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## ELECTIONS IN HAGUE 2023: CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT

### TOWN SUPERVISOR: Two-year term - vote for one



**EDNA FRASIER**, *Republican Party*

As I sit here recovering from a sudden health issue, I am reflecting on being the supervisor, a time-consuming, challenging, yet rewarding job.

I'm thankful and blessed to live and work in our beautiful town, where my constituents have helped me keep my spirits up, wishing me well and supporting me for another term as supervisor.

I believe that by working together, we can accomplish great things. I definitely feel that I can fulfill my duties as supervisor, if elected, and look forward to your support.

I URGE everyone to get out and VOTE on ELECTION DAY, Tuesday, NOVEMBER 7th.



**JOSH PATCHETT**, *Democratic Party*

I am a candidate for town supervisor because of how much I care about my community and specifically the people who live in it.

I have learned a lot in the six years I've served on the town council. My job experience includes over a decade in the hospitality industry and just shy of that in construction. As a self-employed contractor, I problem-solve daily.

Researching and planning development are ingrained in me. I feel strongly that we need to protect our crown jewel (Lake George) and ensure that we preserve it for future generations.

I humbly ask for your vote.

### TOWN CLERK: Four-year term - vote for one



**KIM COFFIN**, *Republican Party*

In May 2022, I was appointed Hague Town Clerk and I was subsequently elected in November 2022 to fulfill the remaining one-year term.

Over the past year and a half, I have had the pleasure of serving our community and have learned much about the role and tasks of a town clerk.

Going forward, my goal is to learn all aspects of the duties of a town clerk. I pledge to continue to address the needs of all the citizens of Hague.

I assure you that you can rely on me to work hard, answer your questions, and to always be honest.

### TOWN COUNCIL: Four-year term - vote for two



**JACK BAST**, *Republican Party*

I'm still not a politician! However, I've learned a lot about Town of Hague business and a little bit about politics in the past five and a half years as a town board member, working closely with Hague's very capable staff and serving Hague's citizens.

There's a lot more to be done on the town board and a lot more for me to learn. I seek your support for continued on-the-job training so that I may contribute and get better at serving.

I pledge to apply strong conservative Republican principles and good financial business management practices to maintain and grow Hague's livelihood.

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Town Council, continued



**STEVE RAMANT, Republican Party**

I've proudly served YOU for 12 years as your town councilman. Some highlights are:

- Kept Hague citizens informed
- Attended all Salt Summits and spearheaded local efforts
- Took LGPC and APA to court with LGA and stopped ProcellaCOR from going into Lake George drinking water
- Had the Lake George Open Water Swim for the 14th year
- Brought tasty food trucks to the beach for Music in the Park events
- Continued to keep Hague WITHOUT a town tax
- Organized invasive species identification

EXPERIENCE MATTERS. I ask for your vote on November 7th so I can continue to work each day for YOU!

**SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS:  
Four-year term - vote for one**



**CHAD DUNKLEE, Republican Party**

After following Don Smith's 40-plus years of service to the town, I am running for highway supervisor, with his endorsement.

I have always had an interest in helping the Town of Hague. At the age of 16, I started working for the Hague Highway Department with my father and Don Smith. I learned the importance of caring for the town and the requirements of the department.

I pledge to continue the Salt Reduction Program, headed by Tim Fiallo, and to keep the roads and the lake safe for residents.

A vote for me is a vote for Hague.



**LUKE WINTERS, Winters Party**

In the two years I've worked at the Hague Highway Garage, I've acquired my Class B CDL, completed a logging course, and have gone to many safety classes. I've been a part of many road projects and wintertime plowing.

I have 20 years' experience in every facet of residential and commercial construction trades including clearing land, building roads and driveways, excavating, installing foundations, running heavy equipment,

Superintendent of Highways: Luke Winters, continued

and doing masonry, framing, plumbing, electrical, finish work, water runoff, and septic systems. You name it and I've probably done it.

Vote for me because, honestly, I'm the best man for the job!

**HVFD**

by Macie Peer

For the period of August 5 - September 9, 2023, Hague Fire had 26 drills and calls for a total of 219 volunteer hours. EMS had a total of 12 calls for a total of 78 volunteer hours.



From September 10th to October 2nd, Hague Fire had a total of 25 drills and calls for 194 volunteer hours. EMS had 12 calls for 76.5 volunteer hours.

Hague Fire and EMS are always looking for volunteers. If you like helping others, we have a place for you!

On November 17th, we will be holding our Harvest and Fall Dinner from 5 - 7 pm at the Hague Fire Department, 4 West Hague Road in Hague. Come join us!

Remember that Daylight Savings Time ends on November 5th, so be sure to set your clocks back an hour. Also, it's a good time to change the batteries in your smoke and/or carbon dioxide detectors.

To help us find you in an emergency, please have your house number clearly visible.

**UPGRADES TO PEGGY'S POINT**

The Lake George Land Conservancy has hired Tahawus Trails to make improvements to Peggy's Point in downtown Hague. The work, which includes the installation of an accessible trail to replace and expand the existing woodchip path, is designed to make the park even more inviting and user friendly.



