

2020  
Town of Forestburgh Newsletter



## **Board and Committee News:**

For a copy of the minutes and/or agendas, please visit our website at [www.forestburgh.net](http://www.forestburgh.net) . While on the website, please check the calendar for upcoming events and meetings.

### **Town Board**

The monthly Forestburgh Town Board meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Town Hall, located at 332 King Rd., Forestburgh. The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 7:00pm** at the Town Hall. Social distancing and masks are required for all those in attendance. For the monthly agenda and meeting minutes, please visit the town website at [www.forestburgh.net](http://www.forestburgh.net)

### **Planning Board**

July's Planning Board meeting was held virtually, via Zoom and included a State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA) Public Hearing on the Forestburgh Pond proposed development a 21 lot subdivision of the 548 acre parcel at the corner of Rt 42 and Hartwood Rd. The meeting and hearing were well attended and many comments were received. The Public Hearing was held open for the receipt of additional comments, including input from the DEC on the lead contamination found at the location of the shooting range on the property. The applicant indicated that it will do additional testing - which is presently scheduled to occur in September to further delineate the extent of the contamination and it also advises that the DEC will not weigh in until after that testing. All materials received from the applicant and public have been posted on Forestburgh's website and can be found at: <https://forestburgh.net/boards-and-committees/planning-board/applications/forestburgh-pond/> . There are no new matters submitted for the regularly scheduled August meeting, and because of the incomplete status of the public hearing and submissions on environmental issues, it is presently not certain whether an August Planning Board meeting will occur. Stay tuned. If it is to occur, once more it will be held via Zoom - and the zoom information is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85668962895?pwd=YjhMR3BNUjJUZmNMcmxFSkNkNHRmUT09> Meeting ID: 856 6896 2895 Passcode: 137120

### **Zoning Re-Write Committee**

There will be a scheduled meeting for next Tuesday, August 18th from 7-9. Conducting two monthly meetings is a lot, so thank you to the committee members for putting in the extra effort. It has been worth it as we are making steady progress. We also have our regular monthly meeting scheduled for September 8th from 7-9. Next Tuesday the committee will attempt to complete the "Campgrounds" section of the code.

## **Announcements:**

### **Forestburgh Fire Department Drive Thru Roast Beef Dinner**

This delicious event will be held on August 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm-8:00pm at the Forestburgh Firehouse. They will be serving full plate orders that are \$13.00 per plate. Please come out and support your local fire department.

## **Forestburgh Highway Department**

The Highway Department will be chip sealing North Rd., Wildwood Way, Eden Rd., and Galligan Rd. Starting in the beginning of September the Highway Department will go back to working 5 days and will be open from 7:00am-3:30pm Monday thru Friday. They will be doing work on French Clearing Rd & Plank-b Rd. If you see anyone throwing trash or leaving it anywhere in town, please take their license plate number down and report it to the Sullivan County Sheriff Department at (845)794-7100.

## **Dog Control Officer**

Reminder to all dog owners; by law all dogs must be licensed. Please see the Town Clerk for details. Dogs must always be on a leash or in complete control of the owner. It is against the law for any dog to be on private property without expressed permission from the property owner or wandering loose on any public road or on any public property. Letting dogs roam loose creates a safety hazard for the dog, the public and other pets. Please be a responsible dog owner and a good neighbor.

## **Town Clerk's Corner**

Sporting licenses are on sale for the 20-21 season. There is a free rabies clinic being held on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm at Hanofee Park located at 136 Sunset Lake Rd, Liberty, NY. This event is for Sullivan County residents only. Proof of ID is required and everyone must wear a mask while at the clinic site. Pre-registration of ALL animals is required; <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Rabies-Clinic-Registration-August-27-2020>. Anyone without an appointment will not be served. When arriving at the clinic site you will call 845-513-2220 and wait in your car for further instructions. All pets must be at least 3 months old. For further information call Sullivan County Public Health Services at 845-292-5910.

## **The Grateful Deadheaders**

Our Forestburgh gardens are flourishing with a boost from Mother Nature, but particularly from SUSIE LANDIS and CARMELA HUGEL. These dedicated Deadheaders have continuously planted our Welcome Sign Gardens with spectacular results. The photographs speak for themselves. Another Deadheader who has devoted himself to the garden on 42 at the Orange County line is RICH HUGEL who has made this the best year ever for the town's garden on the way to Port Jervis. Our Renaissance intern, Roland Zanger, has done a fantastic job in making sure all our gardens are in top shape. We couldn't have done it this summer without him! Stay tuned to see how we are also transforming the Veteran's Memorial to help make Forestburgh even more beautiful.



## **Our Town**(as submitted by Town Historian:Sabina Toomey)

Our New York State Historian, Devin Lander, has requested all municipalities publish a COVID-19 Survey in order to record personal stories and the effects of this pandemic on our society and personal lives. Please take a moment to fill out the attached survey. The survey is included in this months newsletter or can be found on the town website-www.forestburgh.net

We have no documents of personal accounts from our town about the effects of the Spanish Flu epidemic (1918-1919). At that time, no law was in place that required towns to have a Historian, until 1919, when the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law was enacted.

**Forestburgh Friends For Fitness (F4)** (As Submitted by Karen Ellsweig-Forestburgh Community Health Champion)  
**For abundance of caution related to current concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, future Forestburgh Friends for Fitness (F4) meetings are temporarily suspended until further notice. Please stay tuned and stay well.**

## **Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library**

Petitions are available for the October 7, 2020 election of trustees at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library located at 479 Broadway, Monticello, NY. Two board seats are up for election: Two seats for 3 year terms (1/1/21-12/31/23). Incumbents, Marcia Raponi and Sari Rosenheck are seeking re-election. Make a curbside appointment and pick up a petition from the election clerk if you are interested in running and you reside within the library service area (Town of Bethel, Forestburgh or Thompson within the Monticello Central School District). Petitions must be returned to the library by Saturday, September 5, 2020. For more information please contact the library at (845)794-4660 ext.6.



## **General Election Polling Place**

With the Covid-19 virus still looming, the county has not yet cleared the Forestburgh Town Hall as a polling place for the November 3, 2020 election. As soon as the decision is made, the information on the polling place location will be posted on the town website [www.forestburgh.net](http://www.forestburgh.net) and will be sent out in a blast email. As always, if you have any questions please call the Town Hall (845)794-0611.



## **The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial**<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/19th-amendment-adopted>

The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote, is formally adopted into the U.S. Constitution by proclamation of Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby. The amendment was the culmination of more than 70 years of struggle by woman suffragists. Its two sections read simply: “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex” and “Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.” In January 1918, the woman suffrage amendment passed the House of Representatives with the necessary two-thirds majority vote. In June 1919, it was brought before the Senate and, after Southern Democrats abandoned a filibuster, 37 Republican Senators were joined by 19 Democrats to pass the amendment with 56 ayes and 25 nays. It was approved by the Senate and sent to the states for ratification. Campaigns were waged by suffragists around the country to secure ratification, and on August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36<sup>th</sup> state to ratify the amendment, giving it the two-thirds majority of state ratification necessary to make it the law of the land.

The package containing the certified record of the action of the Tennessee legislature was sent by train to the nation’s capital, arriving in the early hours of **August 26, 1920**. At 8 a.m. that morning, Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby signed it without ceremony at his residence in Washington. None of the leaders of the woman suffrage movement were present when the proclamation was signed, and no photographers or film cameras recorded the event. That afternoon, Carrie Chapman Catt, head of the National American



## **The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial continued**

Suffrage Association, was received at the White House by President Woodrow Wilson and Edith Wilson, the first lady.

To learn more history leading up to this monumental event you can visit: [www.2020centennial.org](http://www.2020centennial.org) , [www.archives.gov/education/lessons/woman-suffrage](http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/woman-suffrage) or [www.history.com/this-day-in-history/19th-amendment-adopted](http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/19th-amendment-adopted) .



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