collective bargaining negotiations. Labor Attorney Elena DeFio Kean and Chief Diamond were invited to attend the Executive Session. The Mayor advised that a Memorandum of Agreement will be discussed and that there will be some determination made tonight, anyone is welcome to stay to hear that determination at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gallagher, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and carried executive session was closed and the regular meeting continued.

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and carried it is

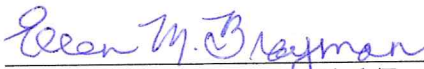
RESOLVED, that the final Memorandum of Agreement with the Hudson Falls Police Benevolent Association be approved.

Roll Call:	Trustee Horrigan	Nay
	Trustee Cook	Aye
	Trustee Gallagher	Aye
	Mayor Barton	Aye

Trustee Horrigan asked to have his objection placed on the record: "First, I would like to thank Mayor Barton, Bob Cook and Elena, for all their time and effort put into this exhaustive and sometimes frustrating process of negotiating contracts. With that being said, with all due respect, I don't believe this Contract with Police is in the best interest of the Village taxpayers. Specifically the Health Insurance Component. The previous contract the Village was responsible for an 80/20 share of premiums. This new agreement calls for an increase in the Village contribution 10% to a 90/10 share. This concession is in sharp contrast to the current climate of negotiations, where due to the ever escalating cost of coverage, employee Unions agree to pay a larger percentage, not smaller. In addition to the 10% increase in the premium burden on the Village, we also are offering Full Vision coverage at no cost, where previously a premium was paid. It is in my humble opinion, that to increase the health percentage burden on the Village, a monetary give back would be in order. That doesn't seem to be the case with a 2% raise across the board, retroactive, exclusive of 6 months. That doesn't take into account the other increase of Detective clothing allowance, weapons qualification stipend, education stipend, tenure allowance, and shift differential pay for hours worked 3 - 11 and 11 - 7. Some may argue, they are small increases, but they are increases none the less. Then there is the issue of adding a new position for a patrolman. Although no request from the Chief was received, this position was added in the previous contract in order to "soften" the impact of the dissolving of the dispatchers. Again, as you see in even larger municipalities like Glens Falls Police Department they are reducing staff through attrition. I fully understand why the PBA would like to have more staff, I don't believe it is practical at this time."

Trustee Cook would like to clarify that the health insurance concession (90/10) was for those members with individual coverage - not family and two person coverage.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Cook and there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


Ellen M. Brayman, Clerk/Treasurer

VILLAGE OF HUDSON FALLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
220 MAIN STREET
HUDSON FALLS, NY 12839

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ALIENATION OF THE
MUNICIPAL PARKLAND KNOWN AS "PARIS PARK" AND
CONVERTING SAME INTO MUNICIPAL PARKING

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and carried

WHEREAS, the Village of Hudson Falls owns a 2.84 acre parcel of land bordered on the West by Main Street, on the North by Clark Street, on the East by property of the Hudson Falls Central School District (Book 61 of Deeds Page 153), and on the South by Locust Street, which parcel is more particularly depicted on a "Map of a Planimetric & Topographic Survey" of lands of the Village of Hudson Falls, dated September 10, 2015, by Darrah Land Surveying, PLLC; and

WHEREAS, said parcel of land was acquired by the Village at a court ordered public auction held in 1906 as set forth in a certain deed from George E. Coney, Referee, to the Village of Sandy Hill (now Hudson Falls), dated January 4, 1906, and recorded in the Washington County Clerk's Office on January 19, 1906, in Book 139 of Deeds at Page 190; and

WHEREAS, a majority of said parcel has been previously developed and used for municipal purposes, including village government offices, a public library, the village fire house and police station, and parking; and

WHEREAS, a 50,979 square foot portion of said parcel is currently vacant and had been previously used as a playground area for school district students in grades 1 through 6 until said classrooms were relocated; and

WHEREAS, said 50,979 square foot vacant portion of said parcel has been historically referred to as "Paris Park" by the community; and

WHEREAS, said vacant portion of the village property known as Paris Park has not been used for playground purposes or park purposes in general for decades; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hudson Falls has seen an expansion of development in its Main Street corridor for uses including commercial, residential, entertainment, and historical preservation, all of which have resulted in a substantial need for additional public parking; and

WHEREAS, one of the major deficiencies identified by the Village's Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2004 was the limited parking available to accommodate the Village's commercial and business districts; and

