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Town Board Work Meeting, Draft Minutes, August 9, 2016

The Work Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 9th day of August 2016 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

ABSENT WAS: Councilman Gerald Wood

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, and two interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Minutes to be accepted at the Regular Meeting on August 11, 2016: June 9, 2016 – Regular Meeting; July 12, 2016 – Work Meeting; July 14, 2016 – Regular Meeting

TRANSFERS, VOUCHERS, AND BILLS: Vouchers and bills will be addressed at the Regular Meeting on Thursday. Supervisor Lounsbury also has a transfer that will need to be approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Lounsbury received correspondence from the Brookside Cemetery Association, which she will read at the Regular Meeting.

HIGHWAY

1. Superintendent Bates reported that the front drum and bearing on the rented roller from Abele failed. Abele was able to deliver a replacement roller within a few hours. However, Abele is claiming that the failure of the bearing was due to the Highway Department's chaining the roller down too tightly and repairs would cost around \$3,300. Superintendent Bates told Abele that it was not possible to damage a wheel bearing on a roller in that manner. He has worked highway maintenance for 38 years; he has personally transported thousands of rollers over the years; and he has been an equipment operator as well as an instructor in this regard. Superintendent Bates presented the situation to Finke Equipment and they confirmed that the accusation was absolute nonsense. Superintendent Bates will not approve the charges.

As far as the Town's roller goes, Finke expected it should be ready by next week.

2. Councilwoman Cooke inquired about the mower which remains on the side of the road after being

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involved in a minor accident. Superintendent Bates stated that it should not be moved until the tire could be replaced. When that is done, the mower can be brought back to Town Hall and can then be inspected to determine the extent of the damages.

Supervisor Lounsbury reported that the insurance company has been notified as well as Worker's Compensation; however, she still awaits the police report.

REPORTS: The regular reports from the Supervisor, Attorney, Highway Department, Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector, Assessors, Water/Sewer Committee, and Recycling Center will be given at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS

1. On July 12th Erin Nevins of Nevins Insurance Agency presented the Town with the renewal rates for the health insurance which will become effective September 1, 2016. She reported that, as always, the replacement plan is not exactly the same, but very similar. The renewal plan would incorporate a 2.8% increase over last year's premiums; deductibles would increase from \$4,000/\$8,000 to \$4,800/\$9,600; out-of-pocket will increase from \$6,350/\$12,700 to \$6,850/\$13,700; 'tier 1' pharmacy will increase from \$8 to \$10; there will be a slight increase/change in the Primary Care and Diagnostic Radiology co-pays/structure; Specialist co-pay remains at \$60; and the Emergency Room deductible structure will change.

However, neither the dental nor the vision premiums will increase this year.

Supervisor Lounsbury noted that Mike Lyons, the Union Representative, has been afforded the information on the health plan renewal, but she has not heard back from him as of this evening.

2. Supervisor Lounsbury announced that the interviews to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board were held. Maryanne Overbaugh was one of the applicants and Thomas Kropp was the other, however, his letter of interest arrived past the due date. The Planning Board requested that the Town Board entertain the idea of having an alternate member, for the purpose of meeting the quorum, which is frequently not met due to members' other commitments. They recommended that Maryanne Overbaugh be appointed to fill the vacancy and Thomas Kropp be appointed as the alternate.

Councilwoman Cooke questioned whether an alternate would be acceptable under Town Law. Supervisor Lounsbury will look into that matter.

Discussion ensued over each Board members thoughts and perspectives on the appointment of the new Planning Board member:

Councilwoman Sedlmeir felt that Mr. Kropp would be new blood and when people like that come forward, they should be welcomed. Councilwoman Sedlmeir made it very clear that her feelings on the matter had nothing to do with Maryanne, who she described as a lovely person who serves the Town and Community in so many other wonderful capacities. Councilwoman Sedlmeir would like to see Thomas Kropp appointed to fill the vacancy and Maryanne Overbaugh selected as the alternate.

Councilwoman Cooke felt that Maryanne Overbaugh be appointed to the Board and Thomas Kropp be appointed as the alternate. Her concern lies with the fact that Mr. Kropp's letter of interest arrived a week after the deadline that was set.

Councilman Bolte and Supervisor Lounsbury remembered that there have been other times where a letter of interest had been received late, but was still accepted as long as it was received before

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interviews were conducted.

Councilman Bolte stated that he did not have a problem with Maryanne and noted that she has been very good to the Town. However, he felt that the Planning Board depends on the Building Inspector to answer questions for them. When you appoint someone who you know will have to recuse themselves due to a conflict of interest that is bound to arise, that person should not be appointed to the Board. In addition, the Town has worked hard to get families out of Town government for the betterment of the Town. He would vote against her appointment again.

Supervisor Lounsbury stated, as she has before, that out of respect for the Planning Board, the Town Board should honor the recommendation of the Planning Board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Although Supervisor Lounsbury is skeptical about switching accountants, she asked the Board to consider putting out a request for proposals.
2. With the Town having been audited recently, it has been suggested that, although the four new accounts that were created in the recent past were approved by the Town Board, a Resolution should be passed to approve them. Attorney Fallati will have the Resolution prepared for Thursday's meeting.
3. Supervisor Lounsbury wished to bring to the Board's attention, the Tyler Technologies contract is due to expire at the end of this year. Supervisor Lounsbury asked the Board to consider renewing the Tyler Technologies contract which costs the Town approximately \$25,000 per year for support and updates.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Councilwoman Sedlmeir suggested that something positive be placed in the monthly 'Town of Rensselaerville Newsletter' in an effort to inform readers of the optimistic and constructive happenings in and around Town.
2. Councilman Bolte inquired if anyone from the Water Committee applied for some of the millions of dollars in grant money that is available. Supervisor Lounsbury confirmed that there was no grant application out there.

Supervisor Lounsbury wished to inform everyone that the water in the hamlet is much improved. The aerator which was installed has proven to be effective as the water is becoming clearer by the day.

Councilman Bolte stated that the State is continually encouraging residents to get off of surface water. If the Hamlet got off the surface water, it would not only eliminate the brown water experienced during the summer months and turn the fire hydrants into properly functioning hydrants, but it would also take the whole Town off the liability of the dam.

