



Town of Groveland

November 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. Keep watch as we may opt to some via Zoom.

FACE MASKS REQUIRED for in-person meetings

Groveland Supervisor

Well hard to imagine its November already, it has been a challenging year with the pandemic and hard to imagine it may not be over. New Challenges Bring New Successes. Many places are moving more and more to online services; we are a small town with limited financial means. I know each of our departments provide some of their services online; however, government cannot achieve a touchless, or limited-touch services without complications, but we continue to investigate cost effective measures. Earlier in the year some of our town board meetings have been held through zoom and may resort back to that if needed. I cannot thank each of our departments enough for their efforts to work through all the challenges and still provide a safe environment with guidance under the NYS Governor's office and the Office of Court Administration and wow do they change often.

The 2021 town budget passed, and we managed to stay under the Tax Cap even with the cuts in state-aid along with reduced revenues locally and at the county level. We expect the 2022 budget to be more of a challenge but do not want to get too far ahead of ourselves.

Ambuscade & Building Improvements

Ambuscade Park Pavilion update: The pavilion has been a long journey for the town, but it is almost finished, and boy has it been a journey. There are many people to thank along the way for helping the town achieve such a beautiful pavilion in our historic park, and there is no better way to thank them by finalizing the pavilion. BOCES building trade has resumed their construction following the closing of school due to COVID 19 pandemic. The pavilion is up but still in need of the septic installation, water, and bathroom facilities.

Our community hosts some of the most generous people in our area that have offered to donate items to our historic park. It would be an honor for the town should anyone wish to donate to this project. All monetary donations would be used towards the finalization of the pavilion and the park area. It is the board's hope that the park will be open for use by summer 2021.

Town Water Projects

The Filling station now located at the Town Highway Barns:

The water fill station should be up and running by the time this newsletter reaches you; I would recommend calling the town offices first before making the trip; however, it will only be operational spring thru fall for use as it is not designed to be a winterized machine. Pending board approval, we are looking to create the coin operated system with the fee to be \$.25 for 50 gallons. A good start for now and look in the future to improve it for year-round use.

Water Line Extensions to Households:

All surveys are complete and almost ready to submit our application to US Rural Development (This is a Federal Grant) for their review, this will take approximately 1-2 months for the town to know if they can proceed with the water district and if they can provide funding. We are a bit behind the schedule as the pandemic slowed down the process. Crossing our fingers for positive feedback. Part of the next phase is creating a District that will encompass several roads all in one district, which is subject to a mandatory referendum or by petition. With creating this district requires a vote and we have opted to do so by a petition for each road involved, rather a vote of the town board. We want your voices heard. With that being said, there will be a resident from each road within the proposed district in the coming weeks to discuss the petition; a signature would be a "yes vote" in supporting the creation of the water district. This can be achieved in a safe manner each petition carrier will be wearing a mask and have sanitizer on hand.

In closing, I also wish to take a moment to thank my secretary, Sandy Bean. Sandy has retired as the town clerk but still serves the people of Groveland behind the scenes. I would like to recognize Sandy for her dedication to her community working alongside me to provide Groveland the semiannual updates through the newsletter.

Heightened awareness that rainy day funds area crucial, a heightened mindfulness of health and extra time with family and/or pets are even more precious. I hope our community

Town Clerk/Collector office hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
from 9am-4pm
Wednesday 12pm-4pm
Friday 9am-1pm
After hour appointments can be
scheduled when necessary

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)

Seniors!

Limited...Meet and greet with other seniors every 2nd Wednesday at the Groveland Federated Parish for a 12:30 luncheon. **Masks are required!**

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

More than ever Needed!!! 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

continues to be healthy and staying safe throughout the holidays and winter months.

Bill Carman – Town Supervisor

Groveland Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Hello from the town clerk's office, wow has 2020 has had a lasting effect on our community! Our offices were closed to the public and by appointment only for approximately 8 weeks while the world tried to find its way through the pandemic. I want to thank you for your understanding during this unprecedented time.

In our office you now will see protective barriers at the counter along with signage within the building to practice social distancing and to wear a mask. We are making every effort to keep those entering our office safe.