WHEREAS, the subject parcel previously designated as Paris Park represents less than 10% of the total parkland areas currently available to Village residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village's remaining parkland areas represent more than two times the parkland area acreage recommended by the NYS Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board believes that the subject parcel has served no useful purpose for many years, but instead represents an important catalyst for the economic, cultural and aesthetic development of the community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed adoption of this resolution is a Type 1 action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has designated itself as Lead Agency with the consent of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees, as Lead Agency, has conducted a coordinated review under SEQRA, and, has reviewed the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, as part of the SEQRA environmental review process, the Village Board has prepared and filed for public comment a full Environmental Assessment Form; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, as Lead Agency, has held a public hearing on the full Environmental Assessment Form on July 13, 2015 and has received public comments at said public hearing and for the period of July 13, 2015 to the date of approval of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has filed no objections to the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Administrator for the Capital Region's NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation has confirmed that there have been no State or Federal funds expended for Paris Park (See Exhibit "A" annexed hereto); and

WHEREAS, as part of the SEQRA review process, the Village Board, as Lead Agency, commissioned a Phase IA and a Phase IB cultural resources survey, which survey was submitted for review to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation issued its "No Impact" letter dated January 14, 2016, stating its opinion that the proposed action will have no impact on archeological and/or historic resources (See Exhibit "B" annexed hereto); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, as Lead Agency, has given due consideration to the full Environmental Assessment Form and the information derived from other documents and public hearings during the course of this SEQRA review process, and has taken a hard look at the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the findings hereinafter set forth, the Village Board, as Lead Agency, has determined that the proposed action will not have any significant adverse or negative impact upon the environment; and

WHEREAS, based upon the aforescribed review and findings, the Village Board, as Lead Agency, has issued a Negative Declaration pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act as codified under 6 NYCRR Part 617.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hudson Falls, acting as Lead Agency, as follows:

SEORA REVIEW

1. The Village of Hudson Falls Board of Trustees finds, upon due consideration of the full Environmental Assessment Form and of information derived from other documents and public hearings and board meetings during the course of the SEQRA review, that the proposed action will not have any significant adverse or negative impact upon land use, public safety, community health, community socioeconomic, community biodiversity or other areas of environmental concern, and instead will have positive impacts on several of these areas, based on the following findings:

- a. The information contained in the "Municipal Information Form and Checklist" annexed hereto as Exhibit C and submitted to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for consideration is true and accurate.
- b. The information contained in the "Full Environmental Assessment Form - Part 1" annexed hereto as Exhibit D; and submitted to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Regional Grant Representative of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation for consideration is true and accurate. Said Grants Representative has provided written confirmation that there have been no state or federal funds expended for the acquisition or development of the park area in question.
- c. The answers contained in Part 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form annexed hereto as Exhibit E and prepared by the Village Board, as Lead Agency, for the purpose of identifying potential project impacts are true and accurate.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS REVIEWED IN THE FULL EAF

2. **Impact on Land:** The conversion of the subject vacant parcel into municipal parking would involve a short term disruption consisting of the paving of the parcel and the possible construction of an open pavilion for the purpose of conducting farmers market activities. The Village Board, as Lead Agency, finds no significant adverse impacts that would affect or involve geological features, surface water bodies, ground water, flooding, air, plants and animals, agricultural resources, energy, or human health.

3. **Storm Water:** Due to the fact that the area of the subject parcel proposed to be paved and otherwise disturbed will be less than one acre in size, the development of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan is not required by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation regulations.

4. **Aesthetic Resources:** The project site is not within five miles of any officially designated and publically accessible federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resources. The proposed parking area is currently visible from several residences located on the north side of Clark Street and on the south side of Locust Street. Therefore, the proposed parking area would be buffered by trees and landscaping on both the northerly and southerly boundaries. The proposed tree and landscape buffering would be a positive impact upon the current aesthetic conditions.

5. **Historic and Archeological Resources:** The location of the proposed municipal parking lot is substantially contiguous to the northerly boundary of the Main Street National Historic District. The Village Board, as Lead Agency, has concluded that the location of a municipal parking lot in the vicinity of at least three nearby, deteriorating buildings (Masonic Temple building, proposed Strand Theater renovation, and Knights of Columbus Hall) will create an economic and cultural climate whereby the restoration and use of these buildings will be enhanced by reason of available public parking that currently does not exist, all to the betterment of the community at large. With respect to any potential impacts upon cultural and archeological resources, the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation has reviewed the Phase 1A and Phase 1B Cultural Resources Survey submitted to it and has issued its "No Impact" letter confirming that the proposed action will have no adverse impact upon any archeological and cultural resources.

6. **Open Space and Recreation:** As set forth in the Village of Hudson Falls Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2004, a portion of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit F, there are currently five parks located in the Village, comprising 18.2 acres. The conversion of the subject parcel into municipal parking would result in a loss of less than 10% of the current parklands available to the community. Based upon the NYS Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the New York State standard for park and recreation facilities would require less than 7 acres of parklands for the Hudson Falls community. The Village Board, as Lead Agency, finds that the loss of the 50,979 square foot subject vacant parcel to be an insignificant impact upon the remaining parkland resources available to the community, especially in view of the fact that the subject parcel has not been used for parkland purposes for decades.

