



PUBLIC HEARINGS

TOWN COURT

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - A public hearing will be held on February 24, 1983 at 8 PM for the purpose of hearing a request for a variance from Floyd H. Tyler to construct a 2nd principle dwelling on his property located on the east side of R. 9N and south of Split Rock Rd. Mr. Tyler's lot is 1.02 acres and is located in a TR-1 zoning district which requires 1.1 acres per principal dwelling.

PLANNING BOARD - A public hearing will be held on March 3, 1983 at 7 pm on a proposed subdivision of a property known as Terrace View, located on 9N south of Hague Hamlet and also on Dodd Hill Road.

Mr. Dennis Dickerson, engineer for Mr. William Garrison and Mr. Tallia, prospective developers, presented to the Board a preliminary plat plan showing the proposed subdivision in its entirety. The six houses to the front of the property would remain, and the seven small cabins would be removed and three new homes would be constructed on the north westerly portion of the property along Dodd Hill Rd. This type of subdivision is allowed in a TR-1 area under Section 9.020 of Article 9 of our land use code. (This section allows the conversion of structures existing on the Date of Adoption of our ordinance that are associated with rental cottages to a single family residential use.)

CABLE TV - The Hague Town Board will conduct a Public Hearing on March 8, 1983 at 6:45 pm to review the proposal of Tribune Communications, Inc. regarding the Cable TV franchise. Attorney David Krogman, for the Cable TV committee, will be present to answer any questions from the public, as will Mr. Chuch Himelrick, systems manager for Classic Cable which is a subsidiary of Tribune Communications, Inc. The public is urged to attend.

RESOLUTIONS AMENDING THE TOWN OF HAGUE ZONING ORDINANCE - 6:30 pm on March 8, 1983, the Town Board will present the proposed map and zoning ordinance changes. The Planning Board has reviewed them and recommends approval.

Mr. George R. Van Voorhees pleaded guilty as charged of changing the course of a stream without a permit from the Department of Environmental Conservation before Town Justice Harvey Yaw on Jan. 19, 1983.

He was fined \$250 by the Court, plus \$2.50 in court fees. The Environmental Conservation Officer said that in addition to the fine, Mr. Van Voorhees must take remedial action to restore the stream to its original configuration.

Since February 1 and until April 1, Judge Yaw holds court every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 pm.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING 1-28-83

At this meeting Supervisor Bolton appointed Aaron Middleton as Deputy Supervisor.

The Board also waived the Open Container Ordinance for the weekend of the Hague Winter Carnival. It should be noted that this waiver is ONLY for the carnival grounds. IN ALL OTHER PLACES, STATE AND TOWN LAWS ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE APPLICABLE.

TOWN BOARD - 2-8-83

Deputy Supervisor Aaron Middleton conducted the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Bolton.

Bill Cobb reported that Classic Cable TV was the only company to submit an application to North Warren Cable Television System. Their application eliminated the town of Johnsburg and also reduced the miles of roads to be serviced. The public can learn more about Cable TV at the Public Hearing on March 8.

BLIZZARD OF '83

Some of our readers from the vicinities of Philadelphia, New York City, New Jersey and Washington spent a delightful weekend in Hague, while their neighbors and kinfolk were battling snow drifts at home. The "big blizzard" nassed us by and we enjoyed a weekend of beautifully sunny weather...djh

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TESTS

Free tests for the NY State High School Equivalency Diploma will be given at Ticonderoga High School on March 23 and 24, 1983 between the hours of 3:45 and 8 PM. Attendance on both dates is required. Application blanks are available from all high school principals and guidance counselors. Applications will be processed on a first come first served basis. Deadline - March 10...djh

HOUSING REHAB APPLICATION DENIED

Warren County's application for \$709,500 in Community Development housing funds has been turned down. This money would have been used for repairing of 100 homes (16 in Hague) and to improve water systems in Hague and Lake Luzerne. Planning Director Patricia A. Tatich said that her department will try again for another funding round which is scheduled for June...djh

LGA WATER LEVEL COMMITTEE MEETS

The Lake George Association's water level committee met on 2/2/83 to study the impact of possible changing water levels in Lake George if a hydro-power plant is built in Ticonderoga. Areas of study include the lake's ecosystem, the watershed and wetlands, water quality and recreational impact. A computer would aid the researchers in this study, but no funds are available for purchasing one...ac

TAX TIME NEARS

For those who have questions to ask the IRS, in New York call 1-800-424-1040 Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. To obtain forms you may call 1-800-225-0717. This line is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Information should also be available at your local library...djh

OH NO!

