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PUBLIC MEETING FOR BANDSTAND PAVILION

The Town of Hague will hold a public information meeting on plans for a new bandstand pavilion at the Hague Town Park on **Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 6 pm** at the Hague Community Center.

The meeting will begin with a presentation of possible design alternatives for the project. Community members will then have an opportunity to ask questions and provide input on the proposed plans.

Town officials encourage the public to attend and help shape the future of the project. For more information, contact Supervisor Joshua Patchett at Supervisor@HagueNY.gov or Tracey Clothier at traceymclothier@outlook.com. ▣

SULLIVAN'S FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT

Sullivan's Firehouse Restaurant opened in the former Firehouse Restaurant building on Graphite Road in Hague on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

Owner Callie Sullivan said the restaurant will continue the welcoming atmosphere long associated with the landmark building while adding a fresh approach focused on family, hospitality, and locally inspired food.

Chef Joe Messier, a Ticonderoga native who once worked at the former Firehouse Restaurant, will lead the kitchen. Restaurant Manager Molly Curley will oversee daily operations and staff. The menu will include burgers, ribs, vegetarian dishes, and gluten-free and dairy-free options, with an emphasis on fresh ingredients.

The restaurant overlooks Hague Brook and has indoor and outdoor dining areas.

It will be **open Wednesday through Sunday from 5 pm to 10 pm** through October.

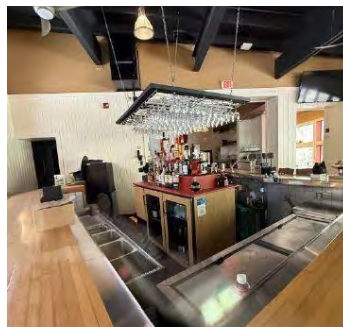
Reservations are not accepted, but larger parties are encouraged to call ahead.

Their number is 518-543-3030.

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Lila Sullivan, Callie Sullivan, Joe Messier, and Molly Curley



SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) UPDATE

by SAC Chair Jack Bast

SCHOOL BUDGET

On May 19, 2026, the 2026-2027 school budget proposed by the Ticonderoga Central School District (TCSD) Board of Education (BoE) was approved by 61.4% of the voters. The budget, which is 6.54% greater than last year and exceeds the tax cap by 2.92%, required a supermajority vote. Voters supported the academic improvement items contained in the proposed budget, much to the joy of the BoE and the SAC.

The apportionment rate, which determines the share of the tax levy among the TCSD towns, will be determined in August and our school tax will be due in September. Currently, Hague's estimated school tax rate is approximately \$8.17 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

EQUALIZATION RATE

In February, the town filed a formal application with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance to address the apportionment of school taxes within the TCSD. Hague is seeking the establishment of an *alternative special equalization rate* to ensure that Hague taxpayers are not unfairly burdened by a disproportionate share of the school tax levy.

Additional definitive evidence that strongly supports our application was submitted in April.

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SENIORS CLUB NEWS

by Mike Kowalsky



The Hague Senior Club outing to the Lake Placid Olympic Center and Museum was an enjoyable, informative, and, at times, emotional experience for those who made the trip. The hour-long guided tour of the facility where the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" took place should not be missed by those who remember that historic hockey game.



Pat Hintze, Mike Kowalsky, Bill Fritzky, and Viola Vassallo

The "Senior Social" held in Port Henry on May 6, 2026, featured 27 organizations dedicated to helping seniors manage their golden years. It was encouraging to see how much help is available for those of us who may need it.

The Senior Club meeting on May 19th centered around finalizing the details for the Americade Café and the Memorial Day float. It was announced that the Senior Club will be selling ice cream during this summer's Music in the Park events. Volunteers willing to help with the sales are encouraged to step forward.

This month's outing will be to the Old Fort House Museum in Fort Edward, NY, on **Thursday, June 18th**. The museum campus consists of five buildings and landscaped gardens; the house was constructed in 1772 with timbers taken from the ruins of Fort Edward. Those who would like to

continue their historical education should sign up with Pat Hintze.

The monthly meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 23rd** in the Hague Community Center at **1:30 pm**. Here's looking forward to seeing all of our members in attendance! ▣

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Reminder: Hague Central School Museum Exhibit opening in June

From 1927 to 1979, Hague had its own K-12 school, located on the grounds where the Hague Community Center now stands. To celebrate the memories of Hague Central School, the Hague Historical Society (HHS) has opened its archives and put on display a wealth of photos, banners, musical instruments, sports and cheerleading uniforms, trophies, yearbooks, newspaper clippings, and much more.



A timeline provides visitors with a walk through the history of the school from acquiring the land all the way to the time it was consolidated with Ticonderoga. Whether you attended Hague Central or not, we think you'll learn a lot of interesting facts about this important period of our town's history. If you did attend Hague Central, we hope you'll take the time to share your memories in our guestbook in the museum. The museum is located in the community center and is open during normal business hours, **8:30 am to 4 pm on weekdays**. It is closed on holidays.

Reminder: Annual Meeting and Presentation about Hague Central School, Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 7 pm at the community center.

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HVFD

by Donna Trudeau



The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) had eight fire calls with three EMS assists, four drills, and two paid trainings in house for a total of 111 volunteer hours.

EMS had nine calls, two training/drills for a total 48.5 paid/volunteer hours.

