

Town of St. Armand  
Public Hearing – 2024 Town Budget and Water and Sewer Rates - 6:00 pm  
Special Board Meeting – Moody Pond Parking Discussion – Immediately Following  
Thursday, November 14, 2023

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING

- Public Notice read by Town Clerk
- Review preliminary 2024 Town Budget
- Review preliminary 2024 Water and Sewer Rates

\* Resolutions on all items above to follow at Regular Town Board Meeting - Tuesday, November 14, 2023 \*

- Motion to Approve Proposed Date for Justice Court Room Dedication Ceremony  
Friday, November 17, 2023 @ Noon

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – MOODY POND PARKING DISCUSSION

Questions or Concerns from Guests/Staff

MOTION TO ADJOURN

2024 WATER & SEWER RATE WORKSHEET

Water Units: 349 full, 46 half  
 Sewer Units: 302 full, 24 half

Average Water Usage is 7,345  
 Average Sewer Usage is 6,558

WATER

Water Usage needed for 2024 Budget: \$80,325.00

Usage = Average per unit X rate per 1,000 gallons = \_\_\_\_\_ X 4 quarters = \_\_\_\_\_ X # of units

<u>Average</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Quarters</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
7.35	7.84	4	349	\$80,451.48

Debt Service needed for 2023 Budget: \$2,569.00

Debt = rate X 4 quarters = \_\_\_\_\_ X # of units + ½ vacant lots

<u>Rate</u>	<u>Quarters</u>	<u>Full Units</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1.74	4	349	\$2,429.04

<u>Rate</u>	<u>Quarters</u>	<u>Half Units</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
0.87	4	46	\$160.08

TOTAL WATER DEBT \$2,589.12

<u>2023 Rates</u>	
Water Usage \$7.66	Water Debt \$1.68
Sewer Usage \$15.76	Sewer Debt \$69.00
Sewer Improvements Capital Reserve \$10.50	
Water Improv/Emerg Capital Reserve \$1.00	

SEWER

Sewer Usage needed for 2024 Budget: \$124,895.00

Usage = Average per unit X rate per 1,000 gallons = \_\_\_\_\_ X 4 quarters = \_\_\_\_\_ X # of units

<u>Average</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Quarters</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
6.56	\$15.76	4	302	\$124,895.12

Debt Service needed for 2024 Budget: \$90,334.00

Debt = rate X 4 quarters = \_\_\_\_\_ X # of units + ½ vacant lots

<u>Rate</u>	<u>Quarters</u>	<u>Full Units</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
72.00	4	302	\$86,976.00

<u>Rate</u>	<u>Quarters</u>	<u>Half Units</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
37.00	4	24	\$3,456.00

TOTAL SEWER DEBT \$90,432.00

<u>2024 Rates</u>	
Water Usage \$7.84	Water Debt \$1.74
Sewer Usage \$15.76	Sewer Debt \$72.00
Sewer Improvements Capital Reserve \$10.50	
Water Improv/Emerg Capital Reserve \$1.00	

Sewer Improvement Capital Reserve Funds  
 \$10.50 x 302 x 4 quarters = \$12,684.00

Water Improvement Capital Reserve Funds  
 \$0.50 x 349 x 4 quarters = \$698.00

Water Emergency Capital Reserve Funds  
 \$0.50 x 349 x 4 quarters = \$698.00



Moody Pond Parking Issues  
Report of Actions & Activities  
Compiled by Davina Winemiller, St. Armand Town Supervisor  
From notes, emails, Meeting Minutes, etc.  
This represents some of the phone calls, meetings, text messages,  
email correspondence, etc., but not all.  
From 2019 to October 2023

October 11, 2019 – Call received by concerned resident about the vehicles parked around the trailhead, parked in the road and causing the driving lane to be so narrow as to only allow one car to pass through. Discussed this issue with a Board member with ideas of what can be done to alleviate the issues.

Between October 11 and November 6, 2019 Davina received several more phone calls from residents complaining of parking issues on Moody Pond.

