



2026

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 meeting will be **Thursday, February 5, 2026**. 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 held its regular December meeting. The only agenda item was The Grand Luxury Retreat. There was a State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA) Public Hearing for The Grand Luxury Retreat. The minutes from that Public Hearing contain a detailed description of what the project is all about. <https://forestburgh.net/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2025-12-16-DRAFT-SEQRA-Public-Hearing-WM-Minutes.pdf>. The public hearing was held open, as additional materials are required. Since the meeting, additional materials have been submitted. This Public Hearing will continue in our January meeting, on January 27, at 7pm. Also on our January agenda is an application by Eagle Creek Renewable for site plan review of a project to replace their failed Penstock (the 8 foot in diameter pipe that brings water from the dam to the powerhouse). Materials submitted to the Planning Board can be accessed here: <https://forestburgh.net/boards-and-committees/planning-board/pending-applications/>

Announcements:

Dog Control Officer

Update 2026! NYS has enacted a new law which requires stricter standards for shelter placement, care and veterinary services. This new law will present additional physical and financial challenges to provide services within an animal care system which is already in crisis as shelter space is extremely limited as is the availability of immediate veterinary care.

Please make certain that your dogs are vaccinated for rabies, are not permitted to run loose and are licensed with the Forestburgh Town Clerk (all of which are required as per NYS law). Microchips, identification tags and collars with phone numbers on them all assist me in getting your dog home safely without having to place them in a shelter.

I sincerely thank those members of our Forestburgh community whose efforts make possible the safety and care of dogs who are lost or abandoned. I appreciate you!

Highway Department

Winter is still here! Please continue to keep your vehicles off the road, as well as garbage cans. Sand is available at the town barn for personal use for residents of the Town, come and get some Thank you

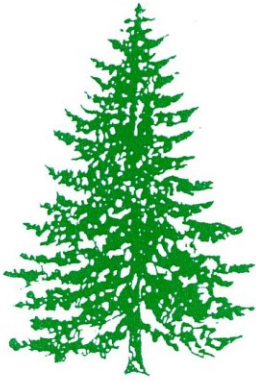
***VACANCIES* Planning Board Member and Engineer & Board of Assessment Review**

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)

Recently received from the Vincent W. Toomey estate, several old newspapers from 1968. We have all been talking about how much the cost of a trip to the supermarket has increased lately. Lets go back to the ads placed by several supermarkets in that old 1968 paper. Roast Beef .79/lb, Ground Round .75/lb., Flounder Fillet .79/lb., Bacon 1lb for .59, White Bread .59, Butter .77! Appliances: 16 cu. ft. two door refrigerator with auto defrost \$160.50, Gas dryer \$98.50! Vacationing: Majestic Hotel So. Fallsburg July 4th weekend 5 days 4 nights from \$39.50 per day, Plaza Hotel \$60 per week! Playing at the "Copa"- NYC Martha Reeves & the Vandellas, the Latin Quarter- Bobby Vinton, the Rainbow Grill- Duke Ellington, Playing on Broadway- Cactus Flower with Goldie Hawn, Plaza Suite-Mame, Hair, Matinee \$4.50! The saddest front-page story- Robert Kennedy Assination. Reports of one of the saddest times in our History. And as the old story goes, "History Repeats It's Self". If you wish to see our collection of old newspapers, please call to set up a time 8450794-2702. Also available at the Historical Society in Hurleyville are local newspapers in Microfiche. Lets look forward and learn from the past. Grow more aware of how we can all work to make "Our Town" and our world a better place.

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Town of Forestburgh press release

1/14/2026

The Supreme Court of Sullivan County has issued a decisive ruling in favor of the Town of Forestburgh in its enforcement action concerning the proposed Lost Lake development. The Court granted the Town partial summary judgment, holding that the 2011 Planned Development District (PDD) law and accompanying SEQRA findings remain in full force, run with the land, and bind the current owner and any future owners of the Lost Lake property.

The Court confirmed that any materially different project or significant deviation from the originally approved master plan cannot proceed unless the developer first returns to the Town Board for formal PDD amendments and any required additional environmental review. It further ordered that the developers are prohibited from taking any steps to advance the Lost Lake project unless and until they obtain such approvals from the Town. The remaining claims the Town of Forestburgh has brought against lost lake will now proceed to discovery. Those claims are that the Lost Lake Developers failed to tender financial security to the town, as required; that they and failed to meet the law's timetable to complete infrastructure and complete phase one of the project within the law's timetable.

This ruling rejects the developer's claim that the PDD regulations were repealed and firmly affirms the Town's authority to enforce its zoning and environmental laws to protect the community. The Town of Forestburgh is pleased that the Court has validated the Town's careful planning and review process and will continue to ensure that any development proceeds, if at all, in full compliance with Town law and in the best interests of Forestburgh residents.

Dan Hogue

Supervisor, Town of Forestburgh

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF FORESTBURGH
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, STATE OF NEW YORK
TAX COLLECTION LEGAL NOTICE 2026**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that I, Teresa Collins, Tax Collector for the Town of Forestburgh, will collect taxes in the Town of Forestburgh during January, February, and March 2026 at the Forestburgh Town Hall, **Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Closed Weekends and Holidays.**

******SCHEDULE OF FEES******

January..... Par
February.....1%
March.....2%

- An additional \$2 penalty will be added to your bill when the unpaid notices are sent on or before March 3 (State Law).
- After March 31st, taxes are payable to the Sullivan County Treasurer, call 845-807-0200 for amount.

March 31st is the last day for collection of taxes by the Town Tax Collector in the Town of Forestburgh.

******PAYMENT SCHEDULE******

If paying in full, please return the entire tax bill with your payment.

Installment payments may be paid as follows:

January – 50% due by January 31, 2026, at 0% interest. Please send “Payment # 1” stub with your check.

February – 25% due by February 28, 2026, at 1% interest on remaining account. Please send “Payment # 2” stub with your check.

March – 25% due by March 31, 2026, at 2% interest + \$2.00 unpaid notice fee. Please send the entire bill with your check.

If payments are not timely (**postmarked**) they will **NOT** be accepted.

Receipts will be mailed for each payment. There is a \$20.00 returned check charge.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: IF YOU WISH TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD

Town of Forestburgh Tax Collector PLEASE CONTACT ME DIRECTLY.

NOTE: THERE IS A VENDOR CHARGE OF

MAIL PAYMENT TO: 2.85% OR \$2.50 MINIMUM.

FULL PAYMENT ONLY

Town of Forestburgh

Tax Collector

332 King Road

Forestburgh, New York 12777

All tax payments postmarked after January 31, 2026, will be subject to late penalty as listed above.

LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

If you no longer own this property, please return the bill to the tax collector with the new owner’s name and address or forward the bill to the rightful owner.

If your address has changed, please note your correct address along with your SBL # and return it with your tax bill and payment.

You may obtain a duplicate tax bill/receipt or check the status of your payment at www.taxlookup.net.

If you are a Senior Citizen, a person with a Physical Disability and/or a Veteran, you may be entitled to a partial exemption from property taxes. Eligible homeowners have until March 1 to apply for such exemptions. For further information please call Judith Flieger, Assessor at the Forestburgh Town Hall at 845-794-0611 ext. 103