

Adirondack Association of Towns & Villages
September 11, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Matt Simpson, President; Mo Wright, 1st Vice President; David Berkstresser, Bill Farber, Shaun Gilliland, Steve McNally, Fred Monroe, Ron Moore, Jean Raymond.

Mr. Simpson said he wanted to have a meeting to discuss the December Membership meeting that is scheduled for the Courtyard Marriott. The Board agreed to hold the meeting and limit the number of attendees to 50 unless the Governor changes that order.

Mr. Farber said the Board should think about inviting Senator Neil Breslin back. Due to a snowstorm, many members weren't able to make it to the 2019 meeting. Members in attendance agreed Senator Breslin should be invited back.

Mr. Simpson said the sessions need to be decided on. Board members discussed the various topics brought up: Solar/override/local town zoning; update from Mark Schachner; Broadband/cellular Industry 5G; municipal compost/Adirondack Action; Behan/Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership speaking on economic development trends. At the meeting, the community updates will be Supervisors' updates to keep this portion of the meeting shorter.

Mr. Simpson said the Board needs to reach out to membership to see what should be focused on in 2021. Mr. Farber suggested an email go out to membership to see what they would like to see AATV focus on.

Mr. Monroe handed out the attached paper from DEC. It is an effort by DEC to prevent the spread of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. He said Lake George has a 250 – 500-acre infestation. Many groups are working on the efforts. The sites need to be identified and treated. Early detection with photos and satellite is the second step. They will then create a map. There is a budget to work on this and fundraising is currently going on. Mr. Monroe said if this is not treated the trees will be dead within 5 years. He said the treatment is labor intensive. Warren and Washington County have contributed to the fund.

Mr. Farber said the handout should be shared with the membership.

On a motion by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Farber, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Wright
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