



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, March 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 845-794-0611 ext. 101.

Planning Board

The Planning Board met for its regular January meeting. The sole agenda item – both for a continuation of the SEQRA public hearing and the regular meeting - was The Grand Luxury Retreat. Our February meeting - on the 24th at 7pm - will include 2 agenda items and the Special Use Permit and Site Plan public hearing for Grand Luxury Retreat. We anticipate completing the SEQR Long form part 3. For the Grand Luxury Retreat. If a negative declaration of the potential for significant environmental impact is made, we will continue to review the application along with the public and consultants comments made, and perhaps proceed to considering a determination. If a negative declaration is not issued, environmental review will continue. The second matter on the agenda will be an application by Eagle Creek Renewable for site plan approval for their hydro power facility's penstock replacement – the original 1920's vintage wooden one having failed. This project is also being done under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and DEC supervision and permitting. Although they had initially been on our January agenda, they asked to be removed, for logistical reasons.

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!

Tax Collector

Taxes are due by March 31st. If you haven't paid your 2026 property taxes yet, please be aware that the last day the Town of Forestburgh Tax Collector can accept taxes is March 31st.

Highway Department

Again, winter is still here! Please watch your garbage cans that they are not on the road. The same for vehicles. Sand is still at the highway dept available for residents. 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.

Forestburgh Fire Company

Friends and Neighbors,

Forestburgh has always been a strong and caring community — and our fire company is a direct reflection of that spirit. As volunteers, we are your neighbors, friends, and family members who answer the call whenever help is needed. Today, we are facing a critical need for additional volunteers to ensure we can continue providing the level of protection our town often depends on. Without more residents stepping forward, our ability to respond quickly and effectively could be impacted.

As your Fire Chief, I can personally tell you that serving this community is one of the greatest honors of my life. I have witnessed firsthand the dedication, courage, and compassion of our members. I have also seen the difference it makes when more hands step up to help. We are not just looking for names on a roster — we are looking for neighbors who are willing to stand beside us when Forestburgh needs us the most. We are urgently looking for volunteers of all backgrounds and skill levels. Whether you are interested in firefighting, becoming an E.M.T., supporting behind the scenes, helping at events, or simply becoming more involved in your community, there is a place for you with us.

Volunteering offers meaningful personal and financial benefits, including:

- Uniforms and all necessary equipment provided
- Professional training with stipends provided by New York State
- NYS Income Tax Credits for active volunteers
- Potential Property Tax Credits
- Participation in the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)
- Scholarship priority opportunities for High School Seniors who are a child of or a volunteer themselves
- The pride of being there for your neighbors and visitors when they need it most

No prior experience is necessary. We provide the training, equipment, and support needed to succeed. What we cannot provide without you is manpower. If you have ever considered joining, now truly is the time. Please stop by the firehouse Wednesdays from 7:00–9:00 p.m., speak with any of our members, or contact us for more information about becoming a volunteer. Your community needs you. Call the station on the non-emergency line at (845) 794-7899 or email us at join@forestburghfire.com for more information. Community support goes beyond emergency calls, and one of everyone's favorite traditions is right around the corner. Please join us for our Annual **Corned Beef Dinner on March 7th** from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$15.00, 12 yrs. and under \$10.00, Children 5 and under free. It is a great meal, a wonderful time, and a way to connect with neighbors while supporting your local fire company.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to keeping Forestburgh strong.

With respect and appreciation, Chief Todd Petrowsky Forestburgh Fire Company