We held a New York State state-wide open house recruitment weekend. We gave tours of the firehouse and we showed the gear the firemen use. The fire trucks are always what everyone wants to see.

There was delicious food and we gained a new member.

We are gearing up for our busy season and we want everyone to enjoy their summer with safety in mind. Always wear your life vest and, if possible, have another person with you when you are out on the lake.

We train every Tuesday; our members work hard each day to be ready to respond for our community. We appreciate everyone's support and we are always looking for volunteers. ▣

THE HAGUE CHRONICLE THANKS OUR READERS

In May, we sent out our annual appeal for donations. We are grateful to have received 75 donations from 15 different states. Several lovely messages accompanied the donations including:

"Thank you, I have been a loyal reader for 40 years now!" and "I love *The Hague Chronicle*. Thank you for all the work you put into making it such a wonderful newspaper."

We volunteers are gratified to hear comments like this!

Unfortunately, there was a glitch in the PayPal system within 24 hours of

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A TRUE TALE OF TRICKERY: THE STORY OF THE LAKE GEORGE MONSTER

A new book written by Seddon Beaty and illustrated by Chris Quinn

Many of you might already know the story of how famed Hague artist Harry Watrous created the Lake George monster to trick his neighbor on Waltonian Island, Colonel Mann.

Watrous perpetrated his creative hoax well over 100 years ago and now Hague resident and retired teacher Seddon Beaty has written a children's book to bring this fantasy-filled tale to life for the next generation.



The whimsical illustrations by Chris Quinn, also of Hague, are sure to enchant kids and adults alike. At the end of the book, Seddon provides a list of fun activities to do before, during, and after your reading experience.

The hardcover edition, which sells for \$20, is available at the Hague Market, the Silver Bay General Store, Fox and Fern in Ticonderoga, and other area locations where books are sold. You can also purchase a signed copy of the book at the Hague Historical Society's Annual Meeting on **Wednesday, June 24, 2026**.

Seddon and Chris are donating all of the profits from the sales of the book to the Hague Historical Society.

THE HAGUE CHRONICLE, CONT'D

our appeal going out. Our tech person straightened it out, but we suspect there might have been potential donors who tried to donate, were unsuccessful, and then didn't go back to try again.

Thus far, we have only received two-thirds of the dollar value in donations we received last year.

If you weren't able to donate last month because of the glitch or just haven't gotten around to making a donation this year, we would greatly appreciate your donation. It will defray our operating costs and fund our annual Dorothy Henry Scholarship.

We are a 100% volunteer group and we operate completely on donations from the community.

To donate, please go [HERE](#). Thank you!

SAC UPDATE, CONT'D

Further supportive evidence was discovered by SAC in May and was submitted to the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services (ORPTS) where our application is currently under review.

PILOT VS. HOST AGREEMENT

In February, the town passed SAC-recommended Resolution #62 of 2026 opposing the change in the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) cable project's PILOT Agreement to a Host Community Agreement (HCA). Converting a PILOT to an HCA raises several concerns including shifting governing law, aspects of the full market value being included in the School Tax Levy apportionment calculation exposing all TCSD, not just Hague, residents to higher school district taxes, and potentially creating a material impairment of school district finances.

The change to an HCA requires the unanimous approval of all the original town and school district signatories and, fortunately, had not yet been approved as of late May. Hague then restated its opposition to the change to the entities who had not yet signed.

This is relevant and timely because it potentially affects the apportionment of the TCSD school tax levy between Hague and Ticonderoga. SAC is monitoring how the CHPE PILOT payments are being handled in the TCSD 2026-2027 budget to ensure proper accounting.

NLG FOUNDATION SUPPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Northern Lake George Foundation is continuing its efforts to support education, workforce development, and community programs throughout the Northern Lake George region.

The foundation recently launched its 2026 Scholarship Campaign with a goal of raising \$50,000 to provide scholarships for five or more students pursuing post-secondary education. Meg Singer and Mike Huffman began the campaign with a \$10,000 donation.

According to the organization, many local students face financial barriers that limit educational opportunities. Scholarship support is intended to help students pursue college education, career training, and workforce advancement opportunities.

The organization also encourages community members to volunteer their time and skills to support local programs, events, and outreach efforts.

The foundation said its goal is to help create a vibrant and sustainable future for Northern Lake George while supporting the region's cultural and natural heritage.

TOWN BOARD - 4/14/2026

Present were Supervisor Josh Patchett, Councilmembers Maureen Cherubini, Edna Frasier, Lara Smith, and Jack Bast. Also present were Deputy Supervisor Sally DeLarm-Rypkema, Deputy Town Clerk Amanda Peterson, Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Ed Kirchberger, Tracey Clothier, Jeff Anthony, Tina Barth-King, Pat Hintze, Chris Navitsky, Ginger Henry Kuenzel, Allaine Vogel, and Keith Manz.

The board held a public hearing on proposed amendments to Chapter 160 of the town code concerning guest cottages, accessory structures, and short-term rentals. Hintze, Navitsky, Barth-King, Kuenzel, Vogel, and others expressed concerns regarding overdevelopment, environmental impacts, and infrastructure strain.

Kirchberger explained that guest cottages already exist within the code and that the intent is to clarify the regulations. Smith and Frasier both supported tabling the matter. The board approved a motion placing a hold on issuing permits for guest cottages effective April 14th, and then closed the hearing.

