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November Town Board Minutes Summary

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 13th day of November, 2008, at 7:15 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, Superintendent G. Jon Chase, Attorney Joseph Catalano, Town Clerk Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

There were approximately 60 interested citizens present.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 9, 2008; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

TRANSFERS: A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to put off discussing and voting on the transfers until Monday evening; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

WARRANT #2008-11 - VOUCHERS - BILLS: A motion was made by Councilman Chase to pay all signed vouchers; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A letter was received from the Rensselaerville Library presenting the Town Board with a Certificate of Appreciation for their help keeping the library functioning for the community.
- A Municipal Shelter Inspection Report was received from NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. Ventilation and temperature controls need to be put in the building. Councilman Chase mentioned that he has contacted a couple of people to go look at these issues and get them fixed. There is funding in the DCO's line item for this.
- A note was received from John and Tina Stannard thanking the Town for repairing Miller and Stevens Roads.
- A letter was received from NYS Emergency Management Office, 1220 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY, concerning the Project Completion and Certification Reports for the FEMA projects and a time extension request.

REPORTS: Reports were heard from the following: Supervisor Nickelsberg, Superintendent Chase, Town Clerk Hallenbeck, Attorney Catalano, Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh, and Assessor Pine.

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Library Bookmark

As we look back on 2008, the staff and the Board of Trustees of the Rensselaerville Library would like to extend many great big thank-yous...

- ...to everyone who supported us during our recent appeal campaign.
- ...to everyone who came to and supported us through the Greenery Sale in December.
- ...to Borders for their recent fundraiser on our behalf. Borders made a number of children's books available for their customers to purchase for our library. Many generous people have purchased about 300 titles (or over \$1,000 worth of new books) for us.
- ...and last, but not certainly not least, to all of our friends and neighbors who have volunteered their time to us over the last year: Sarah Amedure, John Arrighi & Sharon Costello, Cheryl Baitsholts, Carolyn Barker, Tracy Bensen, Margaret Bernstein, Jan Bishop, Karen Boazman, Gretchen Coward, Lisa Dudley, Members of the Dungeons and Dragons Club and all the parents of the Dungeons and Dragons Club, Joanne Eckstut, Christine Evola, Barbara Heath, Barbara Husek, The Hutchins Family, Janice Kammerer, The Kelly Family, Edith Kuhar, Barbara Lippert, Nora Logan, Rebecca Lubin, Ari McNeeley, Patricia Moses, Patrick Nash, Irene Olson, Cindy Ouellette, Dixie Ouellette, William Ouellette, Robert Pondiscio & Liza Greene, Members of the Rensselaerville Senior Club, Dian Ryan, Deb Santonastaso, Dianne Schanz, Mary Jane Schroeder, Margaret Sedlmeir, Brian Wallis & Katherine Dieckmann, Sarah Nelson Weiss, Zach Wellstood, Marion Williams, Alan Wilson & Diana Dietrich, Richard Platel, Rensselaerville Conference and Meeting Center, Rensselaerville Preserve, Paul Wilson, Richard and Leslie Tollner, Mary Grants, Nancy Madriagan, John Gordon, Dudley Reed, Phil Pearson, Al Dorman, Steve Miller, Matt Mulholland, Erica Tedesco, The Greenville Press, The Altamont Enterprise, and Mid-Hudson Cable. (If we have forgotten you, we are sorry and your efforts are greatly appreciated!)

First Friday movies continue: Please join us at **Conkling Hall on Friday, January 2 at 6:30 P.M.** for *Horton Hears a Who*, based on the beloved characters created by Dr. Seuss. In this film, Horton the Elephant struggles to protect a microscopic community from his neighbors, who refuse to acknowledge that it exists. Featuring the voices of Jim Carrey as Horton, and Steve Carell as the Mayor of Whoville. Run time: 86 minutes. Rated G.



Staff:
Candy Wilson, Director;
Katie Caprio, Assistant;
Barbara Husek, Assistant;
Zachary Wellstood, Page

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

www.uhls.org/rvll_library

The next **Library Board meeting** is on **Monday, January 18** at **7:00 P.M.**



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Conkling Hall—What's On In November

Thursday, January 01: RHDA New Year's Open House. Come join us for a Pot Luck Open House to celebrate the beginning of the New Year. Food and Wine provided. Desserts welcome!! Open to all. No charge. 1:00 - 4:00.

Friday, January 2: First Friday Movie sponsored by the Rensselaerville Library. Movie begins at 6:30 PM. Adults: \$2, Children: \$1.

Friday, January 16: Noteworthy Coffeehouse. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Music begins at 7:30 PM.

Pilates: Saturdays 9-10 AM Mat class. Strengthen your abdominals, gain long, lean muscles and work with good alignment. Appropriate for all

levels.

Yoga: Tuesdays 9 - 10:15 AM. Move, breathe and relax. Good for what ails you. Open to all. Please call Sara Nelson Weiss 239 6825 for more information.

You can contact Conkling Hall at 518 797 3459 or read our website at www.ConklingHall.org. We send 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.



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Town Hall will be closed on:

January 1, 2009 in observance of New Year's Day
January 19, 2009 in observance of Martin Luther King , Jr. Day

Important Notice!