The park will remain open during the work.

This project is supported with funding from the New York State Conservation Partnership Program (NYSCPP) and New York's Environmental Protection Fund. The NYSCPP is administered by the Land Trust Alliance, in coordination with the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation

## VETERANS DAY IN HAGUE

by Jim O'Toole

On November 11, 2023 from 11 am until about noon, the annual tribute of Veterans Day will be held at the Hague Veterans Park. We hope as many prior service people and veterans as possible will be there and that everyone in town will come to participate. ▣

## CARILLON GARDEN CLUB WREATHS

The Carillon Garden Club will host a "Make and Take" wreaths on November 18, 2023 from 10 am – 2 pm at the community center. Plain are \$25, with a bow are \$30, and decorated are \$35. ▣

## ALGAE WATCH

On page two of the October issue of *The Hague Chronicle*, we reported on three harmful algal blooms (HABs) that occurred in Lake George on September 12, 2023.

The small, but recurring, number of HABs on Lake George is what prompted the Lake George Association (LGA) to start its AlgaeWatch Community Science Program in 2022. AlgaeWatch volunteers monitor shoreline or near-shore areas around their homes, businesses, or other areas they frequent, documenting and reporting any algae growth they see to the LGA. This information helps the LGA track the extent of ongoing blooms and guides the establishment of HAB sampling locations for The Jefferson Project.

Learn more about volunteering for AlgaeWatch by clicking [HERE](#). ▣

## NO NEW INVASIVES FOUND

This year's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Monitoring Weekend, which was from August 18–20, 2023, was a resounding success as no new invasive species were found!

Now in its second year, the AIS Monitoring Weekend is a lakewide early-detection program for aquatic invasive species, intended to build on the successful boat inspections run by the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) and to strengthen the efforts to protect Lake George native flora and fauna. The goal is two-fold: Identify any new invasives in Lake George and document new locations of known invasives in the lake.

Volunteers of all ages, driven by their love for Lake George, gave their time for this crucial endeavor. This year, approximately 50% more people participated than last year. "Folks had a lot of fun," said LGA Manager of Water Quality Research Brea Arvidson, who spearheaded the event. "We had families, swimmers, paddlers, boaters, vacationers — even pets and someone who floated around on a pool noodle looking for invasives."

The volunteers documented roughly 100 new locations of known invasive species in the lake. While the quantity mirrored last year's findings, more areas of the lake were covered, including The Narrows and parts of the Northern Basin.



*The LGA gave volunteers flip books of invasive species to help them identify their findings. This is a Chinese Mystery Snail that was discovered in Lake George.*

## UPDATE ON OUR TOWN SUPERVISOR

We are delighted to report that Hague's Town Supervisor, Edna Frasier, is now recuperating at home. ▣

**CORRECTION:** In the October 2023 issue of *The Hague Chronicle*, in the article about Hague's new ZEO Tristan Shappy, we stated: *For the past four years, he has been the supervisor of the Rogers Rock Campground here in Hague. Rogers Rock is NYDEC's second largest facility, with an extensive array of sites, buildings, boat launch, islands, and staff of over 20 employees.*

The first sentence should have read: *For the past four seasons, he has been a manager for DEC and he was at Rogers Rock for the last two.*

Also, the number of employees was 10-15, not "over 20." ▣

## HIKING SAFETY DURING HUNTING SEASON

As part of responsible forest and land management, the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) allows deer hunting on select properties, through a permit process. These properties include Amy's Park, Anthony's Nose, Godwin Preserve, Sucker Brook Preserve (aka Gull Bay and Last Great Shoreline) and Terzian Preserve. Deer hunting season ends December 10, 2023.

Hikers at any of these preserves should stay on the marked trails. The LGLC recommends that hunters and hikers wear hunter orange and make sure they keep any dogs leashed and in control at all times.

Hunters must have a permit and are instructed to stay at least 500 feet away from any trail or property boundary. Click [HERE](#) for more information. ▣

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**PLANNING BOARD - 9/7/2023**

Present were Deputy Chairman Pam Peterson, Judy Gourley, and Sandra Powell. Absent were Chairman Richard Frasier and Margaret Haskell. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer Cathy Clark and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello.

**REFERRALS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA)**

**1. JESBERGER (43.13-1-29) 7 BAYBERRY LANE (TR-1) DEV 37-23, VAR 08-23, VAR 09-23, VAR 10-23**

The applicants are applying for a variance to nonconforming preexisting structure to increase lot coverage from 36.6% to 37.9%, which is more than the 30% maximum. The home is in the sewer district and does not require wastewater upgrades. The applicants are also applying to increase the living space of their home beyond the 25% threshold. A Type II Site Plan Review is required for the living space increase. Variance approval by the ZBA is also required. Variance approval is required for the lot coverage increase. The front yard setback is supposed to be at 25 feet minimum. It is currently at 23.1 feet and the applicant is asking to move it closer still to 19.5 feet. The increase requested in living space is 110.06%. A site review was done on August 25, 2023.