November 7, 2019 - Regular Board Meeting – Davina reported to the St. Armand Town Board that she had emailed them all photos of vehicles parked around the pond. Davina and Doug had gone to the pond to see if they could install boulders to prevent people from parking there. The Town discussed having a Local Law for parking and issuing tickets. The Town discussed having DEC get involved and moving the trailhead. Davina has done a search and there is no vacant land available nearby that the Town could purchase and build a parking lot. The Board agreed to move forward with a Local Law for parking.

November 19, 2019 – Call received by a concerned resident that people are parking in the road. The parking area at the Pond has not been plowed of snow. Called Highway Superintendent Doug Snickles to discuss, the shoulders are too soft for the wings, if he tries to plow it the truck will sink. Doug stated we never plow out the parking area until the ground is frozen solid. Returned call to resident and gave the information.

November 25, 2019 – Received call from reporter for the Adirondack Daily Enterprise asking about the parking issues at Moody Pond. Gave them the information.

November 26, 2019 – Received call from Saranac Lake Village Board member Burnette regarding Moody Pond parking issues. Discussed the problems.

November 28, 2019 – Attended the Saranac Lake Village Board meeting and spoke to the SL Village board regarding the parking issues at Moody Pond.

November 29, 2019 – Received call from SL Village Manager John Sweeney to discuss the parking issues at Moody Pond.

December 10, 2019 – St. Armand Board meeting – informed the Board of the ongoing issues on Moody Pond. Our attorney recommends that we pass a Local Law for parking. The Board approved moving forward with the Local Law.

December 19, 2019 – Received call from resident of Moody Pond about the people parking in the road, the residents are at their wits end.

January 17, 2020 – Received call from a resident of Moody Pond about Milfoil. Discussed the issues. Friends of Moody Pond. Need to discuss this issue with the Town Board and give donation for removal of milfoil if possible.

February 11, 2020 – Public Hearing on proposed Local Law for Parking was held at the Town Hall.

February 19, 2020 – A resident came into to discuss the parking issues and milfoil at Moody Pond.

March 2, 2020 – Had a meeting with the Town's insurance carrier. Discussed the parking issues at Moody Pond. Discussed Local Law for parking, signage, parking enforcement and other issues that could occur and be problematic.

January 8, 2020 – Email: Received Draft Local Law regarding parking from attorney for review. Shared with Board members.

January 16, 2020 – Email: Reached out to Lake Placid Village Clerk to find out where they receive their parking tickets from – Williamson Law Book.

March 2, 2020 – Email: Reached out to David Wainwright to get the exact GPS coordinates for the St. Armand Town Line for the Local Law.

March 10, 2020 – Public Hearing for Adoption of Local Law #1 of 2020 – Town of St. Armand Parking Regulation Law. Resolution passed. Adopted Parking Rules and Regulations. (The parking tickets were ordered after this meeting).

March 17, 2020 – Email: Reached out to Essex County sign shop to have “No Parking” signs made.

*At this time, the Coronavirus epidemic was just beginning and there were “Stay home” orders beginning to be issued.*

March 25, 2020 – Spoke with Essex County real property about GPS locations of the Town lines.

May 12, 2020 – St. Armand Regular Board Meeting – Davina reported that the parking tickets have been received from Williamson Law Book. The exact GPS coordinates had been received from Essex County. Davina went to the area and spray painted on the road where the St. Armand Town lines are with the Highway Superintendent. As soon as we receive the “NO PARKING” signs, the Highway department can get them installed and Davina can begin issuing tickets.

June 22, 2020 – Signs and posts for Moody Pond are ready. Contact Highway Dept. During this week, we installed the signs for No Parking at the trailhead area.

During the weeks following, received several calls from residents asking about the signs.

During the months of July and August, Davina issued tickets at Moody Pond for 53 days in a row, sometimes up to 5 times per day. Residents of the area would text or call when there were calls parked illegally.

