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SHORT-TERM RENTAL COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Hague will hold a Public Hearing on the 12th day of March 2024 at 6 pm at the Town of Hague Community Center, 9793 Graphite Mountain Road, Hague NY, to hear all interested persons for or against the adoption of proposed Local Law entitled Short-Term Rental (STR) Local Law #1 of 2024.

Recurring ZOOM Link for monthly Hague Town Board meetings:

To launch the meeting on ZOOM, click [HERE](#).

A copy of the proposed Local Law may be obtained [HERE](#), from the town clerk, during her scheduled business hours or by visiting the website [HERE](#). ❏

FREE TAX PREP IN HAGUE

The Hague AARP Tax-Aide team is now preparing Tax Year 2023 taxes for area residents. It prepares returns on Tuesdays and Thursdays, by appointment only. Call 518-543-6366 to schedule your appointment. The last day for return preparation this year is April 11, 2024. ❏

NEWS FLASH: "Ice-in" was called on February 11th. Read more on p. 11.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE: MULTI-YEAR ASSESSMENT AVERAGING

by Linda Fusco

School taxes are a major concern to those of us who live in Hague. Last year, our school taxes and our share of the Ticonderoga Central School District's (TCSD) tax levy jumped by 11%!

Multi-Year Assessment Averaging (MYAA) is a methodology permitted by New York State Real Property Tax Law. It can be used in determining and apportioning school tax levies in school districts that include more than one town. It is available to our TCSD, as it consists of Ticonderoga and the Town of Hague (TOH).

MYAA would help moderate the magnitude of large and unexpected changes in real property assessments, which are the largest factor in school tax levies. By averaging assessments over three or even five-year periods, residents and the TCSD could estimate and plan their finances. MYAA would also allow for more equitable sharing of school district costs between Ticonderoga and the TOH.

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FREE TRANSPORTATION

Warren County is offering free transportation for seniors who are 60+ years old and for veterans of any age to and from doctor's appointments, to the grocery store, and on other errands.

This transportation will be provided on the first and third of each month.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call 518-761-6347. ❏

SENIORS CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze



On March 7, 2024, we'll tentatively be having Game Night at Maureen's house at 6:30 pm, so come on out and share in the fun.

On March 14th, we will have our Annual St. Patty's Day Dinner at 4:30 pm at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD). Come out and join in with some good food, a fun time, and prize giveaways.

Our next seniors club meeting will be March 25th at the HVFD at 1:30 pm. We'll be playing Bingo, so bring a small prize and snacks to share.

Looking forward to seeing you all in March!

HELP THE LGA MONITOR SALT LEVELS

Would you like to be a community scientist and monitor chloride levels in streams during road salt season to help protect the lake's water quality? All it takes is about a half hour of your time once or twice a month from now until April.

The Lake George Association (LGA) will supply you with easy-to-use test kits and instructions.

Monitoring chloride levels in streams helps the LGA understand where efforts are needed to reduce the use of road salt. Less road salt in our streams and soil improves our drinking water, lessens the risk of contaminating wells, protects the foliage that protects the lake and may even lower the growth of micro-algae in Lake George.

To learn more, click [HERE](#).

HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

Please send all news items to Editor Bobbi Bryant Taylor at: editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

HVFD

by Donna Trudeau



The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) had seven fire calls using 35 volunteer hours. We also had four drills taking 26 volunteer training hours. EMS was just as busy with seven calls and a total of 36 volunteer hours. EMS also had a full eight-hour day of training.

We continue to train for excellence as we always want to give our best. We also have members enrolled in the first step of being a firefighter: Basic Exterior Fire Operations.

The HVFD will be hosting a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class on March 27, 2024 at 6 pm for anyone who would like to learn how to help others in the event of cardiac arrest. Call 518-543-6059 for more information.

We started off our Winter Weekend with our Fireman's Breakfast on Saturday, February 17th. On Sunday, we had our Katy Wells Memorial Polar Plunge at the Trout House Resort dock. This well-planned event had 18 participants and a great crowd of spectators. After the plunge, everyone was invited to the HVFD firehouse for free cocoa and coffee to warm up.

The chili cook-off followed the plunge and there were some great chilis entered. The winners were:

- 1st place** - Lynda Manyfeathers
- 2nd place** - Amanda Peterson
- 3rd place** - Pat Hintze

We want to thank all those who supported this event. We would also like to thank the Trout House Resort, the Town of Hague, Dan Whitford, Amie Vradenburg, and Tahana Havens from the University of Vermont Children's Hospital (UVM), Mike Begnoche, Geraw's, and all the volunteers from the HVFD who helped to make this a success.

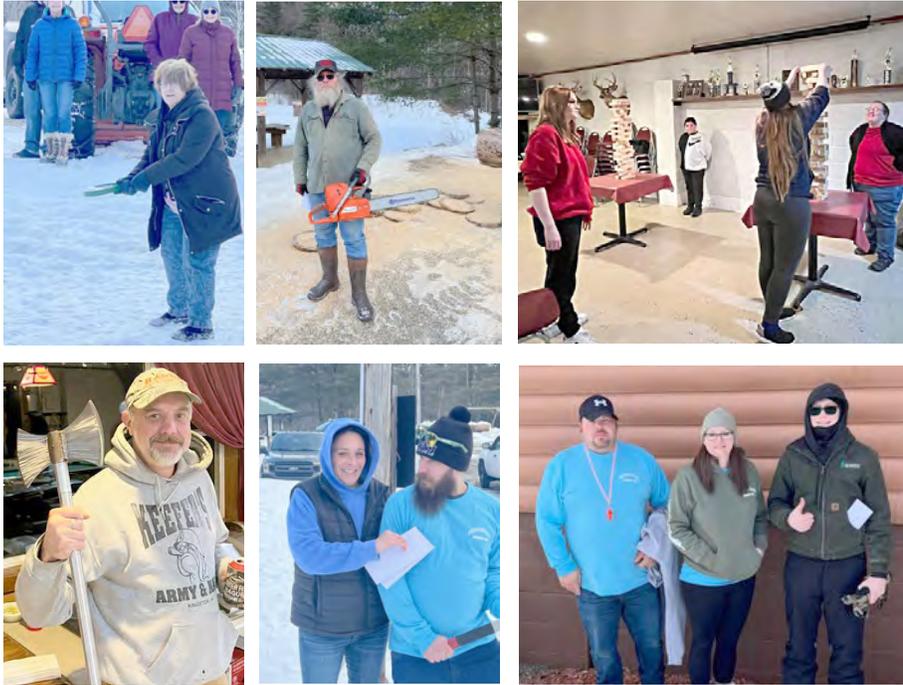
A total of \$1,406 was raised for the University of Vermont Children's Hospital!