Councilman Bolte noted that it does not cost as much to drill wells as rumor has it. The drilling of wells has proven to be very effective in other localities. Councilman Bolte hoped that with the new members on the Water Committee, someone would apply for the grant money that is available.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (4) Lounsbury, Bolte, Cooke, and Sedlmeir; Absent (1) Wood;

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk

Act FAST

FAST is an easy way to remember and identify the most common symptoms of a stroke. Recognition of stroke and calling 9-1-1 will determine how quickly someone will receive help and treatment. Getting to a hospital rapidly will more likely lead to a better recovery.

Use FAST To Remember The Warning Signs Of A Stroke

- F** **FACE:** Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
- A** **ARMS:** Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- S** **SPEECH:** Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?
- T** **TIME:** If you observe any of these signs, call 9-1-1 immediately.



**Call 9-1-1 immediately if you observe any of these symptoms.
Note the time of the first symptom.
This information is important and can affect treatment decisions.**

(Source: <http://www.stroke.org/understand-stroke/recognizing-stroke/act-fast>)

***Move Breathe Relax***

YOGA: Tue. & Thu. 9-10:15 am
PILATES: Wed. 5:45-6:15 pm & Sat. 9-10 am

Classes Open to All at Conkling Hall in Rensselaerville

Sarah Nelson Weiss, CYT
savitrisarah@gmail.com, 518.817.8720

Fees: Wed Pilates—\$7.00
All Others—\$12.00
10 Classes—\$100.00

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PRESENT WERE: Attorney Tom Fallati, Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury, Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilwoman Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilman Gerald Wood, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Town Clerk Victoria H. Kraker

Also present were Highway Superintendent Randy Bates, Recycling Coordinator Jon Whitbeck, Assessor Jeffry Pine, Timothy Tulloch from the Altamont Enterprise, and five interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Marie Dermody read a letter she had written as follows:

Based on Tuesday's discussion regarding the Planning Board vacancy, I feel that these comments need to be made. Since I know I won't be permitted to speak at a more appropriate time later in the meeting, and I don't know what actions the Town Board will eventually take, some of these comments may or may not be valid or necessary. And I suspect that none of my comments will affect your pre-planned actions anyway.

With that being said, this is what I know regarding the matter:

- √ Three letters of interest for the Planning Board vacancy were received.
- √ One person withdrew his name from consideration.
- √ One person submitted his letter exactly one week past the 7/14/16 deadline.
- √ One person submitted her letter of interest by the deadline set by a Town Board motion
- √ This person also received the unanimous recommendation on the Planning Board on both rounds of interviews.
- √ Twice now the Planning Board has recommended to the Town Board the appointment of Maryanne Overbaugh to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Barry Kuhar.
- √ As a result of the second round of interviews, the Planning Board also recommended that Tom Kropp be appointed as an alternate to the Planning Board.

At Tuesday's Work Meeting:

- √ Councilwoman Sedlmeir suggested that Tom Kropp should fill the vacancy and Maryanne Overbaugh should be the alternate. Her position is that the Town Board should work to encourage more participation in Town government and should appoint 'outsiders' who express an interest.
 - My opinion: if Mr. Kropp was so interested in participating in Town government, why didn't he submit his letter of interest in a timely manner? And, as an alternate member of the Planning Board, he would be serving the Town.
- √ Councilwoman Cooke expressed concern that Mr. Kropp's letter of interest was submitted after the deadline.
 - My opinion: I wholeheartedly agree. The deadline was established by an official Town Board motion. Why do things officially if you're going to ignore an official motion?
- √ Councilman Bolte dismissed the opinion of the Town's legal counsel regarding conflict of interest. He pretty much stated he didn't care if the attorney advised the Town Board that there would be no conflict of interest if Mrs. Overbaugh was appointed to the Planning Board.
 - My opinion: If Councilman Bolte doesn't trust the legal opinion of the Town's attorney, why do we pay \$34,000/year for their services?

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- √ Councilman Bolte also expressed concern about the possible need for Mrs. Overbaugh to recuse herself on certain Planning Board votes because her husband serves as the Town's Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector.
 - My opinion: This is true for any Planning Board member for whom exists a conflict of interest with a matter before the Planning Board.
- √ Councilman Bolte also stated that we should be trying not to have family members serving Town government at the same time.
 - My opinion: This is a ridiculous statement considering our present state of affairs. We have:
 - The daughter-in-law of the Supervisor serving as a clerk to the Justice;
 - The wife of the Highway Superintendent serving as a Planning Board member;
 - The wife of a highway employee serving two appointed positions;
 - The wife of an assessor serving on the Planning Board;
 - The brother of an assessor serving on the Board of Ethics;
 - And if Mr. Kropp were appointed, he is the husband of the same assessor noted above;
 - I could go back into the past, with the sister of the Supervisor; the wife of a Judge; the wife of a Highway Superintendent.

Bottom line: Councilman Bolte's position doesn't hold water.
- √ Supervisor Lounsbury opined that this is the second time the Planning Board has made their recommendation and that they know what qualities they want in a member of their Board and that their wishes should be respected.
 - My opinion: I couldn't agree more! This is a volunteer Board doing very important work for this Town. The very least this Town Board could do in support of the Planning Board is to accept their recommendation.

I question the Town Board – if the roles were reversed and Mrs. Overbaugh's letter of interest came in a week beyond the deadline, would you have even permitted her to be interviewed? And for the sake of clarification, I guarantee that my position on this matter would be the same regardless of the persons involved. I'm not sure the Town Board members can guarantee the same.

I know that Mrs. Overbaugh was present when a very heated argument took place in the office a few weeks ago, an event for which neither I or any Town Board member was present. Whatever knowledge we have about this incident is second and third hand at best. I wonder if your apparent opposition to her appointment is due to her presence during this incident despite the fact that she was the one person attempting to defuse the situation and get the others to calm down. If this is the case, should she be punished for the actions of others?

I obviously don't know what action the Town Board will take later this meeting regarding the Planning Board vacancy, however, based on your previous actions and attitudes, I can guess what's going to happen. All I can say is if the Town Board does not approve the Planning Board's recommendations, I strongly urge every Planning Board member to resign their position due to your apparent lack of respect for them.

