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THE TOWN BUDGET FOR 1974

At a meeting of the Town Board on October 23, a tentative budget for 1974 was adopted.

The budget provides for total expenses of \$172,749. with \$118,045. to be raised by taxes. While expenses are up about \$13,000. amount to be raised by taxes is about the same. Thus there should be little change from the 1973 town tax rate of \$13.22 per \$1000. of assessed valuation.

Salaries of elected officials have not been increased with the exception of the Superintendent of Highways whose salary is to be increased by \$400. There will be an increase in the hourly rate paid to highway workers but the amount has not been specified in the budget.

The budget will now be presented at a public meeting to be held on November 8th at 7:30 P.M. at which time the Board will consider possible changes in the tentative budget and will then adopt the actual budget to cover 1974.

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POLITICAL RALLY

More than fifty townspeople attended a Republican Rally at the Beachside Motel on Wednesday Evening, October 24. John Carney, Town Committeeman, presided. Speakers included State Representatives Ryan and Solomon; Carl DeSantis and Joan Hague, County Republican Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively; Queensbury Supervisor Lloyd Grabowski; and attorneys Katz and Sullivan who seek appointment to the post of judge of the Warren County Family Court. All of the speakers endorsed the Republican slate of candidates for local office.

Richard E. Bolton, Republican candidate for supervisor, outlined his program. If elected, he promised to roll back the sal-

ary of the supervisor to the 1971 level and believed further economies could be effected without eliminating or curtailing any essential town services. He stressed the need for developing programs which will bring visitors to Hague and create badly needed business.

Candidates for other local offices were called and each responded with a pledge to provide honest and efficient government.

The appointment of Stanloy Frasier to the post of Town Committeeman was announced by Mr. Carney. He will replace Clifford Decker who has resigned.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The school board met on September 10 and again on October 8th with all members present at both meetings.

The sum of \$11,000. was transferred to the furnace fund to bring that fund up to the required \$16,000.

The Board approved a motion to afford the school system retirees the same health insurance coverage as is provided for school employees.

An increase in salary to \$2600. to Mrs. Jane Fitzgerald, who heads the lunchroom, was approved, retroactive to September 1.

The \$180,000. bond anticipation note which dates back to the bond issue referendum approved in 1971 was extended for another year with interest at 5-7/8%. At this rate the interest for the year will be about \$10,575. or about \$3300. over the amount provided in the budget.

Mr. Bianicanni was appointed girl's soccer coach and Miss Dunn was appointed choir-loader advisor.

The Board approved an agreement reached

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\$200. Beach, Park, etc. - \$909; Library - \$100; Planning Board - \$200; Youth Board - \$100; Town Hall (heating system, office addition, etc.) - \$1000; and Communications system - \$600. The sum of \$100. was appropriated to administer the program.

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by negotiators for the teacher's union, thus resolving all contractual matters with the teachers.

A resolution to the memory of Thomas F. Smith was adopted and a copy sent to Mrs. Edith and son William Smith.

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Mr. Moola reported that cafeteria costs are escalating. For September and two weeks into October, costs amounted to \$2000. while income was only \$1100.

THE CANDIDATES

Here's the way the local candidates line up for the election on November 6: (R) Republican; (D) Democrat; (Ind) Independent; (i) Incumbent.

After determining that the costs were prohibitive, the Board voted to rescind its previous action in providing medical and retirement benefits to new school employees.

Supervisor --
R.E. Bolton (R) - W.K. DeLara (D)(i)

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TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

Town Justice --
Harvey Yaw (R) - Robert E. Donno (D)(i)

The Town Board met on September 11 and again on October 9 with all members present at both meetings.

Councilman --
Joe Stroeter (R) - Clifton Frasier (Ind)

Bids were solicited for painting the trim on the Town Hall. Contract was let to David Hoffay, the low bidder, and the work has now been completed.

Town Clerk --
Mary Alice Scripturo (R)

The car crusher company arrived in Hague as scheduled and removed over two hundred junk cars. The company also agreed to pick up scrap iron at the sanitary landfill.

Assessor (4 years)
James McKoo (R)(i) - Henry Watts (D)

Bids were solicited for the 1966 Dodge highway truck. Latham Motors of Latham, N. Y. submitted the high bid - \$875.00.

Assessor (2 Years)
Jack E. Bolton (R)(i) - Tom Stull (D)

Fred Spreoman was appointed dog enumerator.

Superintendent of Highways --
Dan Boldon (R)(i) - Ray Monroe (Ind)

For reasons which are not entirely clear, Federal Revenue Sharing funds for the period July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974 have been cut in half and the town will receive only \$9009 for the entire year. A resolution was adopted appropriating the funds. The largest cutback from the previous year is for highway construction with \$5000. appropriated. (Last year \$17,250 was expended for truck, plow, sweeper, etc.). Other appropriations: Fire Department - \$400; Ambulance Corps -

MORE LAKE TROUT

Beginning in 1974 and continuing for five years, Lake George will receive 50,000 yearling lake trout each year from the State Department of Environmental Conservation's hatchery systems. Mature females will be netted this fall which will produce approximately 220,000 eggs for hatchery raising. At least 50,000 of the young fish will be held at the hatchery for one year and will be returned to the lake next fall. Fisheries experts maintain that retaining fish in the hatcheries for a year is costly but the survival rate is much greater than spring-

stocked fingerling fish or fish naturally hatched in the lake.

Ticonderoga line. The state will do the sanding. Meanwhile both the county and town will each plow and sand their own roads.

VOTING MACHINE INSTRUCTION

LEON G. WELLS

The voting machine, set up as it will be on election day, will be available for inspection and instruction from 7 to 8:30 P.M. on October 31, November 1 and 3. In addition to the names of the candidates, there will be a transportation bond issue referendum and a number of amendments to the state constitution to be voted upon. Incidentally 58 new voters were recently registered.

Leon G. Wells passed away on October 11 at the Moses-Ludington Hospital in Ticonderoga. Mr. Wells was 78 years of age and a life member of the Hague fish and Game Club.

For many years he had been employed as a garage mechanic although in later life he became a farmer and was engaged in logging activities.

SNOWMOBILES

An increase in snowmobile activity is anticipated this winter with an appropriation of \$99,000. by Warren County to provide and maintain snowmobile trails. In addition, local snowmobile enthusiasts have organized the Hague on Lake George Snowmobile Club with W. Keith DeLarm as president.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle; a son, Leo and a daughter, Mrs. Ernest Jordan both of Hague. He is also survived by five grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on October 13th with burial at the Hague Comotory.

HAGUE SCHOLARSHIP FUND INCREASES

At the moment, members of the club are working on trails in the area which hopefully will tie in with trails being prepared by neighboring towns. Eventually it will be possible to go by snowmobile to Ticonderoga, Bolton Landing, Brant Lake and other towns, without using any of the highways. When completed, there will be about 100 miles of snowmobile trails in the area.

The Hague Central School Scholarship which was established in 1971 with an initial grant of \$6,000. from Mrs. Mary Bosto, has now grown to \$7,216.45. Many contributions have been received in memory of the late Thomas F. Smith who passed away on August 29.

TOWN ROAD WORK COMPLETED

Awards are made by the scholarship committee to provide assistance to graduates of Hague Highschool who are going on to post-highschool education. Thus far awards have been made to Dennis Trombléy, Torosa Thibault, Mary Beth Fitzgerald and Ernest Frasier in the total amount of \$1,350.

Improvements to town roads have been completed for this year with almost two miles of black-top resurfacing. The road leading from 9N to Forest Bay was completely resurfaced and the branch to the north was widened and prepared for black-topping next year. The east end of Split Rock Road, Fitzgerald Hill Road and about a third of a mile of Decker Hill Road were also resurfaced. Under the so-called Donovan Plan, Hague will receive state aid to the extent of 25% of the cost of constructing the Forest Bay Road.

NINETEETH BIRTHDAY

Arrangements have virtually been completed for the town to plow and sand State Route 9N from Tongue Mountain north to the

Mrs. Kato Rising celebrated her 90th birthday on September 15 at a party in her honor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Barnott. Mrs. Rising is the widow of Reginald Rising, late owner of the famous Rising House which was torn down about ten years ago. She presently resides with her oldest son Elton. A younger son, Holdor, resides in Georgia.

Four generations of the Rising Family attended the party: Mrs. Kate Rising; her daughter, Ruth Barnett; her grandson, Peter Barnett; and his two children, Richard and Neil Barnett. Many neighbors and friends were also guests at the party.

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HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

About sixteen members of the Hague Historical Society visited the Shelburne Museum at Shelburne, Vermont on September 15. This was an excellent turnout for what proved to be a full day of viewing an outstanding collection of early Americana.

Mrs. Vila Fitzgerald was in charge of the program at the meeting on October 17th. She gave an interesting account of the Ward family which she traced back to William Ward of Sudbury, England who was born in 1603 and emigrated to the New Colony of Massachusetts Bay in New England in 1638 bringing with him his second wife and five children.

Wardsboro, which once straddled the valley area between the towns of Bolton and Hague, was initially settled by descendants of William Ward. Today the area is marked only by a cemetery wherein members of the 7th and 8th generations of William Ward are buried. The cemetery is located on the Padanarum-Fly Brook Road about five miles in from Route 9N.

The late Wallace Lamb, formerly principal of Bolton Landing Highschool, his brother Carl and sister, Marion Lamb are descendants

of Ephram, son of Zachariah Ward, the first of the Ward family to move to New York. Marion Lamb continues to reside in Bolton where formerly she was a school teacher.

From a Mrs. Bennett who lived in Wardsboro from 1891 to 1926, Mrs. Fitzgerald learned that there were many saw and grist mills in the community and a large maple products industry. Wardsboro residents received their mail from the North Bolton post office. The first postmaster was Ephram Ward. It went out of business in the early 1900's. At the conclusion of her remarks Mrs. Fitzgerald told us that she too was a member of the Ward family, her great-great-great grandfather having been none other than Zachariah Ward.

Refreshments, excellent as usual, were provided and served by M. White and Betty Docker.

The next meeting will be held on November 14 at 7:45 P.M. We are hoping to get Mrs. June Lape of the Fort Ticonderoga Association to present the program. Mr. and Mrs. Seerup will present a travelogue on their recent trip to Europe at the December meeting.

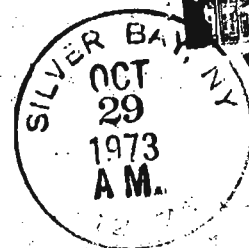
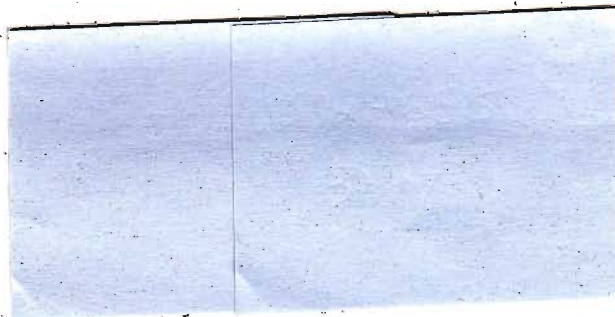
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SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. W. Keith DeLarm celebrated their 25th anniversary on October 16th. Many neighbors and friends offered congratulations at an open-house celebration at the DeLarm home on Saturday, October 16th.

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