Please take notice that the Town has discontinued its past policy and practice of allowing residents to take small quantities of sand and salt stored at the Town barn in exchange for a small donation. Unfortunately, some people have abused this courtesy by taking large amounts of such materials,

and the Town cannot authorize such materials paid for by taxpayer funds to be utilized for private purposes. As such, from this point forward, no one is allowed to take any sand, salt, or other highway materials except authorized Town Highway personnel for use on Town roads. Due to the legalities involved, any violation of this notice could lead to prosecution.

Budget Review Committee

At its regular monthly meeting on December 15, 2008, the Town Board approved the creation of a Budget Review Committee. The purpose of this committee is to act in an advisory capacity with regards to the Town's budget. We are now seeking community representatives with diverse viewpoints to serve on this committee.



If you are interested in serving on this committee, please submit a Letter of Interest to Town Clerk Kathy Hallenbeck by Monday, January 12, 2009.

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.

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.

***Final Town Board Meeting of 2008 will be held on
Tuesday, December 30th at 7:00 PM***

***The Organizational Meeting will be held on
Thursday, January 1st***

Wind Study Committee

Join us on this newly formed committee



The Town Board has recently approved a six-month moratorium on wind applications and installations. We are now seeking community representatives with diverse viewpoints to serve on the Wind Study Committee. This advisory committee will make recommendations for policies, procedures, and zoning regulations for *residential* and *commercial* wind installations.

The issue of what kinds of wind power will be permitted, encouraged, and discouraged by the Town will have a large impact upon our quality of life, our rural atmosphere, view sheds, economics, and our local tax structure. A well-constructed set of policies, procedures, and zoning regulations will benefit all our citizens.

If you would like further information about this committee prior to sending a Letter of Interest, contact Noel Abbott, Committee Chairman, at (518) 239-4717 or email: noel@NYAir.net.

Please submit letters of interest to Town Clerk Kathy Hallenbeck by Monday, January 12, 2009.

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. January's Extra Helpings menus are as follows:

January's Regular menu: \$21.00

- 6 - 7 lb. Roasting Chicken
- 1 lb. Mild Bulk Sausage
- 1 lb. 100% Beef Patties
- 2 lbs. Boneless Pork Chops
- 2 lb. bag onions
- 5 lb. bag potatoes

Special #1: \$ 13.00

- 6 lb. Italian Sweet Sausage Links (2 - 3# boxes)

Special # 2: \$ \$ 20.00

- 10 lb. bag Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breast

Special #3: \$32.00 MEAT BOX

- 2 lbs. Pork Roast Netted
- 3 lbs. Stew Beef (3 - 1 lb. packages)

- 3 lbs. Chicken Tenders (2 - 1.5 lbs.)
- 2 lbs. Maple Breakfast Sausage Links
- 3 lb. 90/10 Ground Beef

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

PLEASE NOTE: Orders with payment are due at the HCRC office by **January 5th** for pick-up on January 27, 2009. 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.



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Route 145, Preston Hollow,
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Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church

Summer Session Worship - 11:00AM
Coffee Hour following Mass

United Church of Christ

Medusa, 239-6119
Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM

Trinity Episcopal Church

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

Potter Hollow Union Church

4824 Potter Hollow Mountain Road
Potter Hollow, 263-4478
Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM
Coffee Hour & Sunday School—11:30AM
Call for Bible Study and Prayer Group

Battery Recycling

Did you know that Americans purchase nearly 3 million dry cell batteries every year to power radios, toys, cell phones, watches, laptop computers, and portable tools? These batteries are then discarded into the waste stream. While they are a small amount of the solid waste stream, they are a concentrated source of heavy metals.

The Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District is inviting you to participate in a drop-off program for collecting used dry-cell batteries. Receptacles will be placed at the Town of Rensselaerville Refuse Station and the Rensselaerville Library. Batteries accepted include, but not limited

to: household batteries (rechargeable and non-rechargeable) such as D cell, 9 volt, and button cell; rechargeable battery packs from cell phones, laptops, power tools, and cameras. We will also accept handheld electronics such as cell phones, pagers, and PDAs.

Please join us as we strive to preserve our natural resources by keeping these batteries out of our landfills and water supplies. For more information or a list of other participating locations, please contact the District at (518) 765-SWCD, or susan.lewis@ny.nacdnet.net

2009 Budget



Prior to the arrival of your 2009 real estate tax bills, the Town Board would like you to know that the Board members worked very diligently and cooperatively to cut the budget as much as possible without compromising the provision of necessary Town services. A comparison of the 2008 expenditures and the 2009 budget's projected expenditures shows a significant reduction. However, even with this reduction and the Town Board's efforts to achieve a 0% increase in Town taxes, there will be a slight increase in tax rates due to a projected substantial decrease in other revenues to the Town such as sales and mortgage taxes and other State revenues. It is the Town Board's belief that the 2009 budget does reflect

prudent, fiscal responsibility to Town taxpayers in this difficult economic climate without sacrificing essential governmental services. We will continue to monitor revenues and costs throughout the coming year and make adjustments that are warranted. We intend to be resilient through these difficult times and hopefully the economy will improve in the near future so that non-tax Town revenues will rebound, lessening the burden on all of us.

Summary of Town of Rensselaerville Planning Board Minutes November 6, 2008—7:30pm

Present: R. WELSH; R. BATES; A. WRIGHT; M. FRASER; D. COTTER; R. AMEDURE; R. PLATEL; J. KOSICH

Absent: F. STETTNER

Called to order at 7:30pm

Approve minutes of 10-16-08—R. AMEDURE made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting; R. BATES 2nd; all were in favor; R. WELSH abstained, and the motion was carried.

- **Major Subdivision 006-2008 SBL# 181.00-2-42.1 PUBLIC HEARING cont'd** —The Board reviewed the final plat. The open space note was read by J. KOSICH. No further questions from the Board. The Board reviewed final plat application. There was a motion to waive public hearing on the final plat, based on the fact that it does not differ substantially from the preliminary plat and requires no further review under SEQR made by R. AMEDURE; 2nd A. WRIGHT. All in favor. Motion to approve final plat was made by R. AMEDURE; 2nd by R. WELSH; all were in favor and the motion was carried.
- **Minor Subdivision Preliminary Plat Review SBL 149-1-18**—Perc test results were received from ACDOH—a fill system is required. The Board reviewed the preliminary plat and proposed house footprint. No further questions from the Board. A motion to accept preliminary plat was made by R. WELSH; 2nd by R. BATES; all in favor and the motion was carried. R. AMEDURE requested that a well site be added to final plat. A motion to schedule a public hearing for November 20th at 7:30 was made by A. WRIGHT; 2nd by R. WELSH; all were in favor and the motion was carried.
- A short presentation was given by EN Huyck Preserve Director on a grant application for Geographic Information System mapping of Lake Myosotis Watershed. There was a discussion about how GIS could be used by the Planning Board in the application review process. There was a motion to allow Chairperson M. Fraser to write letter of support made by R. WELSH; 2nd R. AMEDURE; all in favor and the motion was carried.
- Volpe resolution—corrected and signed.
- Question from a member of the public about a boundary dispute—The Planning Board had no authority on the matter.

Motion to adjourn was made by R. WELSH; 2nd by R. BATES; all in favor and the motion was carried. 8:21pm

Submitted by Rebecca Platel

Summary of Town of Rensselaerville Planning Board Minutes November 20, 2008—7:30pm

Present: R. Welsh; R. Amedure; R. Bates; F. Stettner; M. Fraser, Chair; A. Wright, J. Kosich

Absent: D. Cotter

Motion to approve minutes made by R. AMEDURE and 2nd R. WELSH; all in favor and the motion was carried.

Minor Subdivision SBL 149-1-18 PUBLIC HEARING

Motion to open the public hearing was made by R. WELSH and 2nd by F. STETTNER. the motion was carried. Applicant submitted certified mail receipts. No members of public present to comment; two letters submitted in support of subdivision. there were no further comments from the board. A motion to close the public hearing was made by R. WELSH and 2nd by F. STETTNER. SEQR Part 2 completed by Board. R. AMEDURE made a motion to declare a negative declaration and 2nd by R. BATES. All were in favor and the motion was carried. Final plats will be prepared for the next meeting; the Board and the applicant will wait until next meeting for resolution and final approval.

Summary of Town of Rensselaerville Planning Board Minutes November 20, 2008—7:30pm

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Pre-application Conference for Special Use Permit for Way Out Bakery:

Several members of the public were present in support of the bakery. A letter of support was submitted from J. Arrighi and S. Costello. Brief history was provided by M. Fraser: the first Special Use Permit “withdrawn”; it was technically, never formally submitted. The Board requested an Engineer’s report from applicants, which was financially unfeasible at the time. The new applicant submitted new materials and drawings illustrating plans for the business. The bakery is currently operating under an Ag. and Markets Food Processing Permit to prepare foods for off-premise consumption. The applicant described business over the past month. Under the current Ag and Markets permit process, they have two years to determine if a wholesale or retail operation permit is best. If retail is more appropriate, the only difference to the building would be a sitting room with public bathroom and water cooler. The applicant is aware that an engineer’s report is necessary for a retail operation, in addition to a change of use permit (Special Use Permit) from the Planning Board. According to engineers the applicant has spoken with, the Special Use Permit needs to be granted before an engineer will prepare a report. The applicant presented a long-term plan for the business, including applying for non-profit status and applying for a NYS Main Street Grant. Applicant is currently working on plan to finance engineers report and asking for boards support on project.

R. AMEDURE—the Board does not have conceptual issue with bakery; however, there are technical issues that the board cannot overlook. J. KOSICH—while Special Use Permit is contingent upon the Engineer’s Report, applicant could ask for conditional approval of the permit. Change in occupancy or use (losing an apartment and adding a bakery) triggers need for the engineer’s report showing the proper structural designs to ensure compliance with the New York State Fire & Safety Code. The applicant could ask for conditional approval, get reports done, come back for final permit. In the meantime, it is not legal for bakery to operate without a Special Use Permit, even if with conditional approval. While Ag and Markets law must be followed, it does not supersede Town zoning Law. Operating without being in compliance with the Town Laws and New York State Fire & Safety makes the Town liable for any accidents that may occur, e.g. fire. The Board needs details of ovens and other equipment as part of the Permit Application. Applicant indicated that the Town Comprehensive Plan outlined the Town’s goals to support small business and would like Board to be flexible and not require the engineer’s report right away. F. STETTNER—it is incumbent upon landlord to prepare building to enable you to operate the baker, which was not done. J. KOSICH—proposed a conditional approval concept where Board would review plans prepared by applicant, suggest mitigation, and express support for project and then wait for engineer’s report, but no operation will be allowed; Applicant asked if the Board could put together a list of current and foreseeable concerns. M. FRASER—conceptually, all members of the Board agreed that they have no objections to plan. The main concern is safety of occupants and neighboring houses. These are issues which Board must consider in the permit review. They are triggered and addressed by the New York State Fire Code which requires the engineer’s Report; otherwise, parking, signage, environmental impacts, and any issues brought up at the public hearing, make sure to consider your future plans and accommodate them in the report.

Submitted by Rebecca Platel



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"Old Country Church"

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longing to be
With my friends at the old country
church.
There with mother we went, and our
Sundays were spent
With my friends at the old country
church.
Precious years, precious years, of
memory, sweet memory
Oh what joy, oh what joy, they bring
to me, they bring to me
How I long, how I long, once more to
be, once more to be
With my friends at the old country
church.
As a small country boy, how my heart
beat with joy
As I knelt at the old country church.
There with Jesus above with his won-
derful love
Saved my soul at the old country
church
How I wish that today all the people
would pray
As they did at the old country church.
If they'd only confess, Jesus surely
would bless
As he did at the old country church.
(Author unknown)*

Sunday Morning Worship
10am

Mustard Seed Coffee Hour
11:30am

Youth Bible Hour
11:30 am

The "Old Country Church"... is it a thing of the past or alive to-day? Its face may be ever changing, but the heart is still the same. In the 1800's, the Friend's meetinghouse was built up on the hill in the middle of the Potter Hollow cemetery. Later it became the Potter Hollow Union Church and moved down the hill to where it sits today. In 2000, the Potter Hollow Church began outgrowing it's walls and, by the extreme generosity of the Potter Hollow Grange Members, they were able to purchase the Potter Hollow Grange Hall, which now functions as the Potter Hollow Union Church Fellowship Hall.

Today we primarily meet in that fellowship hall, as we are again becoming a church filled with the laughter and joy of families. With those families come many young children who enjoy the convenience of (and what we have come to view in our society as the necessity of) an indoor toilet.

The Potter Hollow Church from the time of the Friends till today has always been, and by constitution will remain, a non-denominational church standing firm to one thing: the love and complete work of Jesus Christ. It was this love that drove the original Friends to sacrifice in order to build our original building and this love that drives us to come together and be the church today.

Though the church is ever-changing and growing, it remains, in heart, an old country church. These last 3 months have been months of change as Pastor Nathan Miles came as our pastor along with his wife Kristy, daughter Lily (3yrs), and son Nathan William (7months). Pastor Nathan was part of this church as a boy when his father, the late Pastor Philip W. Miles, pastored here from 1992-1994 and now returns to help in the ministry here in Potter Hollow.

Family Enrichment Classes

Sunday Nights
6pm-8pm

Parenting - Jan. 11th-Feb 22nd
Marriage - starting March 1st

Classes will be taught by Mike and Judi Ryan of Good Tidings Bible Conference. Mike and Judi have been married for 20 years and have 7 children from ages 3 - 19.

"Digging into the Truth" A Children's Adventure



Starting January 9th
Fridays 4pm - 5pm
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Bible come to life!

Holistic Health Seminar

We would like to have Judi Ryan, ND of Stirred Water Herbs in Acra for a natural Health Seminar in the near future. She'll be addressing women's hormones, among other topics. If interested, call (518)263-4478 or call Judi at (518)622-9383.

Growing Pains & A Community That Won't Quit

In its early stages, any community-based business faces significant challenges and is only as successful as it is responsive and adaptive. In recent months, The Hilltown Market and Natural Food Coop has been grappling with these normal growing pains. Our most obvious and immediate "growing pain" has been a cash flow crisis. Unlike many small businesses, our market is actually surviving the current economic downturn and, so far, has suffered far less of a downturn than the national average. Nevertheless, at this stage in our development, the crisis is critical.

In fact, under similar conditions, many small, community-based businesses would close its doors.

But our community is different.

Over the past month, the co-op board and nearly 100 co-op members and concerned customers have held two "town hall" style meetings --- and an untold number of smaller, less formal conversations --- aimed at identifying concerns, policies and strategies for the renewal and continued growth of The Hilltown Market and Food Co-op, our sole source of high quality, healthful food . Everything from our founding principles and mission, our food-buying policy, business plan, overhead, and marketing and advertising strategies have been considered.

Through this process, the following issues have been identified:

1. The soundness and feasibility of the original business model
2. The possibility of alternative revenue streams
3. The food-buying policy and its implementation
4. The need for new board members and a new board structure

With miraculous speed, a well articulated, renewal plan has been drafted and parts of that plan are already being phased in.

The energy, talent, and concern that has been unleashed on The Hilltown Market and Natural Food Co-op has been phenomenal. It is clear that this resource is a precious one and that fine-tuning the offerings and operations of the market to better serve our community is essential. We are fortunate to be a place where people don't just make suggestions --- they pick up a broom, unpack boxes, join committees, write checks, and make change.

On its second birthday The Hilltown Market and Natural Food Co-op is not out of danger. But at a time when the nation is suffering extreme financial insecurity, a health care crisis, run-away energy costs, and both job loss and business failures of epidemic proportion, ours is a community that joins together to Just Say No. This determination, along with talent and generosity mean that our local market has a strong chance surviving and thriving.

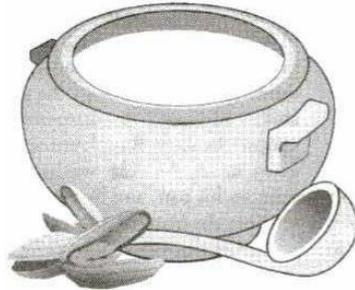
HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Join a committee and shape the future of the market
- Contribute ideas and energy
- Shop in the Market
- Take part in our bulk-buying program

If you want to attend one of our open board meetings, and/or want to chip in and help the Co-op: email board president, Justin Behan, at justinlakebehan@yahoo.com.



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- 3** DISH Network has the best HD DVR with the largest recording capacity in the industry. cnet.com review 10/3/07
- 4** DISH Network is the leader in product innovation with consistent breakthrough technology.
- 5** DISH Network is #1 in customer satisfaction beating cable 7 years in a row.*
- 6** DISH Network has the best offers available in satellite TV.



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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Chase responded to the letter received from NYS Emergency Management Office (SEMO) concerning application for an extension to complete the outstanding Project Worksheets.

The second page of his monthly report shows what work has to be done. Superintendent Chase went over the projects as follows; Siebert Road, North Road, Sayre Road, Knowles Road, Hale Road, Arnold Road, Engle Road, Pucker Street, Schusler Lane, Pond Hill Road, Bryan Road, Pearson, King Lane. There is a project for the Ten Mile Creek, has anything been done on this. They have completed all roads except Kellie Road and Tanglewood Road. At his point in time there is \$349,097.31 in costs. Bookkeeper Britton needs all this information.

Superintendent Chase mentioned that they have to code them, with the materials that we have listed, come up with all the vouchers and when they were paid and when each job was finished. They are working on that now. Superintendent Chase mentioned that there are three or four projects that he is contesting which means he is trying to get more money for those projects. Pearson Hill is one of them. If everything goes well, hopefully, they will have the paperwork done by the first of the year. Superintendent Chase would like to be able to use Ms. Platel for a few hours to do the copying.

Superintendent Chase reported the following: clearing brush and trees from the storm that we had on Camp Medusa Road, Siebert Road, Sayre Road, Gulf Road, Olmo Road, Scutt Road, Stiefel Lane, Cheese Hill Road, Roney Road, and Kenyon Road. Next week they will be patching holes on Gifford Road, Miller Road, Fish Road, and Edwards Hill Road. They will be doing a complete check on all roads that may need patching.

SEASONAL ROADS: A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine that the following roads be designated seasonal (December 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009) and that the Town Clerk be authorized to put the list in the official newspaper;

Olmo Road - from CR 253 to new building lot

Gulf Road Extension - 2/10 mile in from CR 12

Kenyon Road - if unable to plow whole road we will plow to the ½ way point from CR 358

Roney Road - 1 ½ mile in off Pearson Road

Edwards Hill Road, from Feiner's pole barn to State Road 145

2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

TANGLEWOOD ROAD: Superintendent Chase mentioned that the drainage on this road is working well; there are couple more drainage ditches that have to be put up on the last hill. That will be about a half day's work and they will be done.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept Superintendent's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody,

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Superintendent Chase reported that he needs 250 tons of Item 4 at \$10.00 at ton costing \$2500.00 to complete all projects. There are about 70 to 80 tons of materials stockpiled at the Town Building.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept Superintendent Chase's monthly report; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor Nickelsberg reported that the people of the town took back their town tonight. Bookkeeper Britton reported that there is \$296,800 in the general fund.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT: Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the following collected for the month of Octo-

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ber 2008: Town Clerk's Department - \$2061.13; Water Rents - \$2,982.20; Sewer Rents - \$2,786.19.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept Town Clerk Hallenbeck's report; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Catalano reported that American Tower has gone to the site. They will come back and map each piece of the tower so they can do their analysis. They are hoping to get it done in two to three weeks. The light on the top is also out.

Nepotism: Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned to Attorney Catalano that he is going to ask Councilman Chase to recuse himself when they get into budgetary issues. He is asking for a letter on the nepotism issue as a private citizen of this town.

Councilman Chase mentioned that as far as voting on the budget, there would be three councilmen recusing themselves from voting on the budget. Each one of us three has a significant person in the budget that they would be voting for. We should go by what the Attorney General says.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept Attorney Catalano's report; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results;

Supervisor Nickelsberg -NA; Councilman Chase, Councilwoman Dermody, Councilman Lansing and Councilwoman Pine - AYE

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh reported the following; 1 - new home, 3 residential repairs, 1 new building accessory.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to accept Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT: Assessor Pine reported on the following two exemptions laws. One is to raise the income levels for the senior exemption. The Town usually goes along with the County exemption levels for the seniors. The other is the cold war veterans. Assessor Pine explained this exemption. He did not know what the impact on the taxes would be.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine to hold public hearing on local laws for the Cold War Veterans Exemptions and Senior Citizens Exemptions on December 11, 2008; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the Assessor's report; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CURRENT EVENTS: Holiday Gift Bazaar - Conkling Hall - Saturday - November 29th.

Medusa Fire House Breakfast - This Saturday - 7 to 11AM. Free Will Offering

Bates Church Christmas Program -Saturday Dec. 6th at 7PM

OLD BUSINESS

RENSSELAERVILLE WATER DISTRICT: CONTRACT - IMPOUNDING DAM

Attorney Catalano reviewed the contract received from J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract with J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, PE, LS, LA, P.C., 22 High Street, Rensselaer, NY 12144 to do the engineering work on the impounding dam in the Rensselaerville Water District for \$18,400.00; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

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A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Attorney Catalano spoke concerning the Myosotis Lake Dam which needs work, he has asked Fraser & Associates and Woitd Engineering to do a proposal on that.

Councilman Chase asked if any of FEMA comes in on the impoundment dam project, Attorney Catalano mentioned that there is a couple of thousand dollars to divert the water around the work site. Perhaps this could get increased.

UNPAID WATER RENTS - \$4,924.50: The Unpaid Water Rents must be re-levied to be collected with the 2009 property taxes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the Unpaid Water Rent list from the Town Clerk and that it be re-levied onto the property owner's tax bill for collection in 2009; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

RENSELAERVILLE SEWER DISTRICT

UNPAID SEWER RENTS - \$5,497.28: The Unpaid Sewer rents must be re-levied to be collected with the 2009 property taxes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the Unpaid Sewer Rent list from the Town Clerk and that it be re-levied onto the property owner's tax bill for collection in 2009; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

LOCAL LAW No. 3 OF THE YEAR 2008 – WIND POWER FACILITIES

A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED "MORATORIUM LAW FOR 2008 OF THE TOWN OF RENSELAERVILLE"

This is a local law establishing a six-month moratorium on applications and approvals for wind power facilities in the Town of Rensselaerville.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to adopt Local Law No 3 of the year 2008; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine. (Attached - 081113LL#3)

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

HIGHWAY BIDS

The Town Board at their work meeting on November 11, 2008 opened bids for the following items;

Backhoe - 1987 Ford Backhoe Model 555B

Carver Stone Products, 494 Western Turnpike, Altamont, NY - \$900.00; Renea Carl, Medusa, NY - \$752.00; George Henderson - Freehold, NY- \$2752.52; Village Truck Sales - 800 Cheshire Road, Lanesboro, MA - \$4690.00; Mark Overbaugh - Medusa, NY - \$4478.00; Jeff Pine -Preston Hollow, NY- \$1401.00; Reginald Duncan - Medusa, NY - \$3501.00; Randy Bates - Medusa, NY - \$2505.50; Roger Winn - Rensselaerville, NY - \$3400.00; Bob Koenig - Rensselaerville, NY - \$508.99; Anthony Bonneau - Preston Hollow, NY - \$3600.00; Ozzie Carlino - Preston Hollow, NY - \$2,800.00; Hazelton Equipment Company, 500 S Church Street, Hazelton, PA - \$2,276.00.

1996 Ford Truck F250, 4 X4 with 8 foot 4 way Fisher Plow

Anthony Bonneau -Preston Hollow, NY - \$1,100.00; Village Truck Sales, Lanesboro, MA - \$690.00; Renea Carl - Medusa, NY - \$652.00; George Henderson -Freehold, NY - \$352.52; Bob Koenig - Rensselaerville, NY - \$597.00; Mark Overbaugh - Medusa, NY - \$572.00, David Chase - Medusa, NY -no non-collusive bidding certificate with bid.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to accept the bid from Village Truck Sales, Inc., 800 Cheshire Road, Lanesboro, MA for \$4690.00 for the 1987 Ford Backhoe, Model 555B; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

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A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to accept the bid from Anthony Bonneau, 2667 SR 145, Preston Hollow, NY, for \$1100.00 for the 1996 Ford F250 4 X 4 with 8 foot 4 way Fisher plow; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

PEARSON ROAD CULVERT PROJECT: Ingalls & Associates, LLC, the engineering firm that has been working on the plans for the Pearson Road over Fox Creek Culvert replacement is ready to put bids out for the project.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody authorizing the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for the construction of Pearson Road over Fox Creek Culvert replacement project, Bids to be in the Town Clerk's Office by December 11, 2008 at 6PM at which time they will be publicly opened and read allowed. Bid notices will be published in the Altamont Enterprise, Greenville Press, Times Union and Dodge Report; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

RETRO-ACTIVE CHECKS: The Union Contract for the Highway Department employees has been passed. The employees have been getting paid on the old rate; they need to get the retro-active pay for the new rate. The Bookkeeper will have this information ready for the payroll company at the end of November.

NEW BUSINESS

MEDUSA FIRE COMPANY - NEW MEMBER - MANNY ABATA

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to add Manny Abata to the Medusa Fire Company membership list; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

BAYARD ELSBREE PARK: The Bayard Elsbree Park Committee had asked Attorney Catalano to look into whether a separate checking account can be set up for the Elsbree Park Committee for purposes of accepting donations and from revenue for park improvement. The Town Board discussed this issue at length.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to authorize the creation a separate checking account for the Bayard Elsbree Park for accepting donations and disposing funds from that accounts; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

2009 BUDGET: Special Meeting: A meeting needs to be set up for Monday to discuss the transfers and other issues.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to hold a Special Meeting on November 17, 2008 at 7 PM to work on and vote on 2009 Preliminary Budget, make transfers, go over the Supervisor's financial report, and discuss other matters currently before the Board; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CPA APPLICANT - INTERVIEW: Councilwoman Dermody would like to invite the person who submitted a resume in for an interview. This person will be asked to come in for the next work meeting.

RESERVE FUNDS FOR CHIPS: Bookkeeper Britton would like the Town Board to create a reserve fund account for the CHIPS funds. Call it CHIPS Highway Improvement for the \$115,000 that came in for 2007 that we did not spend this year so that it is protected. The Town Board will have to pass a resolution for this.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Comments from the audience concerned the employee's time cards, the life of a CHIPS road, Board members recusing themselves from voting on certain topics, and investigating an automatic dialing system to get messages to the citizens.

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EN Huyck Preserve: Mr. Jamison from the EN Huyck Preserve mentioned that the Preserve is applying for grant for funding through the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for a grant under the Recreational Trails Program. They need approval from the governing body of the municipality in resolution forms.

Resolution No. 081113A-ENHP RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to adopt the following resolution entitled "Recreational Trails Program;" 2nd by Councilman Chase.

WHEREAS, the Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve, Inc. is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for a grant under the Recreational Trails Program for a trails project to be located in Rensselaerville, NY, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Board; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of these programs, said not-for-profit corporation must obtain the "approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located";

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by this august body that the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville hereby does approve and endorse the application for the Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve, Inc. for a grant under the Recreational Trails Program for a trail project known as Trail Improvement Project and located within this community.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine. Unanimously carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck
Town Clerk

NOTE: Full Town Board Minutes can be found on the Town website (www.rensselaerville.com) or at the Town Hall.

Good News!

Who couldn't bear to hear some good news for a change? As a result of recent actions taken by the Town Board, we are pleased to announce that we have drastically reduced the cost of producing the monthly newsletter. The figures are in for the December 2008 newsletter, the first issue printed in-house as opposed to outsourcing. What would have cost the Town \$1192 to be printed by an outside agency actually cost \$119, thanks to our newly leased copier. And a special "Thank you!" goes to Town Clerk Hallenbeck and Deputy Town Clerk Dee Andrus for taking on yet another responsibility ~ ordering the needed supplies and monitoring the printing process!



Volunteer News and Events

Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Monday, January 5th, at 8:00 PM

Drill & Work Meeting: Monday January 12th and January 19th at 7:00PM

*Special Events: Clam Chowder— January 2, February 6, and March 6
See ad on page 11*

All You Can Eat Breakfast—See ad on page 5

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

**Join us for another season of saving lives and homes in your neighborhood!!
Calls as of December 5th : 48**

January:

- 5st - 7pm Company Drill
- 7th - 7pm Ladies Battalion
- 12th - 7pm Company Drill
- 28th - 7:30pm Company Meeting

February:

- 2nd - 7pm Company Drill
- 4th - 7pm Ladies Battalion
- 9th - 7pm Company Drill
- 15th - 8-11am Pancake Breakfast
- 25th - 7:30pm Company Meeting

Special Events:

- 2/15 - 8:00-11:00am Pancake Breakfast - Fight CABIN FEVER with hot Pancakes!!!
- 3/28 - 4pm to 6pm Take Out Chicken Barbeque; Pre-sale tickets available in February

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, January 7th at 8:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, January 21st at 7:00PM

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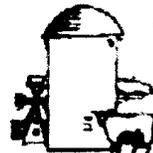
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Keep Warm This Winter

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

Hearty one-pot meals will help warm your family during cold weather this winter. Below are two such recipes from *Rensselaerville Receipts, a Collection of Recipes from Rensselaerville, New York*, published by the Rensselaerville Historical Society in 1974.

SWEDISH KALDOLMAR (MEAT-FILLED CABBAGE LEAVES)

1 medium-sized head of cabbage
 3 tbsp. vinegar
 ¼ cup raw rice
 1 tbsp. salt
 ¼ tsp. pepper
 ¼ tsp. ground allspice
 ¾ cup milk
 1 egg
 2 lbs. ground beef
 4 tbsp. butter

Remove imperfect leaves from cabbage and cut out core. Cover remainder of head with water in a covered kettle and bring to a boil. Remove cover and cook 10 minutes. Add vinegar and allow cabbage to remain in water an additional 15 minutes. This makes the leaves elastic enough to handle without breaking. Drain cabbage and remove 12-16 outer leaves.

Add rice to a large amount of boiling water and cook 10 minutes. Drain. Mix rice, salt, pepper, allspice, milk, egg, and ground beef. Beat thoroughly. Place about 3 tbsp. of mixture, or as much as each leaf will hold, on each cabbage leaf. Fold sides of leaf over meat, then roll loosely. Fasten with string.

Melt butter in pan; add cabbage rolls and turn to butter top sides. Cook over low heat 1 hour, turning occasionally. Remove string before serving.

---Recipe contributed by Eveleen Olson

BAVARIAN BEEF STEW

2 lbs. beef, cut in 1" cubes
 2 onions, sliced
 3 tbsp. lard
 3 cups hot water
 1-1/2 tsp. caraway seeds
 3 tsp. salt
 ¼ cup vinegar
 1 medium red cabbage
 ½ cup broken gingersnaps

In Dutch oven, brown beef and onions in hot fat. Add seasonings and hot water. Cover and cook slowly for 1-1/2 hours. Add vinegar, place cabbage wedges on top, re-cover and cook 45 minutes to an hour longer. Remove cabbage and meat; add gingersnaps softened in warm water to the liquid in the pan. Stir to make smooth gravy. Reheat meat in gravy. Serve in noodle ring surrounded by cabbage wedges.

---Recipe contributed by Dorothy A. Hocter

Rensselaerville Receipts is still available from Rensselaerville Historical Society for \$8.00 a copy. In addition to recipes, the book contains interesting historical notes and drawings about Rensselaerville history. Call Irene Olson at 518-239-4345 or Marion Williams at 518-797-5016 if you would like a copy.

Last Call... Board of Ethics



This is a last call for anyone wishing to serve on the Town of Rensselaerville's first ever Board of Ethics. This five-member Board shall render advisory opinions to the municipal officers and employees of the

Town of Rensselaerville with regards to the Code of Ethics. This is an extremely important position, and we are seeking members who are objective and above reproach. Letters of Interest should be sent to Town Clerk Kathy Hallenbeck no later than January 12, 2009.

Tax Form Information

It has recently come to our attention that New York State will not be mailing tax forms to individuals this year. However, they will be available online. In order to serve the residents of our town, especially those without Internet service, please be advised that we will make every attempt to have the most requested forms available at Town Hall



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Groups and Organizations: The Chatham Peace Initiative; Veterans for Peace (Hudson Valley); NY Veterans Speak Out; Olean Area Coalition for Peace and Justice; Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace; Troy Peace Action; Upper Hudson Peace Action; Women Against War; Veterans for Peace (Chapter 10, The Tom Paine Chapter); Schenectady Neighbors for Peace; Vietnam Veterans Against the War; PaxChristiMi.org;
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The following Fuel Assistance Outreach dates have been scheduled:

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| 01/02/09 | Cornell Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, 3:00pm-6:00pm |
| 01/05/09 | Hilltown Resource Center, Westerlo, 12:30pm-3:30pm |
| 01/08/09 | Rensselaerville Town Hall, 12:30pm-3:30pm |
| 01/14/09 | Hilltown Family Center, East Berne, 9:00am-12:00pm |
| 02/02/09 | Hilltown Resource Center, Westerlo, 12:30pm-3:30pm |
| 02/05/09 | Cornell Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, 3:00pm-6:00pm |
| 02/18/09 | WIC, Lutheran Church, Berne, 9:30am-12:30pm |
| 03/02/09 | Hilltown Resource Center, Westerlo, 12:30pm-3:30pm |
| 03/05/09 | Cornell Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, 3:00pm-6:00pm |
| 03/11/09 | Hilltown Family Center, East Berne, 9:00am-12:00pm |
| 03/12/09 | Rensselaerville Town Hall, 12:30pm-3:30pm |
| 04/02/09 | Cornell Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, 3:00pm-6:00pm |
| 04/06/09 | Hilltown Resource Center, Westerlo, 12:30pm-3:30pm |
| 04/15/09 | WIC, Lutheran Church, Berne, 9:30am-12:30pm |
| 05/07/09 | Cornell Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, 3:00pm-6:00pm |
| 05/04/09 | Hilltown Resource Center, Westerlo, 12:30pm-3:30pm |
| 05/13/09 | Hilltown Family Center, East Berne, 9:00am-12:00pm |
| 05/14/09 | Rensselaerville Town Hall, 12:30pm-3:30pm |

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Just A Reminder....

All newsletter articles, flyers, and notices should be sent to both newsletter@rensselaerville.com and townclerk@rensselaerville.com as attachments using .doc only. Other formats may not be included in the newsletter. The newsletter coordinator and its committee may make grammatical corrections as needed. The newsletter coordinator may also add graphics to your submission to enhance and draw attention to it.

We continue to strive to make this newsletter informational, and your input is always welcome.

Thank you.



Important Contact Information

Town Board Meetings
Second Thursday 7:00 pm

Working Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 pm
before regular meeting

Town Justice Court
Mondays 7:00 pm

Planning Board
First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals
First 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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Town Refuse Station Hours
Wednesday and Saturday
7:00am-3:45pm

Water/Sewer District Meeting
First Thursday 7:00 pm

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