HAGUE FISH & GAME WINTERFEST

by Bobbie Jean Fish

On February 17, 2024, the Hague Fish & Game Club hosted its annual Winterfest. We started the day off with a coloring craft corner for the kids along with a bonfire and hot cocoa. It didn't take long for the kids to start sledding on the hill. There were so many families and kids having a great time!



TOP L to R: Nancy May trying her hand at the Frying Pan Toss; Mike Flack, winner of the Chainsaw Competition; Sophie McDonald, Maddison Smith, Lauren Stonitsch, and Tracey Stonitsch playing a heated duel Jenga game
BOTTOM L to R: Nat Cooper, winner of the handmade axe raffle; Board Member Lindsey Smith with Axe Toss winner Richard Zacharenko; Frying Pan Toss winners Donnie Smith, Jr., Mallory McDonald, and Max Peterson

The first outdoor event was the Frying Pan Toss. Winners were:

- Men's** - Donnie Smith, Jr.
- Women's** - Mallory McDonald
- Kid's** - First-timer Max Peterson

Our second event was the ever-favorite Axe Throwing Contest, with Richard Zacharanko coming in with the win. Our last outdoor event was our Chainsaw Competition and Mike Flack won for the second year in a row.

Inside, while these events were happening, we had a cartoonist doing pictures and the most intense game of Double Jenga we've ever held. The families who participated in it crushed it! It was good old-fashioned family time and everyone loved it.

We followed all of that up with a Spaghetti Dinner, 50/50 raffle benefiting the Beste Scholarship, and a raffle for a homemade axe, generously donated by Mike Flack. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was our own Peter Lawrence and he generously donated his funds back to the scholarship, making the total collected \$500! The axe raffle ticket was drawn and Nat Cooper took home that beauty!

At 7 pm, Rich Ortiz began playing; it's always a pleasure to have Rich visit us! We enjoyed dancing and a few drinks.

We ended the night with a small fireworks display, thanks to Tony Priest. ❏

THE PROCELLACOR DEBATE IS BACK IN THE NEWS

The Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) has announced that it is again pursuing permits to use the herbicide ProcellaCOR in Blairs Bay (Glenburnie, Town of Putnam) and Sheep Meadow Bay (Huletts Landing, Town of Dresden) to battle Eurasian Watermilfoil. The Lake George Association (LGA) and the Lake George Waterkeeper remain steadfastly opposed and urge the LGPC to continue its milfoil management through hand harvesting, a strategy to which they contribute a significant level of funding. All four towns in the north basin – Hague, Ticonderoga, Dresden and Putnam – have also gone on record as opposing the use of ProcellaCOR.

The LGPC was originally issued a permit to apply ProcellaCOR in the spring of 2022. However, in a case brought by the LGA and the Lake George Waterkeeper, joined by the Town of Hague and a private landowner, New York State Supreme Court Justice Robert Muller ruled that it was arbitrary and capricious for the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) to

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SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CONTINUED

Last year, the TOH requested that the TCSD use MYAA to lessen last year's dramatic assessment impact. That request was denied.

Based on extensive effort by Hague's School Advisory Committee (SAC) over the past nine months, the TOH is going to request the use of MYAA for the 2024-2025 school tax levy.

Resolution #66 of 2024 and the White Paper that clearly explains the Hague and Ticonderoga assessment situations are available on the TOH website [HERE](#) and can also be obtained by contacting SAC Chair Jack Bast at jackbast@nycap.rr.com.

The quality of the education of Hague and Ticonderoga students remains of paramount importance.

Our Hague MYAA request will be formally presented to the TCSD Board of Education at its meeting on March 19, 2024. Taxpayers and residents of Hague are encouraged to attend! ❏

PLANNING BOARD - 12/7/2023

Present were Chairman Pam Peterson, Sandra Powell, Judy Gourley, and Margaret Haskell, who joined via ZOOM. Also present were Acting Zoning Enforcement Officer Cathy Clark, Zoning Enforcement Officer Tristan Shappy, and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello.

OLD BUSINESS:

SMITH (26.10-1-19) 72 Forest Bay Road South (TR-1R) SP 06-23

The Smiths are proposing the addition of a new foundation with a crawl space under an existing 1,300 sq. ft. cottage, the rebuilding of existing decks, and the enlargement of a utility room and a front porch. Demolition and reconstruction of a fireplace with a new chimney are also included in the proposal.

Zoning Issue: 160-24 C (1) (a) New construction within 100' of the lake.

A site visit was done on 11/3/2023. The application was unanimously deemed complete. The motion to approve the application, as presented, carried 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

RICHARDS (12.18-1-16) 9568 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1) SP 12-15

The applicant is requesting a two-year extension for the construction of a three-bedroom house. The septic, well, and cottage have been completed.

The motion to grant a two-year extension from 1-7-24 to 1-7-26 carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board was in executive session from 7:11 to 7:30 pm to discuss pending litigations. ❑

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1/25/2024

Present were Deputy Chairman Jon Hanna, Linda Mury, and Chris Navitsky. Absent were Chairman Robert Goetsch and Ray Snyder. Also present were Attorney Nathan Hall, Zoning Enforcement Officer Cathy Clark, and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

On November 16, 2023, the applicants received approval of a variance for more than 25% increase of square footage to a nonconforming structure. Their approved project included an addition of a second story to an existing cabin.

Now, the applicants are asking for approval of the TOTAL REPLACEMENT of the entire structure. The footprint and floor plans will remain the same.

Zoning Issues: 160-65 (A)(1) More than 25% increase to a nonconforming structure.

160-65 (A) Total replacement of a nonconforming structure (Site Plan)

Clark explained that at ZBA Chairman Goetsch's request, she and Goetsch, reached out to the Jesbergers to ask if they intended to center the house on the lot in a more conforming way. The Jesbergers had their surveyor provide an updated survey, showing the house centered on the lot. They submitted new applications to reflect new setbacks with the new structure's placement on the survey. There is only one conforming setback with the present house placement. With the new placement, there will be two sides with conforming setbacks, but the front setback will be more nonconforming, which will now be noted on the new variance, according to Clark.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to deem the new application complete and to schedule a public hearing for the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

LINCOLN (43.13-1-30) 5 BAYBERRY LANE (TR-1) VAR 16-23 & VAR 01-24

The applicant built a 4' x 10' addition to a nonconforming house to cover the entrance to a crawl space. It has encroached on the rear and sideline setbacks and has increased the percentage of coverage. The applicant did not obtain a proper permit prior to construction and on April 3, 2023, a stop-work order was issued.

Zoning Issues: 160-23 (A) Rear and sideline setbacks and more than 30% coverage.