END LETTER

2. Ernest Kuehl noted that recently the Town had paid for a seminar for the Code Enforcement Officer/ Building Inspector and also noted that this was a very good thing. However, he questioned if there were shared services in place with Greenville, which Mr. Overbaugh also serves. Supervisor Lounsbury stated that the Town already shares many of the expenses with Greenville.

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- Jeffry Pine wished to warn everyone of the dangers of Wild Parsnips, as he knows first-hand what they can do to you.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2016 Regular Meeting with corrections as follows: to remove the portion under 'Current Events': "...and Lloyd Potter. Richard Tollner has offered to cover the music." as this was not actually said during the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bolte.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2016 Work Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2016 Regular Meeting; 2nd by Councilwoman Cooke.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the following transfer:

From 'Contingency' A1990E 44999 to 'Paramedics' A4560 44001 in the amount of \$970.43 to cover the Emergency Medical Services for the period of January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bolte.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS: General Fund - \$ 46,678.89; Highway Fund - \$126,016.47; Lighting District - \$655.34; Sewer Fund - \$118.48; Water Fund - \$69.31; T&A Fund - \$5,743.38. Total Abstracts - \$179,281.87.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to pay all signed vouchers and bills; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Lounsbury read a letter from Wayne Teter, President of the Brookside Cemetery Association, thanking the Town for their assistance in restoring the cemetery due to the winter weather and some minor vandalism. A special 'thank you' went out to Councilman Wood for his efforts in obtaining the services of the Albany County inmates.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR

- Supervisor Lounsbury stated that the budget requests have gone out and some have already come back.
- Supervisor Lounsbury announced that the 2015 Annual Update Document has been filed with the State Comptroller's Office and the accountant will be out on August 16th to make any necessary adjustments. At that time, the Town will be 100% current.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to accept the Supervisor's report; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

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Councilwoman Cooke wished to thank Supervisor Lounsbury for all the effort and hard work she has put into getting all the AUDs current, not only for her term in office, but for prior years as well.

ATTORNEY

1. Attorney Fallati announced that at the conference held on July 25, 2016 regarding the Communications Tower, both sides were asked if they had any more briefing to submit. Both sides were satisfied and it was agreed to let the Court decide the issues. The Court will now consider the pending motions to dismiss. At this point, the Town awaits a decision.
2. Councilwoman Cooke questioned Attorney Fallati about paying Water/Sewer Treatment Officer, John Rice, retroactive to June 25, 2016. Attorney Fallati stated that it was acceptable to do that.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept the Attorney's report; 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1. Superintendent Bates reported that contract paving is scheduled to begin on Monday on 3 miles of Hale Road - 1" overlay. A 2" overlay will be placed on Peasley Road, and 1,200 feet on Miller Road. All is dependent on the weather and other factors.

That will complete the CHIP's funded projects. Superintendent Bates is pleased that this work will be completed in the very near future as this will give the asphalt sufficient time to cure before winter arrives. When the asphalt cures, it strengthens and it takes several warm-weather months for this happen. If the asphalt does not cure properly issues of durability arise.

2. The Town has placed 2,000 tons of hot asphalt with its own paver. There are 300 tons left which will be used for patching and small projects.
3. Superintendent Bates may consider renting a reclaimer for a portion of Smith Road.
4. The Town has purchased 1,000 tons of millings which will be used primarily on Davis Mountain Road.

There are 2,000 tons of shale in the yard which will be used for repairs on various dirt roads.

5. Referencing Jeff Pine's earlier comments on Wild Parsnips, Superintendent Bates noted that the Highway Department has received training on that subject. The wild parsnips grow primarily along highways where the dirt has been disturbed. It is an invasive species and requires disturbed ground to grow. Whenever the Highway Department finds the wild parsnip, they cut it down. This does not eliminate it, but does prevent it from producing seed and spreading.

Ernest Kuehl added that the root of the wild parsnip is actually edible.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Highway Superintendent's report, 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

TOWN CLERK: Town Clerk Kraker reported for the month of July as follows: Town Clerk Department – Total Collected \$257.50. Paid to the Supervisor - \$193.38 - the breakdown is as follows: Clerk Fees - \$ 15.38; Recycling - \$51.00; Dog Licenses - \$117.00; Zoning - \$10.00. Total - \$193.38

Fees paid to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for the 'Animal Population Control Program' aka 'dog surcharge': \$18.00. Fees paid to NYS Department of Health for one Marriage License: \$22.50. Electronic sweep from the Town Clerk's checking account for the NYS Department of Environ-

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mental Conservation - Sporting licenses: \$23.62. Water Rents collected for the month totaled \$4,012.34 which includes \$42.60 in penalties. Sewer Rents collected for the month totaled \$4,973.10 which includes \$60.63 in penalties.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept the Town Clerk's report; 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

1. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Overbaugh reported that he had no printed report for the month due to computer trouble. He noted that there were no building permits issued, but there was a \$10 pool permit issued under 'zoning'.
2. Building Inspector Overbaugh reported that the owner of the barn on County Route 360 would like until mid-December in order to remove the metal and other items that are on the site.
3. There has not been any response from the owner of the building on Smith's Corners.
4. Building Inspector Overbaugh still awaits plans for the old County building on County Route 352.
5. Code Enforcement Officer Overbaugh wished to bring to the Board's attention that the proposed Communications Tower is part of Governor Cuomo's Broadband Internet plan. Mid-Hudson had recently received funds from a grant in this regard.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to accept the Code Enforcement/Building Inspector's report; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

ASSESSORS

1. Assessor Kropp reported that the Assessor's Office has been getting the data file ready for the school districts. Due to the changes in the STAR program, the schools are asking for the files a little earlier than usual so that the bills can be double checked for accuracy. Chairwoman Kropp expects to have the files ready to be sent out to the schools on Monday.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept the Assessor's report; 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE: No report

REFUSE/RECYCLING

1. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck reported the following for the month of July: Rensselaer Iron & Steel: 8.16 ton; City of Albany Landfill: 65.05 tons; Sierra Fibers: 5.79 tons comingled and 4.95 tons old cardboard container; Oil: 22 gallons
2. Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck expressed his concern over the fact that the Town Offices do not have a back-up generator. He stated that the Town Hall is a Civil Defense building and as such, should have an automated, free-standing generator.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to accept the Recycling Coordinator's report; 2nd by Councilman Bolte.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

CURRENT EVENTS: None

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OLD BUSINESS

1. The Town Board will need to go into Executive Session later in the meeting to address the health insurance.
2. The Planning Board has made the recommendation that Maryanne Overbaugh be appointed to fill the vacancy created by Barry Kuhar. They would also like the Town Board to create the position of 'alternate member'. After that is created, they would like Thomas Kropp to be appointed as the 'alternate member'. Creation of the position cannot be done by resolution but may be accomplished by Town Law.