A public hearing was also held for wastewater system variances for Bolton Sibling LLC at 5 Burdick Lane in Silver Bay. Property owner Keith Manz spoke regarding the project. Following discussion, the board approved Cedarwood Engineering's recommendation and closed the hearing.

Clothier of Clothier Planning and Consulting and Anthony of Studio A presented plans for a proposed Event Pavilion project at the town beach.

The town recently received \$150,000 in occupancy tax funding for the project. Discussion focused on design concepts, community input, and budgeting. The board approved a \$22,500 proposal from Studio A Landscape Architecture and Engineering and Clothier Planning and Consulting.

The board approved the April warrant totaling \$82,864.48 and approved minutes from the March 10th meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Buildings and Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement (Frasier/Patchett): Frasier reported that flooring work at the visitor center has been completed.

Highway (Frasier/Cherubini): Highway crews are preparing for the new highway building and salt shed while servicing trucks and removing plows.

Museum/Historian (Bast/Smith): Kuenzel announced that the Hague Central School exhibit covering 1947 through 1979 will open Wednesday, **June 24, 2026, at 7 pm**. The town is also correcting inaccuracies on plaques at Veterans Park.

Personnel (Bast/Cherubini): The town continues to seek a Zoning Board of Appeals alternate member. The board

announced that Tom LaPointe will move to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Chris Navitsky to the Planning Board. Recognition was given to Transfer Station Manager Peter Maltese and his staff for maintaining the facility.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater (Cherubini/Frasier): Cherubini reported receiving a report from the ZEO.

Recreation/Promotion/Youth (Smith): Smith reported that the town is seeking lifeguards for the summer season and that the boat launch will again be staffed.

Sewer (Smith/Patchett): Smith reported that six EDU changes were accepted, while eleven additional changes would be discussed at a special meeting on April 23rd.

Environmental Concerns (Cherubini/Bast): Residents were informed that Verizon can reconnect landline phones if needed, while Spectrum offers a backup battery option.

School Advisory Committee (Bast): Bast reviewed recent Ticonderoga Central School District budget discussions and statewide educational rankings discussed by the SAC.

The town announced that it was selected to receive \$150,000 in occupancy tax funding for the Event Pavilion project.

The town thanked Adirondack Escapes Landscaping for work at the Heritage Cemetery and announced a continued partnership with the Lake George Land Conservancy for Japanese Knotweed control in 2026.

Patchett established a Parks Master Plan Implementation/Event Pavilion Committee.

The board approved resolutions supporting inland waterway designation for Hague Brook, Hague Visitor Center improvements, landscaping contracts, highway department equipment purchases, and scheduling a special town board meeting for April 23rd at 6 pm. The board also approved a local law amendment concerning proper refuse and recyclable storage requirements. Patchett voted against the measure, while Cherubini, Frasier, Smith, and Bast voted in favor. Additional actions included accepting the resignations of Tom LaPointe from the Planning Board and Chris Navitsky from the Zoning Board of Appeals, followed by appointments moving Navitsky to the Planning Board and LaPointe to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The board also approved a new Transfer Station construction and demolition debris fee structure based on cubic yard measurements.

During privilege of the floor, the board noted that Adirondack Escapes Landscaping would not accept the town park maintenance bid due to a conflict of interest and that Tony DeFranco will accept all bids instead.

The next special town board meeting will be held April 23, 2026 at 6 pm.

This article was written by the editor of The Hague Chronicle from draft minutes of the Hague Town Board. ■

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 4/16/2026

Present were Chairman Robert Goetsch, Deputy Chairman Chris Richards, Board Members Oliver Gourley, Thomas LaPointe, and Tina Barth-King. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Ed Kirchberger, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, Dustin Smith of Mandy's Spring Nursery, and Tony Hutchins, property manager.

BROWN, 23-29 ABENAKIS DRIVE, *After-the-fact shoreline wall variance, shoreline buffer, and site plan review for stairs within 100 feet of Lake George*

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) reviewed an application from the owners of 23-29 Abenakis Drive seeking an after-the-fact variance for shoreline boulders that were added and determined to constitute a wall not included in the original approved plans. The application also involved concerns regarding sod planted up to the shoreline without the required natural vegetation buffer, along with site plan review for shoreline stairs.

Representing the applicants were Smith and Hutchins. Kirchberger reported that Warren County had no issues with the required Article 239 review and recommended a joint site visit with the planning board before the next meetings.

Barth-King requested additional clarification regarding proposed mitigation plantings and asked that a lake-level view of the project be added to the application materials before the next meeting.

Kirchberger explained that the Planning Board would review the project on May 14, 2026 and would provide an advisory opinion to the ZBA before a final decision would be made. Following a public hearing and site visit, the ZBA could potentially make a determination at its May 21st meeting, after which the project would return to the Planning Board for site plan review.

Adirondack Park Agency (APA) approval would also be required before the project could proceed. A motion was made and seconded to deem the application complete and schedule a public hearing for the May 21st meeting. The vote passed unanimously, 5-0.

