



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 . While on the website, please check the calendar for upcoming events and meetings.

Town Board

The Town of Forestburgh Town Board monthly meeting is usually held on the first Thursday of the month at 6:00pm located in the Forestburgh Town Hall. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2023. For the monthly agenda and meeting minutes, please visit the town website at www.forestburgh.net.

Planning Board

The Planning Board met for its regular January meeting. An application for a lot line revision between two lots in the Forestburgh Pond subdivision was heard and granted. A public hearing on an application for a two-lot subdivision by The Hartwood Club was opened, and will continue at the February Planning Board meeting (February 28, at 7pm), as not all requirements for notification had been met by the applicant. After this public hearing is closed, the Board's consideration of this application will continue. February's agenda will also include a sketch plan review of a potential application for site plan approval of a Tavern (to be named Finnegan's) at 2846 Rt 42, across the street from the Forestburgh General Store, adjacent to Forage Pizza.

Announcements:

Grievance Day

2023 Grievance Day will be May 25th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. You must fill out an application with attached comparables and bring in, or mail in, to the Assessor's office. The application can be picked up at the Town Hall or found on the Town website, forestburgh.net. Any questions, please contact the assessor's office at (845)794-0611 Ext. 27.

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.

Highway Department

Although it's nice to be spoiled with Spring like temperature, please don't forget that winter is not over yet! The shed outside the Town Barn is full for when residents need material. There has been a lot of trash being dropped off around town. If you see someone dumping garbage, get their license plate number, a description of the vehicle, and call the Highway Department 845-794-8609 or the Sullivan

County Sheriff's Department 845-794-7100. Also, while the weather is good, start getting your things together for Spring Clean-up, which will be here before you know it!

Now HIRING LIFEGUARDS!

Even though the air is freezing we are prepping for the 2023 summer season! The Town of Forestburgh Recreation Department has Lifeguard opportunities available for the upcoming summer season. We are looking for 2 fully certified Lifeguards at least 17 years old and a fully certified Head Lifeguard at least 21 years old. A background clearance check and pre-employment drug test will be issued. Hiring preference will be given to Forestburgh residents. Salary commensurate with experience. Head Lifeguard **MUST** be available to close pool after Labor Day. The pool is open from July – Sept. Thurs, Fri, Sat, & Sun. If interested, please call the Town Hall at (845)794-0611 ext. 21.

Lost Lake Resort Update

Last June, the developers of Lost Lake Resort sued the town alleging, among other things, that the town had no right to hire attorneys or consultants to assist it in evaluating matters related to the Lost Lake Resort Development, or to use project escrow funds to pay those attorneys and consultants. In August, most of those claims were dismissed. On January 20, the Court granted the Town summary judgement on the remaining claims ruling:

The record supports respondents' (Forestburgh's) concerns, as articulated in the town board meeting minutes, regarding the magnitude and complexity of the resort project. At roughly 2,100 acres, the Lost Lake PDD constitutes one of if not the largest subdivisions in New York State and is a high-stake venture for not only respondents but petitioners as well. Accordingly, it was entirely rational for the town to hire legal and engineering consultants for this purpose.

There are currently three other lawsuits that have been brought against the Town by the Lost Lake Resort owners and developers. Two lawsuits were brought in State Court for relief under the Freedom of Information Act. The third lawsuit is in the Federal Court, alleging that the town's actions in denying permits was not based in law, but unlawful discrimination. The two Freedom of Information Lawsuits are awaiting final determination by the Court. In the Federal Action, the Town's insurance company has hired counsel to defend the Town against these claims.

Following the Zoning Board of Appeals upholding of the denial of building permits because the project which the owners and developers are attempting to build is not the one that was approved, but something else, Stop Work Orders have been issued by the Code Enforcement Officer. The Town Board, at its January meeting, adopted a resolution suspending all previously issued permits, and town approvals – including the Resort's 2011 PDD approval and 2013 site plan approval. In addition, the Town has instituted litigation against the present owners and developer of this 2100-acre property to prevent it from engaging in any further development and unlawful use of this property. Development can only resume if the developers propose changes to the approved plan to the Town Board and following review and potential additional SEQRA (environmental) review, the owner and developer obtain the necessary and appropriate modifications to the terms and conditions of the project approvals. Notification of this suspension of permits and PDD approvals has been provided to all interested governmental and non-governmental agencies and parties.

As a reminder, residents who observe any suspected violations of the zoning code or building code on any property in the Town may bring them to the attention of Town Officials – preferably with appropriate photographs, videos, and documentation in order to assist the town in assuring compliance with local law.

45th Annual 98.3 WSUL Heart-A-Thon



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Members who donate through our link will get a LIVE, on-air Mention by our very own Roberta Byron-Lockwood during her segment on Friday February 18th during the event! <https://www.givegab.com/p2p/45th-annual-98-3-wsul-heart-a-thon/scva>

Forestburgh Fire Department Corned Beef Dinner

Come out to support your local fire department on March 11, 2023 from 4-7pm. The annual corned beef dinner will be eat in or take out for \$15. It's always a delicious meal and includes corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and a drink!



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