Hall represented Lincoln in this issue. He admits this is an after-the-fact application. He explained these repairs were made under emergency conditions when leaks were found coming from the inside wall where a bow window is located above the crawl space. He said covering the crawl space helps secure some of the major systems for the house. Lincoln explained he had notified then-ZEO Matt McGee, who advised him to apply for a variance.

A motion was unanimously passed to deem the application complete. This application will be on February's agenda, along with a public hearing. A site visit was scheduled for Wednesday, February 7th at 3 pm. ❑

PLANNING BOARD - 2/1/2024

Present were Chairman Pam Peterson, Sandra Powell, Judy Gourley, and Meg Haskell via ZOOM. Also present were Attorney Nathan Hall, Anthony DeFranco, Joseph Vilardo, Zoning Enforcement Officer Cathy Clark, and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello.

REFERRALS TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

1. JESBERGER (43.13-1-29) 7 BAYBERRY LANE (TR-1) VAR 02-24 SP 05-23

On November 16, 2023, the applicants received approval of a variance for more than 25% increase of square footage to a nonconforming structure. Their approved project included an addition of a second story to an existing cabin. Now, the applicants are asking for approval of the total replacement of the entire structure. The floor plans will remain the same.

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Zoning Issues: 160-65 (A) (1) More than 25% increase to a nonconforming structure: Approved.

160-23 (A) Frontline Setback

160-65 (A) Total replacement of a nonconforming structure

Clark recommended joining the zoning board's site visit of the Lincoln project, which is adjoining the Jesberger site, on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 3 pm. She also proposed keeping this meeting open so the planning board can return after the site visit, continue with the meeting, and make their recommendations. Members of the planning board will meet for a site visit on Wednesday, February 7th at 3 pm and return to resume the meeting afterward.

2. LINCOLN (43.13-1-30) 5 Bayberry Lane (TR-1) VAR 16-23 & VAR 01-24

The applicant built a 4' x 10' addition to a nonconforming house to cover the entrance to a crawl space and leaking bay window. It has encroached on the rear and sideline setbacks and has increased the percentage of lot coverage. The applicant did not obtain proper permits before its construction and, on April 3, 2023, a stop-work order was issued.

Zoning Issues: 160-23 (A) Rear and sideline setbacks and more than 30% coverage.

Hall, attorney for Lincoln, was present to answer questions. Lincoln was present via ZOOM. Hall explained that Lincoln felt that when he made the repairs, he was addressing an emergency situation involving leaks within the structure, and that he did report this to then ZEO Matt McGee. Hall pointed out the small size of the lot, that this is a modest summer home, and that Lincoln just wants to keep up the structure's integrity as best he can within his budget. Lincoln feels his changes do not negatively impact the neighbors. A site visit will be made on February 7th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. JESBERGER (43.13-1-29) 7 BAYBERRY LANE (TR-1) VAR 02-24 SP 05-23

On November 16, 2023, the applicants received approval of a variance for more than 25% increase of square footage to a nonconforming structure. Their approved project included an addition of a second story to an existing cabin. Now, the applicants are asking for approval of the total replacement of the entire structure. The floor plans will remain the same.

Zoning Issues: 160-65 (A)(1) More than 25% increase to a nonconforming structure – Approved.

160-23 (A) Frontline setback

160-65 (A) Total replacement of a nonconforming structure (Site Plan)

Clark explained that the applicants are now here for the total replacement of the nonconforming structure because their engineers/builders have indicated that the first floor cannot support a second story. The project change includes centering

the new structure on the lot. A site visit was scheduled for February 7th at 3 pm.

2. THOMPSON (26.10-1-8) 63 Forest Bay South (TR-1R SP 01-24)

The applicants would like to demolish a legal nonconforming house and replace it with a new conforming house.

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

DeFranco and Vilardo represented the Thompsons. DeFranco explained that the project involves taking down a one-story existing dwelling and removing a garage that is presently encroaching on the right of way of Forest Bay South. The lot is a 0.24-acre lakefront lot. They propose constructing a two-story, four-bedroom, approximately 2,000 sq. ft. house with a six-ft. partial basement for mechanicals, and an attached garage.

Clark asked for existing structure floor plans and elevations to be submitted within a month to complete the application. A site visit will be conducted on Wednesday, February 7th at 3 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Clark made a recommendation for the board to keep the regular meeting open until after the Wednesday, February 7th site visits, when the board will resume the meeting to discuss making recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The board was in Executive Session from 7:30 – 7:45 pm.

The motion was made and unanimously passed to keep the regular meeting open until after the February 7th site visits.

CONTINUATION OF HAGUE PLANNING BOARD MEETING OF 2-1-2024

AFTER SITE VISITS – 2-7-2024

Present were Chairman Pam Peterson, Sandra Powell, Judy Gourley, and Meg Haskell via FaceTime. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer Cathy Clark, and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello.

The board had been on site visits for Jesberger, Lincoln, and Thompson just prior to the meeting.

REFERRALS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

1. JESBERGER (43.13-1-29) 7 BAYBERRY LANE (TR-1) VAR 02-24 SP 05-23

After the site visit, the board agreed that the revised plan for the project involving tearing down the original structure and replacing it with a new two-story structure centered on the lot is an improvement. The board unanimously agreed to send a positive recommendation to the ZBA, with the condition that the back step be minimally sized.

2. LINCOLN (43.13-1-30) 5 Bayberry Lane (TR-1) VAR 16-23 & VAR 01-24

The site visit revealed that the width of the addition is actually five to six feet more than just covering the crawl space, which seemed much more than was necessary. The bay window could have been replaced and Bilco door could have been

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placed over the crawl space instead. After discussion, the board denied the variance requests.

3. THOMPSON (26.10-1-8) 63 Forest Bay South (TR-1R SP 01-24)

After the site visit, the board had no problems with the project. No action will be taken at this time as the application is not complete.

The board was in Executive Session from 4:05 – 4:09 pm. ❑

TOWN BOARD - 2/13/2024

Present were Supervisor Joshua Patchett, Board Members Steve Ramant, Maureen Cherubini, and Jack Bast. Board member Martin Fitzgerald was absent. Also present were Highway Superintendent Chad Dunklee, Zoom Coordinator Tim Fiallo, Bob Holmes and Tom Jarrett of RU Holmes Engineers, Matt Coffin, Ken Parlin, Tim Simunek, Lance Clark, Kelly McCoy, Donna Trudeau, Karen and Leo Lucas, Blair Ciccarelli, Tim Klinger, Sheri Vaillancourt, Mary Lou Doulin, Mike Kowalsky, Pat Hintze, Chris Navitsky, David DeFranco, and several others who did not sign in. There were also 26 attendees via ZOOM.