7. **Transportation and Traffic:** The Village Board, as Lead Agency, finds that the proposed action will actually have a positive impact with respect to current traffic conditions pertaining to the existing road network in the area. In this regard, the area of Clark Street currently experiences substantial traffic congestion due to the parking of motor vehicles on both sides of this narrow street while dropping off or picking up children at the nearby kindergarten center. The existing condition has caused concern by both the Village Police Department and Fire Department which both have represented to the Village Board that there are times when emergency vehicles have great difficulty traveling through this area. The proposed action would eliminate this condition by making alternative municipal parking available for the individuals now parking in the Clark Street area, and, by redirecting traffic by those motor vehicles away from Clark Street and to the south side of the subject parcel, which leads into three separate public streets (North Oak Street, Center Street, and Locust to Main Street). In addition, in the event that the buildings in the nearby Main Street corridor have been revitalized and restored to accommodate a greater number of visitors and occupants, the subject parcel will be able to absorb the additional need for parking without requiring said users or occupants to utilize on-street parking. Thus, the proposed action will eliminate the current unacceptable condition while at the same time accommodating the economic, cultural and recreational development contemplated in the Main Street corridor.

8. **Noise, Odors, and Light:** The Village Board, as Lead Agency, finds that the proposed action would not create any additional noise or odors. With respect to the security lighting that would be a part of the proposed action, light post fixtures with downward facing lighting will be installed to minimize light emissions. Street lighting already exists around the perimeter of the subject parcel. Tree buffering on both the north and south boundaries will also act as a light barrier or screen.

9. **Community Plans:** The Village Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2004 identified at least three deficiencies which are relevant to the proposed action: (i) "not enough downtown parking"; (ii) "deteriorated downtown"; and (iii) "traffic that doesn't stop and shop" (See portion of Comprehensive Plan annexed hereto as Exhibit G). The proposed action will promote the enhanced development of the Main Street corridor by implementing positive action towards remediating these deficiencies.

10. **Community Character:** The Village Board, as Lead Agency, finds that the proposed action will promote a restoration of a "deteriorated downtown" by generating motivation for building owners to restore their buildings in a manner which attracts people to our downtown business district. As such, the existing community character can only be enhanced and improved by the secondary and indirect positive impact of needed municipal parking.

11. **Schematic Plan of the Proposed Action:** Annexed hereto as Exhibit H is an architectural rendering substantially depicting the proposed layout of municipal parking on the subject parcel.

NEGATIVE SEQRA DECLARATION/APPROVAL OF ACTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board, as Lead Agency, upon due deliberation of the documents, materials, public comments and findings detailed above, further finds that the proposed action of the alienation of Paris Park and the conversion thereof into municipal parking is in the best interests of the Village of Hudson Falls and is consistent with the public health, safety and welfare of the community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed action will result in no significant adverse or negative impact on the environment; and be it


FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board, as Lead Agency, hereby issues a negative declaration in connection with its findings and hereby approves the proposed action, including authorizing the issuance of a home rule message requesting the New York State Legislature for the authority to alienate the subject parcel for the purpose of converting same to a municipal parking lot; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON)
) ss.:
STATE OF NEW YORK)

I, the undersigned, the clerk of the Village Board of the Village of Hudson Falls, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is an original Resolution of the Hudson Falls Village Board of Trustees duly adopted on the 14th day of March, 2016 by the unanimous vote of all five members of the Village Board of Trustees at a regular meeting of said Village Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of March, 2016



Ellen M. Brayman,
Clerk of the Hudson Falls
Village Board of Trustees

**VILLAGE OF HUDSON FALLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
220 MAIN STREET, HUDSON FALLS, NY 12839**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE
FOR THE AUTHORITY TO ALIENATE A 50,979 SQUARE FOOT VACANT PARCEL
OF VILLAGE OWNED PARKLAND FOR THE PURPOSE
OF CONVERTING SAME TO MUNICIPAL PARKING**

INTRODUCED BY: Trustee Robert Cook

SECONDED BY: Trustee Thomas VanAernem

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Hudson Falls has determined that an expansion of business and cultural development in its Main Street corridor has created a substantial need for additional public parking; and

WHEREAS, the Village owns a 50,979 square foot vacant parcel adjoining its village municipal buildings, which vacant parcel was, decades ago, formerly used as a school playground and park; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has conducted a comprehensive review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and has determined that the proposed action is in the best interest of the village community and will not have any significant or negative adverse impact upon the environment; and