Attorney Fallati explained that Town Law does allow the creation of an alternate member for the Planning Board as well as the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Town currently has a Local Law with respect to an alternate for the ZBA. That Law specifically allows for the appointment of alternate members. The State Law for both Planning Boards and Zoning Boards of Appeal does allow Town Boards, through Local Law, to create an alternate position for purposes of conflicts of interest. However, the Attorney General has stated that the alternate may act whenever there is an inability or absence of a member and is not limited to conflicts of interest. The Local Law of 2008 with respect to the Zoning Board of Appeals allows for the appointment of up to two additional members and does contain the broader, opt-out language. There is not a similar provision for the Planning Board. The current version of the Zoning Law identifies specifically what the composition is for each: the Zoning Board of Appeals: five members and one alternate; the Planning Board: 7 members and no alternate.

If the Town Board wishes to have an alternate(s) for the Planning Board, Attorney Fallati recommends passing a new Local Law rescinding the existing Local Law with respect to the Zoning Board of Appeals, then passing an identical one that would provide for alternate members for both the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. A separate Local Law should be passed to amend the provisions of the Zoning Law that identifies the numbers of members.

Discussion ensued over the information Attorney Fallati presented. Councilwoman Cooke's concern is that the alternate be required to attend all the meetings. Councilwoman Sedlmeir agreed and also suggested that the alternate have voting powers. Attorney Fallati explained that under State Law all provisions that relate to Planning Board members also apply to the alternate, such as training, continuing education, conferences, compensation, eligibility, removal etc.

It is the consensus of the Board to have only one alternate for both the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lounsbury/so moved by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to authorize Attorney Fallati to draft a Local Law redoing the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board to allow for an alternate member; 2nd by Councilman Wood.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to appoint Maryanne Overbaugh to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board; 2nd by Supervisor Lounsbury.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

Councilman Wood wished to address a comment that Mrs. Dermody made earlier in the meeting. Councilman Wood felt that it was a threat when Mrs. Dermody suggested the Planning Board members resign if the Town Board did not approve their recommendation. He also thought some of her

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wording was very poor. [Editor's Note: My response to Mr. Wood's statements were not included in these minutes. However, I did state that he had the right to interpret my statement as he saw fit but no threat was made. It was simply a course of action that Planning Board members could take.)

Councilwoman Cooke also resented Mrs. Dermody's accusation that the Town Board had 'pre-planned' their actions.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Lounsbury has been pleased with the current accounting firm and is skeptical about switching accountants. However, based on the recommendation of the State Comptroller's Office, she asked the Board's permission to put out a request for proposals. Supervisor Lounsbury recommended that the Town use someone local.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Sedlmeir to authorize Supervisor Lounsbury to draw up a Request for Proposals for accounting firms. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bolte.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

2. Attorney Fallati read the following Resolution regarding the approval of the four new accounts that were created in the recent past.

RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE
TOWN BOARD

WHEREAS, the Town previously established certain bank accounts at the Bank of Greene County to facilitate the handling of its finances; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to ratify the establishment of such bank accounts;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, that the establishment of the following bank accounts at the Bank of Greene County, and with the following last four digits, is hereby ratified and approved:

- Accrual Savings: 2092
- Highway Miscellaneous Equipment Reserve: 5385
- Hydrant District: 2391
- Veteran's Honor Ring: 5393

By motion made by Marion Cooke, and seconded by Margaret Sedlmeir, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville on the 12th day of August 2016 as follows:

Valerie Lounsbury, Supervisor	Yes
Robert Bolte, Councilman	Yes
Marion Cooke, Councilwoman	Yes
Margaret Sedlmeir, Councilwoman	Yes
Gerald Wood, Councilman	Yes

END RESOLUTION

3. Supervisor Lounsbury noted that the Tyler Technologies contract is due to expire at the end of this year. She noted that Tyler Technologies has been a good program, but it is very expensive, costing the Town in excess of \$25,000 per year for support and updates. She presented the pros and cons

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of staying with Tyler. The Town has a lot of time and money invested in the MUNIS program. The County is also able to assist the Town with questions and problems that may arise with this program.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to renew the contract with Tyler Technologies and to keep the MUNIS program; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

1. Jeffry Pine made a suggestion that the non-union staff receive raises this year. He thought it would be a good time due to the savings experienced from the mild winter and lower fuel costs, to also take on projects like installing a generator.

Supervisor Lounsbury stated that non-union staff had received raises for 2016.

2. Councilwoman Sedlmeir reiterated her thoughts on placing something positive and uplifting in each edition of the Town of Rensselaerville Newsletter. Councilwoman Sedlmeir would be happy to put a few sentences together for anyone, not just the Town Board, who brings something positive to her attention.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Wood to enter into Executive Session at 8:05 PM for the purpose of discussing Union matters; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to return from Executive Session at 8:28 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to stay with the 'MVP Liberty Bronze 2' plan keeping the same \$5,000/\$10,000 deductible; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 PM; 2nd by Councilwoman Sedlmeir.

Motion carried: Ayes (5) Lounsbury, Bolte, Sedlmeir, Wood, and Cooke; Nays (0)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

Victoria H. Kraker
Town Clerk




Cider at RHS Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Rensselaerville Historical Society will feature a demonstration of making cider using a cider press and then visitors will be able to sample the cider.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1, at the Medusa Firehouse. In a departure from the traditional schedule, the program will be first, at 4 p.m., and the business meeting will be last. Between the cider program and the business meeting will a potluck dinner. The public is invited to attend all the events. The potluck and the business meeting will be inside the firehouse and the cider press and demonstration will be outside.

