

OWED TO A CITIZEN

An elephant in ivory?  
 I've seen a lot of those!  
 I'd never seen an elephant  
 In granite, in repose.

But I have seen an elephant  
 Upon a traveled highway  
 Who almost was avoided  
 To linger on a byway.

And when the blasting highway folk  
 Just put him up for grabs,  
 They never thought they'd reckon with  
 A guy named Edward Crabbs.

So when you drive thru Graphite  
 And see his doughty face,  
 Remember that it's one of ours  
 Who kept him in his place.

Harry de Buys  
 8/4/77

IN RESPONSE

There is a guy who hails from the South  
 Who has quite a way with words, oh my!  
 But this time he put his foot in his mouth  
 When he told of the feat of another guy.

Now his doggerel I really like  
 But I feel that it should be known  
 That the Elephant Rock on route eight  
 Was not saved by my effort alone  
 For when told of the words of the road crew  
 Keith DeLarm also got on the phone.

But some good has come of all this  
 For in cleaning up brush & debris  
 Instead of an elephantine head poking out  
 The whole gigantic form we now see  
 So in good conscience I really must say  
 The Elephant Rock was saved by Keith as well as me  
 Now a poet I'm not - okay?  
 But thank you anyhow, Harry de Buys!

Edward Crabbs  
 9/5/77

ADDENDUM

Keith says "No. It was Ed all right. It was a close call too. Drilling, to place the dynamite, was scheduled to start in about two hours when we finally got the stop-work order from the contractor in Albany..."

Ed says, "At one point we thought they might change the route to cross some private land and leave Elephant Rock on a side road..."  
 So:

Slow the car where  
 the rock stands firm.  
 Thank Ed Crabbs as  
 you make the turn,  
 We can all see the pachyderm.

CARILLON GARDEN CLUB

CHRISTMAS TEA AND BAZAAR  
 NOV 11, 10AM to 4PM  
 Black Watch Library  
 Montcalm St. Ticonderoga

COFFEE: 10AM to 1PM  
 Come in and browse and  
 have a free cup of coffee.

TEA: 2 to 4PM - "The  
 Greens Tea"  
 Orders taken for Christmas wreaths.  
 On sale: Crafts, Baked Goods, Holiday Breads, Jam Jellies and Plants.  
 Mrs. Harry Whit  
 President

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

ELECTION DAY - NOV. 8

Just a few words to let you know that plans for KEITH DELARM DAY are progressing beautifully. I do appreciate the cooperation and the wonderful spirit shown by all those involved. Although it was physically impossible to contact each of you personally, we have tried to contact everyone by phone, mail, in person or via this publication. If you know of anyone whom we have missed, please contact me immediately.

This is your party to express your appreciation for Keith's years of dedication to our community. It is still not too late to become a part of this effort. We would appreciate having all contributions (letters of appreciation, ideas, volunteer help, money etc.) by Nov. 15 or sooner.

Most of all we want YOU and YOUR FAMILY to stop in at the Beachside some time between 2 & 7 on NOVEMBER 20 and help make this a big success for OUR town and OUR Supervisor.

Dorothy Henry

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Invitation--Penny & Dick Bolton  
 Publicity --Virginia Shattuck  
 Gift -----Bert & Ed Crabbs  
 Refreshment--Fran & Bernie Clifton  
 Decoration--Jeanette & Bill Foster  
 Set-Up ----Martha & Harry White  
 Music -----Bill Cobb  
 Finale ----Janice & Dan Belden

## AREA CAPTAINS:

Betty & Jim Braisted  
 Ruth & Spike Barnett  
 Bea Polino  
 Ida & George May

## REPUBLICANS:

Dick Bolton - Supervisor  
 Harvey Yaw - Town Justice  
 Jack Henry (John T.) - Town Justice  
 Aaron Middleton - Councilman

Dick Frasier, Jr - Councilman  
 (to fill vacancy)  
 Mary Hall - Town Clerk  
 Harry White - Assessor (4 yrs.)  
 Clifton Frasier - Assessor (2 yrs.)  
 Dan Belden - Town Highway Superintendent

These people are recommended by your Republican Committeemen. They feel these are well qualified candid

Unopposed candidates need and deserve your vote as much as those who face a contest.

WARNING: Watch for a chance in the ballot this year - vote for two concilmen only or your ballot may be voided.

Dan Belden & James Braisted  
 Republican Committeemen

## DEMOCRATS:

Francis Waters - Town Clerk  
 Norman Strum - Assessor (2 yrs.)  
 Michael Fitzgerald - Councilman  
 Irving Bernstein - Councilman  
 (to fill vacancy)

Chosen and recommended by the Democratic Committeemen.