A new licensing system was implemented by NYS DEC for hunting and fishing licenses. There have been a few glitches with the system but overall, we managed our way through. The new system requires proof of residency to be applied to purchase a NYS resident license. It is my recommendation that you bring proof of NYS residency with you when apply for a hunting or fishing license. Give our office a call with what you can provide as proof.

The Town Clerk's office now has the ability to pay fees at the office using a credit or debit card, please ask the Town Clerk for details. If you have questions after business hours most information can be found on our website @ www.grovelandny.org

I wish everyone a great 2021, and I look forward to seeing you at the office.

Kimberly Burgess
Town Clerk/ Tax Collector

Groveland Town Court

In spite of the crippling and rippling effects the pandemic has imposed on everyone. The Groveland Town court continues to forge ahead. With special thanks, for the unparalleled support from The Town Board, and our Court Clerks Debra Coburn and Sarah Driscoll are positioned to keep the court working at optimum efficiency.

Courts across New York State are operating with many new changes and frustrating restrictions, from vehicle and traffic to

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



Salt Mine Stockpile

The Fire Department has cancelled their Sunday breakfasts through December. Hopefully they can resume Come the 2nd Sunday in January.

eviction matters. These are difficult times on both sides of the bench. Groveland Town Court is open Monday through Friday. The Court Clerks are working diligently to assist you in managing your case.

Like many Courts, Groveland is encouraging limited foot traffic to lessen the risk of contracting COVID-19. Defendants are given specific time slots on court dates, are required to wear masks, and social distance while in court. The same requirements apply to all Court Officials. Like the Town, the Court has gone to great lengths to provide proper PPE and sanitization to keep all attending Court and/ or the Court Office safe.

The Court Clerks are available to assist with questions on how to plea by mail, pay by mail, online, or by phone. The Court is working closely with The District Attorney's Office, again to assist and limit the risk for people who wish to avoid coming into court for a pre-trial conference. Court is still being held on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday's of each month.

Groveland Highway Department

Hope you have had some enjoyment this summer despite all the Covid-19 restrictions. We were deemed essential and had a productive summer. The summer brought some extreme hot days that caused the roads to bleed through the oil & stone which required us to lay some sand.

Spring & Summer accomplishments:

- We worked on sections of Bennett Hill & Bath Road in tree removal to prep it for gravel.
- Two shots of oil & stone were placed on Swan Hill Road
- One shot of stone & oil was placed on Adamson Road
- A full depth reclamation has been done on Dantz Road with two shots of oil & stone.
- Extensive ditching program was completed on various roads, along with several crossover and driveway pipes.

Our budgets were hit with a 20% reduction by the NYS Capital Highway Improvement Program (CHIP); of course, this was given to us in late September after all our spring and summer work was complete. This reduction is expected to carry into next year; this certainly will slow down our progress in the coming months to improve and maintain roads in the non-winter months.

We have hired a new employee, Coty Mettler who is training and will be replacing Dave Anderson. Dave will be retiring in April after 32 years of dedicated service.

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



**Wearing a Mask
may help protect
you and & other
family members.**

Be Safe & Be Kind!

If you have any questions please feel to call me at 243-2970; otherwise, wishing you all a safe and snow free winter 😊

D. Mark Caldwell
Highway Superintendent

Groveland Assessor

Keeping it short:

As I am sure you are aware the exemption renewals for Agricultural Land and Low Income Sr Exemption have been mailed.

I urge you to return these by mail and avoid coming into the office.

They are due back on or before March 1st 2021.

Dan Stanford
Assessor
Cell 315 420 1467

Groveland Code Office

Oddly, the building trade has been booming this year; we typically average 2 new house permits per year, but this year alone has 6 new houses (2 are existing houses). This will help with the future tax base, but the pandemic has brought it's struggles for the construction world as the cost of materials is starting to show a huge increase with the demand and the manufacturing not in full production. I cannot thank everyone's patience with our office as we process all these building permits and keep up with all the required inspections.

As a reminder with the recent Daylight Savings Time change November 1st is a good time to check smoke detectors and their batteries especially with everyone being home more than usual.

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

Ron Maxwell
Code Enforcement Officer