8/3/2020 – Received call from Code Enforcement Officer, he had received a call from a resident about people parking on their lawn. Called resident.

August 6, 2020 – Received call from a resident stating cars were parking on both sides of Blackberry Way. Went to Moody Pond to issue tickets. Was verbally assaulted and threatened by an off-duty New Jersey police officer who received a ticket for parking in the road.

August 12, 2020 – Received call from Highway Superintendent, a sign at Moody Pond was hit by a car. Went to Moody Pond with him to view the damages. Highway dept. removed and replaced the sign.

September 10, 2020 – Received call from Mike Kilroy, Town Supervisor for Harrietstown regarding the parking issues at Moody Pond and the Adk 6er program.

September 14, 2020 – Email: Robert Davies, DEC – Director, Division of Lands and Forests to ask for assistance with the parking issues.

September 18, 2020 – Met with Kris Alberga, DEC, at the Town Hall regarding the parking issues at Moody Pond. Asked the DEC to build a new parking lot, showed them where it could be placed. Was informed there is no “Unit Management Plan” for that area and therefore nothing can be done. It has been 50 years since the DEC was directed to create UMP’s for all of the areas in the High Peaks. Discussed alternative areas to park, rail trail, etc.

September 21, 2020 – Met with members of the Highway Department at Moody Pond to view and discuss the parking issues. Called Essex County sign shop to order new signs that say “DO NOT PARK IN OR ON THE ROAD”. Received call from a resident who stated there is a DEC rescue happening on Baker Mt.

October 23, 2020 – Called our insurance company to discuss alternatives for parking issues.

November 5, 2020 – Received call from a resident of Moody Pond stating a lot of vehicles are parked in the road. Went to Moody Pond and issued tickets.

November 17, 2020 – Received call from a Town highway department employee about cars parked in the road at Moody Pond. Went to Moody Pond and issued tickets.

January 12, 2021 – St. Armand Town Board Meeting – Parking enforcement was discussed. It was decided to look into the legalities of having volunteers for parking enforcement.

January 13, 2021 – Email: Town Attorney – volunteer parking enforcement officers.

January 29, 2021 – Email: Worker’s Comp for volunteer parking enforcement officers

February 9, 2021 – Received text from a resident of Moody Pond. Vehicles parked in the road. Went to Moody Pond to issue tickets

February 9, 2021 – St. Armand Town Board meeting – Parking Enforcement volunteers were discussed. It was decided more information was needed.

February 10, 2021 – Called Essex County Sherriff David Reynolds to discuss the parking issues on Moody Pond. They will try to patrol the area more when they have time.

February 23, 2021 – Special Board Meeting was held at the Town Hall. Moody Pond parking issues were discussed. It was decided to go ahead with the volunteer parking enforcement agents after a job description and application could be drawn up. Davina will present the new information at the next meeting.

February 24, 2021 – Received call from Aaron Cerbone, reporter for the Adirondack Daily Enterprise regarding the parking issues at Moody Pond.

February 26, 2021 – Met with several other Essex County Town Supervisor’s to discuss parking issues and what others are doing to alleviate the issues.

March 9, 2021 – St. Armand Regular Board meeting – the new job description and other information on parking enforcement was presented to the Town Board. The Board will review the information and it will be decided at the next meeting.

March 10, 2021 – Email: Town Board members, draft parking enforcement officer job description. Public Hearing at the Town Hall regarding parking enforcement.

March 16, 2021 – Met with the Town Judge to discuss parking tickets, the laws regarding parking, ticket designs, etc.

March 22, 2021 – Received call from a resident of Moody Pond, vehicles are parking on their property. Advised them to call the State Police for assistance and have the vehicle towed.

March 23, 2021 – St. Armand Special Board Meeting – Volunteer parking enforcement agents were discussed and approved by the Town Board members.

March 30, 2021 – Met with Highway Superintendent, vehicles parked around Moody Pond, the plows can't get through, the sides of the road are very soft.

