

Town of Warrensburg Historian-July 2024 Monthly Report

Attended WHS Monthly meeting, which are held in my office on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM.

Sarah Farrar continues to come in frequently doing family research.

Sarah and a friend came in and identified photos from John Hastings, who had gotten them at an auction. The people were local and from around the 30's & 40's.

I continue filing and adding people to the Ancestry program, from the Cindy Needham collection. There is **still** a huge amount to go through.

Char Bivona continues to come in weekly both in my office and the Museum. To help me sort the **humongous** amount of paperwork that I received from the family of Cindy Needham, and to scan photos at the Museum. Much of my time at the Historian's office is spent recording and filing all the information, and at the Museum, entering new Accessions.

Continue clipping newspaper items, and filing them. Anything related to Warrensburg, including Covid of which there, fortunately, is less and less, but I do have about 10 notebooks starting in 2020 of articles. All historians had been asked by the State Historian to record items.

Char and I have been adding accessions that were given 2024 into the Past Perfect program at the museum. Hundreds of old photos from Sarah Farrar. Every photo is scanned, numbered and added to Past Perfect. These photos are digital copies from Sarah's family albums, which we return.

We still have several photo albums that were previously donated that we have been working on, they date back to 2021. Hard to catch up one half day a week.

On July 14th I was a guide at the Museum

Received several e-mails and calls looking for relatives:

Patricia Scott looking for the Dodge family back in 1865, and the Curtis family in 1880's. I was able to send her some information

Call from **Christopher DiMattei** regarding two houses that were built in Warrensburg from an architectural book written by George Barber. He sent information for the Quarterly which I will be writing up.

Call from **Ross Williams** looking for Esther and William Williams.

Visitors, etc. **Mr. Sorrentino** came in with two articles for future Quarterlies.

Met with **Paul Gilchrist** to continue working on Circa plaques and Historic property plaques..

Met with **Mr. Godfrey** working on Cronin's family and golf course.

July Deaths

7/3/ Ernest W. Smith born 6/30/1930

7/14 Millicent L. Baker Moffitt born 12/17/1947

7/16 Scott Crandall born 4/16/1956

7/17 George C. Searing born 1947

. I would like to again extend an invitation to the Board to visit both my office and the Museum's collections to see the wealth of information I have accumulated over the past 20 years.

August 14th Town Board Meeting

Planning/Zoning Report

Prepared by Patti Corlew, Zoning Administrator

August 9, 2024

Report Details:

There were 6 Land Use & Development permits issued in the month of July.

The Zoning Board nor the Planning Board have meetings this month due to lack of applications. However, I did just receive an application for an area variance from the Christ Disciples for property at 42 King Street in order that a portion of the property can be conveyed to the church property on Main Street. That will be reviewed by the Board in September.

AUGUST MEETING

Assessor

Prepared by Gregory Klingler

August 2024

Report Details:

- Preparation for 2025 rolls has begun. During the next few months, Sales and Sales-to-Assessment ratios will be reviewed and analyzed. This process is, in part, used to determine the equalization rate for next year. We are also in the process of reviewing new construction permits and completion certificates for the 2025 rolls.
- As of this date, August 8, 2024, I am happy to report that there were no Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) cases filed this year. However, there is the possibility that there may be a last minute filing as the property owner has until August 12th to deliver any petitions to the Assessor's office.

Town Justice Prepared by Leanna Molloy 08/02/2024

Report Details:

July 2024

JUDGE M. FISK

Number	Type	Fine	Fee	Surcharge
119	Vehicle & Traffic	\$12,459.00	\$0.00	\$4,479.00
1	ECL	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Town Ordinance	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Summary Proceeding	0.00	40.00	0.00
1	Civil	0.00	2.00	0.00
3	Suspension fees	0.00	210.00	0.00
127	Total	\$12,459.00	\$252.00	\$4,479.00

JUDGE K. FERULLO

Number	Type	Fine	Fee	Surcharge
78	Vehicle & Traffic	4,335.00	0.00	2,155.00
1	Penal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
1	Summary Proceeding	0.00	20.00	0.00
3	Suspension fees	0.00	210.00	0.00
83	Total	\$4,335.00	\$230.00	\$2,255.00

Total New Cases July: 157
 Total Received July: \$24,010.00
 Town Share May: N/A

July Meeting

(Highway Department)

Prepared by (Pete Bederian)

July 1, 2024

Repaired washouts on Viele Pond Rd. and Pucker St. after severe rainstorms.

Tornado hit July 16, Crews called out trees down on Art Tennyson Rd, Palermo Rd, Tripp Lake Rd., Green Mansions Rd. Rob Moffitt Rd., Roads closed for clearing. All roads open by July 17 clean-up continues.

2 trucks sent to help Johnsburg and Thurman with blacktop for 3 days.

Swept Town roads after 3 severe rainstorms.

Inquired on the status of the Single-Axle Plow truck, delivered and in line for install of plow and dump box no ETA at this time.

Continuing storm clean-up, preparing for Blacktopping.

Respectfully Submitted

Pete Bederian

Highway Superintendent

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Report for the month of July 2024:

Sent notice for occupying a camper at 30 River Street. Zoning Violation.

Sent a court order to the owner of 3 Alden Ave for running a business in a residential zone.

Sent a notice to the owner of 41 Sanford Street for a junkyard violation, more than one unregistered vehicle on the property.

Sent a notice to the owner of 7 Alden Ave. for vehicles from the business on 3 Alden Ave. Owner was unaware of their property use, by the owner of 3 Alden Ave.

Checked compliance for grass violation notices, contractor will mow some.

Left the FEMA Booklet with Soil and Water Jim Lieberman, for information I do not have access to.

Mailed out requested information with regard to short term rentals.

Toured the storm damage area from the Tornado that touched down. Green Mansions, and potter Brook Road along with route 9.

Researched as requested by the Town Attorney Peterson information with regard to 20 Ridge Street.

Replied to the owner of 28 Palermo Road and site visited the address. The owner had called about a hole in their yard after the tornado which they believed was part of their septic. Long story short it was not. I showed documentation to the owner for all septic work at that address since 1977 when the house was constructed. She thanked me for the information, and my time in researching her problem.

The tires piled at 95 River Street were removed a requested

Attended court with the following property owners of 3 Alden Ave and 3812 Main Street. The Alden Ave. Case was settled the Main Street Case will return to court on August 7th.

Took the Warren County Hand out information regarding uninsured damages to property owners from the Tornado, to persons and contractors working in the Green Mansion area. All appreciated the information.

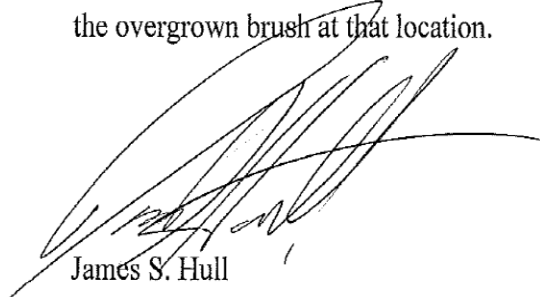
Clarified with a female caller that the No Parking signs were in the Town of Thurman or Athol and not in the Town Of Warrensburg They were on River Road in Thurman. After the call I verified with Warren County DPW Sign crews that they placed those signs there and that they were not new as the lady had suggested.

Sent a court notice to the owner of 40 Ridge Street for garbage and sewage leaking on the property. I was at that location on a complaint.

Sent a Grass notice to the owner of 193 River Street.

Sent a court order to the owner of 56 lake Ave for cleanup of the fire at that residence.

Traveled with the Town Contractor to 18 prospect Street. He will start mowing and removing the overgrown brush at that location.



James S. Hull

Code Enforcement Officer

BEAUTIFICATION
Prepared by Teresa A. Whalen
August 14, 2024

Community Garden

Matt Greenholtz, Manager at Curtis Lumber, built a picnic table with pressure treated legs for the garden (placed outside the garden in semi-shade). Community Garden Coordinator Bob Bradley and one the Garden Plot Owners stained the table dark brown, with stain left over from the footbridge at the Farmers' Market Park, to preserve the wood. We are hoping that it will be stored for the Winter under the nearby pavilion.

Summer Garden Tour & Presentation

On Saturday, July 13th our Summer Garden Tour featured both public and private gardens, large and small, all located in the Hamlet of Warrensburgh and most within walking distance from others. The "Natives, Invasives & Weeds" Presentation by nationally known gardening expert Charlie Nardozi following the tour was held at the Warren County CCE. Jill's Daylilies was also on the tour and offered a discount for Tour Goers.

Blueberry Festival

Our Fifth Annual Blueberry Festival on July 19th brought our blueberry lovers from near and far! Thank you to all those who donated dishes for our Sampling Table and to our community and visitors who came out to support our local businesses. Cornell Cooperative Extension recipes were distributed at our Master Gardener Station as well as horticultural information on how to grow your own. Children's events included blueberry themed crafts for the children were provided by Richards Library and face painting by Megan Pierce. Our vendors picked up on the theme and featured locally grown berries and blueberry infused beverages, preserves, cheeses, pies, cookies and other sweets. Once again, a big "Thank You" to the Town of Warrensburgh for offering us the Recreation Field Pavilion for our festivals with ample parking for our vendors and customers.

AARCH Tour – Warrensburgh: High Style Architecture and Grassroots Preservation SOLD OUT!

Adirondack Architectural Heritage, working with our organization, sponsored a tour starting at our Museum of Local History (Laura Moore) and included six locations: Davidson House (Manu Davidson), Historic Shirt Factory (Tom Grace), Emerson House (Ken and Denise Geiger), Woodward Block (Julie Garcia), Bandstand Brew Works (Darby & Laurie Langworthy, Adam & Brooke Langworthy) and Cornerstone Victorian Bed & Breakfast (Jay & Brittni Zimmerman). Sandi Parisi and Delbert Chambers provided both historical and architectural information about the Town in general and the individual properties. The property owners shared their own stories of preservation work, success with the NYS Historic Homeowners Tax Credit Program, and the appreciation they have for the solid construction and architectural features of their properties. Over thirty people from Plattsburgh to Albany came to our hamlet, were engaged and truly seemed to enjoy learning about our local history and all the architectural styles our community has to offer. I shared the story of how our Architectural Heritage Committee began to create

awareness of our historic resources in 1994 by creating a tour guide, which led to an almost decade long effort working with the NYS Office of Historic Preservation to list the Hamlet of Warrensburgh Historic District (over 225 properties) on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places in 2000 and 2001 - still the largest district in the Adirondack Park!

A Gathering of Adirondack Artisans Festival

Please SAVE THE DATE for A Gathering of Adirondack Artisans Festival at the farmers' market in the Recreation Field Pavilion on August 16th. The festival showcases artisans throughout the Adirondack Region both demonstrating and selling and welcomes visitors to our community.

August 2024 Water Report

We repaired a leak in an old abandoned service line on King Street. The water tank was running on the low side and the wells ran for three days straight, so we started a sprinkling restriction. We were able to build a wall at the town parking lot on Richards Ave. We were exercising several valves on Main Street for an upcoming 4" water tap.

Respectively

Tracy Benoit

AUGUST SEWER REPORT 2024

The sand filter pump was leaking in the chemical room.

We installed a new pump.

The UV system was pulled for preventative maintenance.

Pump station A had debris in the pump. The debris was removed and the pump.

A new air compressor was installed and put on line.

Two operators from Whitehall came with Koester to look at our UV system and we gave them a plant tour.

Respectfully,

Tracy Benoit