



Town of Groveland

March 2020

Supervisor:

William E. Carman

Deputy Supervisor:

Bill Devine

Additional Board Members:

Steve Atterbury
Amy Phelps
Ron Niedermaier

Town Board meetings

Held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, 4955 Aten Road. All meetings are open meetings, and the public is encouraged to attend.

Groveland Supervisor

Winter is always one of those fickle seasons. January seemed like it was a walk in the park and then February arrived and ended with blustering wind and snow. Let's hope March brings the Spring excitement for everyone's renewed enjoyment of family and friend gatherings.

The third annual County-Wide cleanup will be held on April 25th - Again, Pete Dolan will be organizing and recruiting helpers to work in our town. I love seeing the community come together; a worthy cause that shows a great deal of pride.

Those of you who get the Livingston County Newspaper - did you catch the article (February 20th edition) about Groveland resident was a renaissance man - David Vialet. Most of you know I am an electrician/plumber 24 hours a day but David was also an electrician who worked on the Groveland Station railroad back in 1922 and was the founding officer of the Groveland Fire Department. I must say the article was interesting to me and goes on with even more incredible details. Many of our roads are named after the older iconic family names but David Vialet is a name I must admit I had never heard about. I kept the article in case anyone wants to read it.

Ambuscade & Building Improvements

Nothing new to report from the fall newsletter but hoping for folks to get back to enjoying our little jewel filled with history.

We continue moving forward with the help of Genesee Valley BOCES Building Trade. They have gotten a large portion of the structure up. Our intention this year is to install septic, toilets, handicap parking and odds and ends. No date yet until we see what spring brings us but if all goes well a fall dedication. Stay Tune!

Town Water
We have two projects

The Filling station to be located at the Town Highway Barns:

It has been a long grueling effort but I think we are getting ahead of the paperwork. The DASNY (Dormitory Authority of the State of New York) is who approved the SAM (State and Municipalities Facilities Program) grant for the town for \$61,000 to install a water filling station at the town hall. The hope is to have this finalized by year end but I do not have a definite date yet due to the lengthy process this has already taken. We will be putting it out for bid soon.

Water Line Extensions to Households:

This is for those roads close to the main water line that goes to the Correctional Facility. Some of you may have received a survey or two. The key date timeline for the Town's Water District No.1 project is listed below.

The Engineers & I meet in March to review the NYS Comptroller's application process and scheduling.

As you can see from the schedule our next key steps are completing the income survey and environmental reviews, defining the actual service area to be served by the project, and using that information, developing the final district map, plan and report. At any point you have any questions it is best to calling Eric Weiss with Clark Patterson Team @ 585-402-7529.



Town Clerk/Collector office
updated hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
from 9am-4pm

Wednesday 12pm-4pm

Friday 9am-1pm

585-243-1750 office

585-243-3810 fax

www.grovelandny.org

Recycling and Transfer
Station

Warner Road open on
Wednesdays 4:30P.M. -7:00P.M.
and Saturdays 9:00A.M. -

1:00P.M. Residency stickers for
2020 are \$25.00 and punch
cards are available at the Town
Clerk's office for \$20.00

(subject to change)

Income Survey	Surveys to be sent out mid-February 2020.
Supplemental Income Survey	Surveys to be sent out early March 2020. This will include any remaining parcels to be added to the master list.
Income Survey Completion	Target to have income survey submitted to the USDA-RD in April 2020.

Seniors!

Meet and greet with other seniors every 2nd Wednesday at the Groveland Federated Parish for a 12:30 luncheon.

Contact the Parish for more info or to be placed on the Parish newsletter via email @ 60c.dennison@gmail.com

Geneseo-Groveland Emergency Food Pantry

Please consider donating to the food pantry. So many of our neighbors are in need and the pantry is bare.

