

**TOWN BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING**

MONDAY

February 17, 2014

Supervisor Zupan opened the meeting at 7:00 A.M. with all Councilors present.

Resolution No. 30 presented by Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Andersen

**AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF ALL RECEIVED BIDS
AND THE SOLICITATION OF NEW BIDS
FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF A WEED HARVESTER
FOR THE TOWN OF CAZENOVIA FOR USE ON CAZENOVIA LAKE**

WHEREAS, protection and restoration of the water quality, aesthetic condition, recreational usage and aquatic habitat of Cazenovia Lake is in the best interest of our entire community with respect to environmental stewardship, culture heritage and economic interests; and

WHEREAS, the invasive aquatic macrophyte *Myriophyllum spicatum*, commonly known as Eurasian watermilfoil, has become increasingly abundant in Cazenovia Lake and degrades the lake's water quality, aesthetic value and recreational potential; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered multi-faceted measures to address the proliferation of Eurasian watermilfoil in Cazenovia Lake and has addressed same over the years through a successful program of chemical treatment, stormwater management and local legislation practices; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain other areas of Cazenovia Lake weed growth may be safely addressed through a consideration of limited and controlled program of weed management by way of harvesting; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cazenovia has determined to explore the use of a weed harvester as part of its multifaceted program to address this important issue; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2014, the Town Board of the Town of Cazenovia authorized the solicitation of bids pursuant to General Municipal Law §103 for the procurement of a weed harvester with conveyor for the Town of Cazenovia for use on Cazenovia Lake; and

WHEREAS, bid packages were duly received by the Town of Cazenovia in response to the bid solicitation authorized under the January 13, 2014 Resolution; and

WHEREAS, said bids were opened on February 10, 2014 at the Town Hall, located at 7 Albany Street, Cazenovia, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Town has conducted due diligence and a review of the specifications of the bid packages; and

WHEREAS, the bid solicitation authorized by the Town Board on January 13, 2014 utilized the ability to consider "best value" as authorized under Town of Cazenovia Local Law

No. 1-2014; and

WHEREAS, the bid responses have been reviewed carefully by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, as part of the bid specifications, all bidders were advised that the Town Board may, in its discretion, reject any and all bids offered; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cazenovia in reviewing said bids has determined that the bid prices are not consistent with nor are they in the best interest of the Town such that the Town desires to reject all bids and to reissue a new bid specification package by way of an amended Notice to Bidders.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion of Councilor Race, seconded by Councilor Andersen, it is

RESOLVED, that the Town of Cazenovia Town Board hereby rejects all bids received pursuant to the Notice to Bidders issued on January 13, 2014; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board further directs that the Town renounce the requests for sealed bids for a 2014 model Aquatic Plant Harvester with Shore Conveyor with amended bid specifications (as below.)

The Town Board of the Town of Cazenovia will receive sealed bids on the following until 4:00 p.m. on March 4, 2014 at 7 Albany Street, Cazenovia, New York:

1. **A new 2014 model Aquatic Plant Harvester ("Harvester") meeting the following minimum specifications: a cutting capacity of 7-feet (width) and 6-feet to 7-feet (depth); diesel engine; minimum power output of 45 hp; open operator's platform with tilt-down bridge; painted steel hull; storage capacity minimum of 10,000 pounds (volume of 520 cubic feet); hydraulic system pump; hydraulic cooler; hydraulic power tilt paddle wheel; the propulsion unit shall be a variable speed hydraulic motor; built-in impact protection system with frame protection; equipped with hydraulic spuds; wash down system (included); and warranty. Pricing shall include delivery and set-up of Harvester and Conveyor. Provide additional pricing for spare parts package.**
2. **Shore Conveyor ("Conveyor") designed to be used with the approved Aquatic Plant Harvester which shall consist of a storage compartment; rear conveyor system made of heavy-duty, stainless steel belting with stainless steel belt cleats and a minimum length of 36-feet (long); to include brake lights and a power pack; warranty. Provide additional pricing for spare parts package.**

All bids received pursuant to this notice will be publicly opened on March 4, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at the Town Hall and considered at a regular meeting of the Town Board on March 10, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.

Additional specification forms for these items may be obtained at the Town of Cazenovia Town Hall, 7 Albany Street, Cazenovia, New York 13035.

All bids must be accompanied by a certificate executed pursuant to section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. These certificates are available from the Town Clerk. Be further advised that the Town Board may consider any bid which provides the Town with the "best value" as determined under Local Law 1 of 2014 and shall consider the following

factors:

1. Lowest cost and convenience of maintenance or service of the Harvester and Conveyor;
2. Durability and quality of the equipment;
3. Product life.

Such factors shall be evaluated by any submitted materials offered by the responsive bidder, as well as independent research by the Town of Cazenovia.

The Town Board of the Town of Cazenovia reserves the right to reject any or all bids offered.

Roll call:

Councilor Andersen	Yes
Councilor Race	Yes
Councilor Moran	Yes
Councilor Driscoll	Yes
Supervisor Zupan	Yes

Supervisor Zupan declared Resolution No. 30 adopted.

Supervisor Zupan stated the meeting was properly noticed.

Kara Croyle *was present in the audience and represented EnviroAquatics. She stated her company does weed harvesting and they have a weed harvester. She said they have harvested at Lake Moraine, some lakes in the Catskills and some private ponds. She stated they are booking times now and they are fully insured and work with the Department of Environmental Conservation. She said they could also offer their services on a hourly consulting basis to train the Town employees since there is a learning curve to properly operate the machinery.*

Supervisor Zupan *said she should submit a proposal and the pricing should include hourly, daily and weekly service rates.*

Motion by Councilor Andersen, seconded by Councilor Moran to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Supervisor Zupan declared the meeting adjourned.