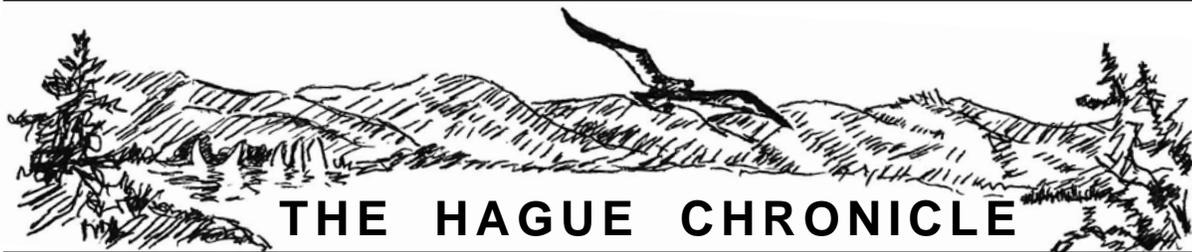


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NEW STAFFING PROCEDURE FOR HVFD EMS

The Hague Town Board (Belden, Frasier, Gladu and Meola were present) met with members of the HVFD Board of Directors (Marty Fitzgerald, Dick Frasier, Lu Megow, Linda Mury and Diane Trudeau) on August 26, 2011 at the request of the Department. The meeting was held in Executive Session at 3:30 pm so all of the information for this article comes from interviews and documents obtained after the meeting. There was nothing in the minutes or any documents that would indicate that this meeting needed to be in Executive Session and actually there is a very real need for the public to understand the situation.

The HVFD, like so many other departments in the area, is in a staffing crunch. There are fewer trained volunteers and the training required prevents many from volunteering. You may know some of the EMS squad in Hague but you may not know all the training that is required. The training requirements for a Basic Life Support (BLS) certificate include classroom work for 2 nights per week for 6 months, 10 hours of Emergency Room training and 10 hours of ride time in an ambulance to show skills. Then continuing education requires additional hours of training on a variety of topics.

For the Advanced Life Support (ALS) certificate the requirements are more daunting - including 1 year of classroom training 2 nights per week, 140 hours of ambulance ride time, 8 hours of hospital setting respiratory therapy, 12 hours of operating room assistance, 40 hours in the emergency room, 8 hours in child birth training and 16 hours of cardiac training in a hospital setting and more! The HVFD does not currently have any staff member trained at that level but there have been only a handful of calls dispatched by Warren County in the past two years where there was no ALS person available in mutual aid. There are also a significant number of calls that are dispatched as ALS calls but the ALS skills were not used during the response.

With the dwindling availability of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel in our area, there is a company called E5 Support Services which provides a paid staffing program to supplement local requirements. The HVFD has decided to hire E5 for the remainder of the 2011 budget year from their own resources in order to have their EMS squad adequately staffed.

The HVFD has issued the following statement:

“As of September 18, 2011, in order to supplement our current EMS service, the Hague Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. will be employing E5 Support Services, LLC to provide paid, certified Emergency Medical Technicians for our ambulances. These technicians will be working Monday to Friday, 7 am

to 5 pm. We have taken these steps to improve our EMS services and the quality of care to the community. This measure has been taken as the demands of training, certification, and work schedules have become increasingly challenging for our members. As our town population has decreased so has our membership. Volunteerism is at an all time low. Hague is not unique, well over sixty percent of the communities in Warren County need some paid staff. Please be assured that our EMS services will be provided with enhanced coverage and with technicians having the most current certification level. Our volunteers will continue to respond to every call and will be working in tandem with the E5 technicians.”

In order for paid staff to continue to be used, the Department is requesting that the Town Board increase the Fire and Ambulance budget for 2012. The Town Board is leaning toward a proposal by E5 Support Services to provide one paid BLS staff member every day. The cost would be approximately \$90,000 for the year. If this amount is added to the Town Budget, it will exceed the 2% tax cap. A Public Hearing, required before the Board can override a tax cap, will be held at the Community Center on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 6 pm prior to the regular Town Board meeting. ... Judy Stock

OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION

This weekend the Town Park will be the scene of several activities and lots of good food and drink. On Friday, Calamity Rock will play from 7 – 10 pm. The Oktoberfest Committee has stated that this Friday night event is free but they are taking donations of non-perishable food items and/or paper goods for the Hague Food Bank.

On Saturday, Fritz's Polka Band will entertain while German beer is served under the tent and vendors and booths are set up in the park. An interdenominational service led by Bruce Tamlyn is scheduled for Sunday morning at 9 am. For more information, see <<http://www.visithague.com/oktoberfest.htm>>.

HAGUE CANDIDATES NIGHT

The Hague Chronicle will sponsor a Candidates Night with local candidates who will be on the ballot in November. Running unopposed for Supervisor is Edna Frasier; vying for 2 positions on the Town Board are Rudy Meola (incumbent), Bruce Clark and Steve Ramant and running for Highway Superintendent are Don Smith (incumbent) and E. J. Siwek. The event will take place at 7 pm on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 and will be open to the public. If any readers have suggestions for questions or format, please contact us at <haguechronicle@nycap.rr.com>.

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The Senior Club thanks the HVFD for the use of the Pavilion and the building for another great Annual Picnic which we held in August. Thanks also to our cook Jim DeLarm and of course all who attended and shared their food and stories. It sure was a Senior feast - including ice cream sundaes with all the toppings.

Our next activity was an enjoyable trip to Skene Manor in Whitehall for lunch and a tour. Following that, the Senior View Cafe will be opened on Friday, September, 23, 2011 from 6 – 10 pm for the Oktoberfest Celebration. Anyone who would like to work the stand can call or stop by and also get your Hot Dogs with all the toppings or cheese nachos, soda and water.

The Club's next meeting is Tuesday, September, 27, 2011 at 1:30 pm at the Community Center. All Seniors are invited to come on out and see what is next for the Hague Seniors on the move. Don't miss out as we will be discussing our plans for October.
... Pat Hintze

ROTARY DANCE TO BENEFIT OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The Northern Lake George Rotary will sponsor "Step and Swing" on Friday, October 14, 2011 from 7 to 10 pm featuring the Marcotte Mountain Music Band for an evening of square and round dancing, good food and adult beverages.

Bring your friends to the Knights of Columbus Hall on Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga to enjoy toe tapping country music. Tickets are \$10 per person with a cash bar. All proceeds will benefit community outreach programs. For information or reservations call Beth Navitsky at 543-6929 or Merribeth Elling at 585-2173.

ANNUAL FLU PREVENTION SHOTS AVAILABLE

Warren County Public Health nurses will be at the Hague Community Center on October 14, 2011 from 1 – 2:30 pm for seasonal flu and pneumonia vaccines. It is strongly recommended that all persons of any age receive flu vaccines each year.

Warren County is offering Flu Shots and Flu Mist (given to ages 2 years – 49 years of age) for \$25. The Pneumonia Vaccine is also available to all ages for \$67. Payments can be made by cash or check. Medicare will be billed for the vaccines for Seniors who bring their Medicare cards.

TOWN BUDGET PROCESS

The process for the 2012 Town budget has begun. The Town Clerk will receive the tentative budget from the Budget Officer (Dan Belden) and present it to the Town Board on October 5, 2011 at 4 pm. The meeting is open to the public and copies of the tentative budget should be available. At this time no dates have been set for public workshops or hearings so keep checking with the Community Center.

HEAP APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

A representative from the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) will be at the Hague Community Center on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 from 10 – 10:30 am to help with the applications. Any persons needing financial help with heating fuel and energy costs are encouraged to see if they are eligible. Information on energy bills and income will be needed. For additional information call the Community Center at 543-6161.

HVFD BUSY WITH ACTIVITIES

The Open Water Swim held from the Hague beach in late August was provided safety support by our own Fire Rescue Boat, Ambulances and EMS Crew on stand-by. There were no major incidents reported, but it was good that we were there.

There were 24 Ambulance calls and 12 Fire calls for a total of 170 man hrs. for the month of August.

Once again the HVFD will be serving wonderful German dishes at the Oktoberfest this year. Knockwurst, Bratwurst, sauerkraut, red cabbage, and a delicious new German potato salad will be offered for sale at our booth. Come on out to enjoy great food, good music and lots of fun.

Leaf peepers will soon be out on our roads, so keep an eye out for them.
... Joe McCranels

EDITORIAL ISSUES DISCUSSED

Judy Stock, editor of *The Hague Chronicle*, recently chaired the first meeting of an Editorial Committee to discuss future editorial staffing and policies. If you have basic computer skills, are interested in the editorial side of publication and would like to consider volunteering, please contact us at <haguechronicle@nycap.rr.com>.

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SEWER DISTRICT MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Prompted by the odor complaints of residents near the Dodd Hill Sewer Pump Station, the Town contacted the original engineering consultants, Clough Harbor Associates (CHA) and representatives made site visits in July. Their field observations not only verified the possible reasons for odor at the Dodd Hill Station but a significant oil/grease build-up at the Lake Shore Pump Station (near Trout House Village) was also found.

Suggestions were made about maintenance, stocking spare parts and visiting the pump stations on a regular basis. They recommended for the summer months that the Sewer Districts employ an additional person to help Paul Belden so that the increased monitoring can be done. At the September Board meeting, Ann Shakeshaft asked if the issues were being addressed. Supervisor Belden indicated that they had given Paul permission to order parts. She asked if they were considering getting the extra help and Councilwoman Frasier said they were.

Paul Belden, Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee, has also responded to a suggestion to remind users of important ways that they can help maintain the system in good working order. He has sent out a letter to all users of the system with several important reminders. Any sump pumps going into the sewer system should be disconnected. Power should remain on year-round. Fallen snow should not be removed from the top of the E-one pump station in order to maintain insulation. Oil and grease should be disposed of in a sealed container in the garbage - not put in drains. Among the things that should not be flushed into the system are sanitary products, diapers, cat litter, paper towels, wet wipes, plastic, cigarette butts, etc.

The summer beauty of our area attracts additional residents and visitors which create added maintenance challenges. As CHA noted, proactive operation and maintenance is necessary in order to protect this sizable investment for the future. If we do our part - and the Town does its part - we should have a viable system for many, many years. ... Judy Stock

NEW CEO AT MOSES-LUDINGTON HOSPITAL

William "Chip" Holmes has been appointed as President and Chief Executive Officer of Moses-Ludington Hospital, effective October 31, 2011. Holmes is married to Margie Laferriere from St. Johnsbury, VT and is the proud father of two teenage daughters, Carson and Isabelle Holmes.

Holmes was previously a regional vice president responsible for executive and operational oversight of 14 not-for-profit hospitals and health systems in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. Holmes has also served as CEO at Littleton (NH) Regional Hospital and at Abilene (TX) Regional Medical Center.

Holmes received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Sociology at Union College, Schenectady, NY, followed by a Master of Health Administration degree at Tulane University, New Orleans. He is board-certified in health care management as a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE).

A NEED TO STEP UP FOR THE LAKE

At the September Town Board meeting, Chris Navitsky again appeared urging passage of a Local Law restricting fertilizers and pesticides within the Critical Environmental Area surrounding Lake George. Kathy Bozony, from the Lake George Waterkeeper, provided a presentation at the February Town Board meeting detailing the significant contribution to changing water quality of Lake George from nutrient pollution and lawn maintenance practices that rely on fertilizers. At that time, the Town Board said they would like additional information, which was provided, and would then schedule a public hearing during the summer to determine the concern of the Town residents.

Navitsky has written to *The Hague Chronicle*, "Unfortunately summer has come and gone with no action by the Town Board on the matter. Instead of inquiring about public interest on the issue, they have determined that the New York State fertilizer law, effective January 1, 2012, is acceptable." However he notes, "A higher standard is needed that would prevent the application of fertilizers within 50 feet of Lake George, apply only phosphorus-free fertilizers between 50 and 200 feet of the lake and require the posting of any yard where pesticides have been applied on an area greater than 100 square feet."

Navitsky continues, "(It) is shocking that our Town Board is not interested in taking proactive measures to protect the water quality of Lake George, which is clearly being impacted as evident by algae blooms all around the lake. But other Towns do recognize the problem." The Town of Queensbury and the Town and Village of Lake George have all passed more restrictive laws and as Navitsky notes, "... must be applauded for their efforts. Our Hague Town Board must be asked the question 'Why not us?'" ... Judy Stock

HAGUE MARKET CLOSED

Sharon and Doug Zeyak have sold the Hague Market and it is currently closed. We're glad to hear that the Zeyaks are remaining in Hague and have moved to a home on Dodd Hill Road.

We have no store for groceries or snacks in the hamlet now, but we look forward to the remodeling and reopening under new owners, Sally and Jim Rypkema. We will report on the progress as they finalize their plans.

HAGUE POSTMASTER RECOGNIZED

Hague Postmaster Jackie Fort has been recognized for her thirty years of service to the US Postal Service. A recognition pin and certificate were personally delivered to her at the Hague Post Office by Daniel E. Cronin, the Post Office Operations Manager for this area.

TOWN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

Member of a committee to look into dock space

TOWN BOARD MEETING – 9/13/11

Supervisor Dan Belden and Board Members Dick Gladu, Rudy Meola and Edna Frasier were present. Mark Martucci was absent.

A moment of silence was held for Richard Dunklee and John Klein.

Judy Stock stated that she felt the August 26, 2011 meeting between the Town Board and representatives from the HVFD did not meet the criteria for going into executive session nor was there any attempt to inform the media about the meeting.

Steve Ramant reported that the Hague Fish & Game is still successfully monitoring the road into Jabe pond and the Hague Snogers will continue the monitoring after it snows.

Graham Bailey indicated that he wanted to be sure that there was enough amperage in the Town Park for the Oktoberfest activities. The Town Board will get bids to have the work done. Steve Ramant also reported that they have hired a security person to cover overnight on Friday for the Oktoberfest and the Board agreed to have the visitor center open for him.

Other items of note:

The dedication of the new Veteran's Memorial Park will take place at 11 am on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at the park by the brook. Sandwiches will be served afterward at the Community Center.

Assessor Martucci successfully defended his valuation of a parcel of property in a small claims suit brought by the property owner so there was no change in assessment.

Direct deposit is finally in place for the employees.

Councilman Gladu reported that the storm cleanup is done. The Superintendent of Highways has been asked to document everything for the FEMA request. FEMA pays 75% and the rest is split by the state and local funds. However, if the state does not come up with the funds, the Town will have to do it.

Rich Moore from Toadflax Nursery requested permission to use the Town gravel pit at Sabbath Day Point to temporarily dump fill from a job for an Arcady homeowner. He would then restore the area and in addition would leave soils that can be used by the Town. The Board approved his use of the sandpit as a temporary staging area that will be properly cleaned up.

The Superintendent of Highways, Don Smith, will be asked to attend the required Reasonable Suspicion Training or appoint someone else. This training is for making referrals related to drug or alcohol use in the workplace.

Swift Maintenance is no longer doing the cleaning at the Community Center and the Board has hired Michele Gautreau for 4 hours per week at \$15 per hour for the rest of this year.

ZEO Clark and Councilman Gladu have sent a letter to the Regional Director of Verizon so that they can make a decision in their budget for next year to bring service to the Hague cell tower.

The Board authorized the Supervisor to sign updates to map changes on the cell tower. In further discussion about the cell tower it was reported that the Town is getting a monthly

payment but no revenue yet. The Board was not sure of the arrangement and Councilman Gladu was to check on it.

[According to an article by Dick Gladu in the August 2010 issue of The Hague Chronicle, "The Town will receive a monthly rent of \$900 per month (\$10,800 per year) which will escalate at 3% per year. In addition, the Town will receive 10% of the net revenue resulting from other carriers co-locating on the tower."

And in December 2010 we reported, "Independent Towers sold their interest in the project to Florida Tower Partners who will pay the Town the agreed upon \$900 per month." No information was discussed at that time about a percentage of revenue.]

It is anticipated that the Town Budget will exceed the 2% cap, due to increased funding for the Fire Department, therefore a Public Hearing will be held on October 11, 2011 at 6 pm on a resolution to override the tax cap.

The APA has approved the land use amendments and a Public Hearing on the Code Modifications will be held on October 11, 2011 at 6:15 pm.

Supervisor Belden received a letter from the LGPC announcing increased funding for the Stormwater Planning Grant Program. The amount of \$15,000 is available to be shared by five local lake communities for planning stormwater programs that will protect the quality of Lake George.

Councilman Meola reported that the Silver Bay Youth summer program, which was attended by many local children, cost \$8,774 of which the Town pays half, and Silver Bay pays half. The State allots \$900 to the Town.

Councilman Meola also reported on a successful summer at the Town Park with two lifeguards on duty every day and the staff at the Visitor Center and Park attendants worked very well. He evaluated each of the employees as proscribed in the Employees Manual.

Councilman Meola noted that there was a dire need for additional dock space for the people who come into Town by boat. He suggested that a citizens committee including a couple of Board members look into the issue. The Board agreed and if anyone is interested in being a member of this committee, please contact the Town at 543-6161.

Councilman Gladu reported that the Transfer Station was accepting any appliance with a cord (e.g. Computers, TV, toasters) for no fee as they will be recycled. Refrigerators, air conditioners, etc. must still be red-tagged (Freon professionally removed) before they can be accepted. He will check further on batteries.

Barbara Belden was reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review for a term to expire on September 30, 2016.

The Town Clerk was authorized to advertise the sale of the copier.

There is an opening on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Anyone interested in volunteering for this position should contact the Town at 543-6161.

A plaque will be made to thank Jim DeLarm for his donation of time and materials in making the shelf in the lobby which holds the scales.

The date of October 5, 2011 at 4 pm was set for the Town Clerk to present the tentative budget to the Board. The Board set no dates for workshops or a public hearing yet.

A State Grant has been awarded from Parks and Recreation to repair or create new hiking trails in the amount of \$17,000. Let the Town know if you are aware of any roads or trails needing repair.

The Board authorized the Supervisor to sign an agreement with the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – 8/25/11

Chairman Robert Goetsch, Jon Hanna, Lyndsay Mydlarz, Bill Pittman, Chris Navitsky and Maureen Cherubini were all present. There is one vacancy.

COMMONS (26.10-1-35) 23 Commons Way (TR-1R)

The applicants would like to replace a 64 sq. ft. staircase with a 144 sq. ft. deck with stairs. Recently, an 80 sq. ft. shed was removed from the northwest side of the existing house. The deck, if approved, would sit 24' 6" from the MHW of Lake George. The shoreline setback of the existing house is 7' 9" from the Lake.

The Board approved the application with the condition that a drainage plan is submitted to the ZEO and implemented.

STANFORD (43.13-1-29) 7 Bayberry Lane (TR-1)

An after-the-fact variance is requested to allow an increase to a non-conforming structure of more than 25%. In 2006 a variance was granted for a 10 x 20 ft. sun porch addition with a 6' sideline setback with the condition that the sun porch would not be heated (thus no increase in square footage to a non conforming structure.) The owner has made the sunroom into an addition to his non-conforming house by removing the front door and window that separated the sunroom from the rest of the house. The 200 sq. ft. addition is a 29.49 % increase in square footage

In an additional application, a request is being made for an after-the-fact variance from front and side line setbacks for a 6' x 8' shed on the property 2' from the side line and 6' from the front line.

SULLIVAN (76.20-1-9) 8124 Lakeshore Drive (TR1R)

The applicants are requesting an after-the-fact approval of the placement of a garage within 25' of their front line setback. In 2001 a garage was moved to sit 16' 1" from the front line setback of the property. No permits for this action were applied for or approved.

If that application is approved, an additional variance request is being made for an addition of a 274 sq. ft. side shed roof, for the storage of a boat.

The Board accepted both the Stanford and Sullivan applications as complete, set a date for site visits and put both on the agenda for next month.

PLANNING BOARD – 9/1/11

Chairman EJ Siwek and Board Members Dick Frasier, Martin Fitzgerald, Bruce Clark, Mike Cherubini, Pam Peterson and Bob Whitaker were all present. Mr. Whitaker was attending for the first time and was welcomed to the Board.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH (PARISH OF ST. ISAAC JOGUES) (25.20-1-7, 8, 9 & 11) 9794 Graphite Mountain Road (Hamlet/TR 2)

Lot Line Changes are being requested so the Church rectory and garage will be on one lot and the Church and its parking lot will be on another. If approved a Merger of Lands will also be filed. A spokeswoman present said that the intention is to sell the rectory and also to donate the space in front of the Community Center to the Town.

The Board felt that a public hearing in this case was not necessary and approved the lot line change.

PATCHETT / STULL-DENNIS (26.17-2-43 & 43.5-1-31) Overlook Lane (Hamlet)

The owners are requesting the Board's approval of a proposed lot line change. A lawyer from Palatine Bridge, NY, Kenneth Ayers, spoke to clarify that the application was for a lot line change and merger. The Board deemed the application incomplete.

STANFORD (43.13-1-29) 7 Bayberry Lane (TR-1)

An after-the-fact Variance is requested to remedy a condition of a 2006 ZBA approval for a 10 x 20 ft. sun porch addition. In 2006 a variance was granted for a 6' sideline setback with the condition that the sun porch would not be heated.

It was deemed that the sunroom is an addition to the non-conforming house because of the removal of the front door and window that separated the sunroom from the rest of the house and thus allowed heat to enter that room. The 200 sq. ft. addition is a 29.49 % increase in square footage, which is more than the allowed 25% increase of sq. ft. to a non-conforming structure.

The Planning Board recommended that the Zoning Board require the building to be put back according to the 2006 ruling.

The applicant has also placed a 6' x 8' shed on his property 2' from the side line and 6' from the front line. He is seeking an after-the-fact Variance approval for it.

The Planning Board stayed with their previous recommendation that the ZBA approve this variance.

SULLIVAN (76.20-1-9) 8124 Lakeshore Drive (TR1R)

The applicants are requesting two Variance approvals. The first Variance request is an after-the-fact approval of the placement of a garage within 25' of their front line setback. No permits for this action were issued. The DOT right-of-way is 35' from the center line of Route 9N.

If the Zoning Board approves the Variance request for the existing garage the applicants will also be requesting a Variance

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DINNER AND A MOVIE AT SILVER BAY YMCA

All are welcome to come to a community dinner (pizza or soup) held at the Brookside Community House on the Silver Bay Campus on October 14, 2011 at 6 pm followed by a movie. A suggested donation is \$5 and you can RSVP to Chip Devenger at <cdevenger@silverbay.org> or call 543-8833 ext. 215.

The movie this month, a PG-13 movie of 141 minutes, is SEABISCUIT about the inspiring success of the Horse of the Year in 1938. A knobble-kneed colt becomes a winning thoroughbred at the hands of its owner (Jeff Bridges), its unorthodox trainer (Chris Cooper) and its jockey, a half-blind ex-prizefighter (Tobey Maguire), in this depression-era drama based on the true story of champion racehorse Seabiscuit.

DINING FOR THE LGLC

Join The Uptown, 9819 Graphite Mountain Rd (Rt. 8), Hague for its final dinner of the season on Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 5 to 9 pm. Twenty percent of all sales will benefit the Lake George Land Conservancy. The prix-fixe, harvest menu, \$50 per person, will include a minimum of three courses. The Uptown serves local, organic and foraged food items prepared by chef Sam Richman. Reservations are recommended. Call 518-543-6202 or email <lizuptown@gmail.com>.

LGA ANNUAL MEETING

The Lake George Association (LGA) held its 126th annual meeting on August 19, 2011 at the Lake George Club to learn about the organization's lake protection and conservation efforts, elect new directors of the board, and receive program updates for the past year.

Lee Woodruff, a *New York Times* bestselling author and summer resident of Silver Bay, shared her own personal experiences relating to her time at Lake George. She read from her latest book, *Perfectly Imperfect*, and later autographed copies for many who attended.

Ken Engler of Hague, the secretary of the LGA board of directors, was honored for his many years of service to the organization. "Ken has been dedicated to the Lake and to the LGA for over a decade," said Walt Lender, LGA executive director. Since 1997, Ken has at different times served as treasurer, secretary, vice president and chair of the water recreation committee, in addition to participating on the human resources, building and grounds, finance and nominating committees.



Robert de Buys, LGA executive vice president and Victor Hershaf, LGA president with Ken Engler, who was honored for his service to Lake George.

PLANT SALE AND HARVEST MARKET

Fort Ticonderoga will hold their annual Plant Sale and Harvest Market in the King's Garden on Saturday, October 1, 2011 from 10 am to 4 pm. The popular plant sale offers a variety of perennials from the historic gardens. Staff and volunteers will be available to answer questions and dig visitor's selections. All are encouraged to bring their own bags, boxes or bins.

A cornucopia of vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers are also featured for sale. Favorite recipes using King's Garden vegetables will be shared by garden volunteers. Family activities include watercolor painting and a fall leaf hunt that explores the trees found on the garden grounds. The Heroic Corn Maze Adventure is another fall favorite for all ages. Tickets and information are available at the Log House admissions area.

OBSERVE THE MOON WITH LGLC

On October 8, 2011, from 6 – 8 pm, the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) will be a local sponsor for the International Observe the Moon Night. It will be held at Up Yonda Farm, 5239 Lake Shore Drive (Rt. 9N), Bolton Landing.

International Observe the Moon Night (InOMN) 2011 is the second annual public outreach event dedicated to engaging the lunar science and education community, amateur astronomers, space enthusiasts, and the general public in annual lunar observation campaigns that share the excitement of lunar science and exploration. See <<http://observethemoonnight.org>> for more information about InOMN and the moon.

Participants should meet at Up Yonda for an explanation of the project with lunar scientist, Rosemary Millham, Ph.D. The group will then go outdoors to view the moon and return indoors for light refreshments. This is a free event and for all ages. Registration is not required but is appreciated. Please call 644-9673 or email <shoffman@lglc.org> for more information.

CROP WALK TO FIGHT HUNGER

A CROP Hunger Walk will be held on October 15, 2011 with registration at 1 pm at the 1888 building, Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga and the walk begins at 1:30 pm. CROP Hunger Walk raises funds for those in distress from war, weather, politics, etc. The food pantries of Ti, Hague and Crown Point will receive 25% of all the funds raised. Participants can also drive the 1, 2 or 4 mile course. If you cannot walk you can be a silent supporter and donate for this worthwhile cause. For more information, contact Bob and Sue Johnson of Hague at 543-6127.

PUBLIC ROAST BEEF DINNER

A roast beef dinner sponsored jointly by the members of the Masons and Eastern Star will be served Friday, September 30, 2011, at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will be available from 4:30 - 5 pm and dine-in is 5 - 6:30 pm in the downstairs dining hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under.



Having just recently enjoyed Ginger Kuenzel's program on the 1950's Outboard Regattas, when we went to the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton, NY, this August, I kept looking for references to Lake George and the boats that once plied her waters. Though the Museum was impressive, I was disappointed in my hunt for mentions of Lake George – until the very last building – the Quest for Speed Exhibit. There it was!



Not only were there boats given to the Museum by Lake George's Bill Morgan, but take a look at the excerpt below from a plaque describing one of the engines from the U-4 Unlimited Hydroplane "Something Else" (above).

This engine last ran in 1982, when it drove *Something Else* up and down Lake George at terrific speed. Chris Ginn, who was heavily involved in the U-4 project and drove the boat many times, remembers getting a State Trooper to come with his radar gun to clock the boat. The radar gun couldn't "see" the boat, but her designer, naval architect Douglas Van Patten, calculated the speed based on rpm, prop pitch, and slippage to be between 160 and 170 mph.

In a recent visit with Cris Ginn, he recalls being a young man in his early 20's and looking for a job on an unlimited hydroplane team. He contacted Bill Morgan and his resume must have been impressive because Morgan hired him over the phone. Having been raised in Ohio, Cris had never heard of Lake George, but when he arrived he realized he had found a little bit of heaven. It was 1982 and Morgan was working on a 3000 horse-power U-4. Cris was hired to finish all the mechanical installations and to build a team that would take the boat on the road.

The boat's engine was a B-51 Rolls Royce Merlin airplane engine and the boat was entirely fabricated in Morgan's shop in Hague. Cris worked closely with Morgan and Douglas Van Patten, a renowned naval architect from Detroit. Eventually, he became the test driver and that's when the real thrills must have

begun -- when Cris took the craft out and soared up and down Lake George at 160 mph!



Another page in Hague's colorful history . . .

... Pat McDonough

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Please join us on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 7 pm, when Walter Wells, local sportsman and collector of antiquities, will present a program on "Antiques of Hague and Its Environs". Walter is a gregarious fellow who you'll surely enjoy spending your evening with. This program will be our last for the summer season and we expect it will be one you won't want to miss.

If you missed our "Tourism" program in June, or if you have a guest or family member who would be interested, we have finished recording the narration and Jim Henderson has loaded it onto the computer in the Museum. It's ready to go along with all our other recent programs. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the show.

We had wonderful attendance at our programs this summer and would simply like to say thank you to all those who came out and supported our efforts to keep history alive and vital for Hague and its residents. We'll be busy over the coming months planning new programs, maintaining our collection and records, and continuing our research. We are always interested in hearing from you at <haguehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com> or PO Box 794, Hague, NY 12836. ... Pat McDonough

COMPLIMENTARY COPIES AVAILABLE

Complimentary copies of *The Hague Chronicle* will be sent to any readers age 90 or older and anyone serving in the military. Please let us know if you fall in one of those categories so we can make sure to send it to you!

~SOUNDINGS~

ENGAGED: Scott Siwek, son of E. J. and Cynthia Siwek of Hague and Kristina Laurien Pierce, daughter of Donald and Beth Pierce of Belleville, NY. An October 2012 wedding is planned.

DIED: Richard J. Dunklee, 68, on August 25, 2011, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family. Dick was a lifelong resident of Hague. He was employed by the Hague Highway Department for many years and served as highway superintendent for two years. He was also employed by Morgan's Marina.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Mary Annette (Rovelli) Dunklee; four children, Ann Marie Blanchette and her fiancée, Jody Bosford, of South Glens Falls, Pamela Dunklee of Queensbury, Carol Outland and her husband, Brian, of Tracy, Calif., and Chad Dunklee of Marshville, N.C.; and one sister, JoAnn Gore, of California. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one niece; one nephew; and many cousins.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Ed and Lois Konikowski, Silver Bay summer residents, who were one of the winners of the Art Raffle of the LGLC. They won the painting *Early Morning Fishing* by Wendy Soliday.

ANCA ANNUAL MEETING

The Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) will hold its 56th Annual Meeting on October 3, 2011 from 1 - 5 pm at the new Lake Placid Conference Center.

This year's meeting will focus on the "State of the Adirondack North Country: Economic and Demographic Changes Since 2000." For more information contact Melissa Hart, ANCA Communications Specialist, <mhart@adirondack.org>.

PETER NEAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

On August 13, 2011, the 2011 Peter Neal Memorial Scholarships amounting to \$6,500, were announced at the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks. The scholarships are presented annually to employees of Silver Bay based on high standards of work performance and the financial needs of a college education.

The winners for 2011 are: Judith De'sir attending Colby-Sawyer College, Tori Farinick attending Rutgers University, Ben Katz at the University of Vermont, Jaelyn Kline at Austin Community College, Adam LaPointe at Springfield College, Katherine Maxwell at Quinnipiac University, Peter McPherson at SUNY Oneonta and Deirdre Shupe at Hollins University.

Family and friends established the Scholarship in 1992, as a memorial to Peter Neal son of Sally and James Neal, Venice, FL and Sabbath Day Point. Peter was an employee at Silver Bay the summers of 1983, 1984 and 1985. He died of colon cancer in 1992.

SUPERINTENDENT MEETS WITH HAGUE TAXPAYERS

Well over 100 people filled the Hague Community Center on August 23, 2011 to hear Superintendent of Ticonderoga Schools John McDonald give a presentation on the history of annexation with Hague and the current possibilities of improving the budget.

After an introduction by Steve Ramant, McDonald gave a history of the reorganization efforts in New York State beginning in 1870 when there were 11, 372 school districts to 2011 with 697 districts. Both consolidation (examples: Moriah and North Warren) and annexation (Hague and Dannemora) were methods used. Six votes were taken in Hague, beginning in 1971, which opposed any reorganization. In 1978, the State Education department recommended that "Hague join the Ticonderoga CSD by September of 1979" and in June 1979, by a vote of 242 to 190, approval was given. An option of paying tuition was studied but at that time it showed no difference in the tax effect.

According to McDonald, in 1979-80, the assessment in Hague was \$1,598,44 with an equalization rate of 71% while Ticonderoga had an assessment of \$15,545,652 with a rate of 17%. By 1984-85, with lakefront property gaining in value, the assessment in Hague was \$26,717,254 with a rate of 50% while Ticonderoga had an assessment of \$16,163,325 with a rate of 15%. For 2011-12, Hague's assessment is \$439,240,799 with a rate of 75% and Ticonderoga's is \$540,279,888 with a rate of 100%.

In the hopes of improving the budget situation, the Ticonderoga School Board is considering a number of ideas. With consolidation still being promoted by the NYS Education Department, Ticonderoga and Crown Point have applied for funds to study possible consolidation. An International Exchange Program is also being considered where foreign students would pay to attend Ticonderoga schools. Ticonderoga continues to press for relief for schools in NYS from unfunded mandates and for property tax reform.

While some in the audience may have hoped for a magic solution to their tax concerns, Superintendent McDonald presented the information in an open manner and answered all the questions from audience members. Most of those in attendance were pleased with his presentation and came away with a better understanding of why we are where we are today. ... JS

CHORALE TO RESUME REHEARSALS

The Champlain Valley Chorale announces resumption of fall rehearsals for its upcoming Christmas concerts. Weekly rehearsals will be held each Tuesday evening at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, 1045 Wicker Street, Ticonderoga, beginning September 13, 2011, and continuing to the concert presentations scheduled for December.

New singers in all sections are welcomed, and no audition is necessary. For further information, please contact Bob Elling at 585-2173.

SILVER BAY YMCA PROGRAM AND CAMPAIGN

The Silver Bay YMCA completed a successful summer of programs for the local community and conferences for families from far and wide. Over 800 children participated in day camp. More than 20,000 people visit the campus each year, including conference attendees, family campers, and local visitors.

David Kisselback, Silver Bay CEO, commented that “One of the highlights of the summer was when we hosted the Glens Falls Symphony, it brought the greater Silver Bay community together in a new way.”

At the symphony concert, volunteer leaders, John Barber and Jane Ingrey, announced that Silver Bay is getting ready to embark on a major capital campaign. Although still in the “quiet phase”, the Campaign for Silver Bay is designed to renew Silver Bay’s Core Campus and preserve the Silver Bay experience. “Our mission is to serve conferences and families and impact their lives in meaningful ways. A successful campaign will allow us to greatly improve our ability to serve,” said David Kisselback. The Campaign will make it possible to:

- ◆ Replace the deteriorated Hepbron Hall with a comparable new facility with affordable family rates
- ◆ Refurbish Cottage Row through replacement of some cottages and renovation of others
- ◆ Create a new Program Fund to enhance programs serving both members and the community
- ◆ Upgrade water treatment facilities
- ◆ Renovate the Inn and Dining Hall
- ◆ Improve Staff housing
- ◆ Upgrade walkways and lighting to enhance accessibility and safety
- ◆ Improve the Slim Point and Bay Beach waterfronts

Contact the Development Office at 518-543-8833 or <development@silverbay.org> for more information.

PENFIELD COTTAGE FAMILY REUNION

Four generations of the Penfield family gathered over the July Fourth holiday for a reunion that celebrated 99 years of summer vacations at their Silver Bay cottage. One hundred thirteen members of the family, ages 2 weeks to 90 years, spent the week reminiscing, playing in the water, and strengthening family ties.



photo by Thom Duncan

In 1912, after several years of work and vacation visits to the early Silver Bay Association, Rev. Thornton B. Penfield and his wife, Martha, bought the Adirondack-camp style cottage from the Mitchner family. The Penfields’ three children grew up and continued enjoying summers at

their cottage with their families — ten grandchildren, then 33 great-grandchildren, and now many more great-greats and a few great-great-great-grandchildren. ... Carolyn Atwater Newman

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for an addition of a 274 sq. ft. side shed roof for the boat storage.

The Planning Board recommended that the ZBA deny this application and move the garage back into compliance.

HOESCELE (76.12-1-10.2) 10 Tower Point Road (HS/HS-R)

The applicants would like to build a four bedroom house 60 feet from the mean high water of the Lake which requires Planning Board site review since it is new construction within 100 feet of Lake George. The application was deemed complete and a site visit was scheduled.

Weather Report by JoAnne DeFranco

August 13, 2011—September 16, 2011

We see a change in the usual weather pattern we expect from the end of the summer season. Hurricane Irene will go



New Hague Road after Irene
photo by Diane Snyder

down in the record books as more devastating than Floyd. Floyd did greater damage to our small community, sinking boats and taking down trees and electric wires with power out for 4 - 5 days. But Irene’s path of destruction was more

widespread from Albany to Vermont, with so much rain that small streams were turned into rivers. My rain gauge had 4.57” of rain for the storm.

Another unusual storm occurred on Sept 4 as severe thunderstorms/lightning passed through. I added up 10.94” rain from 8/13 - 9/16. That’s a lot of rain! The yearly total is way above the normal as noted in the Post Star weather statistics. It will be interesting to add up the yearly total for Hague in December.

We have had 18 sunny days for the period, 15 of those with temp up to 80+. Nine days were cloudy and 8 days were steady rain all day. The full moon was last week; the next one will be October 11. Sunrise is 6:34 am; sunset is 7:05 pm, a loss of about an hour and a half of daylight since the last recording period. Lake George water temperature is 73 degrees, a drop of 9 degrees since last period. Fall begins on 9/23. The leaves are changing especially in Lake Placid/High Peaks regions. The first frost warnings were posted for Friday night 9/16. The temperature at my house was 38 degrees. Those of you in higher elevations of Graphite may have experienced freezing temperatures. Those of you readers directly on the Lake did not see these low temperatures since the Lake gives up its warmth and keeps the frost away.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS
Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm

Saturday: 9 am to 4 pm

HAGUE CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

- 22 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
- 23 6 – 10 pm Senior View Café at Visitors Center
- 23 7 – 10 pm Food, music and drink in the Park
- 24 noon – 5 pm Oktoberfest in the Park
- 25 9 am Interdenominational Service in the Park
- 27 1:30 pm Senior Club Meeting
- 27 7 pm Hague Historical Society Program
- 30 5 – 6:30 pm Roast Beef dinner—Masonic Temple

- 1 10 am – 4 pm King’s Garden Harvest at Fort Ti
- 5 4 pm Town Clerk presents Budget
- 5 7 pm Planning Board meets – date change
- 8 5 – 9 pm Dining at The Uptown for LGLC benefit
- 8 6 – 8 pm *Observe the Moon* night in Bolton Landing
- 10 COLUMBUS DAY
- 11 5:30 pm Town Board audits bills
- 6 pm Public Hearing on overriding the tax cap
- 6:15 pm Public Hearing on code modifications
- 6:30 pm Regular Town Board meeting
- 12 7 pm Candidates Night sponsored by *The Hague Chronicle*
- 14 News deadline for October issue
- 14 1 – 2:30 pm Flu and pneumonia vaccines at Community Center
- 14 6 pm Dinner and movie at Silver Bay YMCA
- 14 7 – 10 pm Northern LG Rotary dance
- 19 *The Hague Chronicle* for October is mailed out

ONGOING EVENTS

- 1st Monday: **Fire Department** (7 pm)
- 3rd Monday: **Chamber of Commerce** (7 pm)
- 1st & 3rd Tuesday: **Mohican Crafters** (10 am)
- 3rd Tuesday: **Ticonderoga School Board** (7 pm)
- 3rd Tuesday: **Fish & Game Club** (7:30 pm)
- 3rd Thursday: **Carillon Garden Club** (10 am)



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