We have a drop box in the town hall or can be taken directly to:

The Presbyterian Church
31 Center Street Geneseo

Contact Betsy Matthews, 585-243-1141
or bsewnsow@yahoo.com

Well Testing Survey	Survey to be sent out mid-February 2020 to the property owners. Anticipate receiving most of the surveys back by mid-March 2020.
Well Testing	Testing will be completed by the Livingston County Health Department. Anticipate having results back in May 2020.
NEPA – Environmental Review	Started in February 2020 with letters to the agencies being sent out early March 2020. The process will take 1-2 months, as we require responses from all the agencies.
USDA-RD Pre-Application	Target is to submit the application at the end of May 2020, lining the project up for Federal pooling.
WIIA Application	Will depend on NYS, but typically due in September.
District Formation	Need to finalize game plan but would like to target August 2020. Will have more direction in early March 2020.
District Formed & Adoption of Bond Resolution	End of August 2020
USDA RD Application Finalized September 2020	End of September
WIIA Grant Awards Announced	Approx. December 15th
Complete USDA RD Prior to Bid & NYSEFC WIIA (if awarded) Items	April 2021
Bidding	Target of May 2021
BAN Funds Received & Construction Begins	Target of June 2021 through October 2022

Less Than One Month Until U.S. Households Receive 2020 Census Invitations

Note regarding the Census – When they have to go door to door THEY MUST HAVE ID BADGES on them!

If you have road questions
contact the highway department
directly @ 585-243-2970
If an Emergency call 911

Check out Livingston County
Museum Programs upcoming
topics on their website:
www.livingstoncountyhistoricalsociety.com

Between March 12 and March 20, invitations to participate in the 2020 Census will start arriving in households across the country. “The Census Bureau is ready for the nation to respond next month,” said Census Bureau Director Dr. Steven Dillingham. “Millions of Americans are applying for 2020 Census jobs, more than 270,000 local and national organizations are engaged, and in less than 30 days the majority of U.S. households will receive an invitation to respond to help ensure that every person in the U.S. is counted.”

“The 2020 Census is on mission, on schedule, and on budget to promote an accurate count,” Dillingham continued. “Response is important because statistics from the census are used in distributing hundreds of billions in funding for school lunches, hospitals, roads and much more. The invitations will remind respondents to include everyone living in the household, whether they are related or not. This includes young children. Your response will impact communities for the next decade.”

“The Census Bureau has successfully tested its data collection systems, has built backup systems to support resilient operations, and is ready to receive responses from all around the country,” added Dillingham.

This invitation will include instructions on how to respond to the 2020 Census online or by phone. By April 1, most households will have received an invitation delivered either by mail or by a census taker. In areas of the country that are less likely to respond online, a paper questionnaire will be included in the initial mailing to households. Reminder mailings will be sent to households that do not respond, and in the fourth mailing every household that has not yet responded will receive a paper questionnaire. [Continue Reading...](#)

Mark Your Calendar: Important 2020 Census Dates

- **March 12-20:** Initial invitations to respond online and by phone will be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service. Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with the invitation to respond online or over the phone.
- **March 16-24:** Reminder letters will be delivered.
- **March 26-April 3:** Reminder postcards will be delivered to households that have not responded.

Groveland Fire Department

Last Pancake Breakfast for the Season is Sunday March 9th!

Did you Know....
Town Clerk's office takes credit cards; there is a fee!

- **April 8-16:** Reminder letters and paper questionnaires will be delivered to remaining households that have not responded.
- **April 20-27:** Final reminder postcards will be delivered to households that have not yet responded before census takers follow up in person.
- **May 13-July 31:** If a household does not respond to any of the invitations, a census taker will follow up in person.

Always a huge thank you to all our staff for their hard work year round. I look forward to seeing as many of you this summer.

Bill Carman – Town Supervisor

Groveland Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Hello from the Town Clerk's Office, I hope you all have had an enjoyable winter season and are looking forward to the spring. Our office has blossomed as well with a fresh new look that includes new modular desks. The Town Clerk's Office is shared with 3 other departments and the new desks have helped create more space to fit all of us here.

Many families also add to their families with a dog in the spring, please remember that your new family member needs to be licensed in the town after 4 months of age following Town Law. Any questions give our office a call we will be glad to help. Recently the Town Justice Court has had to change their court hours, this has a minimal impact on our office hours. Court is held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning at 3p.m., our office is open during these hours. I would ask that you use the side door to our office, and don't worry we have signs up to assist you.