OXFORD COTTAGES

During other business, Kirchberger updated the board on discussions with Lee Cunningham regarding the Oxford Cottages property following the Article 78 court decision that overturned a previous ZBA variance approval related to a water shed structure. He explained that one option would allow the original variance request to be reheard (provided the town attorneys confirm that approach is legally permissible) and the ZBA votes unanimously to proceed. The second option would require a completely new variance application and public hearing process.

Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to re-hear the original variance request (if town attorneys verify that the process is legally valid and advise on the advantages and disadvantages of each option.) The vote passed unanimously, 5-0.

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TOWN BOARD - 5/14/2026

Present were Supervisor Josh Patchett, Councilmembers Lara Smith, Jack Bast, and Edna Frasier. Also present were Deputy Town Clerk Amanda Peterson, Ginger Henry Kuenzel, Tony DeFranco, and Tracey Clothier.

Absent were Councilmember Maureen Cherubini and Town Clerk Kim Coffin.

There was a Moment of Silence for Ella Smith.

During Privilege of the Floor, Kuenzel questioned the temporary stop on guest cottage approvals approved at the April town board meeting. Patchett clarified that the hold applies to all properties until further notice, although property owners may still apply for variances through the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Kuenzel and ZBA member Barth-King expressed concerns about continued guest cottage applications and possible variances. Patchett stated that he believes development is in the best interest of the town and that the town has already limited guest cottage permits.

Residents discussed the geese problems at the town beach and park. Suggestions included allowing dogs on the beach, installing fencing, and permitting geese to be shot. Smith expressed concern that allowing dogs could create confusion because they are currently prohibited in the park.

DeFranco addressed the board regarding septic system issues at 8135 Lakeshore Drive in Silver Bay on behalf of the Luhke family. Because of the location of wells on the property, the applicants are seeking three variances for a replacement system. The board scheduled a public hearing for **June 9, 2026**.

Committee Reports:

Building/Grounds (Frasier/Patchett): Frasier reported that work remains unfinished at the visitor center. Patchett reported that the Hague Steamer Dock has been temporarily closed because of safety concerns with the wooden platform.

Highway (Frasier/Cherubini): Highway Superintendent Chad Dunklee reported significant rainfall this month and noted that the highway garage gas station will be shut down for at least one week.

TOWN BOARD 5/14/2026, CONT'D

Museum/Historian (*Bast/Smith*): Kuenzel reported that Hague historical markers are now in place and that repairs to the Garfield sign will likely wait until after the summer season. The annual museum meeting has been moved to **June 24, 2026, at 7 pm** because of the Primary Election.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater (*Cherubini/Frasier*): Frasier reported receiving a report from ZEO Ed Kirchberger.

Recreation/Promotion/Youth (*Smith*): Smith reported that two lifeguards have been hired and that the boat launch and bathrooms will open for the season.

Sewer (*Smith/Patchett*): Smith reported that sewer billing issues have been corrected. The board also approved amending the Cape Cod Village plot plan to require a 1,000-gallon emergency backup tank instead of a 250-gallon tank.

Personnel (*Bast/Cherubini*): Bast reported that the town continues to seek a Zoning Board of Appeals alternate member.

School Advisory Committee (*Bast*): Bast reviewed the town's application concerning school tax apportionment within the Ticonderoga Central School District. He also reviewed the proposed 2026-2027 school budget, which exceeds the tax cap and will require a 60 percent supermajority vote for approval. Residents were reminded that the school budget vote will be held May 19, 2026, from noon to 8 pm at the Hague Community Center.

The board approved a shared-cost agreement with the Lake George Land Conservancy for Japanese knotweed treatment in 2026, with the town responsible for \$7,000 of the \$14,000 project cost. The board also approved moving forward with preparation of a NY Forward application through Clothier Planning and Consulting at a cost not to exceed \$3,600.

Additional actions included approving MVP Silver Health Insurance deductibles, extending Thursday boat launch hours, approving seasonal hires, and paying a \$500 fee for lifeguard certification training.

The board approved several highway department project resolutions related to the salt shed and new highway garage building projects, along with contract amendments for Cedarwood Engineering.

The board approved Sewer District #2 user fee warrant amounts for 2026 and scheduled a **June 9, 2026** public hearing regarding a proposed one-year moratorium on new Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facilities in the town.

The board approved a \$36,500 proposal from Northwood Concrete for work with the Salt Shed grant project.

During privilege of the floor, residents discussed the proposed BESS moratorium, remote participation during

meetings, and Cape Cod Village sewer backup generator concerns.

The next town board meeting and public hearings will be held **June 9, 2026**.

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PLANNING BOARD - 5/14/2026

Present were Chair Sandra Powell, Deputy Chair Pamela Peterson, Board Members Alane Vogel, Henry Friedman, and Chris Navitsky. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Ed Kirchberger, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, Tony DeFranco, Kevin Wood, Ken Scott, and Kristin Darrah of Darrah Land Surveying,

BROWN, 23-29 Abenakis Drive, Section 160-50(d)[2][f] shoreline buffer requirements, Section 160-52A(1) wall within 50 feet of shoreline, and Section 160-23C(1)(g) development within 100 feet of the lake

The board reviewed after-the-fact shoreline work, including added boulders forming a seawall, shoreline stairs, and limited vegetation. Members discussed observations from a recent site visit, including increased wall height, minimal vegetative buffer, stormwater runoff concerns, and safety hazards related to the stairs.

