



2024

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. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 1, 2024**. 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. 21.

Planning Board

The Planning Board held its regular December meeting. The one substantive item on the agenda was an application for site plan approval and special use permit and land division for a large scale, ground mounted Solar energy system (~5MW) (NY Forestburgh 1, LLC) at 2380 State Rt 42. A Public Hearing on this matter has been scheduled for our January 23 meeting at 7pm at Town Hall. Materials for this application are available on the website, or in person, at Town Hall, by appointment. Public comment may be submitted - in writing (or email to forestburghplanningboard@gmail.com) by January 22, or in person at the Public Hearing. NY Forestburgh 1, LLC will be the sole substantive item on our regular January agenda. The application for site plan approval for a Tavern (Finnegan's) at 2846 Rt 42 has been withdrawn.

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. 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.

Forestburgh Fire Company

The Forestburgh Fire Company still has smoke detectors available. Please email adevlin@hvc.rr.com or call him at (845)794-1251 if you need a new smoke detector. There is a limited amount available at the Town Hall, as well. All residents are eligible.

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

Recently I found in the Town archives a flag with forty-nine stars! Some thoughtful person decided it was a good thing to keep. Seems the last time this flag was flown had to have been some time before August 21, 1959, when Hawaii was granted Statehood. The plan is to place it in a flag keeper and maybe place it on the wall in the Town Hall. The flag is made of cotton and remains in good condition, despite its age of 64 years. I assume it's the flag that is placed at the front door of the Our Town Hall flagpole. Happy New Year with peace & good health to all. Please call with any stories about our town that you wish to share.

Highway Department

There is sand outside the town barn for residents only. Please don't plow your driveway out into the road! It's not only unsafe for travelers, but also against the law! Be aware that there is some more snow on the way Thursday into Friday evening. Be Safe

911 Signs

The Forestburgh Fire Department and the Town Board are requesting that 911 signs be properly posted on the roadside as well as on your house. There has been several instances lately where response times to emergencies have been impaired due to improper or no posting of 911 numbers. Please, for the sake of our volunteer first responders, and for the safety of yourself and family members, post your 911 numbers where easily visible.

IMPORTANT NOTICE 2024 Tax Bills

There seems to be some issues with tax bills sent by Telescent, the company Sullivan County contracts with for compiling and mailing the tax bills. According to our assessor and real property office at the county the company used the 2022 tax rolls and not the 2023 roll. Our assessor and the county are working to remedy this mistake. In all there seems to be approximately 70-80 parcels that are affected. We are being instructed to tell residents to pay their taxes as billed for now. If you have any questions, please direct them to the Town Assessor, Dennis Ketcham at (845)794-0611 ext. 26.