WHEREAS, the subject parcel is described as follows: bounded north by Clark Street; south by Locust Street; east by lands of Hudson Falls Central School District; and west by the municipal buildings owned and occupied by the Village of Hudson Falls adjoining Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the alienation of said park area would represent a loss of less than ten percent of the currently existing parkland areas available to the residents of the Village of Hudson Falls.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby requests that the New York State Legislature adopt legislation authorizing the alienation of the subject parcel and the conversion of same into a municipal parking lot; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Hudson Falls Village Board of Trustees is hereby empowered to execute any agreements, documents or papers, approved as to form by the NYS Department of Law, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution; and be it


FURTHER RESOLVED, that William L. Nikas, Esq., as attorney for the Village of Hudson Falls, is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution and all supporting documentation to the New York State Senate and Assembly home rule offices, Senator Elizabeth Little, and Assemblyperson Carrie Woerner; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

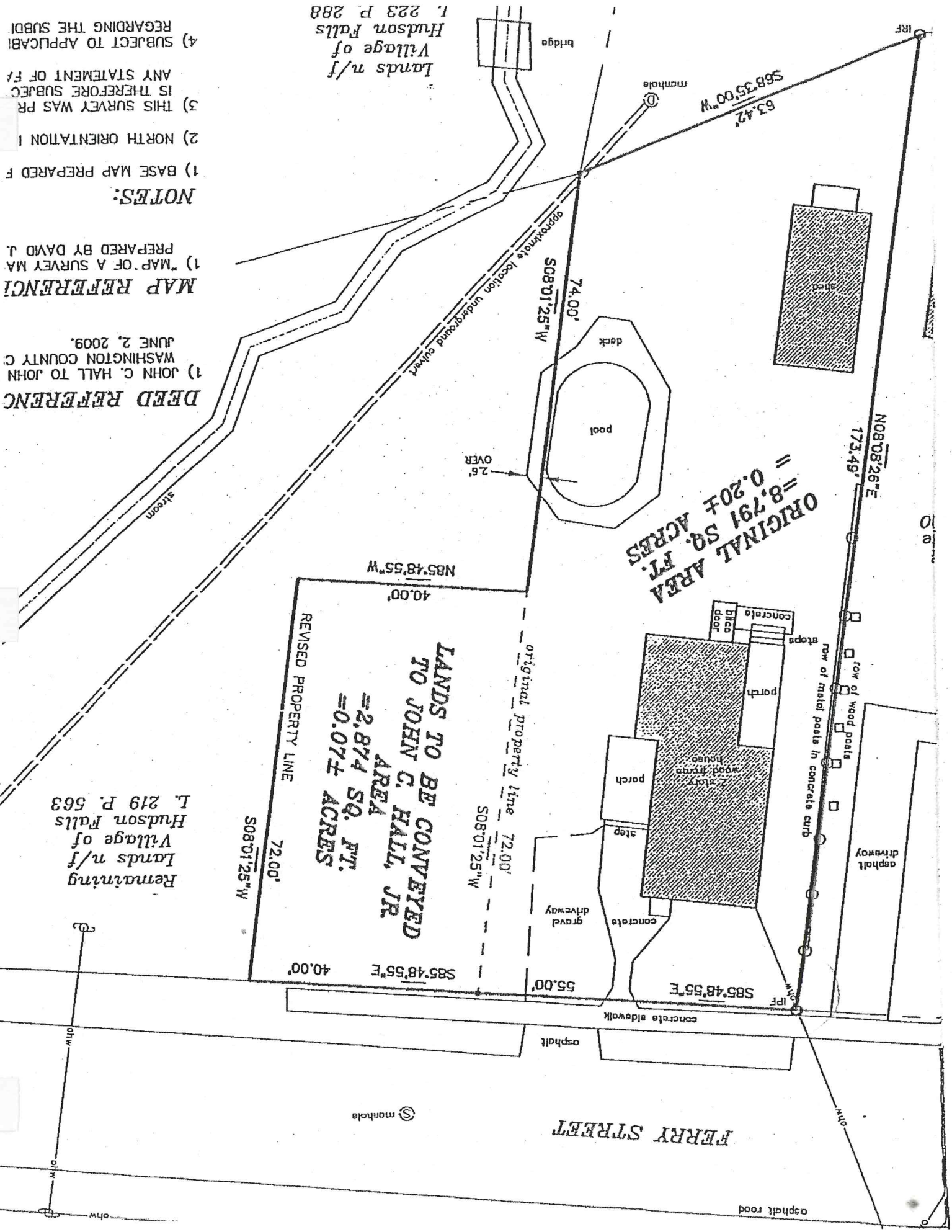
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DEED REFERENCE
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