**Zoning Issues: 160-23 (A) "Percentage Lot Coverage." The proposal exceeds the 30% lot coverage maximum. 160-23 (A) "Front Yard Setback." Code is 25 ft., and the applicant is asking for 19.5 ft. in the expansion. 160-65 (A) (1) "Continuation of nonconforming uses or structures." The applicant may need to replace the entire existing structure if the first floor is determined to not be viable.**

Owners Dr. and Mrs. Jesberger joined this meeting via ZOOM.

Concern was expressed by participants regarding the small size of the lot, the setbacks, the large number of beds, and the limited parking. A unanimous positive referral was made to the ZBA, with the following conditions:

1. The footprint of the project be maintained as is without a bump-out.
2. The feasibility of putting in another parking space at the home be made through the Cape Cod Homeowners' Association.

**2. MATHEWS (93.8-1-20) 24 BASS BAY ROAD (TR-I) VAR 13-23**

The applicants propose restoring their eroding waterfront bank. They propose installing a four-foot-high boulder wall along 35 ft. of shoreline and putting in native plantings and erosion control blankets.

**Zoning Issue: 160-50 B. Shoreline**

A unanimous positive referral was made to the ZBA with no conditions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**JESBERGER (43.13-1-29) 7 BAYBERRY LANE (TR-1) DEV 37-23, SP 05-23, VAR 08-23, VAR 09-23, VAR 10-23**

The PB will await the ZBA's decision on the variances.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. WOLFSON & OLIVER (26.10-1-30.1) 103 Friends Point North (TR-1R) DEV 32-23, SP 04-23**

The applicants are applying to demolish an existing single-family residence and to construct a new residence. It is in the sewer district.

**Zoning Issues: 160-24 (c) (1) Land use or development within 100 ft. of any body of water. The application states that the main structure does not require any variances. Upon further review, it was identified that the patio structure was within 50 ft. of the mean high-water mark (MHWM). The PB is getting clarification from the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) on whether this will trigger a variance, be considered landscaping, or if it will be within the allowable 100-sq.ft. maximum.**

Homeowner Adam Wolfson, Jason Williams from Phinney Design, and Jeffrey Anthony from Studio A Landscaping and Engineering were present. Anthony explained the fire pit has been moved. A required Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) stormwater permit is forthcoming. A unanimous vote was made to approve the application as submitted.

**2. INGREY (60.5-1-14) PINE COVE ROAD (TR-1) SP 01-23, VAR 04-23, VAR 05-23**

The applicants propose constructing a second-story addition and a new first-floor entry addition to an existing house. The second story addition (781 sq. ft.) and the new first floor entry addition (80 sq. ft.) make for an 861 sq. ft. increase in living space beyond the current, which translates to a 55.9% increase of square footage of living space proposed.

**Zoning Issues: 160-23 (C) (1) (g) "New construction within 100' of the lake" and 160-65 (A) "Total replacement of a nonconforming structure."**

All variances have been approved with no conditions. Because there was no quorum when Peterson recused herself (she is an owner of nearby property), action on the project could not be taken at this meeting. There was a unanimous vote to keep the meeting open until Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7 pm at the latest, with the sincere intent of resolving this issue before that date. ▣

**PLANNING BOARD - 9/11/2023**

This meeting was a continuation of the 9-7-23 meeting.

Members present: Deputy Chair Pam Peterson, Sandra Powell, Margaret Haskell, and Judy Gourley. Also present was ZEO Cathy Clark.

**INGREY (60.5-1-14) 31 Pine Cove Road (TR-1) SP 01-23 VAR 04-23 VAR 05-23**

The applicants propose constructing a second-story addition and a new first-floor entry addition to an existing house. The second-story addition (781 sq. ft.) and the new first-floor entry addition (80 sq. ft.) make for an 861 sq. ft. increase in living space beyond the current, which translates to a 55.9% increase of square footage of living space proposed.

## PLANNING BOARD, CONTINUED

### Zoning Issues: 160-23 C (1) (g) New Construction within 100' of the lake.

Peterson recused herself (as she is an owner of nearby property) and turned the meeting over to Powell.

It had already been decided that all stormwater from the new construction must be routed into the existing stormwater devices.

It was suggested that the ZBA:

1. Investigate the possibility of the resulting devaluation of the neighbors' property value.
2. Carefully consider any additional requests for expansion of this property's living space in the future.
3. Recommend landscaping that would reduce the impact on the neighbors' lake view.

The voting members (Peterson recused) of the PB were unanimously in agreement with the suggestions regarding the limitations on vegetation to be planted and the relocation of the maple trees that are in front of the current driveway. ❑

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 9/28/2023

Present were Chairman Robert Goetsch, Jon Hanna, Linda Mury, Chris Navitsky, and Ray Snyder. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Cathy Clark, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, Patricia Kelly, Robert Dent, Neil Rypkema, Mike and Nancy Hudowski, Steve Ramant, Anthony DeFranco, John Hodecker, and Mike Rizza.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### 1. MATHEWS (93.8-1-20) 24 Bass Bay Road (TR-1) VAR 13-23

DeFranco said he was here as a consultant representing the Mathews family. Clark read correspondence from neighboring property owners Noel Fort and Charlene Ehmann, Laura Moody, Jennifer Linehan and Jenny Coughlin, not opposing the project, but with concerns regarding possible infringement of a right of way and access to the lakeshore, with a preference for the project's utilizing new boulders and native plants, making the changes as natural looking as possible. The PB had recommended approval without conditions.