The program will include information about varieties of apples. Three local young people will present the program which is being chaired by RHS trustee Gerritt Platel.



At the August 11, 2016 Town Board meeting, Supervisor Valerie Lounsbury announced that the 2015 Annual Update Document (AUD) for the Town of Rensselaerville had been filed and that the Town's AUDs were now up-to-date.

I know from experience that this was no small accomplishment.. The financial records I inherited in 2010 had many errors, and try as we might, it was very difficult to schedule appointments with the Town's accountant to address the many issues that existed.

Supervisor Lounsbury persevered, got the job done, and should be acknowledged for completing this daunting task, covering the years 2010 through 2015.

(Anyone interested in seeing the AUDs can submit a FOIL request to the Town Clerk.)

STOP THE INVASION
PROTECT NEW YORK FROM INVASIVE SPECIES



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

WILD PARSNIP

Pastinaca sativa

Caution: Do not touch this plant!

What is wild parsnip?

Wild parsnip is an invasive plant from Europe and Asia that has become naturalized in North America. It is well suited for colonizing disturbed areas but can also be found in open fields and lawns. Wild parsnip sap can cause painful, localized burning and blistering of the skin.



Wild parsnip infestation

Identification

Wild parsnip can grow up to 5' tall and has hollow, grooved stems that are hairless. Leaves resemble large celery leaves. They are yellow-green, coarsely toothed and compound, with 3-5 leaflets. Small, yellow flowers are clustered together in a flat-topped array approximately 3-8" across. Flowering usually occurs during the second year of growth, starting in May or June and lasting for 1-2 months. Seeds are flat, brown, and slightly winged to facilitate wind dispersal in the fall.



Wild parsnip stem



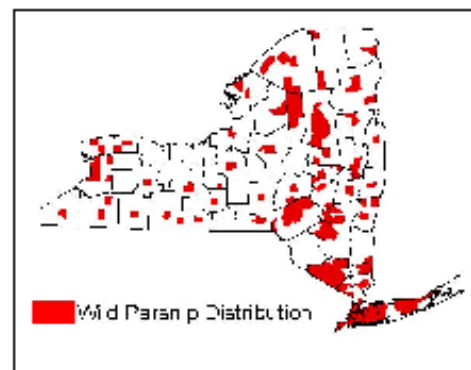
Wild parsnip leaf



Wild parsnip flower cluster and seeds
Seed Photo: Bruce Ackley, Bugwood.org

Where is wild parsnip located?

Wild parsnip can be found growing in a broad range of habitats, especially along roadsides, in fields and in pastures. It is common in the United States and Canada and is widespread in New York. The map on the right reflects only what has been positively identified and reported; it significantly under represents the presence of wild parsnip in the state. DEC encourages the public to report sightings of this invasive plant to iMapInvasives (see below).



For more information, or to sign-up for email updates from NYSDEC, visit our website:

www.dec.ny.gov

Why is wild parsnip dangerous?

Wild parsnip sap contains chemicals called furanocoumarins which can make skin more vulnerable to ultraviolet radiation. Brushing against or breaking the plant releases sap that, combined with sunlight, can cause a severe burn within 24 to 48 hours. This reaction, known as phytophotodermatitis, can also cause discoloration of the skin and increased sensitivity to sunlight that may last for years.

How to protect yourself from wild parsnip:

- Learn to identify wild parsnip at different life stages.
- Do not touch any parts of the plant with bare skin.
- Wear gloves, long-sleeved shirts, pants, boots and eye protection if working near wild parsnip to prevent skin contact with the sap. Synthetic, water-resistant materials are recommended.

If contact with sap occurs...

- Wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water, and keep it covered for at least 48 hours to prevent a reaction.
- If a reaction occurs, keep the affected area out of sunlight to prevent further burning or discoloration, and see a physician.



Burns from wild parsnip
Photo: Andrew Link, Lacrosse Tribune 2013

What can be done about wild parsnip?

Prevent establishment and spread

It is important to remove new infestations while they are still small and not well established. When using equipment where wild parsnip is present, make sure to clean it thoroughly before using it again in an area that is parsnip-free. Avoid areas where seed is present to prevent its accidental spread on clothing and equipment.

Control and management

Manual removal of plants can be effective for small areas. Cutting roots 1-2' below the soil or pulling plants by hand should be done before they have gone to seed. If removing plants after seeds have already developed, cut off the seed heads and put them in plastic bags. Leave the bags out in the sun for one week to kill the seed heads before disposal. Mowing wild parsnip after flowers have bloomed but before seeds have developed can kill the plants. Some plants may re-sprout, making it necessary to mow the area again. General herbicides can be applied as spot treatments to new shoots.

Report an infestation

If you believe you have found wild parsnip...

- Take a picture of the entire plant and close-ups of the leaf, flower and/or seed.
- Note the location (intersecting roads, landmarks or GPS coordinates).
- Report the infestation to iMapInvasives at www.NYiMapInvasives.org.

For more information, contact DEC Forest Health (see below) or your local Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) by visiting www.nyis.info.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Forest Health

Division of Lands and Forests

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
21 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561
P: 845-256-3111 | F: 845-255-3414 | ghogweed@dec.ny.gov
www.dec.ny.gov



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AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

1st Fridays - 2016

~~June 3~~ ~~July 1~~ ~~August 5~~
September 2 October 7

Festival Activities

Live open-air music	Longer shop hours
Farmer's market	Antique car show
Free kids' activities	Beverage tasting
Dinner specials	Historical tours
Tap room activities	Live animals

More Activities - 2016

Fall Festival & Parade - October 8
Miracle on Main Street - December 9



Rabies Clinic

When: Saturday, September 10, 1pm – 4pm

Where: Village of Colonie Municipal Garage, 2 Thunder Road, Colonie (map)

Description: Rabies Clinic is open to any Albany County resident.

Arranged by the Albany County Department of Health in cooperation with the Capital District Veterinary Medical Society.

Cats/Ferrets: 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Dogs: 2:30 - 4:00 PM

Donation: \$8.00/animal

For more information: www.albanycounty.com and search "rabies clinics"



Senior Citizens Info

The Town offers car service Mon-Fri by appointment only. Contact Town Hall at 239-4225 or 797-3798 for doctor appointments. The Senior bus also goes shopping on Thursday either to Cobleskill or Catskill. Call Ruth & Tom Snyder (239-4376) the day before about riding the bus if you are interested.