(From N.Y. Times 1/30/83)

Not bad enough that the environment is threatened by PCB's, dioxin and acid rain. In June 1982 Robert A. Malecki, a wildlife biologist at Cornell Univ. reported a new menace: the PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE.

He said this beautiful plant (five feet) was so hardy, prolific and aggressive that it was doing in native plants in the wetlands, making acre after acre unfit for water fowl and other wild life. Northeast Beware! ...mb

SAGAMORE PROJECT APPROVED

The Adirondack Park Agency approved the rehabilitation of the 100-yr. old Sagamore Hotel site on Lake George's Green Island in the town of Bolton on January 21, 1983. The APA imposed conditions in its approval relating to solid waste disposal and controlling stormwater runoff into Lake George.

The total project calls for using about 60 acres on the island for the restored hotel; 180 new condominium/hotel units; tennis courts; an antique boat museum; a lakeside bar-56 boat slips; and other structures. A 250-acre site on the nearby mainland is planned to contain 120 additional condominiums and a rehabilitated golf course. The project is \$60.7 million and is expected to take 15 years to complete. ...ac

WE GET LETTERS

From Brookfield, WI comes this nice note in the middle of a long winter. "It's a 1000 miles from Lake George to Milwaukee, WI and we don't get to Sabbath Day Point often or long enough. But your newsletter does remind us how great it is back in the Adirondacks. Keep up the good work." Ed. Note: Thanks a lot - we'll be glad to have you back with us come summer...djh

HAPPY ENDING

Last week the Watts family, burned out in Dec. 1982, moved into their new home on Decker Hill Rd. The good wishes of the entire community follow them there...md

"NEW BEAST ON LAKE"

This was the headline on Page 1 of the Sports Section of the Times Union, Feb. 6, 1983. Many of our readers have known for some time that Bill Morgan of Silver Bay has been building an unlimited hydroplane. "Something Else" which is the name of Bill's dream boat, is 28 ft. long, 8 1/2 ft. wide and weighs 4500 pounds. Doug Van Patten, a well-known boat designer from Flint, Mi, spent a year designing this one-of-a-kind boat for Bill. He has hired Cris Ginn of Pickwood, Oh, and Tom Rockey of Seattle, Wa as his two top mechanics. Both have worked on other unlimited hydroplanes such as "United Van Lines" and "Miss Madison".

Bill won't say how fast the boat will go, but "it was only purring" at 140 mph when he took it on its maiden voyage on Lake George two weeks before Christmas. Although Bill hasn't raced unlimiteds before, he has many national power boat races under his belt. One summer he won 36 out of 38 races he entered.

So - next summer when you are lying on the beach and you think you see another Lake George monster - it is probably Bill in his "Something Else." For the first time since 1936, when George Reis in his El Lagarto, having won the Gold Cup races for three years - two on Lake George - raced on Lake George, we again have a confender in our own Bill Morgan. Good luck Bill!

"DR. TOM"

Dr. Cummins has hung up his stethoscope. The office on Montcalm Street is closed.

For 50 years the phone number of Dr. Thomas Cummins has held a prominent place in Hague households. In summer cottages his name was listed ahead of the Fire Dept. or Police. All knew a high fever or a sudden accident would bring the Ti doctor, no matter what the weather, to their home. He never knew that doctors didn't make house calls. He was doing his job all over the North Country with dedication, skill and kindness. We all send best wishes to the Cummins family for a rewarding retirement...mb

SCHOOL BOARD - 2/9/83

The Ticonderoga Fish and Game Club has presented a one-year subscription of the Barkeater to the libraries of the Middle School and High School. Barkeater is a relatively new magazine dealing with the Adirondacks.

Mr. George Ward, folklorist, gave a presentation on his activities as artist-in-residence. Among the activities were field trips to Crown Pt. and Adirondack Museum, presenting history in song. He felt that the program was very successful and stated that of all the schools he has worked with, he enjoyed Ticonderoga most.

An additional \$10,000 has been added to the Moses Scholarship fund totaling \$18,000 for this year. The Board voted to use it for 18 - \$1,000 scholarships based on merit as well as need.

Again - I would suggest to Hague parents attend your School Board meetings. The first order of business each month is an opportunity for the public to be heard..djh

TI FESTIVAL GUILD RECEIVES GRANT

NY State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) recently took favorable action on a grant request for the 1982-83 season. A total of \$4,000 of the \$5,000 grant was awarded directly to the program to subsidize concerts by the Syracuse Symphony, the Gregg Smith Singers and the Soviet Emigre Orch. The remaining \$1,000 was to be used for technical assistance to the guild in several areas that NYSCA determined could benefit from some professional expertise.

...djh

TOXIC ABUSE

Superintendent of Schools Joseph Verdone, in his interview on TALK OF THE TOWN on Feb. 4 stated that the drug abuse problem in the Ti School District, with the rehabilitation program there for everyone, was lessening. However, he is now more concerned with the alcohol abuse and stressed the importance of the FAMILY working with clergy, school and community in order to deal with this national social problem.

To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace...Washington  
(Times never change!)

At the regular meeting of the Hague Town Board on the 12th of October, Resolution #15 of 1982 was unanimously passed. This resolution requested that the State Board of Equalization and Assessment (SBEA) undertake an independent examination of the full value of all properties in the Ticonderoga Central School District located both in the Town of Hague and Town of Ticonderoga to confirm the inequality that presently exists in the method used to compute the proportion of school tax payable by the Real Property owners in each Township... and to establish a special equalization rate for the Town of Hague..."

Deputy Executive Director of SBEA, Robert F. Jones responded by letter to Supervisor Bolton on November 18, 1982: "...The 1976 and 1978 market value surveys reflect very substantial market value trends on lake-front property in the Town of Hague. This has brought about full value increases averaging in excess of 13% a year over the last four years as a result of the advancing of the full value standard being used in state equalization rates.

"At the same time, no similar large full value increases have resulted in the Town of Ticonderoga. In fact, the rate of full value increase attributed to the advancing of the full value standard has been less than 4% a year.

"Inequities in the shift in apportionments can only exist, however, if the underlying data of our surveys is found to be incorrect....lacking sufficient evidence to demonstrate inequities exist, such extra surveys are not presently feasible..."

On December 15, 1982, at the regular Town Board Meeting, Supervisor Bolton appointed Allison Craig, William Foster, and Dorothy Henry as a committee to conduct further studies to produce the needed data to prove that inequities in the state's appraisal of full market value do exist as they pertain to the Towns of Hague and Ticonderoga.

The Assessment Review Committee was instructed to present its findings at the SBEA public hearing in Albany on Feb. 2, 1983.

In December, Supervisor Bolton requested from the SBEA its printout of sampled properties in Ticonderoga; it was received Jan. 21, 1983. The Committee examined the state's samples and examined the Ticonderoga assessment rolls; we concluded that the equalization rate did not produce equity in taxation. At the public hearing in Albany on Feb. 2, 1983 we were told that we had no right to question the assessment practices in another municipality. We were also informed that if International Paper Company wins its suit against the Town of Ticonderoga and the Ticonderoga Central School District, Hague would not have to bear any additional taxes caused by the loss of revenues from IP since this would be the responsibility of the Ticonderoga tax payers, but, Hague and Ticonderoga would both be responsible for the repayment of excess taxes that IP had paid in past years. The IP suit is scheduled to be heard in Plattsburgh Supreme Court on April 11, 1983.

Since reporting to the Hague Town Board the above, at the 2-8-83 meeting, the committee has been in contact with the SBEA, the NY State Dept. of Education, Senator Ronald Stafford and Assemblyman Neil Kelleher. Mr. Kelleher has been most supportive and he is scheduling a meeting with Supervisor Bolton, Senator Stafford and the committee to further investigate the allegations of the Town and the committee...ac

"NEW YORK, NEW YORK"

will be the theme of the 1983 Art Potter Scholarship Dinner Show, to be held March 5 at the EMA in Ticonderoga. Directors of this year's show will be Michael Corsi and Nelson Shapiro. The Scholarship Committee plans to award another scholarship this year to a student of the THS who intends to pursue a career in the music field. Last year's recipients were Lisa Mazotte of Ti and Kathi Hudak, Hague, who is attending Skidmore...djh

THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO - A HERO

LOOK! A BOAT!

In February Americans honor the birth of Thaddeus Kosciuszko, the Polish military engineering genius. At the age of 30, Kosciuszko met Ben Franklin in Paris and offered his service to the American Revolution. George Washington made him his aide.

At Fort Ticonderoga, Kosciuszko recommended the fortification of the steep and rocky hill, now known as Mt. Defiance. Senior officers disagreed with him and when Burgoyne's army arrived five days later, they hauled guns up that hill and pointed them down on Fort Ticonderoga. During the night the American garrison abandoned Fort Ticonderoga. If Kosciuszko's plan had been followed, the fort could have been defended.

In 1777 he examined the grounds at Bemis Heights near Saratoga, "took a piece of paper from his portfolio and drew in pencil the plan of the camp... they proceeded to erect breastworks and fortifications." October 17, 1777, Burgoyne surrendered the entire British force of 6,000 troops. Historians have called Saratoga one of the world's most decisive battles. General Gates was celebrated for the triumph. He said, "Let us be honest. The great tacticians were the hills and forest, which a young Polish engineer, Col. Kosciuszko was skillful enough to select for my encampment."

Kosciuszko was chief engineer at West Point which became known as the Gibraltar of America. The British never undertook to capture it. Some say that West Point is Kosciuszko's greatest achievement because through strength it prevented battle and bloodshed.

In 1982 the Twin Bridge on the Northway, just north of Albany, was renamed the Thaddeus Kosciuszko Bridge.

His name lives on, in Poland and the United States, as a symbol of the gallant fight for man's freedom...BDeG

So - I sound kookie, but remember it's December! What a month it has been. The leaves are down, the trees have turned a pinkish silver on the Eastern mountains in the fading light of a so clear afternoon. How privileged we winter residents are to be able to experience the seasons as they change. Soon we will experience the anti-septic beauty of snow, covering any shabby remains of fall. A fall this year that we were able to enjoy right through November. Yes, a boat on Lake George in December is a rather uncommon sight worth remarking - as was a kayak off Sabbath Day Point heading south earlier this month.

The beauty of God's Creation is all around us. It is so tranquil it is hard to believe all the turmoil and suffering that is going on in the world today. Only the media brings it to our awareness, and we feel almost guilty having such peace at hand.

Would the skies seem bluer and the stars brighter for us if we did what we could to help lighten the load for some poor souls who don't have it so good as we?...EHCrabbs

Ed. Note: This was sent to us in time for the January issue, but due to lack of space was held over to this issue.

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A SENIOR CITIZEN ANSWERS THAT QUESTION - WHAT DO YOU DO IN THE HOUSE ALL WINTER?

We read--we watch TV--we knit--we watch the lumber trucks go by--we watch the school bus--we fight serum cholesterol--we try to get all those great tomatoes in that itty bitty can--we shower and try to get an honest clean (we dislike dishonest cleanliness)--we reach out and touch someone, and touch and touch and touch and--oh, we read and mountain watch--and wait, I haven't finished. Sorry, but you asked! ...mb

SOUNDINGS

DIED - George May Jr., 27, son of Ida and George May Sr., on Jan. 28 at the Moses Ludington Hospital as the result of an automobile accident.

DIED - William B. May, 71, of West Hague on Feb. 7 at Moses Ludington Hospital. He is survived by one brother and three sisters.

DIED - Mabel (Barnett) Smith, 90, Pine Cove Road, on February 13 in Sarasota, Fl. Mrs. Smith was the mother of Mrs. Jack Kennedy.

H. F. RISING, father of Kay Ostapeck, Sabbath Day Point, celebrated his 91st birthday in Jan. Unfortunately, soon thereafter, he suffered a broken hip in a fall in Santa Ana, Ca.

GLENN J. MCKEE, son of Mr. & Mrs. James McKee, will enter State Univ. of A & T at Delhi in Sept.

KATHI HUDAK, a freshman at Skidmore, made the Dean's List for the fall '82 semester, with a 3.36 average.

GOOD INTENTIONS CAN BE HAZARDOUS

On a recent Sunday, Ethel Andrus and Cindy McCranels were "owling"\* On the ice, opposite Scotch Bonnet, they sighted a downed doe, half frozen and moaning. They called a conservation officer who had noone to send. On Monday, while ice fishing, Phillip Goetsch saw the deer. With the aid of a garden cart and rope he managed to get the deer to shore and into Sperling's garage. There he and Doug Sperling administered tender loving care. During the night the deer died.

Individuals who are not experienced with wild life and/or ice conditions, should be cautioned about undertaking such a hazardous project alone...BDeG

\* "Owling" - a scoop next month.

PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

are available at the Hague Town Hall for those senior citizens (65 years of age or older) wishing to apply for a partial tax exemption on Real Property owned by the applicant.

1. The owner or owners of the property must all be 65 years of age or older.
2. The property involved must be the primary residence and owned for at least two years.
3. The total 1982 income of the property owners must not exceed \$5,000 for 1982.

The above conditions must be met and proven to your assessors at the time of filing the original application.

The deadline for filing is May 1, 1983. If you have been previously eligible for this exemption, you need only apply for a renewal form.

Clifton Frasier, Chairman  
Hague Board of Assessors

OUTDOOR LIFE

One Hague resident felt it was too warm on Jan. 16 to cook inside so he had a successful cookout in his backyard. He repeated the performance on Jan. 29. We wonder what he has planned for February.

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As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this--to the extent of the difference--is no democracy...A. Lincoln

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - FEBRUARY AND MARCH

February

- 16 Ash Wednesday
- 17 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.
- 21 Washington's Birthday Observed
- 22 George Washington - 1732
- 24 Zoning Board - 7:30 PM
- 24 Public Hearing - 8:00 (See p 2)
- 25-27 HAGUE WINTER CARNIVAL  
(See p. 1)

Every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. the Veterans' Administration Representative will be in Town Hall.

March

- 1 Home Bureau
- 3 Sr. Citizens Bus to G.F.
- 3 Planning Board - 7:30 pm
- 3 Public Hearing - 7:00 (See p 2)
- 8 Public Hearings - 6:30 and 6:45 PM (See p 2)
- 8 Town Board Meeting - following Public Hearings
- 10 CHRONICLE DEADLINE
- 15 Home Bureau
- 15 Andrew Jackson - 1767

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WEATHER OR NOT      2/8/83

Fourteen inches of snow and it is still coming down, with more in the forecast. Winter is finally here! On Jan. 17 a Northeaster dropped 24.5 inches of snow giving us a total of 40.7 inches of snow. Last season there were 57.9 inches while the norm is 49.7 inches. Currently at the stake on Mt. Mansfield in Vt. there are 31 inches; last year at this time there were 91 inches. Rain has fallen washing out much of our possible total snow. However it has snowed all day on the 7th and 8th, so we are looking pretty good again. Water temperature at the 18 in. level is now 35.5°F. Total heating degree day units is now 4009 being 15.5% warmer than the norm at 4784.

Enoc and Eban are happy as punch now that their favorite fishin spot is frozed over. Now Eban has an excuse to be out of the house. Enoc still tryin to catch that there elusive Lake George monster, but he's happy with the perch he's been taking home and so is the wife.

Keep warm, enjoy the snow, and keep smiling. Spring is on its way.

Get out and play!  
Enoc Salquod

ACCORDING TO OUR ICE WATCHER IN HAGUE, THE LAKE OFFICIALLY FROZE OVER ON FEBRUARY 11, 1983.

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