The Moment of Silence was held for EJ “Bub” Siwek, Janice Smith, Doug Olcott, Yves Darves-Bornoz, and Georgianna May.

A resolution was passed 4-0 that the applicants for wastewater variances will be required to pay the engineering review fees in addition to the fee schedule paid to the Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) before a compliance certificate will be granted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (These were left open at the January 11th meeting and all pertain to septic systems.)

1. Oxford Cottages, Inc./Lee Cunningham at 4 Silver Bay Road (TR-1R), tax map #76.20-1-3.2 is seeking five variances. Cedarwood was unable to attend this meeting due to illness, so this public hearing will remain open.

2. Ellie Hitzrot at 24 Tower Point Road, Tax Map # 76.12-1-14 seeks six variances. Eric Sandblom from SRA Engineers was unable to attend this meeting, therefore this hearing will remain open until the March 12th town board meeting at 4:30 pm.

3. Thomas Simunek at 5 Greyford Way, Tax Map # 12.18-1-29.2 seeks eight variances. Holmes explained the need for the variances. DeFranco presented the negative impacts he thinks these variances could have on his and other neighboring properties. Simunek countered that these variances would be an improvement. Holmes, Simunek, and DeFranco agreed to discuss it. This hearing will remain open until the March 12th town board meeting at 4:30 pm.

4. David Lance Clark at 9657 Lakeshore Drive, Tax Map # 12.14-1-18.1 requested five variances. Holmes explained the need for each of the five variances. This hearing will remain open until the March 12th town board meeting at 4:30 pm.

5. Mike and Beth Regan at 7929 and 7931 Lakeshore Drive, Tax Map # 93.12-1-24.1 and 93.12-1-24.2 seek four variances.

Holmes explained the need for each of the requested variances. This hearing will remain open until the March 12th town board meeting at 4:30 pm.

WELCOME GUESTS/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Doulin passed out literature regarding her research on the effects that bacteria and toxins will have in the future of Lake George and its environment.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative: (*Patchett*) Board Member Ramant was appointed to the position of Hague Deputy Supervisor effective 1/01/24. Diane Trudeau was appointed to the position of Administrative Assistant.

Buildings and Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement: (*Cherubini*) Discussions continue with National Grid regarding car charging stations in Hague.

Highway: (*Dunklee*) All needed repairs to truck #295-A and to the brine applicator have been made.

Museum and Historian: (*Ramant*) The Hague Historical Museum, which is in the community center, will have an exhibit through the summer about the history of inboard and outboard speedboat regattas in Hague.

- July 11th at 7 pm – The Hague Historical Society (HHS) annual meeting will include a presentation about the history of inboard and outboard speedboat regattas in Hague
- July 18th, 5 - 8 pm – The museum will have a special evening with docents to answer questions about the exhibit on speedboat racing in Hague
- August 6th, 7 pm – HHS meeting. Everyone is invited to bring an object and talk about its history and/or use.
- The HHS, in conjunction with the Town of Hague, will install an historical marker in the Hague Town Park, commemorating the outboard marathons of 1954 - 1964.

Personnel: (*Bast*) reported a large amount of activity in the new year under the new administrations of Supervisor Patchett and Highway Superintendent Dunklee.

- Desiree Diskin, who filled in as Receptionist/Clerk after Bertha Dunsmore retired, is the Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor.
- Diane Trudeau is an Administrative Assistant.
- The process of hiring two new clerks has been completed and the approval of a full-time Receptionist Clerk and a part-time ZEO Clerk will be acted upon later in this meeting.
- Candidates for the open position of Planning Board member were interviewed. The appointment of Edna Frasier to the position will be acted upon later in this meeting. The position of Planning Board Alternate is open; expressions of interest are being accepted.
- Sean Winchell started as a Machinery Equipment Operator (MEO) in January to replace Ernie Trudeau.
- The Town of Hague (TOH) is seeking a new Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO). It is a full-time Civil Service position. Bast noted, “Thank goodness Cathy Clark continues to serve Hague long, long into her retirement! Thank you, Cathy!”
- The board is actively reviewing town employee pay scales to assure that they are fair, reasonable, and will retain our

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TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

most valuable asset, our employees. Adjustments in pay and benefit areas, where warranted, are being made. A change in the health insurance benefit plan intended to improve retention, will be acted upon later in this meeting.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater: (*Cherubini*) The ZEO report was reviewed and the following items were addressed:

- A \$100 fee will be charged to anyone who appeals a decision of the ZEO.
- All future wastewater plans must be accurately and clearly marked/staked out on the property. Pertinent components should also be staked and/or flagged.
- Clark proposed accepting the Amendments to "Chapter 132 Sewers" that were suggested by Tom Suozza of Cedarwood Engineering in September 2023. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) also reviewed and commented on our current code and submitted comments for proposed modifications. These documents, in their entirety, are on file in the Hague Town Clerk's office. The board agreed that it should move forward on these amendments. The next step is to send the amendments to the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) for a formal review and comments.

Recreation, Promotion, and Youth: (*Patchett*) The town continues to search for leadership and volunteers for the Memorial Day Parade.

Sewer District # 1 and 2: (*Bast*) The Wastewater Treatment Plant truck continues to experience operational concerns, but the staff is trying to keep it going as a new truck is not in this year's budget. The Sewer Advisory Committee and the town board completed a review of the Hague Sewer Use Law and the Enforcement Response Plan; no changes are warranted.

School Advisory Committee (SAC): (*Bast*) The SAC has been attending Ticonderoga Central School District (TCSD) Board of Education (BOE) meetings and Linda Fusco has been meeting with Superintendent Nephew. Governor Hochul has threatened cuts in state aid to many rural CSDs, including Ticonderoga. The SAC will be working with the Rural Schools Association of NY (RASNY) to combat that situation.

Town Park and Beautification: (*Ramant*) Work is being done on the outside lights at the town beach/park. The visitor's center needs repairs.

Environmental Concerns: (*Ramant*) The grant process regarding the control of knotweed throughout the town is moving forward.

