



# Town of Rensselaerville

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DRAFT MINUTES  
OF  
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008, at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Nickelsberg and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Jost Nickelsberg  
Councilman Gary Chase  
Councilwoman Marie Dermody  
Councilman J. Robert Lansing  
Councilwoman Sherri Pine  
Highway Superintendent G. Jon Chase  
Town Attorney Joseph Catalano

There were 50 interested citizens present.

**MINUTES** A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2008 meeting.

**TRANSFERS** A motion was made, seconded and passed to make transfers from the contingency account to the Town Board, Highway Superintendent, retirement, Planning Board and Grievance Board line items.

**ABSTRACT 2008- 03 - VOUCHERS** A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay all signed bills.

**REPORTS** Mr. Warrick, NYS Fire and Park Police and Mr. Kuhn, Regional Director, NYS Parks spoke on the changeover of Camp Cass. Camp Cass will be a training facility for park police. It will be a 26 week course for about 50 officers. The training facility is scheduled to open in November.

Reports were received from Supervisor Nickelsberg, Superintendent Chase, Town Clerk Hallenbeck, Building Zoning Officer Overbaugh and Attorney Catalano.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

**BIDS** The Town Board opened bids received for the highway department and building. A motion was made to accept the bids from Main Care for the fixed price on fuel oil, gas, diesel ,and heating contracts on each heating unit. The bids for stone, sluice pipe, asphalt concrete, etc. will be reviewed by Superintendent Chase and decided upon at a special meeting set for March 27, 2008 at 7 PM.

**OSHKOSH TRUCK** A motion was made, seconded and passed by the Town

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### Library Bookmark

**First Friday Movies continue!** Please join us at **Conkling Hall on Friday, April 4 at 6:30P.M.** for *Bee Movie*. Barry B. Benson (voiced by Jerry Seinfeld), a bee who has just graduated from college, is disillusioned at his lone career choice: making honey. On a special trip outside the hive, Barry's life is saved by Vanessa (Renee Zellweger), a florist in New York City. As their relationship blossoms, he discovers humans actually eat honey, and subsequently decides to sue us. Run time: 90 minutes. Rated PG for mild suggestive humor and a brief depiction of smoking.

Help the Library and Conkling Hall celebrate April as National Poetry Month! We have several special events planned:

**Special Movie Presentation - Conkling Hall, Saturday, April 12 at 7:00 P.M.** Join us for a special showing of *The Age of Innocence*, based on the classic novel of the same title by Edith Wharton. April also celebrates the Big Read, an annual event sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts to encourage reading among Americans. *The Age of Innocence* is this year's selection.

**Poetry Workshop for Adults - Rensselaerville Library, Thursday, April 17 and April 24 from 7:00-9:00P.M.** Open to poets and would-be-poets of any level.

**Poetry Workshop for Children - Rensselaerville Library, Friday, April 18 and April 25 from 4:00-5:30P.M.** Open to all young would-be-poets of any level.

**Favorite Poem Project - Conkling Hall, Sunday, April 20 at 2:00P.M.** (Please note the time change). Join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Favorite Poem Project event. This event will be hosted by Rensselaerville's own George Pendle, the author of *Strange Angels* and *The Remarkable Millard Fillmore*. Bring your favorite poems to share aloud in a joyous atmosphere that includes refreshments. This year, it

will also include a special opening event - several residents will present a dramatic reading from the *Spoon River Anthology*. Open to poetry lovers of all ages.

**Poetry Open Mic Night - Conkling Hall, Friday, April 18 at 7:00 P.M.** Join us for this special presentation of Noteworthy Coffeehouse. The stage will be open to all who wish to share their original compositions, or their favorite poems.

**Reading by Owen Sheers - Rensselaerville Library, Saturday, April 19 at 2:00 P.M.** Owen Sheers, the winner of the 1999 Vogue Young Writers Award and author of the novel *Resistance*, will be doing a reading of his work.

**Reading by Dr. Paul Kane - Rensselaerville Library, Sunday, April 27 at 2:00P.M.** (Please note the time change). Dr. Paul Kane, a professor at Vassar and the author of several collections of poetry (including *Work Life* and *The Farther Shore*), will be doing a reading of his work at the Library. His poetry has been described as "simultaneously literal and lyrical, imbued with the magic of the matter-of-fact (John Koethe), and as offering "a remarkable medley of wit and sobriety" (Rosanna Warren). Dr. Kane has received fellowships from the NEH and the Guggenheim Foundation, as well as Fulbright and Mellon grants.

The Library website is now up and running! Check out [http://www.uhls.org/rvll\\_library/](http://www.uhls.org/rvll_library/) for current information about what is happening at the Rensselaerville Library. You can also access our catalog and that of the Upper Hudson Library System from this site, and place orders for items you would like, using your bar-coded Rensselaerville Library card (if you do not yet have one, or would like more information, ask the librarian on duty).



Staff:  
Candy Wilson, Interim Director;  
Katie Caprio, Assistant;  
Barbara Husek, Assistant

**Library Hours:**  
**Tuesday & Wednesday:**  
10:00 AM to Noon,  
4:00- 9:00 PM  
**Thursday & Friday:**  
4:00-9:00 PM  
**Saturday: 9:00- 1:00 PM**

The Library Board of Directors will meet on **Monday, April 21 at 7:00P.M.**

### ***Conkling Hall—What's On In March***

**Friday, April 4:** First Friday Movies provided by the Rensselaerville Library. Show time is 6:30 PM. Adults \$2.00, Children \$1.00. See Library for movie information.

**Friday, April 18:** A.C. Everson. A local homegrown poet, sculptor and performance artist, she sheds a new light on the many uses of pinatas (that she makes) as an art form, and as the main feature in her various "Breaking My Art" performances as well as reading her poetry.

In celebration of Poetry Month the coffeehouse will begin at 7:00 PM with an open microphone. Performance starts at 8:00 PM, \$10 cover charge, or donation. Beverage and treats available at a nominal price.

**Saturday, April 19:** Conkling Hall Annual Membership Meeting. 11:00 AM. All members welcome.

**Sunday, April 20:** Celebration of Po-

etry Month. Village resident, George Pendle (author of "Strange Angels" and "The Remarkable Millard Fillmore"), will host our Favorite Poem Project at 2:00 PM. Bring your favorite poem to read.; come listen to poems read, and share the enthusiasm with your friends and neighbors.

**Pilates: Saturdays 9 - 10 AM.** Pilates mat class with Sara Nelson Weiss. Strengthen your abdominals, gain long, lean muscles and work with good alignment. Appropriate for all levels. Please call 239 6825 for more information and to confirm schedule.

You can contact Conkling Hall at (518) 797 3459 or read our website on [www.ConklingHall.org](http://www.ConklingHall.org). We send out frequent email announcements/reminders about our events. If you wish to be added to the list, please give us your email address at [ConklingHall@Earthlink.net](mailto:ConklingHall@Earthlink.net).



Methodist Hill Road  
Rensselaerville, NY  
(518) 797- 3459

### ***Extra Helpings Food Buying Club — Available to Everyone***

Extra Helpings is a program of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York and is offered to the community through The Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC) in Westerlo. The program is open to all individuals regardless age or income. Extra Helpings has changed the prices and the menus being offered. Anyone is welcome to purchase any or all of the package options. The menu for each month's Extra Helpings' offerings will still be published one month in advance. April's Extra Helpings menus are as follows:

**April's Regular menu: \$20.00**

- 1.5 lbs. Home-style Beef Patties
- 2 lbs. Boneless Pork Chop
- 2 lbs. Eye Round Beef Steaks
- 1 lb. pkg. Chicken Patties
- 1 bag Coleslaw Mix
- 1 lb. bag Baby Carrots

**Special #1: \$13.50**

- 5 lbs. block sliced American Cheese

**Special # 2: \$ 9.75**

- 10 lbs. Bag Fresh Chicken Leg Quarters

**Special #3: \$30.00 MEAT BOX**

- 2.5 lbs. Chuck Beef Pot Roast
- 3 lbs. Boneless/Skinless/IQF Chicken Breast
- 3 lbs. Sweet Italian Rope Sausage (2/1.5 lbs)
- 3lbs. Pepper Steaks (8/6 oz.)
- 2 lbs. Breakfast Sausage (4/8 oz. rolls)

(Substitutions of equal value may be necessary due to availability.)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Orders with payment are due at the HCRC office by **APRIL 5TH** for pick-up on **April 22, 2008**. HCRC distributes Extra-Helpings at the Rensselaerville Firehouse from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. and at St. Bernadette's Church in Berne from 11:30 to 12:00 p.m. on delivery days. The pick-up site must be noted with each order. Anyone wishing more information regarding Extra-Helpings or other Hilltowns Community Resource Center services, please call 797- 5256. HCRC's mailing address is P.O. Box 147, Westerlo, NY 12193. Please include your phone number on all correspondence.

### Senior Corner

**Need Information?** Elder Source Line (447- 7177) has information about Senior Services to help in a variety of ways. Call between 8:30AM- 12:30PM Monday through Friday. Call for free assistance with housing options, insurance counseling, benefits and entitlements, community resources, adult daycare, and caregiver options. This program is funded by United Way of Northeastern New York and Senior Services of Albany Foundation.

**Senior Citizens Club:** We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Medusa Firehouse at noon. \$1.00 is collected. ALL senior citizens are invited to join the club. Please bring a covered dish to share and/or dessert. Members need to bring their own plates and utensils. Coffee is provided.

**Senior Van:** Tuesday: Bryant's Center, Greenville Thursday: Cobleskill (Wal- Mart) Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Van is available to travel to doctor appointments. Call Ann Vogel at 797- 3376 regarding scheduling and/or arranging for van pick up.

**Helderberg Senior Services:** Lunches are served Monday through Friday at noon for \$3.75. The Grange would appreciate one day advance notice. Call Marie at 797- 3652 between 9:00AM- 1:00PM for information and reservations. The menu for April and May can be found on page 17.

**We need volunteer drivers!!!!** If you have a valid driver's license and could volunteer a couple hours of your time now and then, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Kathy Hallenbeck, Town Clerk, for more details.



### News From the Seniors

*By Bill Moore, President of Senior Citizens Club*

The Seniors met on March 11th at the Medusa Firehouse. A good crowd was out and enjoyed the buffet.

Our guest speaker was Linda Gaeta of Greenville. She spoke about what seniors would have to do to get special rebates this spring. Thanks, Linda.

During the meeting, President Bill Moore announced that Price Chopper has donated \$1,000 towards the Senior/Youth Bus fund. We thank them for their generous gift. A 50/50 raffle was held for the bus and the winner, Marty Begley, donated his share to the bus fund. A total of \$117.00 was raised and will be sent in.

Trips are being planned for this year and more details will come at a later date.

Our next meeting will be April 8th at noon at the Medusa Firehouse. Anyone 55 or older can come and join. Bring a covered- dish or something else to share. After lunch there will be a short meeting. For more information call Bill at 239- 4843.

### POST OFFICE INFORMATION

Rensselaerville: 797- 3231  
Medusa: 239- 4826  
Preston Hollow: 239- 6111

### REFUSE/RECYCLING CENTER

The Rensselaerville Refuse/Recycling Center is open on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 7:00AM - 3:45PM. Please display your permit. If you do not have one, you can obtain one at the Town Clerk's Office.

Please cover your refuse so that it is not left on someone else's property. No sheetrock or shingles will be accepted.

***Voices From the Past***

By Janet Haseley, Research Chair, Town of Rensselaerville Historical Society

With all the recent controversy over Camp Cass and its inmates, we thought it would be interesting to reprint an article about positive contributions which Camp Cass made to our town 32 years ago. The article below was published in winter 1976 in *The Rural Folio*, a quarterly publication of the Rensselaerville Historical Society. As most town residents know, the Camp Cass facility was originally designed for young men who were first offenders and not violent.

**CAMP CASS YOUTH AID HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

By Jim Corrigan

A long underacknowledged group of people are the young men and the staff of the New York State Division for Youth Camp Edward R. Cass at Rensselaerville.

Their efforts, projects and donated services have long been helpful to the nearby communities. These young people have done extensive forest and animal life management, given aid to the maintenance of the local cemetery, county and town roads, constructed bookshelves for the Rensselaerville Library, aided in emergency or "good neighbor" projects such as snow removal. The Camp is under the innovative and exemplary leadership of Mr. M. Robert Rivenburgh.

The people of Camp Cass have recently started the exciting project of restoring the Rensselaerville Grist Mill. This is a facility built in 1880, as a water driven turbine operation. It ground corn and buckwheat products for local families and markets, and supplied families as far away as - we think - New York City. Buckwheat cakes were a favorite 19<sup>th</sup> Century breakfast food in the big city.

Camp Cass has aided in the necessary preliminary work of clearing obstructions from the Mill pit, preparatory to installing the turbine. They also built the Clematis Club's herb garden, as another benefit to the Rensselaerville Historical Society.

As has been the case now and then, it is sometimes difficult to find willing assistance and experience, either near or far, and Camp Cass has provided both the rugged workmanship and innovative skills to get the job done. The Camp has expressed interest and a willingness to contribute further in the Mill restoration. Other work will include installation of mill machinery and reconstruction of the mill dam.

This is an expression of this writer's warm appreciation and that of many in this community, for our Camp Cass neighbors.

*(Editor's note: When this was written in 1976, Jim Corrigan was chairman of the Restoration Committee of the Rensselaerville Historical Society.)*

***Farmland Protection: A Personal Appeal***

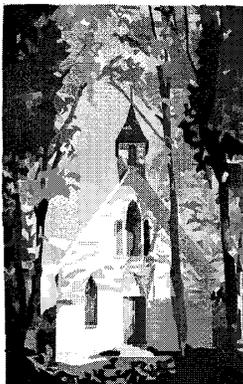
- John and Linda Hernick

Farmland protection is currently the most important community issue facing Town of Rensselaerville residents (and residents of all rural townships). The practical benefits of protection are numerous and include the possibility of increasing and expanding local farming in the future with all of its attendant economic and health advantages; preventing dramatic tax increases; and preserving the aesthetic quality of the Town. But there is another benefit that is equally important - retention of wildlife habitat, i.e., *grasslands*. Deforestation of the Northeast by colonists in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries resulted in pervasive grasslands - pastures, meadows, and hayfields - by the 1800s. Birds from the central grasslands, along with other wildlife, quickly migrated to this new habitat and were supported by it for nearly 200 years. However, populations of grassland birds such as Bobolinks, Savannah Sparrows, and Eastern Meadowlarks are now in decline, the consequence of losing farmland to development. These birds, along with white-tailed deer, foxes, a variety of small mammals, and butterflies, all rely on pastures and fields for nesting and for food. Migrating birds also depend on farm fields for food as they make their journeys to and from wintering grounds.

Living in the country is about *stewardship*. Yes, it is an "inconvenient" and selfless responsibility, but its object is the very reason why we choose to live here. By demanding that our zoning set a lower limit on the density of houses in the agricultural zone that will not overtake and replace farmland, we will be giving the most valuable "donation" to the community that we can give.

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### Church Services



*Preston Hollow Baptist Church*  
Route 145, Preston Hollow,  
239- 6544  
Worship: Sunday - 11:00AM

*Trinity Episcopal Church*  
Trinity Lane, Rensselaerville,  
797- 5395  
Holy Eucharist & Church School  
Sunday - 11:00AM

*Potter Hollow Union Church*  
Potter Hollow, 734- 5106  
Worship: Sunday - 9:00AM  
Bible Study and Prayer Group  
Wednesday—6:30PM

*United Church of Christ*  
Medusa, 239- 6119  
Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM

The Medusa Union Church of Christ is celebrating its 175th anniversary in April . In 1833, a new church was formed, in a little school house just off Fox Creek Road (CR 352) between Medusa and Preston Hollow. The present church building was erected in 1836 and called the United Society.

The building was enlarged in 1875, with a new front and high steeple. The name was again changed in 1888 to the First Christian Church of Rensselaerville in Medusa. Then in 1931, the name changed once more when the church joined the Congregational Christian Church. And guess what? In 1957, the church changed it's name when the Congregational Christian Church denomination became the United Church of Christ.

The church will celebrate its 175th anniversary on April 20th, starting with a church service at 2:00PM. In this service, there will be a special tribute to Pearl Haskins who became a member in 1915 and was the longest and oldest member. There will also be a tribute to Porter and Louise Wright.

After the service, there will be an old-fashioned covered dish dinner in the Hall. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the event. You are invited to bring a covered dish or something to share, but it

is not necessary. Food can be kept in the kitchen until after the service. Please, no desserts as there will be a special cake. Reservations are not needed. However, the church would like to know how many are coming so plans can be made for space. You can contact Bill Moore at 239- 4843.

**Porter's Paintings**—Most people are familiar with the paintings of local artist Porter Wright. Bill Moore has donated one of his Uncle Porter's paintings. It was painted in the 1960's for his mother-in-law, Maude Moore, Bill's grandmother. Porter gave many of his paintings to the Medusa Church for people to bid on as a fundraiser. Porter is now gone, but people can still bid on his paintings. Bids can be made during any church service, at the anniversary celebration, or during the Medusa Festival on May 31st. Some of his paintings have brought in over \$200.00. The winner will be announced on June 1st.

**Pancake and Sausage Supper**—The Medusa Union Church of Christ will host a Pancake and Sausage Supper on April 12th from 4:30—6:30PM in the church hall. There will be a free-will offering taken to benefit the Steeple Painting Fund to help pay for the project started last fall and to be completed this spring. All are invited to attend.

#### Thoroughbred & Trotter Horse Boarding



#### Stall or Rough board

Fruit Tree Sales      New York State  
Fruit Plant Nursery      Certified Nursery  
E-MAIL [pum516@aol.com](mailto:pum516@aol.com)

#### Rolling Meadows Farm

518-239-5902  
Checks & Cash  
Mastercard & visa Accepted

James Glorioso  
232 Knowles Road  
Preston Hollow, N.Y. 12469

### *Rensselaerville Celebrates National Poetry Month*

During the month of April, Conkling Hall and the Rensselaerville Library will join forces once again for our Third Annual Celebration of National Poetry Month. One of the highlights of April's Celebration is the Favorite Poem Project during which neighbors of all ages bring their favorite poems to read aloud in a joyous and supportive atmosphere that includes wine, cheese, coffee and cake. Last year's Favorite Poem Day drew more than 50 readers, and poems ranged from the hilarious to the somber, from poems by children's poet Shel Silverstein to poems by Tennyson and Blake, and poems by contemporary poets Billy Collins and Mary Oliver among others. This year's Favorite Poem Day will also include a special opening event: a dramatic reading from the *Spoon River Anthology* by several residents and friends.

So look in your drawers and files for the poem you learned in school, heard in childhood, read in a book or magazine, or that was given to you by a friend and bring it to **Conkling Hall on Sunday April 20 at 3:00.**

Another exciting event during National Poetry Month is the visit of guest poet Paul Kane. Dr.

Kane, a professor at Vassar and the author of several collections of poetry, including *Work Life* and *The Farther Shore*, will be doing a reading of his work at the **Rensselaerville Library on Sunday April 27 at 3:00.** Dr's Kane's poetry has been described as: "simultaneously literal and lyrical, imbued with the magic of the matter-of-fact" (John Koethe); and as offering "a remarkable medley of wit and sobriety" (Rosanna Warren). Dr. Kane has been the recipient of fellowships from the NEH and the Guggenheim Foundation, as well as Fulbright and Mellon grants.

Other events being planned for the month include a poetry performance and possibly an Open Mic at the **Friday night Coffehouse (Noteworthy's) at Conkling Hall on 4/18**, and Writing Workshops for Children and Adults at the Rensselaerville Library (tentative dates: Friday 4/18, 4- 5:30pm, children; 4/25, 7- 9pm, adults).

So, save the last two weekends in April to celebrate the human spirit as well as the written word at Rensselaerville's Third Annual Celebration of National Poetry Month.

### *Rensselaerville Hosts Three Guests Authors In April*

During Rensselaerville's Third Annual Celebration of National Poetry Month, the village will host a variety of events, including poetry readings by two acclaimed poets.

Dr. Paul Kane (professor at Vassar College and the author of "Work Life", among other volumes and former resident of Cobleskill) will read to us at the Rensselaerville Library on Sunday, 4/27 at 2:00 PM.

Also, Welsh poet Own Sheers (winner of the 1999 Vogue Young Writers Award, author most recently of the novel "Resistance") will do a reading at the library on Saturday, 4/19 at 2:00 PM.

Our third participating author is village resident George Pendle (author of "Strange Angels" and "The Remarkable Millard Fillmore). George will host our Favorite Poem Project on Sunday 4/20 at Conkling Hall at 2:00 PM.

So, save your week-ends in April to combat the winter blues by celebrating poetry with your friends and neighbors.

### **Spring is around the corner!**



and Jimmy Walker's  
**GREENHOUSE** in

**Preston Hollow will be open**

**and ready with spring annuals, heirloom tomatoes, herbs, decorative baskets and planters for your office, home and garden.**



Call for custom designed , or color-coordinated baskets for pick up in May. We also do landscape design, and custom plantings for home and commercial sites.

**Jimmy Walker & Dennis Pitts  
239-4039**

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planting ideas.  
[www.jwgreenhouse.com](http://www.jwgreenhouse.com)



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**Draft Town Board Minutes**

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Board to purchase a 1984 Oshkosh Truck for \$10,000.00 from the Town of Gallatin.

**HIGHWAY ROAD AGREEMENT & FEMA** The Town Board has set a special meeting for March 27, 2008 at 7 PM to go over the 2008 Highway road agreement and the FEMA projects.

**OLD TRAILER** A motion was made, seconded and passed by the Town Board to put the 1965 trailer out to bid. No bid will be accepted for less than \$500.00. Bids will be opened on April 10, 2008 at 8:15 PM.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

**PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTANT** Supervisor Nickelsberg reported he interviewed companies to do the Town payroll. He has been working with Teal Becker to do the accounting and that the Town has moved from First Niagara Bank to the Bank of Greene County.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to contract with Payroll by Paychex Inc. to do the town payroll. Cost will be \$46.70 per week.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to hire the firm of Teal Becker to do the accounting for the town.

**TOWN ATTORNEY** Attorney Catalano presented to the Town Board proposed Local Law No. 1 of the Town of Rensselaerville, A Local Law Establishing Procurement Policies and Procedures.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to introduce this proposed Local Law and to set a public hearing for April 10, 2008 at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

Attorney Catalano reported that the Article 78 proceedings will meet in Chambers on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Tanglewood Road matter was discussed at length. This will be discussed further at the work meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**CURRENT EVENTS**

The Medusa Fire Company will hold a breakfast this Saturday at the Fire House. May 31<sup>st</sup> will be their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Medusa Fest.

There will be a Blue Grass Festival in Durham in July and at Conkling Hall on March 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a Saint Patrick's Day Celebration.

**TOWN INSURANCE** The liability insurance for the town is up for renewal.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the quote from Selective Insurance for \$40,329.00.

**TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE REPORT** Mr. Health reported on the work that they have done on the building and explained to the Town Board what work needs to be done.

Mr. Bolte spoke to the Town Board about the hiring of himself and Mr. Cooke. They were hired to do the work on the building in 2006. In 2008 two other people were appointed to do this work. Are they still hired or not. Attorney Catalano will investigate this issue further.

**WASTE OIL FURNACE**

Mr. Bowdish spoke on the storage of waste oil, bulk storage permits, tank inspection on all the tanks, spill procedures, tank gauges, leak detecting, daily record keeping.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed authorizing Mr. Bowdish and Councilwoman Pine to work together and get these questions answered.

Mr. Wood mentioned that the Union gives all kind of training for their members. The members could get this training through the union.

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### *Draft Town Board Minutes*

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**STORAGE OF BUS** After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that after Superintendent Chase gets the bulldozer fixed he would move it out and the bus could be put in that spot. The Town Board agreed that his department should be reimbursed for the gas that is used by the bus and van.

**ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS** Myra Dorman asked about the resolution voted on at the Annual Meeting. Councilman Chase explained what got voted on in the annual session.

**RENSSELAERVILLE WATER/SEWER DISTRICTS** Jack Long, representing Dale Dorner, Chairperson spoke concerning the water district. Discussed were operator certification, chlorine, cleaning the sand filter, the impounding dam and large dam.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold a Special Meeting with the Water/Sewer Committee on April 3, 2008 at 7 PM at the Rensselaerville Fire House.

**ERIKA WERNHAMMER** Ms. Wernhammer spoke on the conflict of interest, procurement policy, and the highway agreement. Councilman Lansing and Councilwoman Dermody will work as a committee on the conflict of interest.

**RICK GANGI** Mr. Gangi asked if anything has been done concerning the letter he read at the last meeting. The Town Attorney is waiting for an opinion from the Attorney General.

**DAN GANGI** Mr. Gangi asked why the Councilman Chase, Councilwoman Dermody and Councilwoman Pine did not show up at the public meeting held two weeks ago. Councilwoman Dermody had a prior commitment, Councilman Chase's daughter was in the hospital. Also Supervisor Nickelsberg did not check this out with them before setting the meeting. There is no such thing as a informal meeting and 9 PM is too late to hold a special meeting.

**TOWN CLERK CONFERENCE** A motion was made, seconded and passed authorizing the Town Clerk to attend the annual conference of the New York State Town Clerks Association, April 27 - 30<sup>th</sup>.

**LOW INCOME CAR SEAT PROGRAM** The Town will sponsor a Low Income Car Seat Program on April 22, 2008 at 10 AM at the Town Hall.

#### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Bob Tanner spoke on the tower that the Sheriff's Department would like to put up, the Town needs to get on board with this.

KB Cooke asked if the Town had checked the County bid price for the gas and fuel, Main Care got the County bid.

Erika Wernhammer spoke on shared services.

David Lewis asked about the lawsuit with the Farmland Protection Trust, is it going to the Supermen Court. Yes, it is.

Mr. Seeger spoke on the Tanglewood project.

**ADJOURNMENT** A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 11PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Town Clerk

*Note: Town Board Minutes are not final until approved by the Town Board. Full Town Board minutes can be found on the Town website ([www.rensselaerville.com](http://www.rensselaerville.com)) or at the Town Hall.*

### Volunteer News and Events

#### Medusa VFD

Company Meeting: Monday, April 7th, at 8:00 PM  
 Drill & Work Meeting: Monday April 14th and March 21st, at 7:00PM  
 Upcoming Events: **Our Monthly Breakfast**  
 Saturday, April 19, 7:00- 11:00AM



#### Rensselaerville VFD

The "Club" you can join, where saving lives is the main activity... but enjoying life and community is also important!!

**Total Calls for 2008 (as of 2/8/08): 8**  
**"Calendar of Meetings and Events"**

#### April:

2<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 Ladies Battalion Meeting  
 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 Company Drill  
 14<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 Company Drill  
 30<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 Company Meeting

#### May:

5<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 Company Drill  
 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 Ladies Battalion Meeting  
 12<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 Company Drill  
 17<sup>th</sup> - 9- 3:00 Garage Sale Day  
 25<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 Fireman/Trinity Barbecue  
 28<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 Company Meeting

Peek at the future:

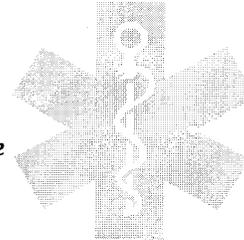
- \* May 17<sup>th</sup> - Garage Sale Days, 9am to 3pm - "Sign up and clean out: closets, cellar, attic, garage"
- \* May 25<sup>th</sup> - Fireman's/Trinity Barbecue, 3pm - "Finger Lickin' Good"

#### Tri- Village VFD

Company Meeting: Wednesday, April 2nd, at 8:00PM

#### Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Service

Company Meeting: Wednesday, April 16th, at 7:00PM





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### *A better place to live....*

*by Richard Tollner, Deputy Town Supervisor*

"The hilltowns is a better place to live" , that's what a lot of people have told me over the years. Better than what? Well, see if you have the answer. I live in the hilltowns in Rensselaerville. I have family here. I have shopped for antiques in Preston Hollow. There are many events in Medusa as well as around Rensselaerville and Preston Hollow that I enjoy. My friends come from all of those towns. So is it friends, the events, the sense of community? May be it's just the natural beauty the hilltowns have to offer?

There are many well preserved buildings and streets that rival a few New England towns. There are a few quite places of natural beauty. The hills are great to view throughout the four seasons. What's next?

The people and their communities.....

Our towns take care of their neighbors. When it snows, as it did too much this year, didn't many of us help dig out a neighbor or run out for some groceries for a friend or family member? The roads were kept clear by dedicated workers who sometimes went to work as we went to bed. Our churches and community buildings were kept on schedule by neighbors and friends who shoveled snow and warmed up buildings. So that services and events for the kids went on undisturbed by Mother Nature. The Rensselaerville Library remains open. The Library Interim Director Candy Wilson working as hard as her staff to maintain all the programs for young and old, while the library survives through the many donations from virtually every group. Young, old, local, seasonal , rich and poor have stepped to help save one of the hilltown's oldest assets. The library will continue to provide reading programs, internet access, books, and many services thanks to people who donated more time , more money, ...and more than they should have, without complaint.

At the Rensselaerville Town Board meeting, the atmosphere has settled down. At the last meeting, over four hours of work was done. A number of situations were addressed. The "bickering" is disappearing as everyone gets back to business. The town board is just like us, too. They know, we must work together, and so, make it a better place. The "working together" continues once more. Politics aside, the board

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# MEDUSA FEST

Held in the Hamlet of Medusa, NY 12120  
Saturday May 31, 2008



Flea Market setup time is 8:00AM- must be ready for the Public by 9:00AM

End Time is 4:00PM (if you are packing up early you will not be invited to return)

**BOOTH SPACE:**

**INDOOR:** The space inside are about 7 x 10 \$30.00 one table and chairs are provided

**OUTDOOR:** Approximately 15' x 20' space also \$30.00 you must supply your own tables.

## Reservations are needed by May 13, 2008

**Please Note:**

Vendors are responsible for having NYS Sales Certificate and for collecting the appropriate sales tax.  
Please return the application below with appropriate payment to:

**Medusa Volunteer Fire Company  
P.O. Box 16  
Medusa, NY 12120  
Attn: Medusa Fest Committee  
Or call 518- 966- 5239**

Please make all checks payable to the Medusa Volunteer Fire Company

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Merchandise: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Indoor: \_\_\_\_\_ Outdoor: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for joining us last year, because you were here last year you have first choice for the same spot this year. Please let me know by May 5, 2008

This year we will be offering Chicken Barbeque. It will start at 11:00AM and we will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs throughout the day. There will be a DJ from 3:00PM.

The Medusa Volunteer Fire Company is not responsible for any injuries, theft, fire, Etc.



## WHY DO WE, IN RENSSELAERVILLE NEED FARMLAND PROTECTION?



Rural neighborhoods are rapidly developing...

...into affluent, urbanized neighborhoods and subdivisions. These two images from a town in North Carolina are on opposite sides of the same street and represent what has been happening all across America. ... *Rural Albany County is possibly not far behind!*



### RFP answers a few skeptic's questions:

1. "You know, ... this isn't Schoharie Valley. The land around here is not really good for farming anymore, if it ever was. The rocks and steep terrain make it too difficult for men and equipment." **RFP answer:** The US Soil Conservation Service conducted a survey of Rensselaerville soils in 1983. They mapped soils and classified them on the basis of their suitability for agricultural uses. The area zoned agricultural in our law is in large part, composed of soils classified in the two statewide categories most suitable for agriculture - *Prime Soils* and *Soils of Statewide Importance*. Soils suitable for agriculture are an indispensable community resource essential to maintaining the potential for new agribusinesses, that cannot be replaced once destroyed by subdivisions.
2. "What farmland are you people talking about anyway? What kind of farming do you see around here besides old hay fields next to falling down barns?" **RFP answer:** Farming has undergone many sweeping changes over the history of our town. The first settlers logged hemlock and hardwood, then started general farming until a local market developed for wool. When that market collapsed, sheep farming was followed by an increase in dairy farming and cheese making. According to the 2002 US Agriculture Census, we have 63 farms in the Town of Rensselaerville. We are now experiencing a transition to new high- end specialty markets for grass fed-beef, organic and natural vegetables and a number of specialty food products. Farmers have to change with the times and look for emerging opportunities, which are rapidly developing.
3. "Some of these people telling us about land-use and farming ideas have never actually farmed anything themselves. How do they get-off telling us what we should be doing with our land?" **RFP answer:** The mandate for our town to foster and protect agriculture is an outcome of our comprehensive planning exercises completed last year. An overwhelming majority of our citizens identified the need to encourage agriculture as the most important task facing our town government. New housing constitutes the prime threat to farming here and elsewhere in the Northeast. New subdivisions can be located in rural Rensselaerville without destroying agricultural land. There's a freight train coming down the tracks - we all need to wake up and work together.
4. "I don't understand how they think it is OK to designate part of my land on the new maps as being forestland. It never had any trees on it until recent years, and now, they can regulate how I use my stream and the water in it..." **RFP answer:** "Every man holds his property subject to the general right of the community to regulate its use to whatever degree the public welfare may require it." Theodore Roosevelt, 1910 No land was designated forestland in the plan or zoning law. This is one of the many misconceptions derived from relying on rumor. There is no substitute for reading the actual plan and laws.
5. "Most of the so-called farms you give as examples, operating in the area, are not really farms in the sense of making a living for a family. They seem to be more like "hobby farms" run by newcomers with money and other income. And, these people still have money in the bank!" **RFP answer:** Farming has always been both a business and land use activity that attracts a wide range of new participants and diversifying seems to be a key strategy for success. It is fortunate for our town that much of the innovation driving new farming practices comes from the ideas and hard work of new residents.

*According to the American Farmland Trust, the speed of development and loss of farmland has recently accelerated. The conversion of farmland and forest in New York has not been due to population growth, but due to "sprawl".*

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### LEARN ABOUT SUCCESSFUL FARMING IN RENSSELAERVILLE

APRIL 26 - 4-6 PM

Rensselaerville Fire House, Rt. 85

Pam McSweeney of Eight Mile Creek Farm will talk about organic farming in the Hilltowns

Tom Gallagher, Albany Co. Co-op Extension talks about "Growing Local" and CSA's - (community supported agriculture)

An educational seminar with Q&A sponsored by Rensselaerville Farmland Protection Inc. (RFP)

visit our web-site

[www.rensseleervillefarmlandprotection.org](http://www.rensseleervillefarmlandprotection.org)

### *Rensselaerville Sponsors Car Seat Program*

The Town of Rensselaerville is sponsoring the Low Income Car Seat Program on April 22, 2008 at 10:00AM at the Town Hall.

## Do you need a car seat?

Starting March 27, 2005, New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law mandates that infants, toddlers, and children under the age of seven (7) years must be secured in a federally approved child safety seat. The penalty for not having an infant, toddler, or child under the age of seven (7) in a car seat is a fine of up to \$100 and three (3) penalty points on your driver's license.

**Car seats are available from the Albany County Department of Public Works - Traffic Safety Education Unit. To qualify for a car seat, you must receiving one of the following forms of public assistance:**

Medicaid

WIC

SSI

Food Stamps

Verification of need by the Department of Social Services

All recipients of car seats will receive approximately 2 hours of classroom and hands-on training on the proper use of car seats.

All car seat distribution will take place at the Albany County Department of Public Works in Voorheesville.

Please plan ahead as it is about a 2 week wait to get an appointment.

For more information, call 765- 2565

HELLO,  
 MY NAME IS BOB MOORE. FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS I  
 HAVE WALKED IN THE GREENVILLE CROP WALK WHICH IS  
 USUALLY HELD THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN MAY IN  
 GREENVILLE. WE HAVE A 1 MILE, 3MILE, AND 5 MILE WALK  
 ROUTES TO CHOOSE FROM. THIS YEARS WALK IS ON  
 SUNDAY, MAY 4 AT 2:00PM  
 THIS IS AN ANNUAL EVENT TO RAISE MONEY FOR WORLD  
 HUNGER. ONE QUARTER OF THE MONIES RAISED COMES BACK  
 TO OUR OWN FOOD PANTRY WHICH OPERATES OUT OF THE  
 GREEN BARN AT THE TOWNPARK IN GREENVILLE.  
 WOULD YOU PLEASE WALK WITH US, MAYBE SPONSOR ME,  
 OR SEND A CHECK TO  
 GREENVILLE CROP WALK—C/O BOB MOORE  
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 CHECKS MUST BE MADE OUT TO C W S  
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 OUR LOCAL WALK IS PROMOTED BY THE GREENVILLE AREA  
 OINTERFAITH COUNCIL  
 (FORMALLY CALLED THE AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES)  
 THANK YOU, BILL MOORE

Annual  
**Rensselaerville Garage Sale Day**  
**Saturday, May 17**  
*Rain-Snow- or Shine!*

For the hamlet of Rensselaerville and vicinity. Now is the time to sign up if you would like to hold a sale at your property/location for the event. The Rensselaerville Fire Department Ladies Battalion sponsors this event. We will advertise in local and some capital district newspapers, radio and on the cable. Your sale will be listed on the map, which will be available the morning of the sale for a donation at the firehouse.

Sales should be open from 9am-4pm. The cost is still \$15 per family. Please send your registration form and your check to RVFD Ladies Battalion, 1364 CR351, Rensselaerville, New York. If you have questions, please call Rose Kuhar at 797-3360. Registration forms must be received by May 10.

Refreshments and sale maps will be available at the firehouse (9am-3pm)

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**Garage Sale Registration Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Site of Sale: Road Name, Route number, and 911 number, miles from village, color of house and other descriptive information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Description of items for Sale

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Detailed description will attract potential customers to your sale. Sale items that are clean, clearly priced and spread out for display are more likely to sell.

## TOWN OF BETHLEHEM HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

May 5, 2007      8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

- Coupons are required for other municipal residents to participate
- Proof of Residency is a valid New York State Driver's License or current town tax bill.
- Keep wastes in their original labeled containers. Tighten lids and pack securely in a cardboard box. Never mix chemicals.
- Wrap leaking containers in newspaper and place in plastic bag or container.
- DO NOT smoke near chemicals or leave product in a hot, unventilated vehicle for an extended period of time.
- For your SAFETY, please stay in your car. Workers will unload the material.

### ACCEPTABLE WASTES

- ▲ Pesticides/Herbicides/Insecticides
- ▲ Paints (Oil Base, Latex)
- ▲ Wood Preservatives and Stains
- ▲ Thinners and Solvents
- ▲ Drain Cleaners
- ▲ Swimming Pool Chemicals
- ▲ Automotive Fluids/Batteries
- ▲ Old Cleaning Products
- ▲ Gasoline/Kerosene
- ▲ Acids and Bases
- ▲ Hobby Chemicals/Paints
- ▲ Asbestos (Wet and Double Bagged)
- ▲ Computers and Computer Components
- ▲ Fluorescent Light Bulbs

### UNACCEPTABLE WASTES

- ▼ Explosives/Ammunition
- ▼ Fireworks
- ▼ Radioactive Material
- ▼ Controlled Substances
- ▼ Known Dioxins
- ▼ Compressed Gases  
(aerosols are okay)
- ▼ Commercial Wastes
- ▼ Empty Paint Cans
- ▼ Empty aerosols
- ▼ Industrial Wastes
- ▼ Medical Wastes

PLEASE PICK UP COUPON AT THE RENSSELAERVILLE TOWN HALL.

### *A better place to live....*

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wants "better" for the community they serve.

All the people who had the opportunity to give, displayed why it's better here. We're all in this together. There are so many programs out there to serve our neighbors from little league baseball to the Hilltowns Food Pantry to hard working neighbors to Hilltown Food Co- op *a business that serves*. (Does Rob Sweeney ever go home?) Add in the Town, the schools, all the churches, fire companies, Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Squad, the Hilltown Seniors, the vets groups and the school programs, and a few groups whom I missed here what do you have?

It's "better" because of the people that want better, and are willing to work for it, in *all areas* of the hilltowns. Through thick in and thin for hundreds of years the Hilltowns have made it. People who strive for "better" become better.

What do you think?

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4/7, 5/5 SHRIMP SCAMPI OVER PASTA TOMATO JUICE TOSSED SALAD ICE CREAM	4/8, 5/6 CHICKEN W/ GRAVY OVER BISCUIT POTATO GEMS MIXED VEGETABLES DINNER ROLL TAPIOCA PUDDING	4/9, 5/7 ROAST PORK W/ DRESSING SAUERKRAUT ORANGE JUICE APPLE SAUCE	4/10, 5/8 POT ROAST OVER NOODLES APPLE JUICE CARROTS & PEAS RED CABBAGE FRUITED JELLO	4/11, 5/9 CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE BOILED POTATOES CARROTS APPLE CRISP
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4/21, 5/19 MINESTRONE SOUP 2 HOT DOGS BAKED BEANS SAUERKRAUT STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE	4/22, 5/20 LIVER W/ ONIONS & MUSHROOMS BAKED POTATO CALIFORNIA BLEND VEGETABLES FRUIT CUP	4/23, 5/21 BBQ SPARERIBS RICE TOSSED SALAD CARROTS TAPIOCA PUDDING	4/24, 5/22 BEEF STEW PEAS TOSSED SALAD W/ DRESSING TOMATO JUICE PINEAPPLE	4/25, 5/23 FRIED CHICKEN POTATO CAULIFLOWER AU GRATIN STRAWBERRY CREAM PIE

***Important Contact Information***

Town Board Meetings  
Second Thursday 7:00 pm

Working Meeting  
Tuesday 7:00 pm  
before regular meeting as needed

Town Justice Court  
Mondays 7:00 pm

Planning Board  
First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals  
Second Tuesday 7:00 pm

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer  
Thursday 8:00-10:00am, 7-9 pm

Town Clerk's Hours  
Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-3:30pm  
Thursday 1:30pm-7:30pm  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Supervisor's Hours  
Wednesdays 10am - 12 pm  
Home office 7 days 7:30am - 10:30pm

Assessors' Hours  
Thursday 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Assessors' Clerk Hours  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning

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Cheryl Baitsholts  
518-797-5201

Town Refuse Station Hours  
Wednesday and Saturday  
7:00am-3:45pm

Water/Sewer District Meeting  
First Thursday 7:00 pm

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Social number - 239-6780

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