April 2, 2021 – Meeting with Rich Shapiro at the Town Hall. Discussed parking issues and trail maintenance issues. Rich suggested making Forrest Hill a one-way street. Received call and then met with a resident at Moody Pond regarding people parking on their property.

April 5, 2021 – Met with Highway Superintendent about Moody Pond parking issues.

April 6, 2021 – Received call from a resident who stated there was an oil or gas spill at Moody Pond. Called DEC to report the issue. DEC responded and called back and said it was not an oil spill.

April 9, 2021 – Received call from Kris Alberga, DEC regarding Moody Pond parking issues. Asked if the spots near the rail trail were ready yet, not yet.

April 13, 2021 – St. Armand Town Board Meeting – Davina reported that she has been speaking with Rich Shapiro regarding the parking issues there. The volunteer parking enforcement attendants have been deputized and are issuing warnings, a few tickets and educating individuals on proper parking areas.

April 21, 2021 – Received call from a resident stating vehicles are parked in the road and may need to be towed. Went to Moody Pond, car was gone.

April 26, 2021 – Received call from Rich Shapiro regarding parking issues at Moody Pond.

April 27, 2021 – Email and phone call received from Rich Shapiro requesting a meeting with concerned citizens regarding the Moody Pond parking issues; create a Moody Pond Task Force.

April 28, 2021 – Email: received draft letter to the editor from Rich Shapiro, made edits and returned to Rich. (Requesting concerned citizens to participate in group discussions regarding the parking issues)

May 1, 2021 – Email: received a message from a concerned citizen who did not want to join the group discussions but did want to express their concerns.

May 3, 2021 – Email: received a message from a concerned citizen who did not want to join the group discussions but did want to express their concerns.

May 5, 2021- Received call from a resident about parking issues on Moody Pond.

May 13, 2021 – Email: received a message from Rich Shapiro requesting dates to schedule the first group meeting.

May 19, 2021 – Email: received from Rich Shapiro with the list of items to discuss at the meeting.

May 22, 2021 – Email: received from Rich Shapiro regarding Covid vaccination status for in person meetings.

May 25, 2021 – First meeting at the ROOST building in Saranac Lake with the group of concerned citizens, DEC, etc.

May 26, 2021 – Email: received from a concerned citizen regarding St. Armand ROW around Moody Pond.

June 8, 2021 – Met with Kris Alberga at the DEC office in Ray Brook to discuss the Moody Pond parking issues and what can be done to remedy the situation.

June 16, 2021 – Meeting regarding Moody Pond at 5 pm at the ROOST building in Saranac Lake.

June 22, 2021 – Resident came to the Town Hall to speak about the issues at the Baker Mt. trailhead, overuse and parking.

June 23, 2021 – Email: sent to Rich Shapiro regarding meeting with SL Village about using the Wastewater treatment plant for a new trailhead. Discussed this with John Sweeney, John stated this will not work.

June 24, 2021 – Called Trooper Goetz regarding parking around Moody Pond. Trooper Goetz sent an email to the State Trooper's in his unit, asking them to parole Moody Pond whenever possible.

June 28, 2021 – Called Kris Alberga, DEC, regarding Moody Pond parking issues. Asked about rail trail parking, not ready yet.

June 29, 2021 – Email: received with a question about motor boats on Moody Pond. Emailed DEC to ask if they have any rules, none on file. Reviewed list of Local Laws and emailed back: St. Armand does not have any rules or regulations on file regarding what type of boats can enter Moody Pond.

September 22, 2021 – Email: received from Rich Shapiro about setting up another meeting, tentatively scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>. Next day, not enough people can make that date, Rich will try again in October.

June 1, 2022 – Email: to Jimmy Williams, forwarding him a copy of the Town Board Resolution requesting the 6 er program be abandoned.

June 24, 2022 – Email: to Kristofer Alberga, DEC, requesting another meeting at the Town Hall, set up for June 30<sup>th</sup>.

