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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.

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. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2023. For the monthly agenda and meeting minutes, please visit the town website at www.forestburgh.net.

Planning Board

The Planning Board met for its regular December meeting and scheduled a public hearing for an application for a two-lot subdivision by The Hartwood Club. It will take place at the meeting on January 24, at 7pm. Also on the agenda for that meeting is an application for a lot improvement in the Forestburgh Pond subdivision. The Board will also conduct the review of the proposed new Zoning Code, as such a review and report to the Town Board is required under our present Zoning Code.

Zoning Re-Write Committee

Zoning Committee Co-chairs Katherine Barnhart and Steve Budofsky would like to thank fellow committee members Anthony Cardoso, Al Devlin, Richard Robbins, Dan Scott and Derek Weirdsma for their hard work and commitment to this extensive and important project over the last five and a half years. Our Zoning Code was in dire need of updating and because we were a volunteer committee over \$100,000 of taxpayer funds were saved. We also appreciate the legal assistance and guidance provided by Jacy Ricciani and input from Freda Eisenberg of the Sullivan County Planning Department. The Town Board has reviewed the draft, updated it and will hold a public hearing before voting on the final Zoning Code.

Announcements:

Grievance Day

2023 Grievance Day will be May 25th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. You must fill out an application with attached comparables and bring in or mail in to the Assessor's office. The application can be picked up at the Town Hall or found on the Town website, forestburgh.net. Any questions, please contact the assessor's office at (845)794-0611 Ext. 27.

Dog Control Officer

Reminder to all dog owners; by law, all dogs must be licensed. Please see the Town Clerk for details. Dogs must always be on a leash or in complete control of the owner. It is against the law for any dog to be on private property without expressed permission from the property owner or wandering loose on any public road or on any public property. Letting dogs roam loose creates a safety hazard for the dog, the public and other pets. Please be a responsible dog owner and a good neighbor.

Now HIRING LIFEGUARDS!

Even though the air is freezing we are prepping for the 2023 summer season! The Town of Forestburgh Recreation Department has Lifeguard opportunities available for the upcoming summer season. We are looking for 2 fully certified Lifeguards at least 17 years old and a fully certified Head Lifeguard at least 21 years old. A background clearance check and pre-employment drug test will be issued. Hiring preference will be given to Forestburgh residents. Salary commensurate with experience. Head Lifeguard **MUST** be available to close pool after Labor Day. The pool is open from July – Sept. Thurs, Fri, Sat, & Sun. If interested, please call the Town Hall at (845)794-0611 ext. 21.

Highway Department

It's still winter out there! There is sand outside in the shed for residents only to use. We ask that if you see anyone dumping garbage in the Town, please take their plate number down and contact the Highway Department, (845)794-8069, or call the Sheriff's Department, (845)794-7100. Thank you, be safe.

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

Just added to the archives of your town's history: Forestburgh Cemeteries Route 42. Research was done by L. Hornbeck in 1976. Additional information reprinted from Town Hall records in October 1986 by Mary Case. Information obtained from records at Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville by current Town Historian, Sabina Toomey, to have at our town. It was noted that many graves are unmarked and have only native stone as markers. Many grave have sunken with no identification. The earliest marker that was visible is the grave of Zephaniah Drake, entombed in 1804. However, since some graves were just mounds or markers, we will not know their date. The Town Hall records will be researched and hopefully answers will be found! Some questions that arose are: When was the cemetery first established?, Who were the last to be buried? How many souls were put to rest there?

Reminder, records from St. Thomas Aquinas Church are available for review. Call (845)794-0611 ext.21 or (845)794-2702 for an appointment. Happy New Year!

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