

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - TOWN OF BRIGHTON - FRANKLIN COUNTY, NY**

**January 17, 2008**

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**A Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Brighton was held on Thursday, January 17, 2008 after the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall, Paul Smiths, NY, with the following:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Meeting was Called to Order** by Supervisor Peter Martin at 7:08 p.m.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Peter Martin, Sr.

Council Members: Sheila Delarm, Jeffrey Leavitt, Steve Tucker and Lydia Wright

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Elaine Sater - Town Clerk

**RESIDENTS:** There were four residents present and a representative of the media

**NOTICE OF MEETING:** Notice of this meeting was faxed to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 and posted on the Town Clerk's Sign Board. Notices were posted in two local post offices.

**1. CAMP GABRIELS CLOSING IN 2009:**

Notice was received by the employees of Camp Gabriels Correctional Facility at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 11, 2008 that the Camp would be closing in one year. The Community Advisor Board met on January 10 and were not notified of this closure. Discussion was held on how this could possibly effect the Town, the 100 plus employees at Camp Gabriels, and their families. The crews from Camp Gabriels provide over 100,000 hours of work a year in the local communities, such as the food pantries, brush cutting, lawn mowing, and trail maintenance. The Paul Smiths Gabriels Volunteer Fire Department depends on the Camp as a water supply for their fire trucks. The Camp is self sufficient with generators and has been used as a local shelter in the past. A Closure Plan must be in place by July 2008 and May 1 is the first date for employees to get on the transfer list to go to other facilities. A rally is being held in Saranac Lake on Thursday, January 24 at 3 p.m. to show support to the employees and families of Camp Gabriels. A website has been established at "www.savegabriels.org" to get information out to people. A reporter from the New York Times newspaper visited the Town and spoke with Supervisor Peter Martin concerning this issue. Sheila Delarm asked if the Board could visit the facility to see what is there so other plans can be developed if the Camp does close. Supervisor Peter Martin said he would look into the possibility of a visit.

**RESOLUTION #27**

**OPPOSITION TO THE CLOSING OF CAMP GABRIELS**

**Motion made** by Jeffrey Leavitt, **second** by Lydia Wright, **To Wit:**

**WHEREAS**, the employees of Camp Gabriels, a New York State Correctional Facility in the Town of Brighton, were notified on Friday, January 11, 2008 that the Camp would be closing in one year,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board of the Town of Brighton opposes the closing of Camp Gabriels Correctional Facility due to the negative impact on the employees and their families, as well as, the significant negative economic impact to the Town and the surrounding communities.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Aye 5 (Delarm, Leavitt, Martin, Tucker, Wright), Nay 0

**RESOLUTION #27 declared duly adopted.**

**2. TOWN HALL PROJECT PLANS AND BID DOCUMENTS:** Lydia Wright and David Knapp will review the plans for the Town Hall project that arrived from Crawford and Stearns.

**3. STORAGE OF RECORDS:** Superintendent of Highways Andy Crary told Supervisor Peter Martin that records storage could go into the Town Garage, there is space in the parts room if a wall was installed. A door would have to go into the outside wall for access by the Records Manager.

**Motion to Adjourn at 8:30 p.m.** made by Lydia Wright, Second by Supervisor Peter Martin, **Aye 5, Nay 0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Sater, Brighton Town Clerk