Technology and Communications: (*Patchett*) Seventy people have signed up on the TOH E-mail Database Opt-in List. Patchett thanked Amanda Peterson for getting the program up and running.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made, seconded, and passed (4-0) to set a public hearing for **March 12th at 6 pm** at the community center for Short Term Rental Local Law #1, 2024.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: (*Patchett*) Hague residents should be encouraged to run for a seat on the TCSD BOE to ensure representation from Hague.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed (4-0) to authorize payment to Santores World Famous Fireworks, LLC in the amount of \$11,250.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed (4-0) to grant the seniors club permission to use the visitor center April 10th – 27th and from May 26th – June 3rd for Americade.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motions were made, seconded, and passed (4-0) that:

1. Somruethai ("Oom") Hilliard be hired full time with benefits as the Front Desk Receptionist/Clerk, effective 2/20/24.
2. Denise Gugumuck be hired as a part time ZEO Clerk, effective 2/20/24.
3. Desiree Diskin be hired to be the Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor in a full-time position, with benefits, effective 2/06/24.
4. Patchett and Bast request that TCSD Superintendent Scott Nephew and TCSD BOE President Mark Russell use the five-year (or, if that is not possible, the three-year) averaging methodology when determining the allocation of school taxes between the Towns of Hague and Ticonderoga for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. (See School Advisory Committee article on page 1)
5. Edna Frasier be appointed to fill the open position on the planning board for the term to expire 12-31-2025.
6. The HVFD be paid \$1,000 to promote the Polar Plunge.
7. A \$3,000 stipend be offered to those full-time hourly employees of Hague who declined to participate in the TOH employee's health insurance plan, effective 1-1-24.
8. The financial records of the town clerk, bookkeeper, and ZEO have been reviewed and are in good standing.
9. Town Assessor Martucci be authorized to attend three continuing educational classes via ZOOM at \$110 each.
10. John Sheehan be granted permission to attend a continuing education class in Plattsburgh for filtration, telemetry, VFD's, and sludge handling at a cost of \$35.

OTHER:

The board was in executive session from 8:17 – 8:50 pm to discuss a personnel matter.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed (4-0) to authorize the following starting pay rates:

- Somruethai "Oom" Hilliard – Full-time, Front Desk Receptionist/Clerk – \$18.50/hour
- Denise Gugumuck – Part-time ZEO Clerk – \$18.50/hour

A motion was made, seconded, and passed (4-0) to change the pay of the following employees effective 2/19/24:

- Donna Clarke – Clerk to \$20.50/hour
- Amanda Peterson – Assessor Clerk, Town Clerk Deputy, and Tax Collect Deputy to \$20.50/hour
- Desiree Diskin – Confidential Secretary to the Town Supervisor to \$19/hour

PROCELLACOR DEBATE, CONTINUED

issue permits for the use of ProcellaCOR in Lake George without holding an adjudicatory hearing. This ruling is currently being appealed in a case that will be argued before the NY State Appellate Court at the end of March. That court's ruling is expected to be delivered in early to mid-May.

The LGA website [HERE](#) provides further new details about their position on the risks that ProcellaCOR poses in Lake George. The site also includes the comments sent to the DEC by the LGA and the Lake George Waterkeeper, which note that "Recently published studies, conclusions from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Risk Assessment about potential impacts to ecology, and the ProcellaCOR label itself identify risks and uncertainties." The website also shows a timeline of events from January 2022 to the present and offers an option to sign up to receive periodic updates about ProcellaCOR.

The LGPC's position, on the other hand, is that ProcellaCOR is a safe and effective method to supplement the current strategy of managing Eurasian Watermilfoil through hand harvesting. The commission notes that it is following all required precautions, including notifying landowners within half a mile of the treatment sites that they are

applying for a permit. Visit the LGPC website [HERE](#) for a complete overview of their planned ProcellaCOR pilot project, along with an FAQ about the product.

Explanatory note: The jurisdiction of the Town of Hague extends to the highwater mark on the eastern shore of Lake George. Thus, the sites where the LGPC hopes to test ProcellaCOR are in the Town of Hague, though the adjacent land is in the Towns of Putnam and Dresden. ▣

TIM ROWLAND'S TRIBUTE TO THE TERZIAN WOODLOT TRAIL

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

If you've got a hankering for solitude, Hague in winter is the place to be.

Tim Rowland took note of this recently when he traveled from his home in Jay to hike the Terzian Woodlot trail in Sabbath Day Point.

As he wrote in an article in *The Adirondack Explorer*, "The trail is likely popular in summer, but in winter solitude is all but guaranteed." In his lovely tribute to the beauty of our part of the lake (not that readers of *The Hague Chronicle* need to be reminded of this, of course), Tim also notes, "You'll know you're a real Adirondacker when you stop calling it "The" Hague, and when you make a point a time or two a year to drive along the lake's northern shoreline where hulking



mountains rise straight out of the watery depths."

Tim loves the trail's name, musing that it "sounds like one of those new-millennium bands: 'Yes, in my day job I'm a chemical engineer, but on weekends, I play bass for Terzian Woodlot.'"

And, I love his recap of the difficulty in finding the trailhead: "Turn where you don't see a sign, and don't turn where you do." He also took note of the information at the trailhead kiosk that included "a sober notice to leave the rattlesnakes alone," a warning he says he was happy to heed.

Tim, who some might remember from his days writing for *The Sun* in Ticonderoga, has a quick wit, while also delivering useful information to the readers. An article [HERE](#), filled with details about hiking the trail, is no exception. You can also read his series on the housing crisis in the Adirondacks, [HERE](#), which is certainly no laughing matter. ▣

GRANT TO LGLC TO MANAGE HWA

The hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA), first found on land in the southern basin of Lake George, has made its way north. Last spring, the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) discovered an infestation of HWA on 108 trees within its Clark Hollow Bay Preserve, in Putnam, across from Hague. The actual number of infested trees is estimated to be at least double that, considering that many trees were inaccessible for evaluation.

That's the bad news. The good news is that the LGLC was recently awarded an \$86,215 grant to support its efforts to control (HWA) on this preserve.

Hemlock trees play an important role in forests, preventing soil erosion and providing habitat for both terrestrial and aquatic wildlife.

Left alone, HWA will kill hemlocks within five to ten years, making early detection critical to effective management.

Hemlocks are a dominant tree species in much of the forest surrounding Lake George, making HWA especially dangerous for the preservation of water quality and health of the whole lake ecosystem.



HWA on a hemlock branch

In partnership with the New York State Hemlock Initiative (NYSHI), the LGLC released *Laricobius nigrinus* beetles on the Clark Hollow Bay property in the fall of 2023. The beetle, which is native to the Pacific Northwest, preys exclusively on HWA.

A highly-controlled chemical application was also conducted on the property with help from the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP).

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about how LGLC is managing HWA and other terrestrial invasives in the Lake George Basin and what you can do to help, including learning how to identify HWA. ▣

SOUNDINGS

DIED: Erwin Jeremiah Siwek, 70, on January 19, 2024, at his home in Pine Cove in Hague. He was “Bub” to family and friends and “EJ” to colleagues.



Bub was born and raised in Ballston Spa. He attended Alfred University, where he obtained his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education and environmental science. While there, he met his future wife and the love of his life, Cynthia Jane “Cindy” Wilkinson.

He began his career working for nonprofits before founding two successful businesses from the ground up: SCLM Software and Flashpoint Technologies.