#### 2. JESBERGER (43.13-1-29) 7 BAYBERRY LANE (TR-1) VAR 08-23, VAR 09-23, VAR 10-23

No one spoke in favor of the project. Several Cape Cod Village property owners expressed concerns about whether or not a complete rebuild of the structure had been approved by the town, as only a second-story addition had been approved by the Cape Cod Association. Clark reported that Mrs. Jesberger had sent her a letter recognizing that if a total rebuild were deemed necessary, they would have to re-apply for this with the town. Other concerns by neighboring property owners involved parking, setbacks, the size of the small lot vs. the size of the building, the length of time for construction, and stormwater

runoff. A vote was unanimously passed to keep the public hearing open to seek more information from the owners.

### REGULAR MEETING:

**MINUTES:** Navitsky questioned the figure for the total increase of square footage on the Jesberger project on page two of the minutes from 8/24/23. He noted it will increase by 110.06%. Navitsky abstained, as he was not at the previous meeting. The rest of the board voted to approve the minutes as corrected.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### MATHEWS (93.8-1-20) 24 Bass Bay Road (TR-1) VAR 13-23

The applicants propose restoring their eroding waterfront bank. They propose installing a four-foot-high boulder wall along 35' of shoreline and putting in native plantings and erosion control blankets.

#### Zoning Issue: 160-50 B. Shoreline

DeFranco represented the Mathews. There was extensive discussion. A motion was made and seconded that the board grant the variance based on the following criteria:

- a. Using rocks and plantings will be an improvement to the bank.
- b. The variance is the only solution because of the steepness of the bank and the location.
- c. The variance is just along the lakefront.
- d. This will be an improvement for stormwater runoff in the neighborhood with the addition of plants and the rocks will shore up the bank.
- e. The alleged difficulty was not self-created.

The vote was four in favor and one opposed (Navitsky).

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### 1. ENGLISH (60.13-1-11) 61 Red Fox Lane (TR-1) VAR 14-23.

The applicants request a variance for shoreline restoration that would include stone steps to the dock and beach, a fire pit sitting area, and boulder retaining walls.

#### Zoning Issue: 160-50 B

DeFranco is a consultant on the owners' behalf. After some discussion, a motion to deem the application complete was made and seconded. All members were in favor. A public hearing and site visit was scheduled for Wednesday, October 4th at 3 pm.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

#### 1. RYPKEMA (93.12-1-17) 115 Sabbath Day Point Road (TR-1R) VAR - 07-22

The owners request a modification to a March 9, 2023 ZBA approval. At that time, the board granted a variance of five ft. to a rear-line setback, for the placement of a 30' x 32' garage. The owner is now requesting a temporary installation of a 12' x 20' shed, set 12' from the rear property line until they can construct the approved garage.

## ZONING BOARD, CONTINUED

The vote was unanimously in favor of the shed being allowed, with the condition that it be removed when the garage is complete.

### 2. RICHARDS (12.18-1-16) 9568 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1) VAR 09-15 SP 12-15

The applicants request temporary relief of conditions placed on their January 28, 2016 variance approval until their house receives its Certificate of Occupancy (CO).

**Prior ZBA Motion to Approve:** Motion to approve this application for the replacement structures, with the condition that the waterfront building is for recreation only, not overnight sleeping and it can never become a dwelling unit in the future was made and seconded.

**PB Approval:** "An application for a new home within 100' of the lake, and a toilet and sink in an accessory structure has been approved, subject to the condition that the waterfront building is for recreation only, not living, 1-7-16."

Richards explained they have just gotten jobs locally, have sold their previous house, and are now building a new house. They are temporarily staying in the accessory structure until the house is completed, and would like official temporary relief of the original variance condition.

The motion unanimously passed to grant temporary relief of the variance conditions until the house has a CO. The applicant must return to the ZBA upon renewal of their Warren County Building permit to ask for an extension for the requested relief. PB approval will be required.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Site visit set for English for Wednesday, October 4th at 3 pm.

## TOWN BOARD - 10/10/2023

Present were Deputy Supervisor Steve Ramant and Council members Joshua Patchett, Jack Bast, and Maureen Cherubini. Absent was Supervisor Edna Frasier. Also present were: Deputy Highway Superintendent Tim Fiallo, ZOOM Coordinator Ginger Henry Kuenzel, Tom Jarrett from RU Holmes, Linda Mury, Luke Winters, Leo Lucas, Sandra Rust, Mike and Peggy Kowalsky, Ken Parlin, Sandy Smith, Pat Hintze, Luann and Bill Fritzy, Alice Patchett, Marylou Doulin, and approximately six attendees via ZOOM.