Vote row A all the way!

Bea Polino

Dem. Committeewoman

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PLANNING BOARD  
Chairman Edward Crabbs

PUBLIC HEARING, OCT. 3:

...Discussion of changes made to the Zoning Ordinance as a result of the Sep. 12 Hearing, i.e. revision of flood plain regulations; two changes to the Zoning Map; a different approach to determining the minimum lot size for the hamlet areas and possible changes to the Forest Bay and Friends Point Asn. lands:

Question: Mr. Patchett asked if the Health Department has approved a sewerage system, will it be necessary to meet further requirements of the town?

Answer: The person would still need to obtain a permit from the Town Planning Board. It is the intent of the Board to require the same minimum lot size as the Health Dept. If it can be demonstrated that the applicant does have approval from the Health Dept, the Town will accept their proposal if it is not any less than a 6000 sq. ft. lot and if the layout of the components of the system meets the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance & Sanitary Code.

Q: Mr. Viscardi asked if there will be another opportunity to review changes to the Zoning Ordinance before it is adopted.

A: There will not be another Zoning Commission/Planning Board Hearing but the Town Board will be holding a hearing within the next several months. The final documents will be completed within the month and will be on file at the Town Hall for public perusal.

Q: Mr. Terzian asked if it was likely that the State Health Dept. would require Hague to put in a public sewer system.

A: It is unlikely unless it can be proven that the existing systems are polluting a body of water and cannot be fixed to eliminate the problem.

Q: Mr. Lee asked if the Silver Bay area west of Route 9N was going to be changed.

A: That area is still being reviewed. It will be changed to either Open Countryside, (3.2 or 8.5 acre lots) or Town Residential (1.3 acres). The width of the area to be changed has not been determined yet.

Q: Mrs. Winnie asked if the Hague plan will be approved by the Adirondack Park Agency.

A: At this time the Agency has given its tentative, conditional approval. The plan should be approved with no complications.

Q: Mr. Braisted asked, Can you sell nonconforming lots?

A: If the lots existed before April of 1973.

Q: If you gave nonconforming lots to your children, could they sell the lots?

A: Yes, they could if the land was owned prior to 1973.

Q: Mrs. Winnie asked if you can tear down nonconforming buildings and build them back at the same density, location and building size. Can you fill in an eroding beach?

**PLANNING BOARD, cont.**

A: Will research the destruction of nonconforming structures. Contact the Dept. of Environmental Conservation about the beach.

Q: Mr. Braisted asked where the Hamlet area of Silver Bay is.

A: Boundaries described and located on the map.

Q: Mrs Winnie, Are the owners of Silver Bay Lodge satisfied with what the APA will allow them to build?

A: Yes. They are able to carry out the plans that they wanted to. They can build 8 units and a year round home without a permit from APA.

**SUBDIVISION HEARING - 8:40PM**

...slide program on the development of the Subdivision Regulations and the types of concerns the regulations address. The regulations were summarized and detailed explanation given of all provisions in the regulations.

Q: Mr. Braisted asked for definition of a plat.

A: Plat is defined as a drawing, in final form, showing a proposed subdivision containing all information required by law and these Subdivision Regulations, to be presented to the Planning Board for approval.

Q: Mrs. Winnie asked how does clustering along the lakefront and keeping open space on the other side of the road apply to the density requirements? What is Arcady doing?

A: Clustering allows for common open space areas, privacy, more efficient access to the houses etc. Arcady is clustering along the lake but does not have any approvals from the APA yet.

Q: What is enforcing these regulations?

A: Subdivision regulations are difficult to enforce. If a subdivision has not been approved by the Planning Board a building permit will not be issued. A subdivider will be required in many cases to post a performance bond which will be called if regulations are not adhered to.

Q: Mr Patchett read a letter reiterating his disapproval of the adoption of the plan, specifying the reasons for his disapproval and asking the Town Board to again consider a one year moratorium.

A: Mr. Crabbs...stated that the moratorium would not help Hague as there are some projects which are unacceptable now to the Town that the Town would like to have a handle on. He also said that the Regional Planning Board has worked with Hague for four years on this project and much time and effort has gone into the planning process.

Response: Mr. Zeese said that he did not approve of zoning which will be approved by the APA and would be affirming the APA's principals if passed by the Town. Said he thinks that the APA will be disbanded soon and then the Town would be stuck with the zoning.

