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Letter from Ralph Bentley, Town of Horicon Supervisor:

Winter has come and gone— only about six and one-half months long. There was lots of ice and snow which resulted in the longest ice fishing and snowmobiling season in recent memory. The skiing season at Gore was also long and great.

The town is moving forward with the Comprehensive Master Plan. After many months of meetings, the dedicated members of the steering committees presented the Final Draft to the Town Board on January 8. The Town Board conducted several workshop meetings on April 9 and April 30. There will be additions and changes which will be incorporated into the Final Draft. There will be public informational meetings. The Master Plan will then serve as the guideline for Horicon's future development. This ambitious and necessary plan has been years in the making.

Horicon has not seen a tax hike in the last three years. In fact, the combined tax rates for the Town of Horicon (School, Town, County and Fire) are the lowest of any town in Warren County.

The Town has budgeted \$5,000.00 for milfoil control in Brant Lake and Schroon Lake.

Road construction and repairs are to begin for portions of Pease Hill and Hayesburg roads. Short Street and the one-half mile of Johnson Road will receive a top coat of pavement. Route #8 in Brant Lake will close for a two-week period between May 26 and July 2 to replace the culvert at Brant Lake Farm. The NY State DOT will also replace the guardrails on Route #8 during the summer.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer.

Copies of the newsletter are available at Town Hall, in the public libraries of Brant Lake, Adirondack hamlets, and on line at our web site: www.horiconny.gov.

This Just In: *Tom Johansen, from Brant Lake, who is President of the Horicon Historical Society, was chosen as the North Warren Chamber of Commerce VIP for 2009, recognizing his services to the community. Congratulations Tom for all of your hard work and dedication.*

Editor's Note: this portion of the newsletter continues a series of *First Person* accounts written by citizens of the Town of Horicon who have opened new businesses providing valuable and needed services to the town. In addition, the spring issue also profiles two businesses that have successfully maintained or provided expanded services and employment to the town.

Adirondack Construction Enterprises, LLC,

By Colleen M. Doyle written for Erin E. Hayes, Esq. and Michael J. Hayes, Jr.



The quaint red building in downtown Brant Lake is the new home of two local businesses. Michael Hayes, Jr. Owner of Adirondack Construction Enterprises, LLC and Erin Hayes, Esq. have moved their offices to their new central location on the Mill Pond next to the Post Office in order to accommodate their expanding businesses and help promote business development in the center of the town.

Michael and Erin are local staples in Brant Lake and Chestertown with numerous ties to the area. Michael is a Brant Lake native. His business, Adirondack Construction Enterprises, LLC, has worked with local residents on projects such as excavation, landscaping, landscape architecture. Erin Hayes Esq. originally hails

from the East Greenbush area near Albany. She is no stranger to Brant Lake. Her family has long had cottages, camps, and homes in Brant Lake. Erin is a St. Lawrence graduate of Albany Law School. She previously worked with the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation and the Albany City Dept. of Social Services, as well as with the law firm of John M. Silvestri. The focus of her practice is in Family Law and Real Estate. As a long time Adirondacker, Erin fully understands the uniqueness of living within the Adirondacks, and is well equipped in assisting the prospective real estate buyer or seller in negotiating consistent with local and state laws, and regulations. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00AM to 5:00PM. The office phone is 518-494-7821. Her E-mail is hayeslaw@hotmail.com. For work on landscaping, driveways, excavation, rock walls and more, please contact Michael Hayes at adkconstruction@hotmail.com. Enjoy the spring weather and we hope to see you around the pond.

GarWood Boat Co.



The Turcotte's— From L-R: Tom Sr., Tom Jr. Joe, Larry; and Matt Burke

Tom and Larry Turcotte continue to live the legend of over 23 years restoring and building GarWood boats in their present 15, 000 sq. ft. two-building location at 220 Duell Hill Rd., Brant Lake. In 1986, recognizing the dwindling supply of old GarWood inboard motorboats, the brothers decided to start a company, GarWood Boats, to build GarWoods using patterns and parts obtained through their restoration work in the 1960's. From 1986 to the present they have built and restored over 150 new GarWoods faithfully recreating these magnificent custom boats built by Garfield Arthur Wood from 1929-1947.

In the mid 1990's, looking to expand their facilities, the brothers relocated from Albany to Brant Lake and purchased the Schwentker property from Robert and

Mary Delaney. There are now 20 full and part time employees, including family members who build as many as six new GarWoods a year, as well as restoring and maintaining legacy GarWoods for their burgeoning clientele.

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Garwood Boat Co. (...Continued)

Over the years, the GarWood Boat Co. has shipped GarWoods to Europe, Canada and throughout the United States. This spring, Garwood Boat Co. will export to the U.K a new 27' Speedster.

The Turcotte brothers are proud of their accomplishments and gain the greatest satisfaction in seeing a boat delivered locally for the Adirondack community. They encourage area residents to consider owning not only a magnificent piece of artwork, but also a craft that is part of a greater legacy, a GarWood, the greatest name in motor boating. They encourage area residents to call at 518-494-2966. Their website is www.garwoodcustomboats.com.

Brant Lake Taxi Co.

By Mike Turano



We reported in the town newsletter last year that two local residents, Don Butler and Keith Wilkinsen launched Brant Lake Taxi Co. in April 2008 (with one taxi, a van that can hold up to eight persons). Their vision has been an overwhelming success. In July, a second car was added and in December a third, the result of more residents using the service not only from the towns of Horicon and Chestertown, but also from adjacent local communities such as Minerva, Olmsteadville and North Creek. This year on New Years Eve, we provided a new community service, "Operation Safe Ride," offering a free taxi ride to those holiday revelers who elected to leave their cars parked, and thus helped to prevent drunk driving. Over 56 people elected to take advantage of this service.

Soon, Brant Lake Taxi will be offering weekly shuttles to the Queensbury area for shoppers (who may wish to be picked up at a central or preferred location of their choosing) and to the Saratoga Race Track. The advantage offered to seniors, in particular, is the convenience of taking time to shop, without having to arrange with long-distance family, friends who may not be readily available. We offer not only local transportation, but also long distance trips to the airports.

We make available gift certificates in any amount for those looking to give something special to someone for the holidays, to recognize a special event, or for a family that may like taking in a fine restaurant in the Saratoga-Glens Falls, Lake George area. This April is our first year anniversary, so if you see us go by in one of our taxis, just wave to express your thanks. You can reach us by phone: 518-494-2507.

The Comprehensive Master Plan Update Status

By Dr. Richard F. Lamb, Professor of Environmental Planning and the Center for Environmental Science, State University of Plattsburg, NY.

Currently, the Town of Horicon DRAFT Comprehensive Plan (CMP) is being reviewed by the Town Board, which is meeting to iron out any revisions that they feel are necessary before conducting public hearings to receive additional input from the Town of Horicon residents. (The CMP consists of the two documents posted on the Town of Horicon web site: "The Town of Horicon Comprehensive Plan," written by Dr. Richard Lamb and the "Town of Horicon Community Development Strategic Plan" prepared by the LaBerge Group, both consultants who have worked closely with the CMP Steering Committee). After one or more public hearings, the Town Board will vote to adopt the Comprehensive Plan.

Comprehensive Master Plan Update (...Continued)

After adoption of the CMP, the implementation process will begin, which consists of two general components: (1) preparation of a regulatory package, and (2) community development initiatives to implement the goals of encouraging business development, providing for affordable housing, improving recreation opportunities and others.

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will continue to meet, and at the appropriate time, will prepare specific revisions to the Town's Zoning and land subdivision laws in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan. Public hearings will begin when their package is complete. These regulations must be approved by the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) because the Town of Horicon has what is termed an approved "local land use program."

The Town Board, at its discretion, will begin to implement what it feels are the most important and feasible recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan, which could include, for example, applying various types of grants, or the appointment of an Economic Development Coordinator who would work closely with county, regional and state agencies.

A New Alliance of Lake Associations

By Bill McGhie, President of the East Shore Schroon Lake Association (ESSLA), Adirondack hamlet

A new alliance has formed in our area that will bring together various lake associations for exploring the benefits of shared expertise and resources.

The following lake groups attended the first meeting on November 6, 2008, hosted by the ESSLA: the Brant Lake Association, the Friends Lake Association, the Loon Lake Park District, the Paradox Lake Association and the Schroon Lake Association.

At the meeting some topics discussed included milfoil (naturally!), fundraising, membership and exploring ways to share expertise and resources. Vince Blando of ESSLA presented a DVD he created on the milfoil Scout Program. Also discussed was the possibility of reducing some of our insurance costs by joining as a group of five or six prospective clients. The consensus was that this type of collaboration would be beneficial to all of us.

Since our first meeting, representatives from Eagle Lake and Lake Luzerne have expressed an interest in joining with us. We now have 18 members of various lake associations. Lori Kerrigan of Warren County Soil and Water also has expressed interest in attending our meetings. Lori hopes to form a countywide alliance of lakes, using this alliance as a starting point for a larger group. I personally feel it would be beneficial to maintain a local alliance.

Our next meeting will be on May 7 at 3:00PM at the Town of Horicon Community Center. We hope to prioritize issues and start the process of addressing them. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please send them to Bill McGhie: wmcghie@nycap.rr.com

From the Desk of Paul Smith, Highway Superintendent



We have had a busy winter this year; and spring has finally arrived. Recently, I was elected as Vice-President of the Town Highway Superintendent Association of Warren County affiliated with the NYS County Highway Association (NYSCHDSA). The goal is to support its members' professional development and aid in the operation of Town highway departments. We also serve as an advocacy group to inform the State Legislature of County and Town positions on proposed legislation involving highway construction and maintenance.

We have received information that Governor Patterson has replaced the CHIPS monies that were thought to have been reduced in the preliminary budget. We are planning to do our scheduled paving if all monies are replaced. The town's plow routes consist of forty-two miles each and we are working diligently to find better ways to have the routes plowed more efficiently.

North Warren Central School officials and I sat down to formulate some creative ways for the school district to provide for their own operation and maintenance of snow removal, by lending one of our town's serviceable dump truck with plow. This was a win-win solution for both the town and the school district in working collaboratively to help reduce the school's maintenance costs for snow plowing.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Jack Baker, Highway Foreman, and our dedicated highway team; and would also like to acknowledge our long-serving personnel, Wayne Farmer with twenty-six years service and Timmy Mead, with twenty years service. I appreciate your dedication and commitment.

Be safe, and keep an eye out for highway crews working on the roads this season.



Chestertown Boy Scout Troop 30—Leaving a Legacy of Good Works for the Community-The Eagle Scout Project for the Town of Horicon Pavilion

By John Belline Sr. Scoutmaster, Troop 30 in Chestertown

On behalf of Troop 30, I proposed and the Horicon Town Board approved a joint effort to build a pavilion at the Little League field behind the town hall, which I'm proud to say would be John Belline Jr's Eagle Scout project. This effort is just one of many projects that Troop 30 has completed over the years.

And now a little history on Troop 30 is in order. James Barlow, founded Troop 30 of Chestertown in 1962. For some eighteen years he taught lessons of survival and honesty to many of our youth who live in the area.

Then Poul Carstensen saw a need to jumpstart the scout program with the focus on implementing projects that have left a legacy of service in the community; and together, with his den of Cub Scouts revived Troop 30 during the 1990's. Other scout contributors who have carried the tradition of service are: Gary Wilson, Kathy Barlow (daughter of James Barlow), Kim Fransisco, and Karen Turcotte.

The first Eagle Scout of the reinvigorated Troop 30 was Jim Kearny, whose project was to build a nature trail at the North Warren Central School. Others followed his example of good works; and to name a few are: Greg Fransisco, who made an entranceway into the Chestertown Methodist Church; Dick Hanaburgh who built the fire ring and seating at Dynamite Hill. His brother, Bob, added three flagpoles and lighting at Dynamite Hill.

As you see, our youth are very involved in the community and will be a presence for many years to come.

Town-Sponsored Entertainment

Joe Dooris, council member, proposed at the January Town Board monthly meeting ways for the Town of Horicon to sponsor community events that bring back the good 'ole days of fun the town enjoyed in hosting summer, winter games, town fireworks and other entertainment for the whole family. At the Feb. Town Board meeting, there was much enthusiastic response from the audience; and a resolution passed to form a Celebration Committee consisting of Joe Dooris as committee chairperson. Other committee members are Bob Olson, council member, Poul Carstensen, Greg Beckler or his designee from the North Warren Chamber of Commerce, John Belline Sr., Scout Master Troop 30; and Kevin Bradford, Dave Isevoli, both from the TOH Fire Dept. The Celebration Committee has set an ambitious timetable to implement their plan for the summer of 2010. The committee will present their outline of proposed events to the Town Board in the coming months.

Editor's Note: Beginning with this newsletter issue, the Town of Horicon will present a list of FAQ's that will help inform and outline requirements for obtaining, for example, building permits. Here is a list of building or remodeling projects that require a permit.

FAQ's

Do I need a Warren County Building Permit to.....

- Build a shed or storage building over 143 sq. ft.?
- Put a Dormer on my house?
- Convert a porch or garage to livable space?
- Put a roof over my deck or enclose my porch?
- Replace roof rafters?
- Repair my roof?
- Build a Deck?
- Add on to my house, garage, shed or deck?

If the answer to any one of the above questions is

**YES, then
YOU NEED A BUILDING PERMIT!**

Before you begin any project,
call the Zoning and Planning Office
(518) 494-4245



Even if a Warren Co. Bldg permit is not required you may still need a Zoning Complicance Certificate from the Town. Contact the Zoning Administrator with any questions. (518) 494-4245

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