

Duane's Dog Control Law

New York States Agriculture & Markets Law Article 7 outlines the requirements that must be met by each municipality issuing dog licenses. The purpose of Article 7 is to, "Provide for the licensing and identification of dogs, the control and protection of the dog population and the protection of persons and property from dog attack and damage". The town's original law was drafted in April 1992. In November 2010 the law was amended to reflect some necessary updates. Before any town law can be adopted it first must be approved by New York's Department of State. This ensures the law is compliant with current State Laws and Regulations. Once approved it is referred to the State Records and Law Bureau for processing. Our town law meets the requirements set forth in Article 7. A copy of our current Dog Control Law may be obtained at the Town Clerks Office. Sue Nitto, Duane Town Clerk, can be reached at 518-483-1617.

What are some of the highlights that residents might need to know?

License: The owner of any dog reaching the age of four months must fill out an application for a dog license, which can be obtained from the Town Clerk. The application should contain the appropriate fee and a certificate of rabies vaccination. A listing of local free rabies vaccination clinics can be found on the Community Bulletin Board next to the entrance of the Duane Fire Station. The license fees are: \$38 for an unspayed/unneutered dog and \$11 for a spayed/neutered dog. The license is good for one year.

"at large" Dogs: It is unlawful for any owner to allow an unleashed dog to wander onto private property. "No dog shall be considered at large if it is accompanied by and under the immediate supervision and under voice control of the owner or other responsible person."

Complaints: Contact Kim Barcomb, Dog Control Official, at Cell: 518-651-1376



Photos from Halloween Party



Historical

Notes

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Oliver's War

Oliver's War is a vital part of our rich Adirondack history. Oliver Lamora, a woodsman of Brandon, took on William Rockefeller, one of the richest men in 1902. This war lasted 12 years in many court battles that finally ended in the New York State's highest court. Mr. Rockefeller tried every known means to oust Oliver from his tiny home parcel. The legal battles that followed made front page headlines in The New York Times, the Washington Post, the Oakland Tribune, besides all the local papers throughout our state.

"Oliver resisted in every way he knew how. He was a man of no financial means but possessed the heart and grit who would not be cowed by the Rockefeller might, and Rockefeller never wavered from trying to crush his opponent." Stated Lawrence Gooley.

Some of the tactics Rockefeller used against Oliver and the Brandon residents were: Declared his land a Private Reserve. NO TRESPASSING! Bought out the Brandon Lumber Mill and closed it where residents were employed. Bought out two well-known Brandon Hotels, more loss of employment. One building was carefully taken apart board by board and placed on 20 rail cars and taken to Massena International Park. There the lumber was used to rebuild the hotel to accommodate 100 guests.

To save the Protestant Church, the parishioners tore it down and transported it to Tupper Lake and rebuilt it there. With every buyout of private homes or businesses the buildings were either torn down or burned. Residents couldn't even salvage the lumber for fuel. In two years, Brandon's population of 1,000 went to a very few die-hard stubborn families who refused to move. Eventually Mr. Rockefeller owned all the land surrounding the village, no road was open for use. Legally the only way to enter or leave Brandon was by rail. His next step was to change the railroad so that it would not go through Brandon. He was successful for a time to tear down the station, but not reroute the track. The train had to be flagged down in order to stop it.

He eliminated Brandon's Post Office which forced the few families left to ask permission to go on his land to receive their mail at the Bay Pond Office. Mr. Rockefeller cut off a way of life where the people depended on the forest for their basic needs. Children could not even pick the wild berries.

"Oliver Lamora fought to preserve a treasured way of life. Rockefeller's money, power, influence was brought to bear, and it turned into a fight for Oliver's survival, and a man's right to live free in the place of his choosing." Perfectly said by Mr. Gooley.

I hope I have sparked your interest to find a library and read this fascinating true story or even buy the book, Oliver's War by Lawrence Gooley Bloated Toe Publishing Peru, N.Y.

Highlights from Town Board Meetings

October 17th meeting:

Absent: None

The town accepted a \$500 donation from Brian and Linda McClarigan. The donation was earmarked for the Halloween and Christmas Parties along with the Little White Church.

Gil Paddock updated the town board on his efforts to generate funds to fight the milfoil problem in Deer River Flow through a special tax district.

Board member Rita Gordon discussed with the board her concerns with the towns current Dog Control Law. Specifically she felt additional discussion is needed on how complaints and violations are addressed.

Board member Gary Cring provided the board with an overview of the meeting he attended regarding AHJ (Authority Having Jurisdiction). The town has the responsibility to work with the fire department to insure the safety of all fire fighters.

November 28th meeting:

Absent: None

The Town Board discussed the local dog control issues with dog control officer Lisa Coryea. Janet Collier, representative for NYS Dept of Ag & Markets, provided information regarding licensing, identification and control of dogs. In addition it was noted that should the dog control officer need legal counsel for court proceedings, the town would be responsible for those costs.

The Town Board was informed of the approximate cost for the NYS Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program passed by the NYS Legislature. The cost would be approximately \$178 per member. Nine members are currently eligible.

December 19th meeting:

Absent: None

Kim Barcomb (prospective Dog Control Officer) conversed with the board regarding her qualifications and background.

Highway Superintendent LeMieux discussed with the board necessary repairs that must be done to one of the overhead doors. It was suggested that this might be a good time to replace the 14' doors with 16' doors. Insurance will cover some of the expenses. He plans to get additional bids/information for the next meeting.

January 16th meeting:

Absent: None

Supervisor LeMieux informed the board that the town currently has a contract with Constellation to deliver our electrical power. As a result it would not be cost effective at this time to join in on the Franklin County Solar Project.

Highway Superintendent LeMieux informed the board of cost options in regards to the required overhead door repairs. The board opted to replace two doors and have structural repairs made to the wall.

The Deer River Association has expressed interest in applying for a state funded grant. Grant monies would be used to fight the milfoil problem. They are seeking any help or support the town may provide in the process.

Dates of Upcoming Meetings and Events

February – Town Board Meeting at Fire Station 7 PM

March – Town Board Meeting at Fire Station 7 PM

April – Town Board Meeting at Fire Station 7 PM

May – Town Board Meeting at Fire Station 7 PM

A big bow-wow thank you

Thanks to all the Duane residents who helped support Precious Pups in 2018. And thank you, Renee Raylinsky, for initiating the fundraiser!

Precious Pups has been feeding between 15-17 dogs and all the food donations helped get us through the last few months. Some of the gift cards were used to finish yet another building to house dogs and the rest will be used for additional food and medications. I can't tell you what it meant to me. Thank you all! Hope you have a wonderful 2019! *Lisa Coryea*

Town Wide Garage Sale Postponed

On behalf of the Duane Angels, we would like to thank our community for all of your support in 2018. Because of on going renovation at the Duane Fire Department, we will not host a town wide sale in 2019. We will however host a town wide sale in 2020, and we will still host the 2019 Halloween Party and Christmas Party. If you have items you've been saving to donate and don't want to store them, we'll be collecting items for the 2020 sale. We'll be sending a letter, to notify everyone, where and when it will be. Thank you again, because of this wonderful community's support our party's and fundraisers are a great success. *Pam LeMieux*

Game Nights at the White Church/Community Center

Spring is a few months away but plans are underway for the Family Game Nights held at the White Church. These nights have provided a great opportunity for community residents to get together. Game Nights are held on Wednesday nights unless they fall on a Town Board Meeting night.

June: 26th **July:** 3rd, 10th, 24th, 31st **August:** 7th, 14th, 28th **September:** 4th

Snowfall

Over the last few years our snowfall totals have averaged around 193 inches. The winter of 2015-16 was low with a depth of 134 and the winter of 2016-17 was high at 249 inches. The snowfall total for this winter (2018-19) as of January 16th was 98 inches.

*Photos from
Christmas Party*



Duane Angels: Joanne, Pam, Maureen, Lori, Sue and Laura