### WELCOME GUESTS/ PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Rust stated that the proposed Short-Term Rental (STR) ordinance has been tabled until the November 14th meeting. Ramant confirmed that and stated that there will be no discussion regarding the STR during this meeting.

### **Public Hearing - Alan and Laura Saus (Sec. 93.12, Block 1, Lot 23) Wastewater Variance**

Jarrett reviewed the need for the requested variances and read the September 27, 2023 letter from Cedarwood Engineering. He confirmed that the manufacturer does not recommend an effluent filter for the proposed system. The

requested wastewater variances were unanimously approved by all members present.

### REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Administrative:** The budget workshop meetings will be on October 11th, 13th, and 18th from 4 - 6 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

**Highway:** The Transfer Station will be closed for paving on Wednesday, October 18th. The Highway School Fiallo attended was a success; all town trucks are up and running; the leaf springs will be attended to in the next few weeks; and the PTO belt has been installed on 298. DEC has extended the permit for the Yaw Road FEMA project.

The new paving schedule is as follows: Transfer Station - October 17th, Valley View - October 18th, and Terrace Road - October 19th. James Belden was hired at the Highway Department. Fiallo requested that any highway questions or concerns be directed to the Highway Department.

A vote was unanimously in favor of allowing Fiallo to be the Deputy Highway Superintendent for the Town of Hague even though he resides in the Town of Ticonderoga. This exemption is permitted by town law and Fiallo owns property in Hague.

**Museum/Historian:** Kuenzel stated that the Hague Historical Society plans to put a historical marker in the Hague Town Park to commemorate the Northern Lake George Outboard Marathons, held 1954-1964 in Hague. The park was the location of the pits for the races.

**Personnel:** Recently-hired ZEO Tristan Shappy reported for work on October 2, 2023 and is undergoing training with Cathy Clark.

**Town Park/Beautification:** Elite Kayak Fishing will hold a "catch and release" Bass Fishing Tournament in Hague on Saturday, October 14th and Sunday, October 15th.

**Sewer District #1 & #2:** Eric Kramer has successfully passed his 2A Operator License exam and now both employees at the sewer plant are qualified plant operators.

**Environmental Concerns:** The DEC completed its inspection at the sewer plant and Hague was issued a "Satisfactory" rating. Bast thanked both plant operators for their hard work to achieve the rating and for keeping the plant in full compliance with all the regulations.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. The board officially agreed to table the proposed STR ordinance until the November 14th meeting.
2. The Public Hearing for Larter (Sec. 93.8, Block 1 Lot 23) wastewater variances request was rescheduled to the November 14th meeting.

### COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ramant reviewed two letters received from Charter Communications/Spectrum which explained that on or around October 31st, Spectrum will be adding additional sporting and shopping channels to the channel line-up in our community.

## TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

Ramant reviewed the proposal of services received from Tracey Clothier to prepare and submit an application to DEC's Invasive Species Early Detection Grant Program for a Control of Knotweed Grant in Hague. The cost for her services is \$80/hour and may not exceed \$2,000. Submitting the application for the grant requires the Town of Hague to pay a 25% match, which is estimated to be about \$30,000 for the duration of the project. The board members present unanimously voted to allow Clothier to submit the grant.

## NEW BUSINESS

Tom Suozzo, P.E. reviewed the recommendations by Cedarwood to the Town of Hague regarding the possibility of the town revising its sanitary code to allow Enhanced Treatment Units (ETUs). Suozzo explained that ETUs are pre-treated units that provide enhanced biological and physical treatment of wastewater. He also explained the cost and other requirements that come along with the ETUs.

The board suggested that Cedarwood put together a package that they can forward to the Town Attorney, John Silvestri, Esq., for his review. The board will also ask him to look into the current code. ■

## SOUNDINGS



**ENGAGED:** Colby Vickerson from Ballston Lake and Chloe Andre from Southborough, MA are engaged and looking forward to their July 31, 2024 wedding. They met at Bentley University in their sophomore year and share a love for Lake George, as she has vacationed for one week every summer at the lake and Colby has spent his summers in Friends Point. The two reside in Newton, MA.

Colby is the son of Tom and Amanda Vickerson. ■

## NEW PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS OF LGLC

Paul Bell has been elected president of the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) Board of Directors. Bell is taking over the position from Past President Jeff Brozyna, who reached his term limit on the board.



Paul Bell

Bell joined the LGLC Board in November 2020 and has served for two years as vice-president of conservation. A resident of Silver Bay and Laurel Park, NC, Bell is a retired senior media executive and business strategist with experience in advertising, broadcasting, marketing, and publishing. He has over 30 years of volunteer service to non-profit organizations, including experience in leadership development, fundraising, and governance.

LGLC Executive Director Mike Horn said, "Paul has a great sense of what has made the LGLC successful and what is needed to carry this organization forward to best fulfill our mission of protecting the land that protects the lake."

"I'm humbled, yet excited, to be selected by my peers to serve as president of the LGLC board of directors," said Bell. "It will be a great honor to work alongside volunteers and friends from all around the lake's watershed."

