



Town of Groveland

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Town Clerk/Collector office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.,
Wed. Noon - 4:00 P.M.
585-243-1750 office
585-243-3810 fax
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Supervisor:

William E. Carman

Deputy Supervisor:

John Driscoll

Additional Board Members:

John Driscoll
Craig Phelps
William Devine
Steve Atterbury

Town Board meetings

are 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

I would like to thank Greg Adamson for his 25+ years of service as our Highway Superintendent. He chose to retire last fall and we all wish him well and we hope he enjoys his well-deserved retirement. This resulted, however, in our town electing Jim Love as our new Highway Superintendent. Jim officially began his new position on January 1st of this year, however, the Town Board appointed him Superintendent as a temporary position after the election to fill in until his actual start date. This time gave him the opportunity to learn the "ins & outs" of the position & a head start on working with the Highway Crew.

Jim has brought a fresh new insight into the Highway Superintendent position. He and his crew have been cleaning, painting & changing some of the light fixtures in the shop.

He petitioned to get a plow installed on the "Superintendent" truck & in doing so, he has been able to clean up our Intersections & any drifts that would normally have to be done with our costlier 10-Wheeler Trucks. Jim has also requested bids for a new 1 Ton Dump Truck to replace the old one.

Jim has settled in very nicely and is available to assist Residents with any questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact him directly.

In a "Shared Agreement" with the Town of Geneseo, we have hired a new **Town Assessor, Mr. Agostino (Augie) Mineo.** Augie has office hours from 8 AM to Noon – Saturdays only, at the Town Hall. These Office Hours are for the benefit of Residents that are unable to meet with him during the work week.

Please feel free to reach out to Augie with any questions or concerns, he is very approachable & knowledgeable & can be reached at 585-243-3860.

Because our former Assessor was also my **"Part time Supervisor Secretary"**, we needed to fill that position as well. We were very fortunate to hire **Christine Lennington.** Christine is a Geneseo resident, with great deal of bookkeeping & secretarial experience. She is very capable & highly skilled &

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 2017
are \$25.00 and coupon books
are available at the Town
Clerk's office - \$20.00 for a
twenty-coupon book and
\$40.00 for a forty-coupon
book.

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.

The Presbyterian Church
31 Center Street Geneseo

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

The Groveland Station Store

Is being leased with an official
grand opening of February
24th as the
"Whistle Stop Café"

definitely an asset to our Team.

Ron Maxwell, our Code Enforcement Officer, is now working solely for the Town of Groveland. He had been working part-time for us & full time for Geneseo when Geneseo decided to "abolish" his position! Ron does a great job for us & we feel lucky to continue to work with him. He can be reached at his new number (585) 447-1358, if you have any questions or concerns.

Lastly, **Ambuscade Park** must be completed this year! State paperwork, requirements, and bureaucracy have made this project nearly impossible! We are between a "rock & a hard place". What we need is for the State to make some concessions as to what we are required to do. If we MUST follow the current requirements; we will not be able to meet the terms of the grant that was set up when Jim Merrick was the Supervisor, the paperwork alone has been overwhelming & has taken up a great deal of Sandy's & the rest of the Committee's time. To have this all "not" work out would be hugely disappointing.

I hope this newsletter finds all of you Healthy & Happy!

Bill

Groveland Town Clerk/Tax Collector

A huge "thank you" to Cricket Adamson for the generous donation with giving a piece of Groveland's history back to the Town and now proudly hanging in my office. The Groveland State Bank which is the original sign from when the bank was open from 1923-1974. We are working with the Town's Historian, David Carman to get all the information to do a nice press release and plaque.

The 2017 tax collection was a busy one, but I want to make sure each of you look closely at all your tax bills/receipts and make sure you have a valid address listed. With all the changes over the past few years with the Tax Cap laws, many homeowners are entitled to the rebate checks; which are mailed directly from the NYS Comptroller's Office. If the address is wrong, then the money gets returned to the state. It is always a good idea to periodically search the State's website for unclaimed funds. I know a few friends in the County that have found money owed to them. Here is the link:
<http://www.osc.state.ny.us/ouf/>

Sandra Bean

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Groveland Volunteer Fire Department

The Fire Department is holding a "Get Ready For Summer" raffle. \$5 per ticket.

Drawings will be held in April at their open house.

See a member of the fire department for tickets and more details.

Seniors!

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

The March meeting will be at the Murray Hill and includes a tour.

Contact the Parish for more info

Groveland Town Court



Town Courts have earned the reputation as being the Courts "closest to the people". Town Justice duties include, but are not limited to, arraignment of felony and misdemeanor charges, presiding over misdemeanors and violations that are committed within the town's geographic boundaries, issuing Orders of Protection, and presiding over civil cases such as small claims and landlord/tenant matters that may result in an eviction as well as a monetary judgment for rent that is back due. Groveland Town Court remains the second busiest Town Court in Livingston County. In 2016, Groveland Town Court processed 1,638 cases and reported over \$255,000 in revenue. Additionally, the Town of Groveland received approximately \$16,000 from the Traffic Diversion Program.

We are proud to announce, Thursday January 26, 2017, Judge Love was elected President of the Livingston County Magistrate's Association, Judge Livingston was elected as a Director, and Terri Rider was elected VP of the Livingston County Clerk's Association.

If you have not already done so, please stop by the Groveland Town Court and view the improvements that have been made. Our Court Clerk, Terri Rider, applied for and received \$19,000 through a Justice Court Grant. As a result, we have been able to remodel the restroom making it handicap accessible, and construct a spacious, soundproof room that will be used for Jury Deliberations, Attorney/Client conferences and an inmate holding room.

Groveland Highway Department

Due to the mild winter with the temperatures ranging from 50° to 15°; from raining to snowing, has made a mess of our dirt roads. Dirt roads freeze faster than the black top roads. Please slow down and drive careful. Respect our town snow plows. Jim Love

Groveland Historian

Greetings fellow residents of Groveland, My name is David Carman and I have been appointed as the new Groveland Historian. As a lifetime resident of Groveland, I look forward to sharing the long and rich history of our town. From Williamsburg, the Shakers, Craig Colony, and the Sullivan Expedition; Groveland has been a place in shaping our nation's history. This will be a busy year for the office. In addition to responding to genealogy requests, former residents and businesses, I will be organizing and cataloguing the towns records, artifacts and other items. If you have any items you would like to donate or have any questions please contact me. Thank you and I look forward to serving the community.

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