The Town of Rensselaerville Senior Citizens meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Medusa Fire House at noon. Anyone 55 years of age and older can join. Dues are \$8.00 a year due in June. We collect \$1.00 a month at the meeting for coffee, milk, etc. Please bring a covered dish to share. We eat promptly at noon and the meeting commences afterward. We have a picnic in August; in November, we have a Thanksgiving dinner at a local restaurant; and in December we have a Christmas dinner also. We have bus trips in the summer and fall. For further information, call Tom Snyder, President, at 239-4376.

Please note that we are in desperate need of drivers for the bus and the car. Please call Town Hall at 239-4225 if you're interested in volunteering as a driver for our senior citizens..

Additional Important Phone Numbers:

- Department of Aging 447-7179
- HEAP: 447-2551

Annual Lawn Party
Saturday, September 3, 2016
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 OF THE
 RENSSELAERVILLE LIBRARY
 CORDIALLY INVITE YOU AND
 YOUR FRIENDS TO ATTEND
 THE BENEFIT.**

TICKETS ARE \$20 AT THE GATE
 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER FREE
 TICKETS INCLUDE ONE DRINK
 CASH BAR
 PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER
 OR DESSERT TO SHARE.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO
 MAME & VICTOR SCHRAGER
 FOR PROVIDING THEIR LAWN.

**THE ELI HUTCHINSON
 HOUSE GARDENS**
 WHITE HOUSE ABOVE THE TOWN PARK
 (UNDER THE TENT)
 1440 COUNTY ROUTE 351
 RENSSELAERVILLE, NY 12147

PLEASE USE THE GARDEN GATE
 ADJACENT TO THE TOWN PARK.

FOR PARKING PLEASE
 USE TOWN PARK OR BENNETT LANE

Questions
 Rensselaerville Library
 518.797.3949
 director@rensselaervillelibrary.org
 Visit our Web Site for all our upcoming programs
 www.RensselaervilleLibrary.org

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

<http://www.usps.com>

MEDUSA POST OFFICE: Phone 518-239-4826
(19 COUNTY ROUTE 351 MEDUSA, NY 12120)
Retail Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 12:00pm; Sat 7:30am - 11:15am
Last Collection Hours: Mon-Fri 4:15pm; Sat 11:15am
Lobby Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am - 5:00pm; Sat 7:30am - 11:30am

PRESTON HOLLOW POST OFFICE: Phone 518-239-6111
(2930 ROUTE 145 PRESTON HOLLOW, NY 12469)
Retail Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am - 10:30am; 3:00pm - 5:00pm; Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm
Last Collection Hours: Mon-Fri 5:00pm; Sat 12:00pm
Lobby Hours: Mon-Sat 12:01am - 11:59pm

RENSELAERVILLE POST OFFICE: Phone 518-797-3231
(26 COUNTY ROUTE 353 RENSELAERVILLE, NY 12147)
Retail Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 12:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 11:00am
Last Collection Hours: Mon-Fri 4:15pm; Sat 11:30am
Lobby Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 11:30am

**GRIST MILL'S SUMMER SEASON**

By Janet Haseley

Saturdays until Labor Day weekend the Mill will be open from noon until 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed who can help host the Mill on Saturdays. Training is available. Call Janet Haseley at (cell phone) 252-714-6626 or email her at janethaseley@gmail.com if you can help even one Saturday.

The Research Group meets there on Wednesdays so if people want to have help with family genealogy or town research, there will be several volunteers at the Mill on Wednesdays to help.



**BREAKFAST
AT THE MEDUSA FIRE HOUSE**

7:00AM TO 11:00AM

September 17, 2016

October 15, 2016

November 19, 2016

December 17, 2016

January 21, 2017

February 18, 2017

March 18, 2017

April 15, 2017

PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPT

Fresh, hot, all-you-can-eat breakfast made to order

Free will offering



2016 SUMMER SERVICES AT RENNELAERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church announces its schedule of summer services every Sunday from June 26 through September 4. Services are held at 11:00 a.m. in the church located on Main Street (County Route 351) in Rensselaerville. Everyone is welcome.

Each year, guest preachers from different faith traditions are invited to deliver sermons on a common theme. The 2016 theme is "An Eye For An Eye Leaves Everyone Blind".

September 4 "Collectors: Collecting Beauty Instead of Injuries"

Rev. Donna Schaper, Senior Minister, Judson Memorial Church, NY, NY

September 11 A Celebration of the 220th Anniversary of the Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church

The tradition of summer-only services at the Presbyterian Church in Rensselaerville goes back more than 100 years. For a short period in the second half of the 19th century, the village was a lively industrial town as the first site of the Huyck Woolen Mills. When founder and Presbyterian Church member F. C. Huyck Sr. moved his mill to Albany, he did not sever ties with the village or the church. But as jobs left with the mill so did many of the village residents, leaving the church without enough members to maintain a year-round pastor. However, the Huyck family returned each year to vacation and provided for a pastor during their stay. It was F.C. Huyck Sr.'s granddaughter, Katharine Huyck Elmore, who in the middle of the 20th century expanded the vision of the summer services to other faith traditions and invited ministers, rabbis, priests and nuns to fill the pulpit.

The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church is a nationally recognized example of Greek Revival architecture dating from the 1840s and is listed on both the National and State Registers of Historic Places.



RVFD News

- **• Please support our Calendar Drive!** We encourage you to support our sponsors and help us **THANK THEM** for their continued support!
- **• IMPORTANT:** Our social number is: **966-0338**. Please update your records. In case of an emergency, call 9-1-1.
- **• Congratulations to our winners in our raffle.** The fire company would like to thank the community for their support. The winners are Matt Mulholland, Kim Graff, and Matt Denoncour.
- **• Is there a fire in you? Please come to a drill or meeting to find out more.**
 - ⇒⇒ Drills are the first two Mondays at 7:00,
 - ⇒⇒ Battalion meeting first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm (no meeting in August), and
 - ⇒⇒ Fire Meeting last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm.

