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2010 STATE OF THE TOWN

We have just finished one of the most challenging years for local government. The economy is in a recession, the State is near bankruptcy and the County has cash flow problems. Interest rates continue to be the lowest in many years and CD rates are non-existent. With all that said, we were able to drop the Town Tax rate by \$.17 per thousand and our number one priority for 2010 is to stay within budget while continuing to move the Town forward.

The Warrensburgh Museum of Local History reopened this summer and will serve generations to come with the history of Warrensburg. Attendance will continue to grow once people find out what a treasure we have in the Museum and the efforts of the Historical Society and its volunteers. Thank you to all those dedicated people.

The project to install school zone flashing speed limit signs on Library Avenue and Elm Street was completed along with more new sidewalks. We have been awarded \$38,919.20 from the Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council along with \$9,729.80 from the Town to continue to continue to replace sidewalks around the elementary school. The Woolen Mill Bridge on Milton Avenue is scheduled to be replaced this year also.

Work continues on the Town's Master Plan. The committee and the Town have hired a consultant, Elan Planning and Design, Inc., to start work on the next phase of the Master Plan. A \$60,000 grant was received from NYS Local Waterfront Revitalization to help move this project along. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at the Elementary School at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to plan for the future of Warrensburg.

A project has begun to replace the Tot-Lot playground at the recreation field on Library Avenue. The Town received a matching grant from the NYS Office of Parks and Rec-

reation in the amount of \$62,500 with Town contributing the same amount in in-kind services and materials. All the new playground equipment has been delivered and the Town crew has started demolition of the old equipment. Our goal is to have a modern safe environment for the children to play.

Grants have been applied for the following projects: Sewer Plant Disinfection, New Lagoon and Expansion along Library Avenue. We also have applied for monies from the NYS Office of Historic Preservation to work on rebuilding the Bandstand.

We continue to struggle with high copper content in some homes within the Water District. We have begun a study in connection with the Department of Health to establish baseline sets for lead and copper sample data. This should allow us to identify the potential corrosion treatment solution.

In February we will begin the training on use of the computer system for water meters and hope to implement them in the Water District by summer. If the Town Board approves we will seek out grant funds for a new source of water. We will also consider the sale of some property owned by the Water District up Alden Avenue.

The Highway Department will continue to work on road projects and pave roads as the Consolidated Highway Program allows. We finished the year with a fund balance and will be able to put money aside for highway equipment replacement.

With the reopening of Hickory Ski Center and the potential for new businesses to open in the Town, we will continue to evaluate economic development opportunities for the community. My hope is that eventually we will be able to expand the hamlet area of the Town.

Without the dedicated employees of the Town of Warrensburg, the Board's job

would be much more difficult. We are very fortunate to have such great men and women working for us.

I will continue to work in the best interests of all the Taxpayers, keep Warrensburg moving forward and work with the Town Board to meet all goals.

Kevin B. Geraghty
Town Supervisor



WARRENSBURG TOWN CLERK

By Donna A. Combs

Our tax collection cycle has begun and like last year, we are once again accepting credit card payment and Echecks for tax bill payment. You can access your 2010 tax bill by going to the Town's website at www.townofwarrensburg.org and following the links from there. The first penalty for tax collection will be added on February 8th, 2010.

Sewer bills for the year 2010 are printed and will be mailed in the next couple of days for the February collection date. You may make 4 installment payments or pay your entire bill in February.

The 2010 Tree and Shrub Order Forms from Warren County Soil and Water are available at the Warrensburg Town Hall.

The Water Department has started accepting appointments for water meter upgrades. If you currently have a water meter, please call 623-4561 to make an appointment for the upgrade.

The Warrensburg Town Board held an Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 4th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Town Officials sworn into office at that meeting were Kevin B. Geraghty, Town Supervisor; John Alexander, Town Councilman; Bryan Rounds, Town Councilman and Mindy Fisk, Town Justice.

The annual Landfill Punch card sale will be held from February 22nd to February 26th, 2010.



NEW ZONING ADMINSTRATOR

Christopher Belden started January 1st. Chris graduated Cum Laude from the University at Albany with a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies and Planning. He lives in Glens Falls and recently worked for Navilyst Medical as a Manufacturing Department Coordinator. As Zoning Administrator and Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Belden anticipates working with the community to maintain the Town's character and enhance its attributes.



WORK STARTS ON NEW TOT LOT

The Town of Warrensburg has received funding in the amount \$62,500 to remove and replace the Tot –

Lot Playground at the Warrensburg Recreation Field. The playground which is 26 years old will be replaced with modern playground equipment. The new playground will incorporate equipment that will accommodate children 2-12 years. The Town did enlist the help of the Warrensburg Central Elementary School children to assist in selecting the type of equipment needed for the playground.

Demolition work has been completed at the site and the Town crews are waiting for spring to begin installation of the new equipment which has already been received. The Town also hopes to rehabilitate our comfort station to meet ADA standards. Additional picnic tables and park benches will be installed. With these improvements we will be meeting the needs of the youth, parents, elderly and the disable by providing an enjoyable and safe outdoor adventure with the proper facilities.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$125,000 – (increase in funding is due to upgrading the surfacing and equipment for the playground to meet ADA Standards)



TOWN ASSESSOR

The Town Board announces that Gregory Klingler, the Warrensburg Assessor has successfully completed all the required educational courses by the Office of Real Property Services for State Certification. Said completion was as of October 19, 2009, the Official State Certificate was issued on December 10, 2009. While New York State requires certification to be obtained within three years of taking office, the Assessor has achieved State Certification in just a little over one year.

The Warrensburg Assessor has been selected to serve as Vice-President of the Warren County Assessors Association. Term runs a two year cycle. Vice-Presidential duties are to fill in for the President whenever the President is unavailable and to assist the President in Public Relations and other matters the association deals with.

We are very pleased Greg has worked hard to gain his accreditation is such a short period of time Supervisor Geraghty said. Greg has an open door policy and is willing to answer any questions about your assessment or what exemptions you may be eligible for.



MUSEUM WINTER HOURS through April 2010 Wednesday & Sunday 1-4 PM Other times by appointment 623-2207
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