June 30, 2022 – Meeting at the St. Armand Town Hall with Kristofer Alberga, DEC. Discussed the need for additional parking at the Baker Mt. trailhead; the lack of UMP for the area; using the new rail trail as soon as possible for more parking and other parking alternatives.

July 21, 2022 – Email: received from Jimmy Williams with a draft of a Resolution that the SL Village was considering for adoption.

July 25, 2021 – Email: received from a concerned citizen regarding the meetings that Rich Shapiro was leading and the over use, parking issues on Moody Pond. Resident asked this to be voiced for her as she could not attend the SL Village Board meeting.

July 25, 2021 – Attended SL Village Board Meeting and spoke about the issues.

June 17, 2022 – Received call from a Parking Enforcement Attendant at Moody Pond regarding all of the vehicles parked in the road.

July 21, 2022 – Received several calls from Parking Enforcement Attendants at Moody Pond regarding vehicles in the road.



August 23, 2022 – Email: sent to Kristofer Alberga, DEC, with regards to the location of the Port A Potty that was installed at the Baker Mountain Trailhead. Many complaints have been received as the port a potty was installed right next to the water. Kris will have it moved.

December 1, 2022 - Email: sent to Kristofer Alberga, DEC requesting another meeting regarding these issues.

April 19, 2023 – Email: sent to the Keene Supervisor asking where they purchased the no parking posts, Essex County sign shop.

May 18, 2023 – Email: sent to Essex County sign shop requesting posts and no parking signs.

July 6, 2023 – Email: received, signs and posts are ready for pick up. The signs and posts were installed later that week.

July 13, 2023 – Email: sent to Jimmy Williams about the posts and signs installed at Moody Pond.

July 24, 2023 – Email: received from a concerned citizen who wanted to meet to discuss the newly installed signs and posts.

August 18, 2023 – Met with three citizens at the Town Hall who did not like the new signs and posts. Discussed boulders, jersey barriers, planters, earth berms. Email sent to our insurance company and NYS DOT asking if it is acceptable to install earth berms, boulders or planters instead of posts and signs. Later that week, both stated no, per NYS DOT guidelines. It must be jersey barriers, signs or sign posts/bollards. Nothing else is acceptable to DOT.

August 27, 2023 – Received call and text photos of sign and posts removed and thrown onto the ground around Moody Pond. This is very dangerous, someone could drive onto the posts/signs and damage their vehicle. Contacted the Highway Superintendent to report the issue. Highway crew responded to the area and removed the signs immediately. Called all Board members and reported the vandalism. Called NYS Police. Met with Trooper at Town Hall and gave deposition regarding the vandalism. Gave photo and video evidence to the Trooper.

August 28, 2023 – Email: sent to several residents of Moody Pond asking if they saw anyone vandalizing the signs, no one did. Later that week, the Highway dept. installed some jersey barriers to one side of the road where the erosion is very bad and the space for parking is very narrow.

September 7, 2023 – Email: sent to Town Attorney regarding towing vehicles per our Local Law. Anyone appointed as Parking Enforcement by the Town Board can have a vehicle towed.

September 9, 2023- Received call from Highway Superintendent, more signs thrown on the ground at Moody Pond. The Highway Department removed the signs and posts. Called all Board members. Called State Police. Met with State Trooper at the Town Hall and gave a deposition regarding the sign vandalism. Discussed the sign vandalism with several people who live around Moody Pond.

During the week prior to the September 26, 2023 Board meeting, Davina individually spoke to each Board member regarding the parking issues on Moody Pond.

September 26, 2023 – Special Board Meeting – Davina asked the Town Board to schedule a Special Board Meeting to meet with all of the residents of the Moody Pond area. The Board approved. Meeting scheduled for November 9, 2023 at 6 pm. The meeting will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Town Hall in the new courtroom.

September 27, 2023 – Davina created a flyer to announce the Special Board meeting. Met with Town Clerk Barbara Darrah to review for posting.

September 28, 2023 – Email: sent to the Rockledge and Moody pond residents with the flyer announcing the Special Board Meeting. Also posted to Facebook pages.