In the 1980s, Bub and Cindy began their family. They raised their three sons in Connecticut. A devoted father, Bub shared his love of the great outdoors with his boys, including camping trips, tennis, hiking, and countless lake activities.

Bub loved to travel, cheer on the UConn women’s basketball team, and he could fix just about anything. He provided a life full of fun and happy memories at their home in Connecticut and each summer in Hague.

With the help of his sons and friends, Bub fully renovated the Pine Cove house to make it his family’s dream home that they could cherish for decades to come. Once the house was complete in 2005, Bub and Cindy moved to Hague full time.

Bub retired from a career in Meeting Planning in 2011.

Then, he started his second career as a chef, which he loved and which anyone who tasted his food appreciated. Some of the family’s most cherished memories were made at the dinner table enjoying Bub’s homemade cooking, always paired with a glass of red wine.

He spent his free time trying out new recipes, undertaking home

improvement projects, traveling, woodworking, being a Hague Hiker, and taking out the family boat – deemed the *Island Hopper* – for campfire picnics with family and friends.

He was a loving father, devoted husband, dear brother, and doting grandfather.

Bub was predeceased by his sister: Cynthia Siwek Mendez.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Cindy; three sons, Scott (Kristina), Christopher, and Jason (Kelly); and five grandchildren, Joy, Maisie, Bryce, Madelyn, and Vera.

He is also survived by: one brother, Eric Siwek; and four sisters, Susan Siwek, Gretchen Siwek Pomeroy, Sarah Siwek, and Amy B. Siwek Strack.

An intimate family service and burial will be scheduled for this summer. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a memorial in his honor at the place he loved most.

DIED: Joan Margaret (Carew) Brady, 86, of Jupiter, FL, Gaithersburg, MD, and Hague, peacefully, on February 2, 2024 at Jupiter Medical Center,



surrounded by her family.

Joan was born in New York City. Growing up in Silver Beach, as the oldest sibling to six sisters and two brothers, she guided, protected, and nurtured her siblings.

She graduated from Preston High School in the Bronx and Mary Immaculate Hospital School of Nursing in Queens, where she made enduring friendships. Later, she earned a B.A. in Humanities from Trinity College in Washington, D.C.

She married Dr. John M. Brady in 1961 and they honeymooned in Hague at Rogers Rock Campground. She and her husband adopted four children from St. Ann’s in Washington, D.C. and raised them in Gaithersburg, MD. They were active members of St. Martin’s of Tours Catholic School and Church in

Gaithersburg and Joan’s faith was a guiding force in her life.

The family camped at Rogers Rock each summer until 1999, when they bought their house, *Lake Music*, on Lakeshore Drive in Hague. Once her husband retired, they lived in Hague from May through October. She was active at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and in the Hague Senior Club. She was blessed to visit Lake George one last time in 2023.

She dedicated her time and talents to her husband, children, grandchildren, and community. She also enjoyed preparing gourmet meals for her family, sewing clothes for her girls, and painting.

She leaves behind her: husband of 62 years, John; four children, Stephen Brady, Colleen Brady, Matthew Brady, and Cynthia (Brady) Cooper; and five grandchildren, John Lippens, Maggie Lippens, Justin Cooper, Ryan Cooper, and Conor Brady.

Donations on her behalf may be made to St. Ann’s Center for Children, Youth, and Families, 4901 Eastern Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20782. ▣

TICONDEROGA CENTRAL SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-2018

At the meeting of the Ticonderoga Central School District Board of Education on February 14, 2024, the following calendar was approved for 2024-2025:

First Day for Students — 9/5/24
Last Day for Students — 6/27/25
Parent/Teacher Conferences — 11/25-26/24 (Students don't go.)

Days when school will NOT be in session:

- September 2nd
- October 14th
- November 11th, 27th – 29th
- December 23rd – 31st
- January 1st, 20th, and 29th
- February 17th – 21st
- April 18th – 25th
- May 26th
- June 19th

POSB UPDATE

by Linda Fusco

On Tuesday February 6, 2024, the Property Owners of Silver Bay (POSB) board met via ZOOM.

John Lipori, liaison for the Forest Bay Home Owners Association (HOA), joined us. This was the first time a liaison has attended a POSB board meeting, as we are expanding “Beyond” our original relationship with only Silver Bay YMCA. POSB now extends an invitation to all neighborhood communities in the area to have a liaison to connect the Property Owners of Silver Bay with your community. At the meeting, Bobbi Taylor was welcomed by unanimous board approval as the liaison for Pine Cove. Anyone interested in serving as a liaison from their neighborhood to the POSB should contact me at lindafusco@gmail.com.

It was reported that membership has increased to 121, a record for POSB. This is wonderful, but it has us thinking about our expansion. The POSB board’s task is to further develop our brand by using key phrases to reach out to engage other residents for membership and attendance. We are working on creating our “motto” as it relates to branding efforts. Building relationships with new and old families in specific sections within our area is a priority.

Vice-President and Webmaster Bill Klebe has provided our membership with a website [HERE](#) that has information about events year-round regarding the Silver Bay, Hague and Ticonderoga area.

At the February 6th meeting:

1. The board reviewed a preamble to be added to our Manual of Practice (which was approved by the POSB board on November 3, 2023). The Manual of Practice provides guidelines and definitions for POSB board member positions as well as liaisons. The Manual of Practice is an important document, as it demonstrates how we will proceed and expand membership to the surrounding communities
2. The July 29, 2024 membership meeting will feature Ticonderoga Consolidated School District (TCSD)

Superintendent Scott Nephew and Ticonderoga Junior and Senior High School Principal John Donahue as guest speakers. Their presentations will focus on TCSD educational resources and the issues New York State rural schools face today.

The POSB continues to support the northern Lake George population on issues of mutual interest. Several other POSB programs are being planned, including one that will include a review of the Hague property tax situation.

The POSB board will meet again on April 30, 2024 at 7:30 pm via ZOOM. 

SILVER BAY HAPPENINGS

Join Peter Doliber on March 6, 2024 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm ET for a virtual town hall meeting. He will be updating you on all things Silver Bay YMCA. You can join virtually via ZOOM using the information below.



If you would like to submit a question to be answered during the town hall, please send it to Sarah Spitzer at sspitzer@silverbay.org.

To join ZOOM meeting, click [HERE](#). Meeting ID: 871 6631 0166 Passcode: 097527 

LGPC ANNUAL REPORT

The Lake George Park Commission’s (LGPC) 2023 annual report, issued in January of this year, provides a wealth of detailed information about the commission’s many responsibilities and activities. From protecting Lake George’s water quality to helping ensure the safety of tens of thousands of users, the LGPC keeps very busy throughout the year. Here are some highlights from its report. Click [HERE](#) to read the full report.

- **Safety:** The LGPC’s Marine Patrol has been patrolling the waters of Lake George since 1962. In 2023, its staff clocked more than 6,500 hours of service on the lake.
- **Septic inspections:** During the first season of septic system pump outs and inspections, the LGPC found that approximately one-fourth of the

systems reviewed are in failing condition and another one-third are in need of repairs or upgrades in order to be compliant with NYS health codes. Most of the septic systems around the Lake George Park are more than 30 years old, which is their typical design life.

- **Permitting:** The LGPC is charged with oversight and administration of permits for all docks, marinas, and charter/tour boats on Lake George. In addition, it administers stormwater management and stream corridor permitting for land development within the Lake George Park. The commission’s permitting staff receives and administers 300+ applications each year.
- **Science:** The LGPC entered into an agreement for approximately \$48,000 with Darrin Fresh Water Institute (DFWI) – the primary research entity on Lake George – to compile and synthesize recent and historic studies into a comprehensive, yet concise, report. Work on this project has been ongoing by the staff at DFWI and a report is anticipated in this spring.
- **Upland threats:** The LGPC partners with the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District, which has a primary mission of addressing “non-point sources” of pollution, including stormwater runoff, sediment erosion, streambank failures, and more.
- **Controlling invasive species:** The most effective and practical means of invasives control is through the mandatory inspection program of all trailered vessels prior to being launched into Lake George. The LGPC implemented this program in 2014, with financial assistance from local municipalities and nonprofits. Since then, no new invasive species have been discovered in Lake George. The LGPC has managed Eurasian Milfoil for more than three decades, largely through contracted dive crews. In 2023, more than 100,000 pounds were removed from 29 different locations in the lake.
- **Managing the lake’s daily level:** The LGPC works with Patriot Hydro, the hydropower facility operator that manages operations at the Lake George dam in Ticonderoga. 

ICE-IN!

The Lake George Association (LGA), in consultation with its members and the Darrin Fresh Water Institute, have determined that "Ice-In" (defined as when someone could walk from one end of the lake to the other solely on the ice) for this year was February 11, 2024. As is often the case, Hague Bay was the last area to freeze. Please note that it is NOT SAFE to walk on many areas of the lake!

The lake did not fully freeze last year, so this is the first time the lake has been fully covered in ice since 2019, when ice-in was January 22nd and ice-out was April 13th.

The lake has stayed "open" (not fully frozen over) seven of the last 21 years. ❏



Photo courtesy of the LGA

TI-ALLIANCE UPDATES

PRE-REGISTER FOR COMMUNITY CHILDCARE

Pre-registration is now open for the Ticonderoga Community Early Learning Center. When it opens later this spring, the center will provide full or part-time care to children six weeks to five years old, Monday – Friday, 6:30 am – 6:30 pm, for all families in the region.

While pre-registration is not a commitment on the part of a family, pre-registered families will be given priority for enrollment based on the date of pre-registration. The center anticipates full enrollment with a waitlist upon opening, so families are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible.

The center will be assisting all families in securing appropriate subsidies. Applications and more information are available [HERE](#).

Addressing the need for public childcare in our community has been a monumental challenge, which may not have been possible without our entire community coming together. The alliance is grateful to all of its partners, supporters, and donors.

CONTRACTOR NEEDED

The Early Learning Center at St. Mary's School needs a few retrofits to meet childcare code and is seeking a contractor to install:

- Three ramps at the exterior doors
- Five HVAC "splits"
- One exterior door
- Three sinks/cabinet retrofits

These tasks need to be done right and quickly. Bid documents and engineering drawings are available. If you, or someone you know, is interested in bidding this project with completion this spring, contact donna@ticonderoga-alliance.org before March 10, 2024. Local minority and women-owned and veteran businesses are encouraged to apply.

THE SPRING JOB FAIR RETURNS

The Ticonderoga Area Student Job Fair will be held on April 25th from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm in the high school gym. It is free for participating employers and is a great opportunity to connect with young, reliable seasonal employees. To make the most of the employer's time, employers' job listings are provided to students in advance and interviews can be pre-scheduled. All Ticonderoga area employers are welcome to attend and are encouraged to contact Ti-Alliance Program Coordinator, Melinda Fuller at fuller.melinda@gmail.com to RSVP and for details. ❏

2024 LGA GALA

The Lake George Association (LGA) invites you to attend a memorable evening of cocktails, dinner, music,



and dancing on Friday, July 12, 2024 at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing as it celebrates its love of Lake George and its commitment to lake protection. More information will be in future issues. ❏

TI FESTIVAL GUILD MAGIC SHOW

Mr. Fish will present a magic show on March 2, 2024 at 11 am at the Teen Center in the Ticonderoga Armory at 123 Champlain Avenue in Ticonderoga.



He will do juggling, magic tricks, balancing, and boomerangs. He promises lots of fun and laughs for all. ❏

HIKE-A-THON REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 4, 2024

The Lake George Land Conservancy has announced that registration for its annual summer Hike-A-Thon will open on March 4, 2024 at 8 am.

The event will take place on Friday, July 5th, with 25+ different groups participating around Lake George (and virtually). Sites vary in levels of difficulty to allow for all abilities.



This year, there will be a new stand-up paddleboard group in Northwest Bay

and a canoe/kayak group in Huddle Bay.

Returning from last year will be the challenging 7.5-mile Cat and Thomas loop, and the wooden boat Cruise-A-Thon!

Groups fill up fast – sometimes within the first hour – so register early!

Everyone who signs up in the month of March will receive a free event t-shirt.

Information about available sites, how to volunteer, and how to

sponsor the event are all [HERE](#). ❑

RESERVE YOUR SPACE ON LGA'S FLOATING CLASSROOM

Reservations for this summer's Floating Classroom are now open — three months earlier than usual. The two-hour interactive cruise is offered to the general public every Wednesday in July and August at 10 am and 1 pm. Space on each excursion is limited to 25 people. Make your reservation [HERE](#). ❑



TACC ANNUAL REPORT AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The year 2023 proved to be a positive and productive year for the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC), serving as the Ticonderoga Area Business and Visitor Center with a steadfast focus on the economic vitality of the business community and the Ticonderoga Area.

- **MEMBERSHIP** : Membership Services, Growth, and Retention
- **BUSINESS**: Business Services, Support, Assistance, and Development
- **TOURISM**: Marketing, Events, and Visitor Services
- **COMMUNICATION**: Public, Business, and Community Relations
- **LEADERSHIP**: Partnerships, Economic Development, and Advocacy
- **ORGANIZATION**: Finance, Staff, Board of Directors, and Ambassadors

To see the entire report click [HERE](#).