The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) had raised concerns about conflicting information in the application, and no representative for the applicant was present. A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Zoning Board of Appeals that the seawall be lowered to its original elevation, a substantial native shoreline buffer with at least 14 trees be installed, and additional information regarding the stairs be submitted before any recommendation on that portion of the project. The vote passed unanimously, 5-0.

SCOTT, 69 Pine Cove Road, Front yard setback

The applicant proposed a 15-foot by 29-foot addition to the north side of the home, converting the garage into living space and expanding bedrooms and bathrooms. The board discussed parking, stormwater mitigation, lot coverage discrepancies, and driveway layout. The applicant agreed to stake the proposed addition and driveway changes for a future site visit.

FISCHMAN, 20 Forest Bay Road North, Development within 100 feet of the lake

DeFranco, licensed engineer for the applicant, reviewed revised plans for demolishing the existing home and constructing a new residence. Revisions included reduced impervious surfaces, improved stormwater controls, rain gardens, swales, and relocating the patio farther from the lake. A site visit was scheduled for May 28, 2026.

PLANNING BOARD 5/14/2026, CONT'D

ZEO Kirchberger also informed the board that the APA had determined the Silver Bay Association parcel in the Slim Point area did not require APA approval.

REGAN, 7929 Lakeshore Drive, Development within 100 feet of the lake

The applicant is proposing removing an existing 599-square-foot home and replacing it with a 789-square-foot modular home. Because neither the applicant nor a representative was present and questions remained regarding a possible variance for a proposed deck expansion, the board tabled the application.

JOHNSON, 216 Silver Bay Road, Development within 100 feet of the lake

Wood, licensed engineer for the applicant, reviewed updates related to the storm-damaged property. The board discussed septic upgrades, stormwater controls, shoreline setbacks, and tree removal. Revised plans would show a four-bedroom configuration and upgraded leach field.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the application with conditions requiring compliance with the stormwater plan, septic upgrades, and confirmation that application materials are accurate and complete. The vote passed 4-0-1 (Navitsky abstained).

SMITH/TWO HOKIES, 9104 Lakeshore Drive, Fence height and shoreline setback requirements

The applicant requested approval to amend a previously approved site plan to allow installation of a replacement four-foot fence with two gates. The board discussed fence placement, road setbacks, and documenting the fence on the site plan.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment with conditions requiring a drawing of the fence location and compliance with setback requirements. The vote passed 4-0-1 (Navitsky abstained).

MCCMAHON, New Hague Road, Subdivision Sketch Plan Review

Darrah presented a sketch plan for a proposed eight-lot major subdivision on a 50-acre parcel. The board reviewed regulations involving access, stormwater, utilities, drainage, streams, and preservation of natural features.

The board requested additional information regarding utility access, potable water, septic feasibility, driveway grades, culverts, and environmental impacts. Due to the complexity of the site and multiple streams, the board requested completion of a Long Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and an APA site visit to determine jurisdiction.

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HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, CONT'D



Parallel to our museum exhibit, we will present a slide show about Hague Central School at this year's annual meeting. We will walk through the history of the school, show a selection from the hundreds of photos from our collection, and hear from some of the "kids" who attended Hague Central School. If you're one of those "kids," we hope you'll come with a story or two to tell! Even if you didn't attend school

here — or maybe didn't even know that Hague ever had a school, we think you'll enjoy the presentation and the stories. Hague has a very proud history and some very fun and interesting "kids." Refreshments will be served, and the museum will be open before and after the meeting.

New flyer about Hague's historical markers

If you've never taken the time to stop and read the HHS's eight historical markers, there's no time like the present! And our new flyer, which is hot off the presses, makes this fun, educational excursion even easier and more informative. The flyer has a map showing where the markers are located, provides additional information about each site, and even has a QR code that takes you to the section of our website where you'll

find more details and see historical photos. The flyers are available at the community center and at the visitor center in the town park. Our eight historical markers commemorate Sabbath Day Point, Arcady, the Heritage Cemetery, the Steamship Dock, the Garfield Tavern, Outboard Boat Marathons, Hague Central School, and Graphite. ▣



NEWS FROM THE LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION

by LGA board member and Hague resident Ginger Henry Kuenzel

Grants available for property owners:

Stormwater runoff as well as failing septic systems are two of the leading threats to Lake George’s water clarity and ecological health. The Lake George Association (LGA) offers grants to help property owners make improvements and protect water quality. If you are looking to alter or replace your septic system or to pursue a project that reduces stormwater runoff on your property, reach out to the LGA. They can help you understand eligibility, think through project options, and navigate the process from start to finish. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Strategic Plan 2026-2030: Founded 141 years ago, the LGA is one of the nation’s oldest lake protection organizations, with a long history of accomplishments. The organization recently launched a five-year strategic plan, designed to strengthen and scale its work of listening to the lake in order to identify and address evolving threats. The plan defines the LGA’s strategic direction: using science to identify threats, developing solutions to reduce pollution at the source, forming partnerships to expand impact, fostering community engagement to mobilize informed support, and engaging in advocacy to secure lasting protections through science-informed policy. The LGA is demonstrating its commitment to lake protection by increasing its budget from \$3.5 million to \$4.5 million dollars. This will enable additional investments for LGA grants, informing and engaging the community, and expanding advocacy efforts. Yogi Berra once warned that you have to be very careful if you don’t know where you’re going, because you might not get there. The LGA’s strategic plan is a clear signal that it knows where’s it’s going on its path to protecting the lake for future generations. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

LGA Annual Meeting: The LGA will hold its annual meeting on **August 8, 2026 from 9 to 11 am** at the Fort William Carriage House in Lake George Village. The event is free and open to the public. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Amanda Lefton and internationally recognized water scientist Peter Gleick will deliver keynote speeches, addressing the future of both local and national water quality protection. Click [HERE](#) to register.