A: Mr Davidson explained that the Regional Board's involvement in Hague was in order to fulfill a contract with the Federal government which provides funds for assisting local governments. He spoke of the advantages of having local control versus state control ...that the Town has to make a choice between the lesser of two evils...he felt that home rule would be a more amenable situation.

**PLANNING BOARD, cont:**

Comment: Mr. Viscardi said that it seems the townspeople are hoping the APA will be abolished and don't want to zone themselves if the Agency will not be around in the future.

Discussion followed on the subject of a referendum on the proposed land use plan. Mr. Viscardi acknowledged that the Town Board could approve a referendum for informational purposes only.

**OCT. 11 PLANNING BOARD MEETING:**

...Minutes of the Planning Board Subdivision Hearing of Oct. 3 were reviewed for additions and corrections...followed by discussion of the Arcady Subdivision.

Mr Zeese asked as to the legality of the Town conducting a referendum on the Zoning Ordinance... It was concluded that the Town could hold a referendum for information purposes only.

Changes to the Zoning Map...the board voted to approve two changes, to Town Residential, west of route 9N near Silver Bay Association.

...The Board approved the addition of clauses to part 8 for (a) building single family dwellings on existing lots, (b) Gifts, devises and inheritances and an addition to Article 9 of a clause concerning conversions of existing uses.

The Board then voted to include the Silver Bay North and South Residential Districts...as a part of the proposed Zoning Ordinance.

Discussion of Mr. Patchett's recent letter to the Planning Board. The Board decided to draft a list of pros and cons of adopting a local land use plan.

After discussion of the flood plain maps, the flood hazard boundaries were revised.

**TOWN BOARD**

Keith DeLarm, Supervisor

**SEPT. 3 MEETING: (cont. from Oct.)**

Request from Job Schwarz that Lake Forest Acres be black topped will be considered for next year.

Fred LePann appointed member of the Town Planning Board.

Fred Spreeman appointed Dog Enumerator.

**Resolutions:**

1. To accept bids for excess town property.

2. Gave the Town Planning Board the right to publish abstracts as substitute for full text of any or all Town Zoning & Land Use Control Ordinances now enacted or to be enacted in the future and amendments thereto.

3. Allows the Planning Board to review plots, lots or sites in the development of the town plan.

Harry White, Assessor will attend State Equalization School at Balston Spa for three days.

Supervisor DeLarm attended three day Conference of New York State County Officers.

Assessor's office and a new storeroom are complete.

Jack Henry to sort town records and delete those which the N.Y. State Dept. of History & Archives have listed as obsolete. He will then sort & file them for storage.

**OCT. 11 MEETING:**

Bid opening on excess town property. Lois terSteege was successful bidder for old town dump property. (\$1500.)

Elmer Streeter of Schenectady, was successful bidder for old highway garage property. (\$1200.)

Request from Terrace Road Residents that their road be left unplowed this winter. If there are no objections, this will be granted

TOWN BOARD, cont:

A representative of the highway men requested salary increases.

Because of conflict with election night, NEXT MEETING will be NOV. 10, following PUBLIC HEARING on Revenue Sharing Funds - 7:30PM.

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Rudolph Meola, Principal

Regular Meeting, Sept 12

Following recommendations for teaching appointments approved:  
Anne O'Connor-English Teacher  
Bradford Peria-4th Grade Teacher  
Judith Argento-Reading Teacher  
Linda Schwarte-School Nurse  
Refund of \$507.70 to Forest Bay Property Owners for 1974-75-76, due to over assessment, was apprvd.

Mr. Meola read a letter from Douglas Reynolds, Assoc. Supervisor in Science Ed. from State Ed. Dept. who, after visiting our school, reported that although the science facilities are being utilized to their utmost, there is a need to provide additional courses in science in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-12.

Mr. Meola reported that after school detention was being instituted this year.

He also reported that opening enrollment was 178 and that we have need for additional space.

Regular Meeting, Oct 12

Requests from Mr. DeFranco and Mr. Riley to attend professional conferences approved.

Committee on Handicapped was appointed.

Voter registration Board reappointed for one year.

Report from Mr. John Rents, State Ed. Dept. Supervisor in Physical Education & Recreation, was discussed. He indicated that there needs to be improvements made in facilities, girls physical education and girls inter-scholastic program. He also recommended additional staff.

Report from Mr. James Crabtree, Supervisor in English Education, was discussed. Mr. Crabtree indicated the need for a library staffed by a librarian, more planning time for the English teacher.

He also indicated that the kinds of co-curricular activities which can motivate and reinforce the English program cannot be adequately supported in a small school.

Other items discussed included: Unemployment insurance; NYSSJA Convention; spectator bus to away games. The need for a junior varsity basket ball coach.

LOCAL ADIRONDACK LODGE

Mrs. Laura Meade first discovered Lake George, with her husband Robert, when they camped at Rogers Rock in 1951.

Next they purchased a camp on Trout Brook with friends, then finally settled on the present house, next door to Trout House Village, where they planned to retire and Mrs. Meade secured the position of Music Teacher in Hague.

She enjoys teaching in Hague School because she has charge of all ages and all kinds of music. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and her experiences included working at Georgian Bay on Lake Huron where she first heard of Lake George.

After her husband's death, she "reassessed her life" and decided she wanted to create a memorial to her husband; put "this house on the edge of the wilderness" to good use rather than live there alone; and share the exhilarating experiences of out door activities in all seasons which "strengthen the mind, spirit and body".

She knew that the High Peaks are "over-used now - trails are muddy and eroded - and people are being encouraged to hike elsewhere". She

decided, against advice of family and friends, to turn her house into a Lodge modeled after Adirondack Mountain Loj at Heart Lake in The High Peaks. She is developing it into a youth center for local young people and visiting groups, some structured & some informal.

She has accumulated camping and winter sports equipment--from boots and ponchos to tents and canoes--and acquired a vehicle with 4 wheel drive. Indoors there are musical instruments, stereo tapes, books, ping-pong table and other games.

She reserved an apartment for herself. The rest of the house is stripped down. Everything is washable or easily maintained and the closets are empty and available for guests. Most of them pay for their food and medical expenses but borrow freely from her stock of equipment and use whatever room is available.

Some come to use the laundry, some stay over night or longer. She reorganized the Junior Girl Scouts and a Brownie Troop which meet weekly.

This spring she was hostess to 12 teenagers and 4 counselors from the Troy Methodist Conference who were here for a "sailing camp".

She has established firm House Rules to teach safety, conservation and responsibility.

Pauline Davis came to help with the house and has rapidly become "a very capable assistant" in all activities.

Each activity leads to others until there is a constant "flow through" of people who learn the techniques of out door living, go on to teach others and return with their own groups.

In a typical day she had two 15 year old boys on a 2 wk canoe trip, 3 young people from a yacht Club Regatta, a monopoly game in The Loft, a Patrol Boat Officer and 4 other people coming to dinner and a counselor from the Sailing Camp, who had returned to stay at Rogers Rock Camp Site, stopped to leave his sailboat in her yard.

There is more, much more. Those interested should call her. She enjoys talking about her work.

The painting which hangs in her living room is an abstract oil on canvas by a friend, Morton Raych, which she calls Portrait of A Person Emerging. She feels it symbolizes her experiences with these young people through which she gains more than she gives.

GROWING UP WILD by Dorothy Goodfellow, illustrated by Shoshana Rosenberg, Boxwood Press, will soon be available at The Bookmark in Ti.

"It is the story of life in agrarian New York State and memories of growing up with a father who was a rebel in his society, an admirer of Thoreau and determined that his daughters should be as free as his sons ("Captain Watts"). Her mother had been brought up under similar conditions (Ethel Shattuck Watts)...all in an age when there were no jets, an automobile was a rare sight, a house was heated by wood, light provided by kerosene lamps and there were no supermarkets, television, radio or school buses..."

"Dorothy Goodfellow was born in the Adirondacks (Silver Bay) and received her early education in a one room district school, at a small private school (S.S.A.) and at Ticonderoga High School. After college at N.Y. State Un., she taught four years in public high schools. She and her husband attended graduate school at Harvard and both were long-time members of the English Dept. at Carnegie-Mellon Un. in Pittsburgh, Pa."

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HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Next meeting will be on Nov. 16 at 7:45PM at the home of Mrs. and Dr. Robert Cole in Silver Bay.

Dr. Cole will discuss the History of Jade.

CORRECTION: Annual dues are \$2. (p. 2 of Aug issue is incorrect) Everyone is welcome. You do not need to be a member.

**LOST LABRADOR PUPPY**

Found under the Chalmers' porch on Friends Point, She is black and white (white bib and three white feet) about 6 months old with a gentle charming personality and clean habits.

She just brought me my juice glass, which I left on the coffee table! Laid it at my feet without a scratch. Should make a good retriever.

She doesn't quite speak English but she understands "every word". We call her Sonnebell because she is indeed "bel et bon".

She will be interviewing candidates for her affection daily for the next two weeks. Please call 543-8845 if you would like to have her.

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