Also included in the report is an information page with a variety of facts and figures from business inquiries, the Chamber's Employment Opportunities program, and interesting details about the TACC.

"Thank you to our members, partners, board of directors, ambassadors, volunteers, and supporters for your continued commitment and coordination. You make all our member

benefits, programs, services, events, efforts, and initiatives possible. We would not be here without you. We live our mission every single day, strive to reach our vision, and are committed to each of our key areas of focus. While 2023 certainly had its challenges, Team TACC worked diligently to ensure the Chamber and the Ticonderoga area are perpetually growing and strengthening. We are excited about the future, the renewed positive forward movement, the ongoing growth of the business community, and TACC's continual expansion. Continued great things are ahead," shared TACC President and CEO Matthew Courtright.

At the Annual Board Meeting held in January, TACC approved new board members for 2024 including Angela Brown from Century 21 Adirondacks, Bob Porter from the Wind-Chill Factory & Mexican Grill, and Jennifer Pribble from TrailNorth Federal Credit Union.

In 2023, TACC welcomed Shylah Granger from Mountain Lake Services, Matthew Maneri from Sylvamo, and Walt Lender from Silver Bay YMCA and Montcalm Liquor to the Board of Directors. In addition, Allison Kaupelis from Pretty and Polished became the Board Chair and Renee Scuderi from Tromblee's Greenhouse & Gifts moved onto the executive board.

TACC also saw expanded staff growth in 2023 with the addition of Chloe Rocque

as the new office and executive assistant.

In 2023, Cathy Allen joined the team of the Ticonderoga Area Farmers Market, serving as the Onsite Market Manager. ❑



TOP (L to R): Team TACC - President and CEO Matthew Courtright, Employment Opportunities and Outreach Coordinator Megan Bambara, Office and Executive Assistant Chloe Rocque, Member Service and Events Manager Erin Mullen

BOTTOM (L to R): New TACC Board Members - Jennifer Pribble/TrailNorth Federal Credit Union, Bob Porter/Wind-Chill Factory, Angela Brown/Century 21 Adirondacks, and TACC President and CEO Matthew Courtright

TI END OF WINTER CARNIVAL AND FIREWORKS

On Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2, 2024, the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) will host the End of Winter Carnival and Fireworks. For details, visit timainstreet.org or ticonderogany.com. ❏

SCIENCE THROUGH SHADOWS

by Linda Fusco

On Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 10:30 am, the community is invited to the Ticonderoga High School planetarium's presentation, *Science Through Shadows*, which will preview the upcoming April 8th solar eclipse. John Donahue, principal of Ticonderoga Junior/Senior High School, will present the program. It will include:



- A brief introduction to the history of the facility
- An explanation of how outer space is represented on the dome
- The uses of the planetarium by the school district and outreach programs
- Information regarding the events for the April 8th solar eclipse that will be held in Ticonderoga and surrounding communities

Following the presentation, Donahue will lead a tour of the high school's auditorium, music room, art room, technology center, cafeteria, gym, wood/metal shop, and culinary arts facility.

Space is limited for the planetarium show. Register by emailing lindafuscophd@gmail.com or by calling or texting 914-380-2130. ❏

LOVE TO SING?

The Champlain Valley Chorale meets each Tuesday at 7 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga. There are no auditions and all skill levels are welcome. Jeris French is the music director.

The cost to join is \$12, which defrays the cost of music. ❏

TI ARTS GALLERY

The works of Judith Ellers will be on exhibit at the Ti Arts Gallery from March 7 – 30, 2024 at 119 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga. The opening reception will be on Friday, March 8th from 5 - 7 pm. The gallery is open Thursdays and Fridays from 10 am to 1 pm. ❏



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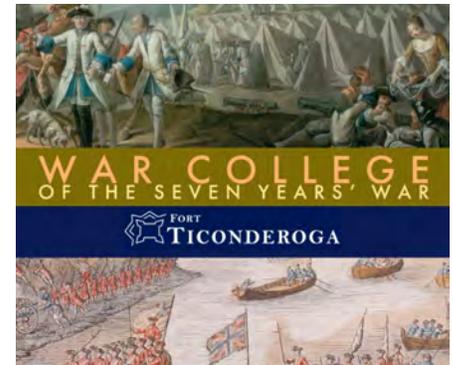
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

On March 9, 2024, there will be a Living History Event at the fort. Participants will experience a re-enactment of the third *Battle on Snowshoes* as Major Robert Rogers and his rangers go on "A Grand Scout" before the 1759 campaign season.

On March 10, 2024, Jack Kelly will present *God Save Benedict Arnold: The True Story of America's Most Hated Man*.

It's time to sign up for the 28th Annual War College of the Seven Years' War, which will be held over three days – Friday, May 17 – Sunday, May 19, 2024.



Since its beginning in 1996, the War College has become a top venue for historians on subjects related to the Seven Years' War, drawing speakers and participants from across North America and Europe.

Attendees can participate in person or via the Fort Ticonderoga Center for Digital History.

Applications are due March 15, 2024. Click [HERE](#) to apply. ❏

MASON/STAR DINNER

A public Chicken and Biscuits 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 on Monday, March 25, 2024, from 4:30 until 6 pm at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga. Meals will be available on both a sit-down and takeout basis. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 years old and under and will be sold at the door. Parking will be available along Montcalm Street and at the Hancock House parking lot. ❏

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CALENDAR

March 2024

MARCH

1		<i>The Hague Chronicle</i> published	14	4:30 pm	Seniors Club St. Patty's Day Dinner
1 - 2		Ti End of Winter Carnival/Fireworks	17		ST. PATRICK'S DAY
2	11 am	Mr. Fish Magic Show at Teen Center	19		TCSO BOE Meeting on MYAA
4	8 am	Hike-A-Thon registration opens	20	6 pm	Deadline for the April issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
6	6:30 pm	Silver Bay Virtual Town Hall	23	10:30 am	<i>Science Through Shadows</i> program at Ti High
7	7 pm	Planning Board	25	1:30 pm	Seniors Club meeting
7 - 30		Judith Eller exhibit at Ti Arts	25	4:30 - 6 pm	Mason Star Chicken and Biscuits Dinner
8	5 - 7 pm	Opening Reception for Eller exhibit	27	6 pm	HVFD CPR class
9	10 am - 4 pm	<i>Battle on Snowshoes</i> at Ft. Ti	28	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals meeting
10		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	31		EASTER SUNDAY
10	2 - 3 pm	<i>God Save Benedict Arnold</i> at Ft. Ti			
12	4:30 pm	TOWN BOARD MEETING			
12	6 pm	Short-Term Rental Public Hearing			

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