LGA Summer Gala: One of the summer’s most popular events, the LGA gala will be held on **July 10th** at the Sagamore, with a theme of “Boots and Bourbon.” Doors open at **5:30 pm; the gala begins at 6 pm**. This is not only a fun event, but also a chance to celebrate the lake and show your support for the work that the LGA is doing to protect these waters. Click [HERE](#) for tickets.

Job opportunities at LGA: The LGA currently has two exciting job opportunities: Education for Action Manager and Membership and Development Manager. Click [HERE](#) to learn more. ▣

SILVER BAY HAPPENINGS

Silver Bay YMCA is preparing for a busy summer season with construction projects, expanded programming, concerts, dining events, and community activities across the campus.

Major renovations are underway at Fisher Gymnasium, including insulation upgrades, roof replacement, and window repairs, while preserving the building’s historic character. Improvements are also continuing at Slim Point, where a new pavilion roof, stone patio, accessible pathway, landscaping, and drainage work are planned. Additional campus upgrades include connecting Morse and Watson to the waste treatment system, a new roof on the Administration Building, and exterior improvements to Laurel Cottage. Bayview has been identified as the next major renovation priority.

Summer programming continues to expand with pickleball leagues, tournaments, exhibition matches, the return of the clout shoot, and a new slingshot range.

Silver Camp enrollment is filling quickly for the summer season. To register, go [HERE](#).

Mountain View Grille has reopened for the season. Seafood nights will be held every **Wednesday from June 3rd through September 9th**, while Thursdays will feature international menu specials.

Bites at the Bay will operate daily from **noon to 7:30 pm** with dockside pickup and walk-up ordering available.

Several June events are planned:

- Annual E-Waste Day will be held on **Saturday, June 13th** at 8169 Lake Shore Drive.
- Happy Hour and a Half returns **June 20th through August 15th from 3:30 pm to 5 pm** at Berkaw Lounge and the William Boyd Center Patio.
- A guided sunrise paddleboard tour is scheduled for **June 25th** at The Boathouse, weather permitting.
- The Silver Bay Summer Concert Series opens **June 20th** with The Wolff Sisters performing from **7:30 pm to 8:30 pm** in the auditorium.
- There will be a town hall meeting on **June 10th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**, both virtually and in person, with Interim CEO Luke Callahan providing updates and answering questions from the community. Join the Zoom Meeting [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 833 3807 3890, Passcode: 275937)

Enrollment is open for the summer session at the Ticonderoga Community Early Learning Center, with limited openings remaining. For more information, go [HERE](#). ▣

HAIKU

by *dl mattila*

gaggle of girls
six packs in muscle shirts
leap for frisbees ▣

LGLC SEEKS TO PRESERVE MUD POND WEST

At 431 acres, Mud Pond West is one of the largest, privately-owned and undeveloped parcels remaining in the Lake George watershed. It includes the western third of Mud Pond, and more than 3,400 feet of Class AA-special stream corridor. The parcel's forested ridgeline is visible from the lake as well as from Silver Bay and Hague.



Mud Pond West is a 55-acre open water wetland fed by groundwater and by the streams flowing from surrounding slopes. Wetlands like Mud Pond West play a key role in protecting water quality by providing stormwater storage and acting as natural filtration systems.



In addition, the Mud Pond West parcel's 3,400 feet of stream corridor and vegetated buffers serve to stabilize soils, reduce erosion, and prevent nutrients and pollutants from reaching downstream waterways and, ultimately, Lake George.

Photo Credit: Luke Dow Photography

In addition to supporting a variety of aquatic plants and animals, Mud Pond West's surrounding lands provide important habitat for "umbrella species" such as bobcat, black bear, coyote, and fisher.

The Mud Pond West parcel sits between two significant stretches of protected land: to its north, more than 1,700 acres of land that includes the LGLC's Sucker Brook and Anthony's Nose Preserves, and to its south, more than 1,000 acres and three miles of protected shoreline, including LGLC's Clark Hollow Bay, protected in 2022.

These connected lands build upon the region's resilience from the impacts of climate change and provide space needed for native plants and animals to thrive.

To purchase Mud Pond West, the LGLC must raise \$1.8 million before its expected closing in January 2027. To donate, go to <https://lglc.org/donate-mud-pond/>. ▣

LGLC NEWS

The LGLC's spring/summer issue of its bi-annual newsletter, *viewshed*, is here! This issue is chock full of exciting conservation news, including the Mud Pond West project, Spruce Mountain addition, Cook Mountain restoration, and invasive species updates, as well as lots of event news, and celebrating the people who make our work possible. To see it, go [HERE](#).

Discovery Series: Intro to Hiking, **June 6, 2026 from 9 to 11 am** at Schumann Preserve, Fort Ann. Celebrate National Trails Day® by learning how we can all work together to protect the lands we love, including leave no trace principles and other best practices during this hike to the Schumann Preserve's gazebo. 1.4 miles total. Free. To register, go [HERE](#).

