



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 board meeting will be the end of the year meeting and will be held on **Monday, December 22, 2025**. Then the monthly meeting and Re-organization meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 8, 2026**, since the first Thursday falls on a holiday. 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 met for its regular November meeting. There were two substantive matters on our agenda. The first was the application for a two-lot subdivision/land division of a 138-acre parcel - which was granted. The second matter was the application for a special use permit and site plan approval for The Grand Luxury Retreat, at 80 Tannery Road. The Planning Board, having declared its intention to act as lead agency, under the State Environmental Review Act (SEQR), and no opposition having been received, is now the lead agency. Additional materials were received and discussed and a public hearing date under SEQR was set to open on December 16, at 7pm, the date of our regular December meeting. Grand Luxury Retreat will be the only substantive matter on our December agenda.

Announcements:

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

A reminder to keep your garbage cans off the road to prevent plow trucks from hitting them, also New York Vehicle and Traffic Law 1219 prohibits blowing, shoveling and plowing into the street. It is a violation of the law, please keep that in mind. If you need sand, please come to the highway dept.

***VACANCIES* Planning Board Member and Engineer & Board of Assessment Review**

The Town of Forestburgh Planning Board will have 1 position available starting in January and is also seeking an Engineer. The 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)

People make a community. Forestburgh has been lucky to have attracted so many who do. In the distant past when the (1844) Government building burned down in Monticello William Broadhead, our first Town Supervisor (1837-1840) and a group of spirited leaders, along with his brother Daniel formed a committee of landowners and proposed a plan to secure a bond for all the funds needed to build a new Government center in Forestburgh. I don't know why the plan was rejected but Monticello again became the County Seat. This time of the year it's very appropriate to thank all of the many people who have served our community in an effort to keep our town the pristine small town where people care. God Bless us all and Happy Holidays.