The Rensselaerville Battalion Presents A



Spaghetti Dinner

- When:** Friday, September 16
- Time:** 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- Where:** Rensselaerville Firehouse
- Menu:** Spaghetti with choice of homemade meatballs, sausage, or vegetarian
Served family style with bread & butter, salad, & grated cheese
- Options:** Eat in or take out
- RSVP:** Preferred, though not required (No RSVP, no guarantee!)
- Additional information:** Mary Jane at 797-3221 (You can leave a message.)



September 16-18, 2016

At the Carey Institute for Global Good

Rides for all ages and abilities
Post Ride Festival with BBQ lunch, craft beer,
live music and activities for kids

Register at www.bikereg.com/rensselaervillerride
Learn more at: <http://careyinstitute.org/event/rville-ride/>

Friday, September 16th

Pond Hill Challenge & Homemade Spaghetti Dinner at Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Dept

Saturday, September 17th

Four fully supported rides: 10 miles / 24 miles / 44 miles / 64 miles followed by Post-Ride Festival with hula hooping, wildlife show, yoga, bike rodeo, kids' ride, local vendors, live music by the Lustre Kings, BBQ buffet lunch by Carriage House Restaurant, craft beer and cider from Helderberg Brewery and Indian Ladder Farmstead Cidery & Brewery.

Volunteers wanted!

E-mail Rebecca at rplatel@careyinstitute.org to learn more.

Rensselaerville Library
Fine Amnesty Week
August 30
Through
September 3

Do you have fines or overdue Rensselaerville Library items?

In order to qualify, you **must** bring in school supplies or other nonperishable items for the Hilltown Resource Center.*

So dig through the closets, drawers, bookcases, and tree forts for those library items and bring them back to the Library.

*Cannot be applied to missing or damaged items.

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The Rensselaerville Library works to preserve a comfortable historical gathering place that is open, free and inviting to all of the residents of the 5 hamlets and environs. We strive to awaken and promote a life-long love of reading and learning by fostering personal connections and providing access to a stimulating variety of texts, technology and programming.

The Rensselaerville Library is a 501c3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Upcoming Library Events

The Annual Library Lawn Party Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 3, 2016 under the tent at the home of Victor and Mame Schragger located at 1440 County Route 351 from 4-7pm. Please use the Town Park or Bennett Lane for parking and enter the grounds through the driveway. Tickets are \$20 at the gate and include a beverage and food. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Employment Opportunity

The Library is looking to hire a Page to job share Saturdays with the Library Director. If interested please apply by September 9. More information can be found on the web site at <http://www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/staff.html>

Fine Amnesty from August 30 through September 3. Please return any overdue Library items and in exchange for a donation of school or non-perishable items to the Hilltown Resource Center your fines will be reduced. Amnesty will not apply to lost or missing items. Look for the donation bin in the Library.

Thank you to all the participants of the 2016 Summer Reading Program and our supporters - Stewarts Holiday Match, Price Chopper, Zoom Flume, FunPlex FunPark, and Upper Hudson Library System. Twenty children read over 5700 minutes and three adults finished 27 books this summer.

September Youth Programs

StoryTime – Tuesdays, September 6 and 20, 4:30-5:30pm, stories, music and movement activities for parents/caregivers and children as well as opportunities for parents to develop a social support group. Focus on pre-literacy and pre-math skills and school readiness.

Mommy and Me – Tuesdays, September 13 and 27, 4:30-5:30pm, stories, songs and movement activities for parents/caregivers and infants and young toddlers. Also opportunities for parents and caregivers to develop a social support network. Focus on strengthening parent/caregiver-child bonds, pre-literacy activities- simple stories, movement, rhymes and play.

Monthly Craft Project – kids stop in and check out the craft table downstairs and discover a project to work on your own.

Family Game Night – Tuesday nights from 6- 7pm, activities for all ages. Wii, board, or bring your own

Teen Hang Out – Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm teens come check out the menu of activities or create your own. On September 28 there will be a teen movie at 6pm. Visit the web site for more details.

Homework Help available upon request. Please see Lee Ackerman-Swayer on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings or email

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youth@rensselaervillelibrary.org

The Library Annual Meeting and the monthly Board of Trustees Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20 at 7pm. Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month except when noted. All Board meetings are held at the Library in the downstairs meeting room and are open to the public.

The Writing Group meets on the second Thursday of the month. On September 8th the group will meet at 7pm.

Poetry Group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, September 13 and 27. Come share your work, receive feedback and spend time working on your own project. The Poetry group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month downstairs in the Library.

The Library Coloring Book Club will meet on September 22 at 6pm. However, feel free to stop in anytime and color on your own materials are located in the basement meeting room. Coloring is a great way to relax and give our creativity a boost. Coloring books designed especially for adults have more intricate designs and patterns. Coloring pages, colored pencils, markers and crayons will be available or bring your own.

Movie Night at the Library on Thursday, September 29 at 6:30pm. Visit the Library's web site for more details. www.rensselaervillelibrary.org/movie-night.html

Helderberg Hilltowns Farms and Artisans Tour on Saturday, September 17th. The Library will be open from 9-1 and items of local interest are available for purchase including: Rensselaerville history, local postcards, notecards, beer mugs, t-shirts, totebags, and The Coldlands movie!

Are you back to school shopping with Amazon? Consider supporting the Library with smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate to the organization of your choice. Support us when you shop for back-to-school items. #StartWithaSmile at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/14-1409657> and Amazon donates.