LaChute River Paddle for Birds and More, **June 6 from 4:45 to 8:30 pm** at the LaChute River in Ticonderoga. This paddling trip will explore the LaChute River and the plants and animals that live here.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Fort Ticonderoga has appointed Dr. Joseph Stoltz as Senior Director of Education as the historic site expands programming connected to America's 250th anniversary. Dr. Stoltz previously worked at Wesleyan University, Mount Vernon, the George Washington Presidential Library, and taught at West Point.



Fort officials said the education department now reaches more than 1,400 schools nationwide and hopes to expand to 10,000 schools in the coming years. Dr. Stoltz will oversee new educational programming for students, teachers, and visitors of all ages. The announcement also coincides with the launch of the Ticonderoga Institute, a new initiative focused on digital learning, research, and curriculum development centered on early American history.

Fort Ticonderoga announced plans to conserve seven artifacts recovered from the Revolutionary War vessel Royal Savage, Benedict Arnold's flagship during the 1776 Battle of Valcour Island. The artifacts include cannon carriages, cannon shot, ship timbers, and a wheel from a gun carriage. Conservation work will be completed with assistance from the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum and funding from the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership.

A selection of the restored artifacts will go on display this fall as part of the fort's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the 1776 campaign on Lake Champlain. Fort Ticonderoga will also host a special history conference on **October 9 through 11** focusing on the Valcour Island campaign. ▣

LOOKING BACK

by Pat McDonough, past president,
Hague Historical Society



Charlie Chaplin once said, "A day without laughter is a day wasted. I was reminded of that sentiment when I came across a *Hague High Herald* from 1972. This school newspaper, lovingly produced on a ditto machine and badly faded, had a "Sports and Humor" section that got me chuckling.

Larry J: What is the hardest thing about skating when you are learning?

Paula: The ice.

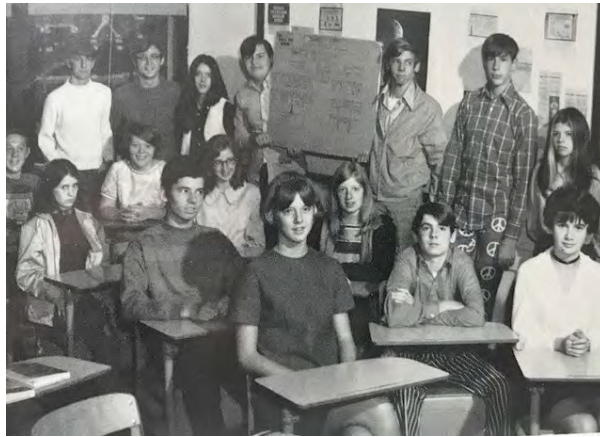
Coach Cash: How does your uniform fit?

Janet Snow: The shirt is not bad, but the shorts are a little loose around the armpits.

Martha DeLarm: My goodness, Donna. What have you done with your hair – it looks almost like a wig.

Donna Cameron: It is a wig.

Martha: Well, you would never know it!



Hague High Herald newspaper staff from the early 1970s

Doug Laundree: I saw you running to school alongside your bike.

Steve Bolton: Yes, I was late and did not have time to get on.

Mr. Aalto: How do you spell Mississippi?

David Fortune: Which one – the river or the state?

First teenager: I spent hours in front of the mirror admiring my beauty. Is that called vanity?

Second teenager: No, imagination!"

Tim: That conductor sure is mean.

Tom: Why?

Tim: He just punched a ticket.

Miss Finley: Did your watch stop when you dropped it on the floor?

Ernie Waters: Sure, did you think it would go through?

Q: Why should you never tell secrets in a stable?

A: Because horses carry tails.

Bob Hope: "A sense of humor is good for you. Have you ever heard of a laughing hyena with heartburn?" ▣

LGLC RECEIVES DONATION

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) recently received a \$2,500 donation from the Sunmark Charitable Community Foundation and announced a matching challenge to support outdoor education programs around Lake George.

The donation was directed to the LGLC by Seth Harris after he received Sunmark Credit Union's 2025 Susan V. Siegel Community Service Leader Award, which includes a charitable gift to a nonprofit organization chosen by the recipient.

Harris also pledged to match donations up to \$5,000 for two projects: interpretive trail signage at the Wiawaka Center for Women and an outdoor education backpack loaner program through libraries in the Lake George watershed. The backpacks will include materials promoting "Leave No Trace" principles, outdoor skills, and nature activities for families and visitors. To make a donation, go to <https://givebutter.com/harris-challenge>.

The LGLC and Wiawaka partnered in 2024 to protect 42 acres of forested land with a conservation easement. The trails are expected to open to the public in 2027. ▣

SPACE REVOLUTION 2026

The community is invited to attend "Space Revolution 2026 — Colonization of the Planets" on **Sunday, June 7, from 12 pm to 1 pm** at the Ticonderoga Jr./Sr. High School planetarium, located at 5 Calkins Place in Ticonderoga.


The presentation will explore how the United States plans to colonize planets and their moons, while also highlighting celestial events visible in the Adirondack sky through September 21, 2026.