Thank you for continuing to welcome me as your Town Clerk, I hope to see you in the office soon!

Kimberly Burgess
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Groveland Town Court

Groveland Town Court has experienced many changes since January 01, 2020. Let's begin with personnel changes. We welcome newly elected Judge Mark Bean and Court Clerk Sarah Driscoll. Many thanks to retiring Judge Dave Livingston for his eight years of service and Court Clerk Terri Rider for her years of service. Judge Jenean Love, Court Clerks – Deb Coburn and Eileen Blake remain with the court.

Bail reform has added a totally new dimension to the way the

Lake View Cemetery has burial plots for sale.
Contact Joe Snyder for prices and plot location
585-335-9820

courts operate. Appearance tickets are now returnable before the Court at a date as soon as possible, but not later than 20 days from date of issuance. The Appearance Ticket is to be filed with the Court within 24 hours of issuance. Law enforcement will provide the court with the defendants preferred method of contact. The court is then required to issue the defendant a reminder of their court appearance by text message, telephone calls, e-mail or first class mail. The new law eliminates money bail and pretrial detention for nearly all misdemeanors and nonviolent felony cases. Judges are encouraged to release defendant while their cases are pending. In most cases the new law prohibits courts from issuing a warrant for 48 hours whenever a defendant fails to appear.

Groveland Town Court is one of the busiest courts in the Livingston County. As a result of the number of cases and new changes, we have changed our court hours to: Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Court will be held on the first, third and fifth Wednesday's of each month.

Groveland Highway Department

Hope you have had a good winter. It's been an "up and down" kind of season with the temperatures and it's been hard on the roads. However; the mild temperatures has allowed for some tree removal on Bennett Hill and parts of Bath Road.

For summer work we will be completing:

- A job on Swan Hill Road by oil and stoning over the gravel we put down last year.
- A second shot of oil & stone to complete last year's road work on upper end of Adamson Road
- Doing a full depth reclamation on Dantz Road with oil and stone top.
- Regular maintenance of ditching and graveling.
- We have been going around fixing up the many older road signs and or replacing them for better visibility.

It shall be a busy one. If you have any questions please feel to call me at 243-2970 have a great summer.

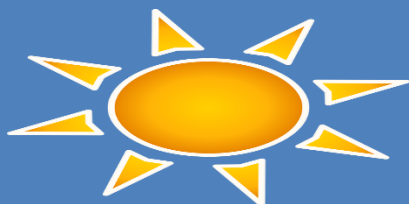
Mark Caldwell
Highway Superintendent

Groveland Assessor

Please Note that the Board of Assessment Review will meet on May 27, 2020, between 4 and 8 pm for Grievances.

Back in 2004. I had the privilege of taking a Farm Valuation class

Be Safe, Be kind &
have Fun!



taught by a Mr. Mark Twentyman a recipient of New York Farm Bureau's, Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award.

Mr. Twentyman, impressed upon me the importance of Farming and how that industry puts the least amount of pressure on the tax base of a community; I remember his saying;

"Cow's, hay, corn & other livestock don't care if the roads are plowed or the graduation statistics of the School District. Those chickens and hogs could care less if they have high speed internet or cell phone coverage."

So, as Spring is approaching and planting begins, I ask you to reflect on the benefits that a Farm Community has in regards to your local tax rates.

Now let's get back to some Assessor's Trivia, Last articles trivia winner was, Ken/Laura Tangel. Congratulations!

Here is the Question for this newsletter, Name the following;

1. The easternmost State in the US.
2. And the westernmost State in the US

First one to email me the correct answer gets a \$25.00 gift certificate to one of our local establishments.
Good Luck! Only one winner!

Dan Stanford
Assessor
Cell 315 420 1467

Groveland Code Office

New York State will be adopting the new 2020 building code on May 12, 2020. There is no grace period; codes become effective that date for all new building & zoning permits.

As a reminder, please note for any house building permit:

- Along with inspections required, there needs to be a smoke detector in every bedroom and one in the hallway outside of bedrooms and a carbon monoxide (CO) detector on every level.

My email is codeenforcement@grovelandny.org or you can reach me by phone at (585) 447-1358.

Ron Maxwell
Code Enforcement Officer