Bell continued, "I'm especially indebted to our incredible and highly

professional staff team, led by Mike Horn. They're well known and respected all around the lake. I'm looking forward to partnering with them. Likewise, I'm grateful for the service of my immediate predecessors, Jeff Brozyna and Mike O'Reilly. They're steadfast supporters of the LGLC. With their continuing counsel our board and staff will move ahead boldly with our mission to protect the land that protects the lake."

Horn said of Brozyna, "Jeff has worked tirelessly to advance the LGLC. His efforts are reflected in the more than 3,000 acres of land permanently protected during his 12-year tenure on the board and also in the overall strength and stability of our organization. I am glad that he will join our advisory board and continue his relationship with us."

Other changes and additions to the LGLC Board of Directors include the election of Tracey Clothier, William K. Bixby III, Diane Marr Asiel, and Michael Barrett to the board; and the appointment of Elizabeth Avery, Ed Becker, Jeff Brozyna, Elizabeth Guest, and Elizabeth Meigher to the advisory board.

Hague resident and newly-elected LGLC board member Diane Marr Asiel first came to Lake George as a young child and then, as a teenager, worked on the summer staff of



Diane Marr Asiel

*The Hague Chronicle* is happy to publish announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries of 50/55/60/65+, awards, or deaths.

We will now include a high quality photo for publication in Soundings.

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## HUNTING SEASON – AFTER A FASHION

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

We're all familiar with the standard four seasons: spring, summer, fall, and winter. But actually, there are more. For instance, there's leaf peeping season, which is the perfect time to hit the hiking trails in Hague and enjoy the spectacular colors. Mysterious animal tracks, herds of wild turkeys, amazing Tarzan-like vines seemingly draped in mid-air, the towering canopy of old-growth trees — these are just a few of the sights to marvel at during this time of year.

Ah, but let me remind you, before you head off into the mountains, there's also another season here in Hague that is just kicking off: hunting season. About this time last year – when I was so much younger and more naïve than I am now about fashions for hunting season — I decided to hike to Jabe Pond, at the top of Split Rock Road. The sun was brilliant, but the air was crisp, and I dressed appropriately — or so I thought — in jeans, fleece, and my favorite quilted jacket.



"Are you crazy?" my hiking buddy asked when she saw me. "You're not going to wear that, are you?" At first, I thought she meant that I looked too fashionable for an Adirondack hike. But no, that wasn't the issue. She reminded me that it was hunting season and there just might be some trigger-happy idiot out there who was ready to jump the gun — so to speak — and shoot at anything that moved. Oh, and did I mention that my jeans were brown, the fleece was beige and my jacket had evergreen trees, a bird, a duck, and a moose on the front, and another huge moose on the back?

My pal told me that I looked like a sitting duck — or more appropriately, a walking moose. "Nothing like wearing a target on your back — and your front!" she exclaimed, obviously astonished at my stupidity. "Not to mention... there's a reason they call that color that you have on HUNTER green."

"Oh, right," I said, slinking back inside to look for something with less animal-like colors. I don't own anything that's fluorescent orange (I hate that color). And all my lime green outfits were decidedly too summery —

not to mention far too stylish for a stroll in the woods. But, obviously the target-practice jacket would have to go back into the closet.



I settled on a vibrant pink fleece jacket and a bright yellow baseball cap. I figured that, unless the hunters were tracking parrots that day, I'd be safe. And since there is a real dearth of parrots in the Adirondacks (at any time of year), chances were that any

hunters we'd encounter would recognize — even from afar — that we were human creatures and not some incredible edible wild animal.

Unlike me, my friend had carefully planned her outfit in advance. It consisted of a wild assortment of colors: a shocking orange silk scarf knotted in a huge bow around her head, a bright lime green fleece vest, flaming red pants and a backpack the color of a swimming pool. "Okay," I said to her. "That might be the sensible thing to wear during hunting season. But listen, if you ever see me leaving my house in that kind of outlandish garb, please, just shoot me." ▣

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## NEW LGLC PRESIDENT/BOARD, CONTINUED

the Silver Bay YMCA. She has been coming to the lake ever since. With her husband, John, she now spends most of three seasons at their home in Arcady Bay in Hague. Asiel had a 40-year career in journalism, media relations, and public health communications that included working as a newspaper reporter, university journalism instructor, college public speaking instructor, speechwriter, and 25

years with the New York State Department of Health, from which she retired as deputy director of public affairs. She then went on to serve as vice president of communications for the New York Stem Cell Foundation, a nonprofit research institute.

She earned a BA degree in English Literature from Elmira College and a MS degree in Communication from RPI. She enjoys tennis, boating and hiking around Lake George. ▣

## NATIONAL JOB ACTION DAY

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) will be utilizing National Job Action Day on Monday, November 6, 2023 from 10 am to 3 pm to promote its Employment Opportunities Program as the go-to location for job and career resources in the Ticonderoga area.

Those seeking employment will be able to meet with Megan Bambara, TACC Employment Opportunities Coordinator at the TACC Office at 94 Montcalm Street, Suite 1, in Ticonderoga to learn how to navigate the Ticonderoga Area Employment Opportunities database and find opportunities that match their skills and interests. Multiple work stations will be available for area residents and those looking to work in the Ticonderoga area to explore an array of employment opportunities. Additional TACC staff members will also be available to provide assistance.

The TACC Team will be able to help participants with resumé building. In addition, TACC is teaming up with several local employers to offer mock interviews to help potential employees sharpen their interview skills.

Complimentary refreshments donated by Walmart of Ticonderoga will be available. All participants will also be able to enter to win several door prizes.

TACC members and partners are encouraged to contact TACC or submit their job opportunities via their Chamber Master Member Log-in to ensure all employment opportunities are listed within the TACC online database.

For more information or to access the Ticonderoga Area Employment Opportunities database visit [www.ticonderogany.com](http://www.ticonderogany.com) or contact Megan Bambara at [coordinator@ticonderogany.com](mailto:coordinator@ticonderogany.com). ▣



*Megan Bambara*

## KENNA NAMED LGA EDUCATION FOR ACTION MANAGER

The Lake George Association (LGA) has named Lindsey Kenna as its Education for Action Manager, overseeing education



*Lindsey Kenna*

programs for children and adults that advance stewardship of Lake George. She served as an LGA educator from 2017 to 2020.

In this role, Lindsey will promote and activate lake protection through education for adults and youth that foster environmental conservation, including the Floating Classroom and Salmon in the Classroom Programs.



*The LGA's Outdoor Classroom, which Kenna built with help from her dad and friends*

She will also engage volunteers in vital community science initiatives, such as Stream Monitoring, Invasive Species Awareness Week, Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Weekend, AlgaeWatch, and the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation's Water Assessments by Volunteers Evaluators.

"We are thrilled to have Lindsey join us," said Monika LaPlante, LGA Managing Program Director. "Her extensive experience and passion for environmental education made her the obvious choice to lead our growing educational initiatives."

Lindsey received a B.A. in Environmental Studies from Lasell University in 2012 and an M.S. in Natural Resources, Professional Science, in 2014 from SUNY Plattsburgh. She resides in her home town of Lake Luzerne. ▣



*October foliage on Putnam Pond courtesy of Sandy Powell*

## TI-ALLIANCE RECEIVES NORTHERN BORDER GRANT

The Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance has received a \$248,570 grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) to support the Ticonderoga Community Childcare Project.

The grant will be used to support construction and start-up costs of the new childcare center to be located at St. Mary’s School in Ticonderoga. Ti-Alliance has been working since early 2022 with a dedicated team of committee members, school leadership, and professionals from the surrounding communities to develop a plan to bring public childcare to Ticonderoga. Though located in Ticonderoga, the childcare center will be open to all families who live or work in towns around the area.

With this NBRC grant, funding is now mostly in place. This fall, the committee will begin renovations at the school, secure an experienced childcare operator, and identify potential staff for the facility. Ti-Alliance expects to offer pre-enrollment to families throughout the region in November. When available, information on pre-enrollment will be posted in the Sun Community News and in the Childcare Section of the Alliance’s website [HERE](#).

The NBRC is a federal-state partnership for economic and community development in northern New England. Every year, the NBRC provides federal funds for critical economic and community development in under-served areas along the Canadian border. In the past, they have been focused on infrastructure projects that were historically defined as roads, bridges, waterways, and other traditional infrastructure. Recently, they have broadened this definition to include childcare, affordable housing, and other foundational infrastructure that supports these communities.

“We are so grateful for this support from NBRC and the efforts of our legislators that helped facilitate this grant. Public childcare creation is a very expensive endeavor and small communities like ours rarely have the resources to undertake the investment required. We have very supportive employers like Sylvamo and very generous residents. With the help of NBRC’s public funds, we can marry up the public and private funds to make this happen and build sustainable childcare for our families and employers,” said Ti-Alliance’s Executive Director Donna Wotton.

Ti-Alliance is an economic development, 501c3, non-profit organization, working to develop business, employment, housing, education, childcare, and other activities that enhance the economy of the Ticonderoga area and to build a strong regional economic hub in the southern part of the North Country.

For more information about Ti-Alliance and how to get involved in childcare for Ticonderoga, visit the official website [HERE](#). ▣

## NEW RESOURCES FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

The Lake George Association (LGA) has launched two new services for property owners who want to step up to protect the lake on their own property. Just sign up for the LGA’s free Lake Protector App [HERE](#).

The first service is property visits. This is a 30- to 90-minute one-on-one consultation with a member of the LGA’s technical team who can help owners understand the actions they can take on their property to protect the lake. The consultants will focus on issues specific to each property, which might include stormwater runoff, wastewater, invasive species, use of winter rock salt, or others. To learn more, including how to request a property visit, click [HERE](#).

The second service is engineering service grants. These are 20 grants of \$1,500 each to property owners who did not pass their LGPC septic inspection and need to replace their systems within six months. To apply for a grant, select the “LGA Grants” tab on the lower left of your Lake Protector Profile.