Ticonderoga Jr./Sr. High School Earth Science teacher Joe Defayette will lead the program, focusing on the eight planets in the solar system and upcoming spring and summer sky events. Attendees will receive sky chart handouts and a schedule of special viewing opportunities.

Space is limited for the planetarium presentation. To register, email lindafuscophd@gmail.com or call or text 914-380-2130. Please include the number of people attending along with an email address and phone number. ▣

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Bring your own canoe/kayak. \$15 per person. It will be led by Licensed Guide and Ornithologist Alan Bedford. For more information, go [HERE](#).

Easy Birding Hike, **June 25 from 8 to 11 am** at Cat Mountain in Bolton Landing. This is a hike to learn about the diverse array of birds found around Cat Mountain's lower trail along Edgecomb Pond and will be led by Ornithologist and Licensed Guide Alan Bedford. Two miles total, easy walk out and back. \$15 per person. To register, go [HERE](#). 

TI ARTS

June and July 2026 will be a busy time at Ti Arts as there are three overlapping shows and talks. For more information, go to www.ticonderogaarts.org.

Shows:

- Began May 27th and will run through **June 20th**: "Guild of Adirondack Artists"
- **June 13th through July 18th**: "The Art of the American Revolution" Prints by Greg Harlin and Rob Woods from the American Revolution Series by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein, and David Schmidt. Opening reception: **Saturday, June 13th from 5 to 7 pm**
- **June 24th through July 18th**: Christina Boyd and Terry Peca. Opening reception: **Friday, June 26, from 5 to 7 pm**


Talks by Artists who are creating new murals in downtown Ticonderoga:

- **Tuesday, June 2nd, 6 pm**: Studio GIFTIG
- **Wednesday, June 3rd, 6 pm**: Steven Teller
- **Thursday, June 4th, 6 pm**: Mandi Caskey, aka "Miss Birdy"

Talks to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of America:

- **Wednesday, July 8th, 7 pm**: "From Paper to Place: Revolutionary Connections," by Fort Ticonderoga Curator Matthew Keagle
- **Tuesday, July 14th, 10:30 am**: "A Soldiers Life: A Hands-On Trip to Ticonderoga in 1776" (for children and adults), by Fort Ticonderoga VP of Public History Stuart Lilie

The gallery is open **Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm**.

Programming at Ti Arts is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. 

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TICONDEROGA FLY-IN

The third annual Ticonderoga Fly-In and Community Open House will be held on **Saturday, June 6th from 10 am to 2 pm** at the Ticonderoga Municipal Airport 4B6.

There will be educational and interactive activities for kids, plane tours, free food for pilots, and visits with a representative from Habitat for Aviation.

Shuttles will run every half hour starting at 10 am from Downtown Ticonderoga. For more information, call 518-585-6677, visit www.townofticonderoga.org, contact the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) at 518-585-6619, or visit www.ticonderogany.com. 

TACC FUNDRAISER DINNER SET


The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) will hold its 24th Annual Fundraiser Dinner and Auction on **Friday, June 12, 2026 starting at 5:30 pm** at The Barn at Lord Howe Valley.

This year's theme is "Blanco at the Barn: A Snowfall Social," with guests encouraged to wear white and neutral attire.

The evening will feature dinner by HB Catering, a cash bar by Eddie's Restaurant, auctions, music by DJ Cruz, dancing, fireworks, and photography by Jayna Andersen Photography.

Tickets are \$75 and include appetizers, dinner, dessert, and two drink tickets. Vegetarian and vegan meals are available with RSVP.

The fundraiser supports TACC programs, services, and community initiatives throughout Ticonderoga, Crown Point, Hague, Moriah, and Putnam.

For information or tickets, call 518-585-6619. 

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1		June issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> published	14	10:30 am	Lilie talk at the fort
2	6 pm	Studio GIFTIG talk at TiArts	18		Seniors to Old Ft. House Museum
3	6 pm	Bandstand mtg.		6 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals Mtg.
	6 pm	Steven Teller talk at TiArts	19		JUNETEENTH
4	6 pm	Mandy Caskey talk at TiArts	20	6 pm	Deadline for the July issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
	6 pm	Planning Board Mtg.		7:30 – 8:30 pm	Silver Bay Summer Concert Series – The Wolff Sisters
6	9 – 11 am	LGLC Intro to Hiking			FATHER'S DAY; FIRST DAY OF SUMMER!
	10 am – 2 pm	Ti Fly-in	21		Seniors Monthly Meeting
	4:45 – 8:30 pm	LaChute River Paddle	23	1:30 pm	HHS Annual Meeting and museum opens
7	12 – 1 pm	Space Revolution Pgm.	24	7 pm	Boyd and Peca at TiArts
8	7 pm	Keagle talk at the fort	24 – July 18		Silver Bay Paddleboard Tour
9	6 pm	Town Board Mtg.	25	Sunrise	LGLC Easy Birding hike
10	5:30 pm	LGA Gala		8 – 11 am	Opening Reception for Boyd and Peca at TiArts
10	6:30-7:30 pm	Silver Bay Town Meeting	26	5 – 7 pm	
12	5:30 pm	TACC fundraiser			
13		Silver Bay E-Waste Day			
13 – 18		TiArts – “The Art of the American Revolution”			
13	5 – 7 pm	Opening Reception for above			

TRANSFER STATION HOURS: Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm