



Town of Rensselaerville

The Hamlets of Cooksburg, Medusa, Potter Hollow, Preston Hollow, and Rensselaerville

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May Town Board Minutes Summary

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 14th day of May, 2009, at 7:10 o'clock in the evening. 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, Town Attorney Joseph Catalano, Highway Superintendent G. Jon Chase, Town Clerk Kathleen A. Hallenbeck.

There were 28 interested citizens present.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- KB Cooke asked about the collection of waste oil. Attorney Catalano will address that issue later in the meeting. K.B. Cooke also asked about the Pearson Culvert, is that re-bid. This will be addressed later in the meeting.
- Chad Jamison, Director of the EN Huyck Preserve, mentioned that they have a cap of 125 lake passes available. Anyone from the Town of Rensselaerville and beyond will be able to purchase a lake pass with membership to the Huyck Preserve. Boating and fishing is open to anyone.
- Joli Pizzigati, questioned the Board's decision to invite Radical Systemz in to discuss an offsite backup.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the minutes of the last Regular Meeting held on April 9, 2009; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the minutes of the April 7, 2009 Work Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 16, 2009; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 23, 2009; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

TRANSFERS:

FROM:	TO:	AMOUNT:
General Transfers		
A1990.4 /Contingency Account	A1430.4 /Personnel Contractual	\$400.00
Highway Transfers		
DA 911	DA 910	\$4500.00
Fund Balance Un-appropriated	Fund Balance Appropriated	
1990.4	DA 9010.8-State Retirement	\$875.00
	DA 9040.8-Worker Compensation	\$3400.00
Water Transfers		
A391	SW630	\$4,000.00
Due from Other Funds	Due to Other Funds	
SW910	SW 8310.4	\$4,000.00

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Library Bookmark

Our newly redesigned web page is up and running! Visit us on the web at www.rensselaervillelibrary.org. (NOTE: This is a new domain name.) You can check your library account, renew items, and order items off of the Upper Hudson Catalog to be picked up at your convenience. You can also keep apprised of the latest Library acquisitions, as well news and events.

Please join us for our new **Second Saturday Movie Series at Conkling Hall on Saturday, July 11 at 7:00P.M.** This month, the selection is *The International*, starring Clive Owen and Naomi Watts. In this gripping thriller, Interpol agent Louis Salinger and Manhattan Assistant DA Eleanor Whitman work to bring one of the world's most powerful banks to justice. The pair find themselves in a high-stakes chase across the globe, pursuing those who will stop at nothing, even murder, to continue financing terror and war. Runtime: 118 minutes. Rated R for some sequences of violence and language.

Summer is finally here! Once again, the Library will run the **New York State Summer Reading Program** for children of all ages. This year's themes are "Be Creative @ Your Library" (for children) and "Express Yourself @ Your Library" (for teens). Signups this year are online: visit our website at www.rensselaervillelibrary.org to signup or stop by the Library to have the librarian on duty assist you. Each child who signs up for the program will receive a free book. Throughout the summer, we will be running a number of programs in celebration, including:

- **Harry Potter Movie Party and Feast at Conkling Hall on Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00P.M.** Bring a creative dish to share as we feast like they do at Hogwarts! Stay afterwards for a showing of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* (beginning at 7:30). Everyone is encouraged to dress up as their favorite character, or in any creative costume of their choosing!

- **Make Your Own Sundae on Friday, August 7 from 4:30-6:00P.M.** Celebrate the end of "Be Creative @ Your Library" with some delicious ice cream that you'll make just to your taste!

Teen Party on Saturday, August 8 from 5:30-8:30P.M. Celebrate the end of "Express Yourself @ Your Library" gaming with other teens. Video games and Dungeons and Dragons will be available.

Keep checking the Library website throughout the summer for other programs we will be offering in conjunction with this year's Summer Reading Program.

Please join us over the weekend of **July 31-August 2** for the **Festival of Writers**. Participants in the Festival will be able to interact with a number of well-known local authors through readings and discussions, a street festival, a cocktail hour, and more! Featured speakers are William Kennedy and Andy Rooney. Other participating authors are Helen Benedict, Natalie Bober, H.B. Gilmour, Dan Hofstadter, Bill Logan, Deb Lucke, Lance Morrow, Stephen O'Connor, Molly O'Neill, George Pendle, Owen Sheers, and Hudson Talbott. Friday-Saturday passes are available for \$50, but events are also priced individually. For registration, fee information, authors' bios, and complete program details, contact the Library at www.rensselaervillelibrary.org or call 797-3949.



Staff:

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

The next **Library Board meeting** is on **Monday, July 20th at 7:00P.M.**

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

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

Rensselaerville: 797-3231

Medusa: 239-4826

Preston Hollow: 239-6111

Conkling Hall—What's On In July

First Friday Children's Movie: Tuesday, July 14: Feast with Harry Potter. A potluck dinner followed by one of the movies.

Sunday, July 5: Our next Community Pot Luck Luncheon followed by our world famous Cakewalk - An auction of "From scratch only" cakes. Included is a "Junior Cook" category (under 18). In addition we will raffle a professional bakery cake. Please call Diana Dietrich 797*3092 and sign up. Cardboard cake rounds are available. Lunch begins at 12:30PM with the action to follow. Once again Al Cardamone has volunteered his services as our auctioneer.

Saturday, July 11: Second Saturday Grown Up Movie: "The International" starring Clive Owen. Movie at 7:00 PM. BYO treats or purchase at the Hall. Admission \$2.00.

THE ANNUAL CONKLING HALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGINS IN JULY FOR THE YEAR 2009-2010 (July to June). If you need an application, please contact us at ConklingHall@earthlink.net. Provide your name and address and we will be happy to mail the application to you. Applications also

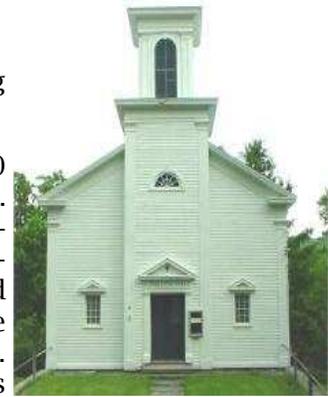
available at Conkling Hall.

Pilates: Saturdays 9 - 10 A M Mat class. Strengthen your abdominals, gain long, lean muscles and work with good alignment. Appropriate for all levels. Open to all. Call Sarah Nelson-Weiss 239-6825 for more information.

Yoga: Tuesdays 9-10:15

AM. Move, breathe and relax. Good for what ails you. Open to all. Please call Sarah Nelson-Weiss at 239-0825 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 Conkling-Hall@earthlink.net.



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Congratulations and Thank You!

Our congratulations and sincere gratitude go to the two newest inductees into the Town of Rensselaerville Volunteer Hall of Fame. At the regular monthly meeting of the Town Board on June 11, 2009, Brenda and Gerald Wood were celebrated for their many voluntary endeavors.

Brenda has served the Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department as treasurer and secretary as well held many offices in the ladies auxiliary before it was dissolved into the fire company. She has been a pillar in the Preston Hollow Baptist Church having served as the church clerk, having helped to find the last three full-time ministers, and having chaired most of the major fund-raising events for the church. Brenda was deeply involved with a 4H group known as the Golden Eagles when her own children were young, providing education and inspiration for many young people in the Township. She has been a member of the Rensselaerville Ambulance since 1986. She has held the positions of lieutenant, assistant captain, and secretary, and presently serves as its treasurer.

Gerald serves with Brenda as a team in marriage as well as in their volunteer efforts. He joined the Tri-Village Fire Department some 37 years ago and has served many leadership roles in the department, including 25 years as fire chief. He now serves a past chief as well as an active firefighter. He, too, has been involved in the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance for more than 20 years. He has served as a Little League coach as well as assisted with Brenda's 4H leadership by teaching woodworking and fire prevention. Gerald presently serves as a deacon and the head of the Board of Trustees of the Preston Hollow Baptist Church. Throughout the years, he and Brenda have been invaluable to the church by joining with others in performing the maintenance, general upkeep, and repairs that an older building often needs.

The Town of Rensselaerville is indeed fortunate to have Brenda and Gerald in our midst. They both meet the highest standards of volunteerism and are well-deserving of this honor.

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.

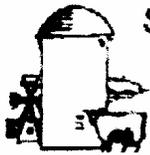
Senior Citizens Club: We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Medusa Firehouse at noon. \$1.00 is collected. ALL senior citizens are invited to join the club. Please bring a covered dish to share and/or dessert. Members need to bring their own plates and utensils. Coffee is provided.

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. A one-day advance reservation would be appreciated and can be made by calling 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.

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WANTED:

Cleaning Services for Town Hall

The Town of Rensselaerville seeks proposals from individuals to provide cleaning services for Town Hall twice a month.

- Rooms to be cleaned twice a month are the foyer, court room, meeting room, main office, two bathrooms, and the kitchen.
- Rooms to be cleaned once a month are the assessors' office, the supervisor's office, and the bookkeeper's office. Tasks to be performed twice monthly are vacuuming rugs, washing floors, cleaning bathrooms, and dusting baseboards, door frames, and windowsills.
- Additionally, twice a year, the following tasks must be completed: waxing floors, cleaning window blinds, and washing doors/windows (in and out).
- Date to start: September 2009
- Hours to be worked: Must be able to work when Town Hall is open.
- Cleaning supplies/equipment: The Town will furnish cleaning supplies and cleaning equipment (vacuum, brooms, mops).
- Pay: Rate of pay is negotiable

Please submit a letter of interest including your requested rate of pay to Town Clerk Kathy Hallenbeck, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120 by July 7, 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. July's Extra Helpings menus are as follows:

July's Regular menu: \$21.00

- 1.5 lbs. Chicken Breast stuffed w/Broccoli & Cheddar
- 1 lb. Sirloin Beef Sandwich Steak
- 1.5 lbs. Home-style Beef Patties
- 4 lbs. Chicken Wings
- 1 Bunch Celery
- 1 lb. bag Baby Carrots

Special #1: \$ 10.00

- 2 lb. Bag Bay Scallops (no glazing/no chemicals)

Special # 2: \$ 13.00

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

Special #3: \$32.00 MEAT BOX

- 3 lbs. Home Style Beef Patties pkgs.)
- 3 lbs. Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breast
- 2.5 lbs. Boneless Center Cut Pork Chops
- 2 lbs. Maple Breakfast Sausage
- 3 lbs. Salisbury Steaks

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

PLEASE NOTE: Orders with payment are due at the HCRC office by July 6h for pick-up on **July 28, 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.

Support Your Farmers!

We now have two Markets in our town for your convenience!

**Fridays 4-7 pm
Preston Hollow**

Next to Jimmy Walker's
Greenhouse on Rt. 145

From May 22



**Saturdays
10-1pm**

Rensselaerville

Parking area below
the Hilltown Food
Coop

From June 13

Shop us first, and then go to the Super-market.

Town of Rensselaerville Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes—FINAL

May 5, 2009 - 7pm

Present:

A. Pierce, Chair, M. Weber, J. Glorioso, W. Cook, R. Gifford, R. Platel, J. Catalano

Meeting called to order by Chairman Pierce at 7pm. A. Pierce introduced the newest member of the ZBA, Michael Weber.

NEW BUSINESS:

R. Boellner— Area Variance 001-2009 SBL# 180-2-11.10: The applicant submitted a completed application for an area variance to construct a porch on the front of his residence located at 215 County Route 261. The new proposal would require a 57 foot 6 inch variance from the Town's required setback of 75 feet from county highways. The existing house is a pre-existing non-conforming use as it does meet the required 75 foot setback from highways required by the Town of Rensselaerville, and the proposed porch will not further encroach upon the required setback.

R. Gifford made a motion to accept that application for an area variance, 2nd by W. Cook. All were in favor, none opposed and the motion was carried. There was a short discussion about the Town's liability for approving variances from highway setbacks.

Motion to schedule a public hearing was made by J. Glorioso and 2nd by R. Gifford for June 2, 2009 at 7pm—all were in favor, none opposed and the motion was carried.

R. Gifford made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by J. Glorioso. So moved. 7:13 pm

Submitted by Rebecca Platel

Town of Rensselaerville Planning Board Meeting Minutes—FINAL

May 7, 2009

Present:

M. Frasher, Chair, R. Amedure, A. Wright, D. Cotter, R. Platel, J. Kosich

Absent:

F. Stettner, R. Bates

Called to order by M. Frasher at 7:30pm

Approval of minutes—not enough members present to approve minutes from April 16, 2009.

Hank Thiess - question about land on Edwards Hill Road: The Planning Board had a brief discussion with Mr. Thiess about the two different zoning districts that Mr. Thiess' property lies within and how the Town's Subdivision and Zoning Regulations apply to his property in such a situation.

T. Bryan and J. Borock - Sketch Plan 002-2009 for 2-lot subdivision at 177 CR 359 SBL 136-2-10.3 New lot is for residential development—house will be built in woods, minimal visibility from the road. Current zoning is Agricultural/Rural Residential with a 5-acre minimum lot size. Applicant submitted completed application and all required documents. The Planning Board reviewed the map and the proposal for various features. R.Amedure made a motion to classify the proposal as minor subdivision, 2nd by A. Wright. A vote was taken: all were in favor and the motion was carried. The Planning Board discussed the required documents for Preliminary Plat review with the applicant.

Paul Baitsholts-- Boundary Line Adjustment 003-2009 at 346 Gifford Hollow Road SBL 126-1-11.1 & 126-1-13 Applicant submitted a sketch plan application to annex property from Lone Goose Pond, Inc. to P. Baitsholts to enroll parcel in NYS forest tax exemption program. Discussion about plat, topography

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of lot, location of nearby roads. The Planning Board requested a corporate resolution from Lone Goose Pond, Inc. providing authority for shareholders (Paul and wife, Helene) to partake in and approve the transaction of land with P. Baitsholts. Otherwise, application for a Boundary Line Adjustment is complete. J. Kosich reviewed the executed deed with correct language showing transfer of land—ready to be filed. Motion to approve P. Baitsholts boundary line adjustment made by R. Amedure, 2nd by D. Cotter. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Joe Hammond – Rotzol Minor 001-2009 Subdivision at 189 Niles Road SBL 182-1-11

It was determined that the subject parcel was subdivided within the last five years (2004), which would make it a major subdivision and subject to the requirements of the major subdivision application. The applicants have decided to hold off with their application and re-apply in August 2009, when the five-year period expires.

D. Cotter made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by R. Amedure; all in favor and the motion was carried.

Submitted by Rebecca Platel

New Exhibits at Grist Mill Museum

by Janet Hasley, Research Chair, TRHS

New exhibits at the Exhibit Room at the Grist Mill Museum in the hamlet of Rensselaerville are all about the Jenkins family. The exhibit was researched and arranged by Rosie Kuhar, a member of the Town of Rensselaerville Historical Society Research Group.

Samuel Jenkins was the first settler in the hamlet, bringing his family on February 22, 1788. He had come the year before and put up a log cabin for them on the site of the present Way Out Gallery. When this burned down he built the first framed house in the hamlet on the same site but it also burned down. The third house he built was probably built before 1803. It still stands and is just to the east of the Way Out Gallery. He lived there until his son Jonathan built the house further to the east in 1812 now known as Jenkins Homestead. The Jenkins Homestead is the only house in the hamlet which has continuously been owned and occupied by descendants of its early builder. It is presently owned by Dorothea Keller (“Kelly”) Martin, a sixth generation Jenkins.

In the spring of 1789 Samuel Jenkins built the first mill to grind grains which was located approximately on the site of the present grist mill.

No image of Samuel Jenkins has ever been located but a large oil painting of his eldest son, Jonathan Jenkins, is on exhibit. It was donated to the Historical Society many years ago by Dorothea’s cousin, Louise Mather Keppie.

Another son, Samuel Jenkins, Jr., was the first native of Rensselaerville hamlet. He was born in 1788.

Dorothea’s descent from Samuel is detailed on a Jenkins family tree that is one of the exhibit items this summer. Details about each of the other generations are on other signs in the Exhibit Room. More information about the houses built by Samuel and Jonathan and about the mill built by Samuel are also detailed on exhibit signs along with some photographs.

One of the interesting exhibits is an acrostic poem written in 1949 by Dorothea’s mother to the mother of aviator Amelia Earhart 12 years after Amelia disappeared while on a round-the-world air flight. A thank you letter from Mrs. Earhart to Dorothea’s mother is also on display.

Over the years Dorothea has generously donated drawings and paintings for the Rensselaerville Library and the Rensselaerville Historical Society. The first souvenir T-shirts the library sold were designed by Dorothea and the drawing used for those is one of the exhibit items this summer. She also drew sketches of Rensselaerville buildings which were printed on wrapping paper and these are still available for sale, printed in red, green, or black. She gave permission for one of her paintings of the hamlet to be used on the insert of the DVD of Rensselaerville history which the Historical Society produced in 2006.

A number of early original paintings by Dorothea are on exhibit also. Some of these were donated to the Historical Society by Jessica Waldron Spacil.

The Historical Society plans a reception at the Grist Mill Museum to honor Dorothea this summer. The date has not been set yet, pending availability of Dorothea and her children. Watch local weekly newspapers and flyers around town for the date.

Summer Programs for Youth at the Huyck Preserve

SWIM LESSONS

at Lake Myosotis

10:30 AM - 12 PM

SESSION 1

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
July 6 - 17, 2009

SESSION 2

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
July 20 - 31, 2009



NATURE STUDY

for Elementary Students

9 AM - 12 PM

Eldridge Research Center
Pond Hill Road on Lincoln Pond

K-2ND GRADE **3RD-5TH GRADE**

Tuesdays:

July 7, July 14,
July 21, July 28

Thursdays:

July 9, July 16,
July 23, July 30

Cost for Swim Lesson Session or Nature Study:

Members: \$20 per child, \$35 maximum; non-members: \$30 per child, \$50 per family maximum

Swimming at Lake Myosotis

Swimming at the beach area of Lake Myosotis is now possible for many more people. In order to purchase a lake pass, a family or individual must also be a member of the Huyck Preserve. As always, swimming in the lake is only allowed during stated hours at the designated swimming area when a lifeguard is present. Initially there will be a cap of 125 passes (forty more than were purchased last year) to evaluate the usage with the increased access. If you would like to purchase a lake pass (\$85) please contact the main office at (518) 797-3440. We have also opened up swim lessons to any child who would like to take them, membership and/or lake pass is not required. We hope that many more people will take advantage of and enjoy this wonderful community gathering spot during the summer.

GET WILD

Middle School Nature Camp
Day Program* for rising 6th - 8th Graders

MONDAY - FRIDAY, AUGUST 3 - 7

- Explore Nature • Art in the Wild •
- Survival Skills • Animals • Swimming •

Cost: \$180 for members; \$200 for non-members
call (518) 797-3440 for more information or to pre-register

*Camp will not conflict with the Good Cause Club play practices



www.huyckpreserve.org



Church Services

Preston Hollow Baptist Church

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

Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church

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

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
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<http://groups.google.com/group/concernedcitizens-of-rensselaerville>

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Historic Spire Is in Trouble

After more than 160 years of steadfast service, the graceful rising spire of the Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church is in trouble: two of the bearing beams high up in the steeple are rotted.

This emergency came to light on May 14, when Tim Zinn, head of the church's building committee, took the preservation architect Laurence Wilson of Mesick, Cohen, Baker & Wilson up to have a look. With no time to spare, Tim Zinn, Gayle Burgess of the Session, and Barbara Dudley put together a grant proposal for a detailed study and recommendations (meeting a June 1 deadline to apply for a matching grant of \$10,000 from Sacred Sites of the New York Landmarks Conservancy.)

The full scope and cost of this project have yet to be determined. We'll keep you posted.

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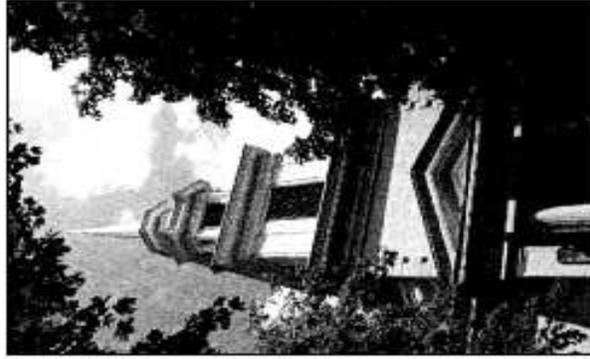
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"WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO."

MATTHEW 6:23



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| <p>June 28</p> | <p>"Treasures of the Heart."
The Reverend Dr. Joseph W. Shook
Moderator of Session,
Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church
<i>Communion Service</i></p> | <p>August 9</p> | <p>"The Heart Transfigured by the Bread of Life."
The Reverend Canon George W. Brandt, Jr.
Rector, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, NYC
<i>Communion Service</i></p> |
| <p>July 5</p> | <p>"If We Fail in Love, We Fail in All Else."
The Reverend Dr. Herbert W. Anderson,
Brick Presbyterian Church, NYC, retired</p> | <p>August 16</p> | <p>"Building Spiritual Equity."
Professor Yehzekel Landau, Hartford Seminary,
Hartford, Connecticut</p> |
| <p>July 12</p> | <p>"Jesus, Priceless Treasure."
The Reverend Dr. Lee H. Wesley,
Interim pastor, New Hope Lutheran Church,
Jamaica, NYC</p> | <p>August 23</p> | <p>"Developing A Healthy Relationship
With the Bible."
The Reverend Richard E. Spalding
Chaplain, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.</p> |
| <p>July 19</p> | <p>"Treasure Trove."
The Reverend Dr. Miriam Lawrence Leopold,
Co-pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Albany</p> | <p>August 30</p> | <p>"Green Sabbath."
The Reverend Donna Schaper
Pastor, Judson Memorial Church, NYC</p> |
| <p>July 26</p> | <p>"Adjusting Our Definition of Treasure."
The Reverend Dr. Norman Kansfield, Senior
Scholar in Residence, Drew University,
Madison, NJ</p> | <p>Sept. 6</p> | <p>"Two Things."
Dr. Barbara G. Wheeler
Director, Center for Theological Education
Auburn Seminary, NYC
<i>Communion Service</i></p> |
| <p>August 2</p> | <p>"Where is Your Heart?"
The Reverend Cass Shaw,
Stated Clerk, Albany Presbytery</p> | | |

2009
Summer Services
at the
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rensselaerville, New York
11:00 a.m.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Presbyterian Church of Rensselaerville to offer summer worship services featuring voices from several faith traditions to help us, as part of the world's family, to serve our community and neighbors.

Will Pearson, Organist
Alan Wilson, Music Coordinator

Potter Hollow Union Church News

Potter Hollow Union Church Fellowship Hall * 4824 Potter Hollow Rd. Potter Hollow, NY
nathandmiles@hotmail.com * (518) 263-4478 * www.thepotterhollowchurch.weebly.com

Sunday Activities

Morning Worship
10am

Mustard Seed Coffee Hour,
Youth & Adult Bible Studies
11:30am

Praise & Prayer
6:30pm

Thursday Night Bible Study
6:30pm - call for location

Brent Vernon Live in Concert
August 8th @ 6pm



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It's Coming!!!

To the Preston
Hollow Town
Park!

ALL FREE!!!

July 27th 5:00pm



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BOUNCY HOUSE
AND MORE!

It's a Community Party Aussie Style!!!

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VBS 2009

July 28th-31st

9:30am - 11:30am

It's going to be 4 days of adventure you won't want to miss! Crafts, games, music, and more. Open to PreK - 6th grade. Everything is Free! Call: (518) 263-4478 to sign up. Can't make the date and want to be involved? Call us for additional locations in the surrounding area.

We want your input. If there is a need in the community or a workshop topic that you would like to see covered, give us your feedback and ideas. Call or e-mail Pastor Nathan Miles with your thoughts.

Middleburgh Library Happenings

2009 Summer Reading Program

Register at the Library beginning June 22nd. Pick up your reading record and keep track of how many minutes you read each day. Total the number of hours you've read on your reading record and return to the library beginning August 10th to receive your prizes. New this year, for every 200 minutes you read, you can pick up a raffle ticket at the circulation desk for more great prizes. Winners will be announced at the end of August.

Drop in Crafts - Look for things to make and do on our craft table all summer long.

For our Youngest Patrons -

7/7 to 7/28 - Tuesday mornings @ 10:30 - Drop-in Storytime for preschoolers and their caregivers.

7/13 - Monday @ 2:00 - for Preschool to 1st grade - Fun with a very hungry caterpillar.

7/22 - Wednesday @ 10:30 - Library Babies - Storytime for babies 3-12 months and their caregivers.

8/4 - Tuesday @ 10:30 - Preschool to 1st grade - Winnie the Pooh Party.

Get Creative Programs

7/1 **Decorate the Library with Sidewalk Chalk!** For all ages from 11:00 to 2:00.

7/7 **Art Bots*** Design a motorized drawing machine that really works! Grades 3-7 at 1:00

7/8 **Harry Potter Day @ The Library.** For All Ages from 10:30-3:30.

7/9 **Radio Disney Family Game Night** For All Ages. 6:30-8:30.

7/15 **Science in the Summer** For the Whole Family 11:00-12:30

7/20 **Amazing Paper Airplanes*** Grades 4 & 5 at 2:00

7/21 **Books that Flip, Flop, Squeak and Pop!*** Grades 3-7 at 1:00.

7/22 **Mother/Daughter American Girl Party*** Grades 3-5 at 1:00

7/23 **Family Songwriting with Out of the Box Creative Learning*** For All Ages at 1:00-3:00.

7/29 **Picture Puzzles*** Grades 3-5 at 1:00. 3-5 at 1:00.

8/4 **What's the Scoop with the Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum*** Grades 1-7 at 1:30.

8/5 **Builder's Club** Grades 1-5 at 10:30

Requires Registration

Book Discussions

Have fun talking about books! Register for the book discussion in your grade. Pick up a copy from the circulation desk and take it home to read. On the day of the program we'll talk about the book and make a craft related to the story. Snacks are provided!

7/23 **Poppleton by Cynthia Rylant*** Grades K-1 @ 11:00.

7/29 **A Mouse Called Wolf by Dick King-Smith*** Grades 2-3 @ 10:30

7/27 **The 39 Clues: The Maze of Bones (BK. 1) byRick Riordan*** Grades 4-5 @ 2:00

7/30 **Ellie McDoodle: Have Pen Will Travel by Ruth McNally Barshaw*** Grades 3-4 @ 11:00.

8/6 **The Calder Game by Blue Ballet*** Grades 5-6 @ 1:00

Requires Registration

EXPRESS YOURSELF

2009 Teen/Tween

Summer Reading Program

Registration Begins June 22nd

Teen Lounge

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Middleburgh Library Happenings

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Friday July 10th & August 7th 5:00–8:00 grade 6 & up. Play Wii games, plus other games. Pizza and snacks will be available for a nominal fee.

7/9 **Glocks @ 1:00pm***

7/15 @ 2:00pm **Alter Ego: Create Your Own Avatar***

7/16 @ 1:00pm **Adventures in Duct Tape***

7/20 @ 6:00pm **Teen Scene Movie:** Twilight (PG-13) Free Popcorn.

7/27 @ 6:30pm **Body Art: Henna Tattoos*** Moms are invited too!

7/28@ 1:00pm **Junk Mail Art***

7/30 @ 1:00pm **Espresso Yourself*** Use espresso to create beautiful sepia toned pictures. The perfect snack to serve at this program? Donuts of course.

8/3 **Sushi & A Movie @ 2:00PM*** (candy sushi)

8/5 **Comics on the Computer*** @ 1:00pm Create your own comic strips using the computer lab and some great programs online.

*Registration Required

Family Films

Thursday Evenings at 6:30 – Free Popcorn

7/2 **The Tale of Despereaux (G)**

7/16 **Hotel for Dogs (PG)**

7/23 **Dragon Hunters (PG)**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

ASSESSORS SUMMER HOURS

July 2—August 27, 2009 6:30—7:30PM

No Hours August 13, 2009

Thank You All

The Pine & Hillicoss families would like to send a truly heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all of the people and agencies that came to help do a ground search to find my father on May 26th when he went missing.

I know I would miss some one if I listed all of them.

So Thank You all again.

Sincerely yours

**Sherri Pine & Family, Donald Hilli-
coss & Family, Lee Hillicoss & Family.**

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FREE Tennis Lessons for Kids

Kessler Court in the hamlet of
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(1st drive across from cemetery,
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9:00 AM
July 18 & 25 August 8 & 15
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July 31-August 2

Festival of Writers

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HUDSON TALBOTT.

FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 31 ~ STREET FESTIVAL & FILM

5:30-7:30 On Historic Rensselaerville's Main Street~book sales, live music, food & beverages offered by the Palmer House.
8:00-9:30 "Dirt and Dessert"- Fresh from the Sundance Film Festival - Dirt! The Movie with writer of the book Dirt,
Bill Logan, at the Rensselaerville Meeting Center; dessert offered by the Carriage House.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 ~ KIDS' FESTIVAL, READINGS, FEATURED SPEAKERS, COCKTAILS

10:00 - 1:00 At the Rensselaerville Library & Conkling Hall, children's authors, kids' activities & movie for tweens.
12:00 - 4:15 At the Rensselaerville Meeting Center, a picnic, followed by readings and discussions with our
Celebrated Authors of biography, fiction, memoir, poetry, and more.
4:30 - 5:45 Featured Speakers, William Kennedy and Andy Rooney followed by a Cocktail Reception at 6:00.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 ~ LUNCH & DISCUSSION

12:30 - 2:00 Luncheon and discussion at the Carriage House, Rensselaerville Meeting Center, with New York Times
food critic and author Molly O'Neill.

For registration, fee information, authors' bios. and complete program details, contact
The Rensselaerville Library at: www.rensseleervillelibrary.org OR (518)797-3949.

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Fund Balance Un-appropriated Administration Contractual water

Bookkeeper Cornwell explained that the Water District has a negative fund balance; this topic was discussed a length. Bookkeeper Cornwell answered questions of the Town Board concerning the reports she submitted.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to approve all transfers; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

WATER COOLERS: A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to buy the two water coolers that we have for \$180.00 (1 for \$90.00 Cold, 1 for \$90.00, hot and cold) and approve as a pre- pay when the pre-pays are done; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

VOUCHER/BILLS: WARRANT 2009-05 VOUCHERS v09-276 through v09-326

The General Fund - \$16,371.48; Highway Fund - \$27,367.83; Lighting District - \$546.53; Water District - \$712.41; Sewer District - \$1689.99; FEMA - \$25,729.65. Total \$72,417.89.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to pay all signed vouchers; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Bookkeeper Cornwell mentioned that it has been approved for the Highway Superintendent to go to the Highway Superintendent's School and we have talked about the finances. Equipment that was ordered last year came out of this year's budget; it was supposed to be encumbered to come out of last year's funding.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody that we make a prior period adjustment for equipment purchase; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to transfer \$400.00 out of the .2 line to the .4 line to cover the expenses for the Highway School; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A letter was received from Senator Neil Breslin stating that he has been able to secure \$15,000.00 in the 2009-2010 State Budget for the Town. The money is toward the purchase of a small, gas efficient car to be used to transport seniors and/or disabled. This allocation falls under the NYS Office for the Aging. As soon as the Town receives the necessary paperwork, they should complete it as soon as possible and return it. Bob Bolte was thanked for starting this process.
- Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that she has an email from Joli Pizzigati requesting a copy of the insurance policy that firefighters are covered under. Wright Rick Management covers the worker compensation insurance.

REPORTS

Highway Superintendent: Superintendent Chase read the following report;

1. The highway crew has been working on the following roads: Pond Hill, Littner, Camp Winsockie, and Gravet roads.
2. Next week we expect to finish Tanglewood Road re-grading and install hardener on road surface.
3. I met with the owner of Schoenecker Construction of Schoharie and Francis Bossolini of Ingalls & Associates to go over the maps and timeline of the Pearson Road project. We will need to do some prep work on Pearson Road before they can start.
4. Work needs to be done on Kenyon Road - ditching and widening of the road from McKenna's to Roney Road for buses and emergency equipment.
5. I would like to hire Ralph Marsh part time for approximately 2 months as an operator with straight time only. This is a part time position with no benefits and no overtime.
6. Milton Cat came to the town garage to check out the loader with transmission problems. Computer found that the oil pressure in the transmission was below normal, particles from gears were found in the transmission filter that came from inside the transmission. The probable usefulness of this loader was estimated by the Cat representative of between 2 weeks and to 6 months. The loader is used almost everyday; therefore the issue of time will be shortened. Estimate of repairs is \$22,000 - \$30,000 depending on what gears will need to be replaced. Original cost of our new 2000 loader was \$85,665 minus \$20,000 trade-in our old one. Superintendent Chase had an estimate for the repairs from Milton Cat.

Superintendent Chase explained what has to be done to fix the loader. The loader issue was discussed at length. Supervisor Nickelsberg will call different vendors to see if we can get a better price to fix the loader and look at the repo market and used market.

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Attorney Catalano mentioned that you don't have to bid it out if it is an emergency situation and if you are only dealing with one vendor.

Councilwoman Dermody made a recommendation that Supervisor Nickelsberg look into it and if he doesn't find anybody by Wednesday of next week that we automatically authorize the repair.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to authorize the repair to Milton Cat unless another repair shop can do it for less by next Wednesday at noon; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg authorizing the renting of a loader if the need arises, when the Cat is out of commission for repair; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to hire Ralph Marsh part time as an operator for 2 months. Discussion ensued. Councilwoman Dermody seconded it.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

Water Report: Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that the report that was done for the Water District by Superintendent Chase for hours worked was excellent. She asked if it could be converted to dollar amounts. Superintendent Chase will do this as soon as they are finished up with the FEMA projects they are working on. It should be a week or two.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to approve the Highway Superintendent's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Supervisor:

- Bookkeeper Cornwell went over with the Town Board the paperwork she has given them and answered their questions. Items discussed in Bookkeeper Cornwell's report: the General CD, the CPA, the Sewer District CD.
- Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that she got an email about the Albany County Community Dispensing Data. Her name is listed as an international communications resource with her home phone number and she was never asked or advised that she was being given this. There are questions that were asked that have not been filled out. Bookkeeper Cornwell has the completed form on her computer.
- Councilwoman Dermody asked Supervisor Nickelsberg if he called the CPA to find out where we are with the Risk Analysis. Supervisor Nickelsberg has been calling his office but has been unable to talk to him. He will keep trying.
- **Insurance Coverage for Volunteers:** Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that every volunteer is covered through the liability insurance or Workers Compensation.

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

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Rensselaerville Institute: Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that there were some questions that the Board had concerning the Rensselaerville Institute. Linda Davis and Chuck Houghton from the Institute are here if you have any questions. They answered question from the Town Board and audience.

Town Clerk: Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the following collected for the month of April 2009; Total collected for the Town Clerk's Department - \$1523.26, Paid to the Supervisor (Fees) - \$1161.16, Paid to Albany County Clerk (Dog Lic.) - \$39.42, Paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets (spay/neutering program) - \$21.00, Paid to NYS Environmental Conservation (Sport Lic.) -\$301.68. Water Rents Collected - \$1640.03; Sewer Rents Collected - \$2639.71.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to accept Town Clerk Hallenbeck's report for the month of April 2009; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Code Enforcement Officer: Councilwoman Dermody read the following report from CEO Overbaugh; 1 building repair, 1 pool permit, 2 home replacements, 1 new home construction for the month of April.

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

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

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Attorney:

- PEARSON ROAD CULVERT PROJECT - Attorney Catalano reported that the Pearson Road Culvert Project has been fully executed with Schoenecker Construction. The Engineer has met with the representative from that company and with Superintendent Chase. The culvert that is being manufactured is going to ready on time. Attorney Catalano answered the questions that the audience asked earlier. Schoenecker Construction was the second lowest bidder. The first lowest bidder was awarded the contract but did not meet the contract requirements; we could not execute that contract. Therefore it went to the second lowest bidder. It was \$15,000.00 over the cost of the lowest bidder.
- WASTE OIL - Attorney Catalano mentioned that he met with Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck concerning the waste oil we are receiving, how he was handling the waste oil, and how it was being stored. He also reviewed the requirements of the NYS ENCON law. It is his opinion that it was not handled properly and there was potentially a lot of water. He advised that the Recycling Coordinator not take anymore waste oil until a better method of handling it could be implemented. He originally thought that an RFP could handle the whole situation, but it is probably not applicable. It would be better if broken up by components. He will have a more detailed recommendation for next month's meeting.

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

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Assessing Department: Assessor Pine mentioned that Grievance Day is May 26th, from 3 to 5 PM and 6 to 8 PM. The newest assessment roll is on file in their office and the Town Clerk's office. Assessor Pine went over the 3 ways to grieve your assessment. If you have questions, please come see them. Assessor Pine addressed the Concerned Citizens newsletter that some of the people in town received. There is some misleading information in the letter

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

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Budget Committee: Mrs. Pizzigati questioned a bill that was a paid to Big Top Portables (voucher #vo9059) for the Medusa Fire House. Supervisor Nickelsberg will have Bookkeeper Cornwell check this out. The Budget Committee will be meeting the end of this month.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the report from Joli Pizzigati for the Budget Committee; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Board of Ethics: Attorney Catalano reported that the Board is working on forms and internal procedures and they are making good progress. We should have something by our next meeting.

Wind Power Committee: Noel Abbott reported on the progress of the Wind Power Committee and what they have been working on. The extension of the moratorium would allow the Committee to focus on items that need to get to the Town Board by July 9th.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the report given Mr. Abbott for the Wind Power Committee; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CURRENT EVENTS:

- The Medusa Fest will be held in Medusa on Saturday.
- The Garage Sale Day will be held in Rensselaerville on Saturday.
- The Huyck Preserve is holding it Annual Bird Festival on Saturday, May 23rd. June 6th is the second trail building program and then a pot luck lunch after it at Lincoln Pond.

PAYROLL REPORT: Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that Bookkeeper Cornwell did a complete workup. She does the payroll and checks it every month. She will get it to you.

OLD BUSINESS

Computer Backup: Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that at the last meeting we had made a decision to try IDrive as an offsite backup service. After that we got a proposal from NYAir for an online backup called *Vaultres*, for \$10.00 a week. Councilwoman Dermody explained what NYAir was offering.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to rescind the motion made last month to go with IDrive for computer backup; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

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A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to try *Vaultres* with NYAir for a 90 day period for \$10.00 a week contingent on an acceptable contract; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Senior Bus Agreement: Attorney Catalano gave a brief summary of the proposal between the Town of Rensselaerville and Westerlo for their seniors to use our bus and the Town of Westerlo would give us up to \$5000.00 a year. Attorney Catalano will continue to work on this with the Westerlo Town Attorney.

Councilwoman Pine had information concerning receiving payment for bringing seniors to doctor appointments. This program is through the Department of Aging; the company that handles it is out of Missouri.

Bids - Mowing Medusa Park: There was one bid received for mowing of the Medusa Park; this was from the Medusa Fire Company. The Medusa Fire Company bid the mowing of the park for \$1200.00 for the mowing season; they have insurance coverage.

A motion was made Councilman Chase to accept the bid from the Medusa Fire Department for mowing of the Medusa Park for the season for \$1200.00; 2nd by Councilwoman Dermody.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2009: A Local Law entitled "Moratorium Law of 2009 of the Town of Rensselaerville" A local law extending an established six-month moratorium on applications and approvals for wind power facilities in the Town of Rensselaerville.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody to adopt the resolution for Local Law No. 1 for 2009, Moratorium Law of 2009 of the Town of Rensselaerville; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Cleaning Town Hall - Quotes: One quote was received for cleaning Town Hall. Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that the quote seems high. There was another person who also looked at the job but we did not get anything from her. Councilwoman Dermody made the recommendation that we advertise again for someone to do the cleaning.

Swipe Cards: Supervisor Nickelsberg mentioned that he called Mike Franchini, Albany County, and he is checking to see if he can either let us buy the fuel from them and use their swipe cards, etc. or enlarge one of the key tanks which would be diesel fuel. If he can't do that, he is very willing to give us the best swipe system he knows. This is about a ten thousand dollar investment. Sooner or later we have to do this.

NEW BUSINESS

Bookkeeper Seminar—Payroll Law: Bookkeeper Cornwell would like to attend the seminar on Payroll Law. Councilwoman Dermody spoke with Bookkeeper Cornwell about the advisability of asking Berne to pay half of her expenses; Bookkeeper Cornwell reported that she does very little with Berne payroll and therefore Berne would not benefit from her attendance at this seminar.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody authorizing Bookkeeper Cornwell to attend this seminar on Payroll Law on June 16, 2009 for \$199.00; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Tax Collection Seminar:

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg authorizing Town Clerk/Collector Kathy Hallenbeck to attend the Tax Collection Seminar in Glens Falls, June 14 to 17, 2009; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Rensselaerville Water District:

- DISCHARGE MONITORING REPORT - A motion was made by Councilwoman Dermody authorizing Tina Shaver, Treatment Officer, and Supervisor Nickelsberg as a second signer for the Discharge Monitoring Report for the Sewer District; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

- STATE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM - Testing reports for the Sewer System need to be sent to the State; an extension is needed to get any necessary tests completed and results returned.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to ask for an extension from the State for the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System to allow time to get testing results; 2nd by Councilwoman Pine.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

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Quote – Radical Systems – AVG Antivirus: Councilwoman Dermody wondered why we couldn't go directly to AVG for the antivirus protection. This topic was discussed briefly; Joli Pizzigati volunteered to look into AVG prices. A quote of \$456.98 was received from Radical Systems for an AGV Antivirus for each computer and the system for two years.

Councilwoman Dermody made a conditional motion to accept the proposal for the AVG Antivirus software per Radical Systems quote of \$456.98 for 2 years, only if we can't do better by Wednesday; 2nd by Supervisor Nickelsberg.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Rensselaerville Water District – Consumer Confidence Report: This is a report compiled by Albany County from testing results that are done in the water system. This report must be sent to all water users in the District.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pine authorizing the Town Clerk to send this report to the Water Districts users; 2nd by Councilman Chase.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

Middleburgh Central School: Councilwoman Dermody reported that she received a budget newsletter from the Middleburgh Central School. Middleburgh's budget is coming in under this year's budget. The budget votes for the schools will be held next week.

Van: Councilwoman Dermody mentioned that we got the grant to purchase a van but she doesn't want to wait until the last minute to decide what to do with it. Councilwoman Dermody made the recommendation that everybody on this Board start doing some research in terms of models, brands, etc. and come to the next work meeting ready to start discussing what they want to do. This topic was discussed at length.

Audience Comments: Items discussed during the audience comment period were; getting a list of the transfers; the Pearson Road project; perhaps the Institute could help us with computer services; the refuse recycling truck and helping Jon Whitbeck with the specifications; after the board meeting, a list should be made up for the members of what items they are to take care of.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Supervisor Nickelsberg to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM; 2nd by Councilman Lansing. Motion Carried.



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Pet Courtesy



It has come to the attention of the Town Board that a reminder needs to be issued for people to clean up after their pets.

Although the Town of Rensselaerville does not have leash law or a pooper scooper law, the right and neighborly thing to do is clean up after your pets so that everyone can continue to enjoy the beauty of our town without having to concern themselves with the remains of Nature's call.

Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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Volunteer News and Events

Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Monday, July 6th, at 8:00 PM

Drill & Work Meeting: Monday July 13th and 20th at 7:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

The days are beautiful in the summer SUN, won't you join us, help neighbors & have fun?

July:

6th - 7 pm Company Drill

13th - 7pm Company Drill

29th - 7:30pm Company Meeting

Looking into the future:

9/12 - Begin Hill-town Resource Centre FOOD DRIVE

9/20 - 8 am to 11 am - Battalion Pancake Breakfast.

Meet up with your neighbor's for a social breakfast

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, July 1st at 8:00PM



**THE SPIRIT
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Grist Mill Museum Needs Summer Help

The Grist Mill Museum needs some help this summer on Saturday afternoons from noon to 2 p.m. hosting the mill for visitors. Printed information is available to help volunteers learn about the mill and how to help genealogy researchers. Also there is an audio tape of a mill tour.

Two volunteers are needed each Saturday and enough volunteers have already signed up for the Saturdays through July 4th. Only one more person is needed on July 11, August 8, August 22, and August 29. Two are needed on July 18, July 25, August 1, August 15, and September 5.

Anyone who can help, please contact one of the following to volunteer and for further information: Janet Haseley (797-3194), Marion Williams (797-5016), Joyce Chase (239-4507), Irene Olson (239-4345).

The Grist Mill is located at the bridge in the hamlet of Rensselaerville and is the last of 29 water-powered mills which once were in the township of Rensselaerville. The Research Room located there has an extensive collection of local genealogy materials and records from old stores and hotels no longer in existence.

In addition to the two hours on Saturdays during the summer, the mill and research room are open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during summer months and Wednesdays are the best days for genealogy researchers to visit.

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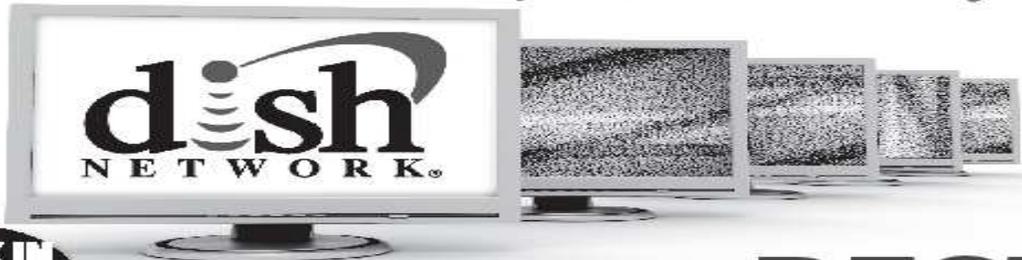
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<p>DishDVR Advantage 100 CHANNELS \$39.99/mo</p>	<p>ADD dishHD for just \$10/mo</p>
<p>3 MONTHS FREE PROGRAMMING with 24 month commitment</p>	<p>BETTER THAN TIVO*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows up to 800 hours** • View all recorded shows from 2 computers • Pause, record, replay your favorite shows
<p>BEST HD DVR FREE UPGRADE 36,000-hour Double Protection</p>	<p>BEST CHANNEL GUIDE ON TV***</p>

- 1** DISH Network has the best value in satellite TV entertainment with the lowest all-digital price nationwide...every day!
- 2** DISH Network has the best sports and movies in HD with over 70 of the most popular HD channels available today and more to come.
- 3** DISH Network has the best HD DVR with the largest recording capacity in the industry. on1.com/news/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.



*According to the 2007 America's Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) results for the U.S. largest Cable & Satellite TV providers: Charter Communications, Comcast Communications, Cox Communications, DIRECTV and Time Warner Cable. Tied with DIRECTV for the highest ACSI score in 2007. **7000 hours recording time based on 7000 model recorder. 3 Month Free offer requires participation in Digital Home Advantage with 24-month commitment and qualifying programming, including America's Top 100 or higher, DISH-LATINO or higher, DishHD package or a select qualifying international package. Customer receives three credits of \$10.99 each, applied to the first, tenth and twentieth months of service. Customer must reside in qualifying programming service to receive all three credits. Digital Home Advantage: Requires 24-month qualifying program (minimum of DISH Network credit card and credit approval. If qualifying service is terminated prior to end of 24-month period, a cancellation fee equal to the lesser of \$240 or \$10 per cancelled month of service will apply. Equipment must be returned to DISH Network upon termination of qualifying service. Credit 4 times per account. Monthly package price includes an equipment rental fee of \$2.00 or \$2.00 for first receiver, based on model. A monthly equipment rental fee of \$2.00 or \$2.00 will be charged for each receiver beyond the first, based on selected model. A \$2.00/mo. additional outlet programming access fee applies for each customer receiver; fee will be applied monthly for each such receiver continuously connected to Customer's phone line. HD programming requires HD receiver and HD television (both separate). Customer must subscribe to qualifying DISH Network programming or a DISH Network HD receiver. HD upgrade fee may apply for select receivers (based on model). DishDVR Advantage: Customer must be eligible to receive local channels. Discounted price will continue to apply after 24-month commitment unless customer downgrades from qualifying programming (America's Top 100, America's Top 200, DISH-LATINO Plus, DISH-LATINO Duo, DISH-LATINO Mac) plus local channels to someone qualifying for a lower price. The current price will apply for all programming and equipment less. Offer ends 2/28/08 and is available in the continental United States for new, first-time DISH Network residential customers. All prices, packages and programming subject to change without notice. Local and state sales taxes may apply. Where applicable, equipment rental fees and programming are listed separately. All DISH Network programming, and any other services that are provided, are subject to the terms and conditions of the promotional agreement and Residential Customer Agreement, available at www.dish-network.com or upon request. Local channels packages for satellite are only available to customers who reside in the specified local Designated Market Area (DMA). Local channels may require an additional dish antenna from DISH Network, installed free of any charge with subscription to local channels at time of initial installation. Social Security Numbers are used to obtain credit scores and will not be released to third parties except for verification and collection purposes only if it is required by governmental authorities. All service marks and trademarks belong to their respective owners.

NOTICE:

The Transfer Station will be closed on
Saturday, July 4, 2009, in observance of Independence Day.

However, in order to provide this necessary service to our Town residents, the
transfer station will be open on
Friday, July 3, from 7am to 3:45pm.



Wind Study Committee News, Updates, & Vital Information

Dear Neighbor,

Our Wind Study Committee has made its preliminary recommendations for Non-Commercial Wind Power (residential/farm/small business/non-profit) with more formal recommendations coming at the July 9th Town Board meeting. To see our preliminary recommendations, visit our website www.Rensselaerville.com/windstudy.php

As the Town Board establishes policies governing the use of Non-Commercial Wind Power in our town, your voice is important to our efforts,

To be informed and have your voice heard:

- Drop by our website www.Rensselaerville.com/windstudy.php You'll find updated information, meeting minutes, future events, & other resources.
- Talk our any of our members personally.
- Join our weekly meetings each Tuesday evening 7PM at Town Hall.
- Join our discussion board (through the website)
- Email us at WindStudyCommittee@gmail.com

Note these important dates:

- July 9th - Wind Study Committee recommendations to the Town Board.
- Mid-July/early August (date TBD) - Public Hearing for Non-Commercial Wind Power
- August' 13th - Town Board VOTE on Non-Commercial Wind Regulations
- September 4th - Moratorium for Non-Commercial Wind ends with new Non-Commercial Wind Power zoning laws in place.

*We invite you to share your questions, comments and concerns.
We promise to listen and respond.*

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

Dog Control Officer
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

Town Supervisor
Jost Nickelsberg

Town Clerk & Collector
Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Town Justices
Victor LaPlante,
Victoria Kraker

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Joseph Catalano

Deputy Town Attorney
Jon Kosich

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Gary Chase, Marie Dermody,
J. Robert Lansing, Sherri Pine

Building Inspector
& Code Enforcement Officer
Mark Overbaugh

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Jeff Pine, Peter J. Hotaling, Jr.,
Donna Kropp
Rachel Chase, Clerk II

Highway Superintendent
G. Jon Chase

Planning Board
Muriel Frasher, Chairman
Rebecca Platel, Secretary

Zoning Board of Appeals
Alden Pierce, Chairman
Rebecca Platel, Secretary

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518-455-2800

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LOB, Room 648
Albany, NY 12248
518-455-4100

County Legislature, 39th Dist.
Alexander (Sandy) Gordon
144 Beebe Road, Berne, NY 12023
518-872-2602

Albany County Highway Dept.
518-239-6715, 518-239-6710

Rensselaerville Fire Company, 911
Social Number - 797-3218

Tri-Village Fire Company, 911
Social number - 239-6780

Medusa Fire Company, 911
Back up emergency number,
765-5979
Social number - 239-6166

Rensselaerville Vol. Ambulance, 911
For Information - 518-797-5233

Albany County Sheriff, 911
518-765-2351

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Rensselaerville and Hilltowns, 911
518-477-9333

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