Did you know that the Library has an email newsletter? The email provides information on Library services, resources, events and programs. We also include a brief calendar of community events. Not on the Library email list? Sign up here <http://rensselaervillelibrary.us1.list-manage1.com/subscribe?u=ff334a8359a3abb5b1f3342f2&id=14a36c9661>

*Library Hours: Closed Sunday and Monday
Tuesday & Wednesday: 10am – Noon & 4– 9pm
Thursday & Friday: 4– 9pm
Saturday: 9– 1pm*



Library News

Greenville Library

Tuesdays & Fridays	Toddler Time with Devon Balta Begins September 13	10:00-10:45 am
Tuesdays & Fridays	Toddler Time with Devon Balta Begins September 13	11:00-11:45 am
Mondays & Fridays	Chess Club	12 noon-2:00 pm
Wednesdays	Greenville Quilters	3:00 pm
Fridays	Knitters (Call to confirm that they will be meeting.)	1:00-3:00pm
Sept 21	Community Partners of Greenville	7:00 pm

Contact Information: Greenville Public Library
11177 Route 32
PO Box 8 Greenville, NY 12083
Phone: 518-966-8205
Email: greenvillelibrary@outlook.com

Hours: Monday & Wednesday: 9:00am - 5:00pm Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00am - 6:00pm
Friday: 12:00pm - 5:00pm Saturday: 9:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday: Closed

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CDC's Response to **Zika****ZIKA:** THE BASICS OF THE VIRUS
AND HOW TO PROTECT AGAINST IT**About Zika**

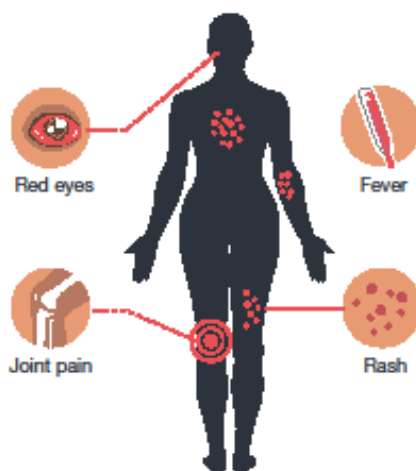
Zika virus spreads to people primarily through the bite of an infected *Aedes* species mosquito (*Ae. aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus*). Zika can also be passed through sex from a person who has Zika to his or her sex partners and it can be spread from a pregnant woman to her fetus. People can protect themselves from mosquito bites and getting Zika through sex. This fact sheet explains who's most affected and why, symptoms and treatment, and how to protect against Zika.

How Zika Spreads

Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites all day and night, whether you are inside or outside. A mosquito becomes infected when it bites a person already infected with Zika. That mosquito can then spread the virus by biting more people.

**Zika virus can also spread:**

- During sex with a person who has Zika to his or her sex partners.
- From a pregnant woman to her fetus during pregnancy or around the time of birth.
- Through blood transfusion (likely but not confirmed).

**Zika Symptoms**

Many people infected with Zika won't have symptoms or will only have mild symptoms. The most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain, or red eyes. Other common symptoms include muscle pain and headache. Symptoms can last for several days to a week. People usually don't get sick enough to go to the hospital, and they very rarely die of Zika. Once a person has been infected with Zika, they are likely to be protected from future infections.

www.cdc.gov/zika

**Current Zika
Outbreak**

Zika outbreaks are currently happening in many countries and territories. The mosquitoes that can become infected with and spread Zika live in many parts of the world, including parts of the United States.

[Specific areas where Zika virus is spreading](#) are often difficult to determine and are likely to change over time. If traveling, please visit the [CDC Travelers' Health website](#) for the most recent travel information.



CDC's Response to Zika

Why Zika is Risky for Some People

Zika infection during pregnancy can cause fetuses to have a birth defect of the brain called microcephaly. Other problems have been detected among fetuses and infants infected with Zika virus before birth, such as defects of the eye, hearing deficits, and impaired growth. There have also been increased reports of Guillain-Barré syndrome, an uncommon sickness of the nervous system, in areas affected by Zika.



Microcephaly

How to Prevent Zika

There is no vaccine to prevent Zika. The best way to prevent diseases spread by mosquitoes is to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites. **Here's how:**



- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Stay in places with air conditioning and window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Take steps to control mosquitoes [inside and outside your home](#).
- Treat your clothing and gear with permethrin or buy pre-treated items.
- Use [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)-registered](#) insect repellents. Always follow the product label instructions.
- When used as directed, these insect repellents are proven safe and effective even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- Do not use insect repellents on babies younger than 2 months old.
- Do not use products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol on children younger than 3 years old.
- Mosquito netting can be used to cover babies younger than 2 months old in carriers, strollers, or cribs to protect them from mosquito bites.
- Sleep under a mosquito bed net if air conditioned or screened rooms are not available or if sleeping outdoors.
- [Prevent sexual transmission of Zika by using condoms or not having sex.](#)

What to Do if You Have Zika

There is no specific medicine to treat Zika. Treat the symptoms:

- Get plenty of rest.
- Drink fluids to prevent dehydration.
- Take medicine such as acetaminophen to reduce fever and pain.
- Do not take aspirin or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.
- If you are taking medicine for another medical condition, talk to your healthcare provider before taking additional medication.

To help prevent others from getting sick, strictly follow steps to prevent mosquito bites during the first week of illness.



www.cdc.gov/zika

On The Calendar

Sept 4	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 4	11:00am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services All are Welcome!	Rensselaerville
Sept 5		LABOR DAY—TOWN OFFICES CLOSED	
Sept 6	7:00 pm	Town Board Work Meeting	Town Hall
Sept 8	7:00 pm	Town Board Regular Meeting	Town Hall
Sept 10	4:00 pm	Medusa Community Pot-Luck Picnic *Bring a Covered-Dish or food to share.* (Rain date is September 11.)	Medusa Firehouse Pavillion
Sept 10		Rabies Clinic (See page 16 for information)	
Sept 11	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 11	11:00am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services All are Welcome!	Rensselaerville
Sept 13	12 noon	Seniors Lunch/Meeting	Rensselaerville Firehouse
Sept 16	5:00 pm	RVFD Homemade Spaghetti Dinner (See page 21 for information)	Rensselaerville Firehouse
Sept 16-18		Rensselaerville Ride (See page 22 for information)	
Sept 17	7 - 11 am	Medusa Fire Department Breakfast Free Will offering	Medusa Firehouse
Sept 18	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 18	11:00am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services All are Welcome!	Rensselaerville
Sept 24	5:30 pm	Village Voices Benefit Dinner	Conkling Hall
Sept 25	10:00 am	Medusa United Church of Christ Services	Medusa
Sept 25	11:00am	Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services All are Welcome!	Rensselaerville
Planning Ahead:			
Oct 1	9am-3pm	Fall Rummage Sales	Medusa Church
Oct 15	8am-12pm	Fall Rummage Sales	Medusa Church
Oct 15	7 - 11 am	Medusa Fire Department Breakfast Free Will offering	Medusa Firehouse

Please get events to Bill Moore...

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