



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. You can also see postings for upcoming meetings at the Forestburgh Firehouse, Forestburgh Town Hall and in the Sullivan County Democrat newspaper.

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 unless otherwise stated. The next scheduled monthly board meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 6, 2025**. There will be a public hearing for the 2026 Budget as well as Local Law #1 at the Town Board meeting. For the monthly agenda, meeting minutes and updates, please visit the town website at www.forestburgh.net. You can also see postings for upcoming meetings at the Forestburgh Firehouse, Forestburgh Town Hall and in the Sullivan County Democrat newspaper. For more information, please call the Town Hall at 845-794-0611 ext. 101.

Planning Board

The Planning Board did not meet for a September meeting as both matters before us were still tabled, awaiting further submissions. There will be an October meeting on October 28 with two matters on the agenda - a two-lot subdivision/land division of a 138-acre parcel on both sides of Sackett Lake Road and an application for a special use permit, and site plan approval for the Grand Luxury Retreat, on Tannery Road. Materials pertaining to these matters before the Planning Board can be accessed at <https://forestburgh.net/boards-and-committees/planning-board/pending-applications/>.

Announcements:

Forestburgh Day 2025

On behalf of the Forestburgh Day committee, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us for Forestburgh Day. Your presence, energy, and enthusiasm made the day truly special. From neighbors who volunteered their time, to local organizations and businesses who lent their support, and to all who came out simply to celebrate together—we are grateful. Forestburgh Day is about more than just one event; it's about the spirit of community, and this year's gathering showed just how strong that spirit is.

Thank you for making the day such a success. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Dog Control Officer

Reminder to all dog owners: by law all dogs must have current RABIES vaccinations and be licensed. Rabies and license tags must be attached to the dog's collar or harness at all times. Sullivan County offers free rabies clinics throughout the year in various locations, or your veterinarian will administer the vaccine. There has been a significant increase in abandoned dogs, dogs roaming loose and bite incidents. Letting dogs run loose is not only illegal, it also creates a safety hazard for the public, the dog and other pets. Please be a responsible dog owner and a good neighbor.

Highway Department

We are still doing potholes and brush work around the town, also just a reminder that winter is coming, please keep your vehicles and garbage cans off the road. Residents you can start getting sand. It will be the same as last year and if seniors need help, please call (845)794-8069, and we will help you. Thank you and Happy Halloween.

***VACANCIES* Board of Assessment Review**

The Town of Forestburgh BAR has 2 positions available. If interested please send a letter of interest to the Town Clerk, 332 King Road, Forestburgh, NY 12777 or if you have any questions please direct them to (845)794-0611 ext. 101.

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

The Old Mine Road and Route 209 are closely tied in the history of travel in New York. In our general area, it is the route taken by the Handy family. The first settlers believed to arrive in what became Forestburgh. It has been called several names, but it was the oldest 100 mile + path- the Trade Path, Road to Esopus, Kings Road and Queens Highway. The entire length of Old Mine Road is 184 miles between Kingston and Pahaquarry, N.J. For many years it was thought the Dutch Pahaquarry copper mine of the 1600's were responsible how over the years the mines petered out. Historical records show that the road was built southward from Esopus (the original name of Kingston). The name changed in 1669. The Old Mine Road played an important part in the history of not only New York State but also the founding of this nation. Few historians contest the fact that the road began as an old trail used by the Lenape Indians for trade. Hunting and fishing expeditions. Early European traders used this same route to explore the frontier. In the late 1680's Dutch and Huguenot settlers traveled this road from Kingston. Looking at a map of the Old Mine Road, it's easy to see how it connected NY, PA and NJ as much of the road ran next to the Delaware river, the gateway to the world, so to speak. In 1933 the Old Mine Road was incorporated into Route 209 at Huguenot. Route 209 was one of the original highways in the US Highway system.