In addition, property owners who need to replace their septic systems can apply for no-interest and low-interest loans from Adirondack Trust and Glens Falls National Bank. To learn more about that program, click [HERE](#).

Details about the LGPC’s inspection process can be found on their [FAQ page](#). ▣

## EIGHTH ANNUAL SALT SUMMIT HELD

The Lake George Association (LGA) and the Lake George Waterkeeper hosted the Eighth Annual Salt Summit on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at the Fort William Henry Conference Center in the Town of Lake George, welcoming more than 200 public officials, business owners, scientists, and leaders of not-for-profit organizations from eight states and Canada. For the third year, the event was a hybrid format, enabling participants to attend either in person or via ZOOM.



The Salt Reduction Initiative in the Lake George basin has become a model for municipalities across the U.S. and North America. The goal is to keep winter roads, driveways, and parking areas safe, while reducing the cost and environmental consequences of road salt use. The model is a resounding success, with salt usage reduced by more than 50 percent in some cases. But, the advantages are not only environmental. Towns are seeing their winter maintenance budgets slashed by as much as 50 percent as their salt purchases decline. In addition, road crews are able to operate more efficiently and effectively, leading to further savings.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the video of the entire summit. Click [HERE](#) to see an overview of the presentations delivered at the summit.

As we have reported extensively in previous issues of *The Hague Chronicle*, Hague is a leader in salt reduction.

For the most recent report, see page two of our November 2022 issue [HERE](#). ▣

## TI ARTS GALLERY

The Ti Arts Gallery has two upcoming shows.

“Unraveling Fiber Optics,” which opened on Thursday, October 26, 2023, will be on display through Saturday, November 11th.

Then, a show titled “Small Works” will be at the gallery. This is an open entry show, so anyone can enter. The only requirement is that image size be

12” x 12” or smaller. If the artwork is 3D, it must fit in a 12” x 12” x 12” box.

All works are due on Friday, November 10th or Saturday, November 11th. The show will be open from November 16th through December 30th and the Opening Reception will be on Friday, November 17th from 5 – 7 pm.

Ti Arts is located at 119 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga and it is open Thursdays and Fridays from 10 am to 1 pm. ❑



## NO NEW INVASIVE SPECIES, CONTINUED

Two known AIS which turned up this year and were not confirmed in 2022 were the Chinese Mystery Snail and the Spiny Water Flea. Both were regrettable finds, especially the multiple blooms of Spiny Water Flea, which can be fatal to fish and previously haven't been spotted in such numbers. The Jefferson Project was notified and gathered samples for its continuing research on the lake's food web. Other existing invasive species found during the monitoring weekend were Eurasian Watermilfoil, Curly-Leaf Pondweed, and Asian Clams.

Once the LGA verifies all the data collected by the volunteers, it will share it with the LGPC, the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program, and the NY chapter of iMap Invasives, which will plot the findings.

Arvidson and the team will review feedback from this year's volunteers to improve the process and the tools used. For next year's AIS Monitoring Weekend, she would like to recruit even more volunteers to allow for full lake coverage, especially in The Narrows. ❑

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## SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY® 2023

Small Business Saturday® is a day dedicated to supporting small businesses across the country.



Created by American Express in 2010, this day is celebrated every year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This year, it is on November 25th. The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) is registered to be a Neighborhood Champion once again.

TACC is organizing a list of business promotions and specials available for that day.

To register a business, call 518-585-6619 or email [emullen@ticonderogany.com](mailto:emullen@ticonderogany.com) by November 7th at 4 pm. Businesses that participated in 2022 will be contacted directly.

Printed "Shop Small Here" flyers will be available at the TACC office for all participants. The first ten businesses to register will also get a Small Business Saturday® package of goodies to use for the event. ❑

## MASON/STAR PORK DINNER

A public roast pork loin dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F. & A. M. and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be served Monday, November 20, 2023, from 4:30 pm to 6 pm at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will be available. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 years old and under and will be available at the door. A special ticket price for veterans this month is \$10. Parking will be available along Montcalm Street and at the Hancock House parking lot. ❑

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**CALENDAR**

November 2023

**NOVEMBER**

2	7 pm	Hague Planning Board Meeting	20	4:30 pm - 6 pm	Mason/Star Pork Dinner at Ticonderoga Masonic Temple
6	10 am - 3 pm	National Job Action Day — TACC	23		THANKSGIVING
7		ELECTION DAY	23	7 pm	Hague Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
11		VETERANS DAY	24		NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY
11	11 am - Noon	Veterans Day Tribute at Hague Veterans Park	25		Small Business Saturday®
14	6 pm	Hague Town Board Meeting	26 - Nov 11		"Unraveling Fiber Optics" at Ti Arts Gallery
16 - December 12th		"Small Works" at Ti Arts Gallery	28	1:30 pm	Senior Club Meeting
17	5 pm - 7 pm	"Small Works" Art Reception at Ti Arts Gallery			

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS:** Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm