

Forestburgh Newsletter

MARCH 2017



Forestburgh Town Hall hours are from 9-3 Mon. through Fri. (845)794-0611

Board and Committee News:

For a copy of the minutes or agendas, please visit our website at forestburgh.net. While on the website, check the calendar for upcoming events and meetings.

Town Meeting Schedules:

Town Board

Regular Town Board Meetings are the 1st Thursday of every month, at 7pm in the Town Hall. The next scheduled meeting will be on **April 6, 2017**. Be sure to check out the calendar on the Town's website at forestburgh.net for a list of upcoming meetings and times.

Planning Board

At February's Planning Board Meeting Republic Lake Joseph's application to subdivide its 440 acre parcel, into two parcels – divided by St Joseph's Road – was found to be complete and a public hearing was scheduled for March 28. The entire application, as well as maps and related reports and correspondence are available for review online on the Forestburgh.net website.

Another matter on February's agenda was a review of a proposed local law seeking to amend the Zoning Code to restore the role of the Planning Board in Site Plan review and approvals and State Environmental Review Act proceedings for Planned Development Districts (like Lost Lake). The Planning Board unanimously concurred that this change was entirely consistent with the goals and objectives of Forestburgh's zoning code, in general and recommended the adoption of this Local Law. Two days later the Town Board passed this local law.

The continued review of the draft revision of the Subdivision Law was also continued at the February meeting.

Also reported at the Planning Board meeting is that Andrew Unterberg, who had previously appeared before the Planning Board for a sketch plan review of his "Tent Days" concept for a "concierge Camping" facility at 80 Tannery Road has now closed on, and owns outright that 300 acre parcel formerly owned by Shalom Lamm. Mr. Unterberg recently advised that he is hoping to be able to have a formal application submitted to the Planning Board for the April Meeting.

Finally, Planning Board Member David Groskin announced that he and his family have moved from Forestburgh to Goshen, NY. and have listed for sale the house where they lived in Forestburgh. Sadly, he reported that this is a permanent move and that he does not intend to move back. Please join us in thanking David for his service to Forestburgh.

The Planning Board's meeting on March 28 will be a joint meeting with the Comprehensive Board Special Board. In addition to the public hearing regarding the Republic Lake Joseph Subdivision, there will be a public hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan which the Special Board has drafted. A full agenda will be posted on the website in advance of the meeting.

Solar Committee

The Solar Committee is awaiting an initial draft of a Forestburgh Solar Law from our town lawyers which should be ready for review by the committee over the next few weeks.

Forestburgh Day Committee

The first meeting of the Forestburgh Day Committee met on March 9th and a date was set for this year's Forestburgh Day. This fun event will be held on Saturday, September 9th from 12pm – 4pm at the Forestburgh Firehouse. More details to follow.

Comprehensive Plan Special Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FORESTBURGH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

The Forestburgh Town Board has appointed a Special Board to review and revise the Comprehensive Plan. The Special Board has completed the first part of its task in proposing a revised Comprehensive Plan. **This is an important document which should be reviewed and carefully considered by Forestburgh residents.** The Comprehensive plan sets out goals for our town's future. It provides recommendations to better the town as it now exists and to enable it to achieve future goals.

ON MARCH 28, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M., THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. PLEASE ATTEND TO EXPRESS YOUR OPINION OF THE NEW PLAN.

Hoping to see you March 28th, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Katherine Barnhart

Chair, Comprehensive Plan Special Board

Announcements:

Burn Ban in Effect:

March, April, and May are often the months of highest wildfire occurrences, and the annual brush fire burn ban will begin **March 15** through **May 15**. No outdoor burning of any sorts during this time period. The burning of leaves, grass, and garbage is prohibited at all times throughout the State. Any questions can be directed to Chief Todd Petrowsky at 794-7899.

Free Tax Preparation:

FREE TAX HELP FROM AARP AND THE IRS

(For taxpayers with low and middle income. Although all ages are welcome, the program gives special attention to those age 55 and over)

Would you like help with your income tax preparation and filing? If so, volunteers trained as tax counselors by the IRS will prepare and e-file of your Federal and State tax returns at several sites around Sullivan County, including Monticello, Liberty, and Eldred.

For more information or to make an appointment at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty, call (845) 292-6180. To make an appointment at the Monticello Library, call (845) 794-4660, and for the Eldred Library, call (845) 557-6258.

Sponsored by the AARP and IRS, with help from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County.

Forestburgh Fire Department Corned Beef Dinner

The Forestburgh Fire Department will be holding their annual **Corned Beef Dinner** on **March 18** in the Firehouse from 5-8pm. Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

Town Clerk's Corner

The Town Hall has a 10 burner commercial gas stove that has been deemed surplus. If you are interested in purchasing this sturdy stove, please call the Town Clerk at 794-0611 ext. 21 to discuss the bidding process.

Website/Newsletter

If you are not receiving the newsletter by email, and you have an email address, contact the Town of Forestburgh bookkeeper at forestburghbookkeeper@yahoo.com or by calling 794-0611 Ext 28 and supply your information to her. The newsletter will also be posted on the website as well as the information board at the Town Hall. If you haven't done so yet, please check out our Town website at forestburgh.net. It has a lot of useful information in it.

Forestburgh General Store To Re-Open

It's True! The Forestburgh General Store will OPEN May 2017!!

The Jagels of Forestburgh are bringing back your convenience store, and a place to grab a cup of coffee and linger. There will be sandwiches, light meals, grocery items, local farmer produce, artisans and events. Their vision is to create a community gathering spot keeping us all connected and well fed.

If you want to pitch in or have questions please call 1-312-852-7500 Debbie

Highlights of 2017/18 Freshwater Fishing Regulations Changes

The following is a summary of the freshwater fishing regulation changes for the April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 period:

- An 18 inch minimum size limit and daily creel limit of 3 has been established for walleye in Titicus Reservoir (Westchester County); Sacandaga Lake and tributaries and outlet and Lake Pleasant and tributaries (Hamilton County); Kiwassa Lake, St. Regis Falls Impoundment, and Little Wolf Pond (Franklin County); Putnam Pond (Essex County); Cazenovia and DeRuyter lakes (Madison County); Waterport Reservoir (Orleans County); Rio Reservoir (Orange and Sullivan counties); East Sidney Reservoir (Delaware County); Taghkanic Lake (Columbia County); Canadarago Lake (Otsego County); and additional portions of the Seneca River (Cayuga, Onondaga, Seneca and Wayne counties).
- The 18 inch minimum size limit and daily creel limit of 3 walleye has been eliminated in Chautauqua Lake (Chautauqua County) and Franklin Falls Flow (Essex County).
- Three short sections of Fish Creek, Indian River and Grasse River in St. Lawrence County have been closed to all fishing from March 16th until the opening of walleye season.
- The number of brown trout and rainbow trout that can be kept as part of a 5 fish daily limit in Skaneateles Lake has been reduced to no more than 3 of either species.
- The allowable daily harvest of brown trout and rainbow trout has been reduced from 5 of each to 3 of each and the allowable daily harvest of lake trout has been increased from 3 to 5 as part of the 5 in any combination daily limit regulation for trout, lake trout, and landlocked salmon on Cayuga and Owasco lakes.
- The minimum size limit for rainbow trout has been increased from 9 to 15 inches on Owasco, Skaneateles and Otisco Lake tributaries.
- Ice fishing is now permitted on Rushford Lake in Allegany County.
- Crane Pond (Essex County) has been reopened to ice fishing.

- The restriction on the number of devices allowed for ice fishing on Bigsby and Copperas ponds (Essex County), Upper Saranac Lake (Franklin County), and Fawn Lake (Hamilton County) has been continued.
- The Lake Erie and tributaries 20 inch minimum size limit, 1 fish daily limit black bass regulation has been expanded to run December 1 through the Friday before the third Saturday in June.
- The daily limit for northern pike in the St. Lawrence River has been reduced from 5 to 3.
- The special trout regulation on Whey Pond (Franklin County) has been eliminated.
- The special regulation for landlocked salmon on Piseco Lake (Hamilton County) has been eliminated.
- The minimum size length for lake trout in Woodhull Lake (Herkimer County) has been decreased from 21 to 18 inches.
- The prohibition on the use or possession of smelt in Lake George has been removed and smelt may now be caught by angling.
- The special regulation for black bass in the Hamilton County portion of the Hudson River has been eliminated.
- The minimum size limit for trout at Colgate Lake (Greene County) has been decreased from 12 to 9 inches.
- The taking of suckers by snatching (but not blind snatching) from January 1 through March 15 in specific portions of the Otselic and Tioughnioga rivers in Cortland County is now permitted.
- Snatching and blind snatching of Lake Whitefish is no longer permitted on Piseco Lake in Hamilton County.
- Spearing bullheads and suckers in all Cayuga and Oswego county tributaries to Lake Ontario is no longer permitted.
- Fishing is now prohibited at any time on Buttermilk Creek in Cattaraugus County from the mouth to Fox Valley Road Bridge.

Several changes were also made to clarify or better define existing regulations. You receive a complete guide when you receive your fishing license.