



Town Newsletter

Town of Franklin

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Vermontville Town Hall

Today when I went to my office at the Town Hall as Supervisor of the Town of Franklin, I knew it was “move over day”. This is the assessor’s day and he needs his desk and the long table for spreading out his books. The code officer was already there at 8 am. for building permits and code regulations. Sandy, the Town Clerk, who shares the same office, was sweating



it out from the hot humid day. The computer is “balking” even with the windows covered from the sun and a portable fan circulating the air. Sandy is “cornered” because Ed’s chair at his desk blocks the pathway. Both Ed and Sandy are pro’s in concentration issuing a building permit and a marriage license at the same time. Meanwhile, I have gathered up all my papers, emptied the assessor’s desk drawers, plopped all my work on one side of my implemented desk in the cubby hole of the town hall. Missy, my confidential secretary is at the computer on the other side of the office. Our chairs are back to back—we do bump and giggle frequently.

There goes the phone, grab it quickly, after playing jump the rope game over electrical extensions branching out from a 6 plug outlet on the floor for a portable fan, adding machine, stapler and copy machine.

Jim, the Superintendent of Highways just came in and needs to talk with me about the run-off of rain into the town garage. Off we go to the kitchen, close the door so we can hear each other talk. A pantry volunteer is just leaving. She brought day old bread and goodies and left them on the kitchen cabinets. The pantry is located in the back yard and is locked—I for-

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Special points of interest:

The Franklin Scholarship Committee:

- Lorrie Rumble*
- Shir Filler*
- Linda Beirsto*
- Suzanne Snizek*
- Ellen Beberman*

*Donations accepted at:
PO Box 27
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Franklin Scholarship Fund

The Franklin Scholarship Fund is currently accepting applications for grants for the 2007-08 school year. Residents of the town of Franklin who have completed 12 credits of post secondary education with a B average or better

are eligible for this fund. Please note only one scholarship will be granted during the students college career. Applications may be picked up at the Vermontville Town Hall, Saranac Lake campus of NCCC or the Saranac Lake

Free Library. Or call Lorrie Rumble at 891-3133 and Ellen Beberman at 891-7470. The scholarship fund gets no monies from the town or county—it is entirely funded through the generosity of individuals and businesses.

Vermontville Town Hall cont'd

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got the key.

The kitchen is immaculately clean after being used for a rabies clinic the night before. You see it was also court night and the social part of the hall was being used by the judge.

I did go to Kate Mtn. Recreation Park with nutritional snacks for the 6-week summer playground program. What a beautiful park! We manage to function with an inadequate facility to accommodate 35-45 youngsters a day besides the use by the general public. It is a hot day, the kids are doing a "slip and slide on a slope" on a piece of plastic hosed down by water from a drilled well. The pavilion wrapped in brown plastic 2/3 on one side keeps the rain from blowing in on rainy days. I am very nervous if there is a thunderstorm for lack of proper shelter. The porta-potty is very visible and used by the park and passers-by. We love this park with the baseball field, basketball court, picnic area, nature trail and playground equipment all used to the utmost.

Sandy just returned from Merrillville Town Hall (6 miles round trip) to a locked non-fire proof room to ascertain information from the legal records. Glenn is now setting up tables for the senior citizens bi-monthly covered dish social time in the town hall. The advantage of this day is the seniors are eating at 6 pm instead of 12 noon. The maca-

roni and cheese will not have to be passed over the assessor and his desk in the main hall. BINGO is the finale of the day with prizes from the grab bag,

The only service we have other than highways for our people is our facilities. These structures have been and will continue to be used for social gatherings, business events, fund-raisers and or just a place to enjoy and relax complimented by the virtue of the Adirondack Mountains.

It has been 25 years since the garage was built. Upgrading to accommodate its needs. At the Franklin Town Hall it has been done "when and as needed basis". Prior to the late seventies, all town offices were housed and operated in the official's homes. As time progressed, increased government activity and desire to function in a central location became a reality at the town hall.

The Town of Franklin is literally a rural beautiful town with the assets of natural beauty and compassionate people. We are known as "the bedroom town" thus with much growth in residential homes. We have no corporate businesses, many acres of state land, seasonal homes, no jails, one church, no bars and one deli-gas station. Our tax base is our home and acreage. Nostalgia, resourcefulness, talent and generosity of residents makes this town the chosen place to live in the Adirondacks, but the sad factor is that even the common sense, ingenuity and perseverance of officials and our people,

we are at the mercy of the beauracy of government, agencies and outside influences tainted with power and money in an effort to attain our goals.

Summer Playground Program for children 5-14 years of age at Kate Mtn. Rec. Park will begin July 11th at 9am to 2pm five days a week and will run for 6 weeks

Is there a youngster who needs to do community service for their school, church or club? We have many opportunities at the Town Hall or Food Pantry to help you to obtain your needed hours.

Our town will have a busy summer! Watch for cemetery plans, fund raisers, youth activities, July 21st home-town celebration.

Time For a Change

A Capital Project fund was established years ago with the money set aside in the budget to address infrastructure issues in the Town of Franklin. Several meetings of the appointed building committee have researched many avenues to address the garage, two town halls and a facility at the Kate Mtn. Rec. Park.

Since "Green Energy" is a topic of energy conservation, grants such as NYSERDA under the public service

commission of Nissan other resources both federal and state need to be pursued at this time.

Using the Town of Franklin as a model in the Adirondack s interested in LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), Yellow Wood Association of St. Albans VT. completed a study with alternate recommendation to meet our needs at a special cost of \$15,000. Work is being done to establish a cost, alternatives, grant seeking and legal as-

pects of implementing a potential bond.

The Town Board is always open to suggestions and concerns of all residents of the Town.

We encourage you to attend board meetings. If you have a question, solution or expertise to offer please come forward and request to be placed on the agenda.

The public will then be informed and

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your presentation becomes a part of the **minutes** of the board meeting. Your concerns and your solutions will be considered in the decisions relative to the infrastructure plan for our community.

1997 THE FUTURE OF KATE MOUNTAIN RECREATION PARK

The 1997 committee developed a mission statement, a vision and a committee philosophy to guide their decision making:

To encourage community involvement in planning.

To develop a park to serve all ages.

To offer varied recreational components

for different interests.

In planning the park, to consider the benefits to the town's economy.

What Are minutes of Meetings?

The basic legislative record of a town is the minute book which contains the acts of the Town's governing body (the Town Board) and is maintained by the Town Clerk. The minute book is the only chronological and historical record of the operation of the town. The record the Town Clerk prepares will be retained for its historical and legal value when, where and if the action of the Town Board is subject to any future litigation.

The Minutes must contain:

- The kind of meeting held-regular or special
- The time, date and place
- The names and titles of those present
- Approval/amendment of previous meeting minutes
- All resolutions, acts or motions given in exact detail
- A record showing the vote by "ayes" or "nays" of each member
- Names and addresses of persons appearing before the Board

*Minutes posted on our website
info@townoffranklin.com*

- Committees of the board and names of board members so appointed
- Reports of town officers, committees and department heads
- Reports of professional consultants, special studies or services
- Action of the Board on audit of claims
- Specific time of adjournment and signature of the Town Clerk

Town Highway

Spring has finally arrived, sweeping of roads, culvert work, cleaning painting of winter equipment keeps the employee's busy four ten hour days per week.

The town has purchased a TN75 New Holland tractor, 2yr. extended warranty, with a sweeper broom and cutting head

for cutting brush. Total cost following competitive bidding was \$55,695.00. This was purchased from the budget line of "Capital Project Highway". This fund was established for the purchase of equipment and is earning interest for us every month. The old tractor was sold for \$1,103.00 which will be deposited back into the fund.



Be courteous and considerate while they do their job

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All articles welcome for upcoming newsletters. Please drop off your information /tidbit/favorite recipe/ birthday greeting/announcement etc....at the Town Hall attn Missy Begor

**Or email to
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Thanks**

Good Person—Good Dog

Hello, my name is Juan-Pablo-Cruz Oliver. I'm part Chihuahua and part something else, and My Person is the Town Clerk. I'm a good dog—ask anyone who's ever met me! Like most canine members of any family, I am loving, loyal, protective, always happy to see you, full of personality and very good-looking. My Person asked me to write a few lines regarding canine news.

I want to remind all dog owners that NYS changed the dog license law, and now dog licenses expire on the date the rabies vaccination expires. So, be a Good Person to your Good Dog and keep our rabies vaccinations current. Again this year we will try to coordinate a rabies clinic in the spring.

Another part of being a Good Dog is to get trained. I did, and it certainly shows

in my behavior. I walk My Person very well and hardly ever beg for food and don't jump up on people unless they ask me to. I hear talk of some summer school training classes being held. I will keep my ears open for more information and pass it along.

Well that's about it from my point of view—2" from the ground! Thanks for your attention....see you around Arf!



Never Say Fail

In life's rosy morning,
Within youth's pride,
Let this be your motto,
Your footsteps to guide:
In storms and in sunshine,
whatever assail
Move onward and conquer,
And never say fail.

Author Unknown