

TOWN OF DEERFIELD



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

This past year has been one filled with challenges, particularly dealing with solar. As many of you are aware, a committee was put together to recommend a local law to deal with future solar applications up to 25 megawatts. They have been working non-stop putting a strong document together. We have conducted two (2) public hearings and will/have conducted a third on 9/26/22. I mention up to 25 megawatts since the State of New York takes away local control on projects greater than 25 megawatts, which we will continue to fight against. I want to personally thank the committee for literally putting in hundreds of hours to date. Your voices and input have been heard and many of the recommendations have been incorporated in the proposed law – Thank You!

The town is exploring developing a drive thru recycling center to be located where our old highway garage is currently. The plan would be to demolish the old garage and build a center for residents to dispose of unwanted items. More information to come on this project.

We are in the process of getting the Parks Committee back in action. Ms. Deborah Burke generously stepped forward to lead the charge. If you are interested in sitting on the Parks Committee, please contact me either by phone or email and I will sure that Deb gets your information.

As a continued update, a reminder that motorized vehicles (4-wheelers and dirt bikes) are not allowed on town property/trails. As are well aware, there is a local law prohibiting this activity on the trails. If you are caught on the trails with a motorized vehicle, the Town will pursue all legal remedies.

In closing, take time to enjoy the resources the town offers as well as attend a board meeting. Your thoughts and opinions matter to us.

Scott P. Mahardy
Supervisor



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



As I am writing this it is hard to believe summer is over and fall is here. The highway department

hopes everyone is healthy and had a fun filled summer. With our weather changing so fast the highway department is still working on the large road project for 2022 hoping to pave in a few weeks. We are starting to gear up for the winter months ahead, bringing in the materials we will need to clear the roads. A reminder school is open now please be careful as are children our out waiting for the busses to pick them up.

As the cooler weather arrives, we still have two green waste dates left in 2022, October 3 and November 7 if the weather permits. As we are out collecting green waste, we are still seeing green waste piled to the curb loose. The highway department does not pick up loose green waste piled at the curb, green waste needs to be put in a reusable container to be collected with a compactor. Brush (tree limbs 1" and larger) shall be piled at the curb butt ends facing the same direction to be chipped by a separate crew.

As in the past Deerfield town residents can bring household trash items to the town garage to dispose of. The highway department asks that you call ahead to make an appointment to use the dumpsters. The town collects electronics for recycling at our facility; we also collect items with a coolant in them such as refrigerator,

freezer, air-conditioner, and dehumidifier. Items we do not accept are **waste oil, batteries, hazardous chemicals, Liquid paint, tires, and fluorescent bulbs**. The town will be having one more Saturday trash collection on October 22 at the highway garage at 6892 State route 8.

As snowy weather gets closer, we would like to remind everyone, please do not plow snow across the road it could cause an accident.

One of the things we have not talked about in a while is the DEC/EPA sewer consent order that must be completed by December 31, 2022. The highway Superintendent went to a county meeting on August 11, 2022 to discuss the things that remain a problem in the system. One of the things that we discussed was the water infiltration in the system after a rain event. The engineers think this is coming from private property owners in the town; some of the things that could cause this problem could be sub-pumps being pumped into the system or rain gutters dumping into the sanitary sewer system. The town has applied for some grant money to find out where the problems are and help repair them.

Thank You
The Highway Department

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2022:

October:

**3rd - Green Waste
22nd - Trash town garage**

November:

7th - Green waste if weather permits or leaf collection.

The November green waste will only happen if weather permits.

We will be switching over our equipment for leaf season as soon as possible. Green waste will be collected from a container at the curb to be dumped in a compactor. Brush shall be piled separate for collection by a different crew to be chipped. Limbs shall be no more than 10' long or small enough to be handled by one person.

Thank you for your cooperation

NOTE FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Contact the Town Clerk's Office for:

Registrar of Vital Statistics Requests

Rental of Wilderness Park Pavilion

Permits: Handicap Parking, Peddler Permits, and White Goods Permits

Licenses: Marriage, Dog



Fall is here and so are the colors of the leaves, and the change in temperatures. I personally love this time of year.

The Town of Deerfield wants to welcome Jim Maxwell – *Building & Codes Officer*.

We are working with a new Building Inspector – Jim Maxwell, as Randy Foley has taken leave for the time being. Jim is stepping in to take care of your Building and Codes – needs. We are still working out his hours here in the Town Municipal building, however Jim can be reached by phone (voicemail) 315 724-0413 x 222 or by email – buildinginspector@townofdeerfield.org, He will return your request in a timely manner.

The Town Clerk's office also has **Covid Test Kits** available to her residents, if desired. Please call ahead to be sure the office is open to pick up test kits.

Park Pavilion rentals are being taken for Summer of 2023, if you should know in advance of your party/picnic plans.

Town Board meetings are held at 6329 Walker Rd every 2nd Monday of each month EXCEPT for October which it is held on October 3rd to not conflict with the Columbus Day holiday. We welcome residents to come, learn, and get involved in your town community. If you are interested in speaking at a Board Meeting, call about a week prior to get on the agenda as *"Early privilege of the floor"*.

The Town Clerk's office will be closed the week of October 17th - October 26th 2022. Please feel free to email townclerk@townofdeerfield.org or Leave a voicemail at 315 724 0413 ext 223

★ ***Special "Thanks" to Deborah and Rick Semeraro for volunteering to clean up the landscaping in the front of the Town Hall, It looks so much better!*** ★

PLANNING BOARD SUMMARY 2022

May: A public hearing was held for the Pine Ridge Estates subdivision. An overview of the project was presented by the developer. Residents were then given the opportunity to ask questions. The project was identified by NYSHPO as requiring an archaeological survey. A motion was made and carried to hold open the record until the survey is completed. On May 27, 2022 Clear Path Energy requests an extension of their Special Use Permit which was approved on June 9, 2021. June: Sue Anacker gave a presentation of the final survey map for the Garrett family subdivision. Representatives of Clear Path Energy were present to answer planning board members questions regarding Clear Path Energy request for an extension of their Special Use Permit. The planning board then instructed the representatives to provide documentation of their current investment and clear evidence that the facility has a reasonable likelihood of commencing construction during the one-year extension period in accordance with Article 17.05B of the Town Zoning Ordinance. A motion was made and carried to table making a decision on the proposed extension of the Special Use Permit until the July 6, 2022 meeting. June 29 Clear Path Energy provides the planning board the documents and financial information that was requested. June 30 The Deerfield Preservation Coalition requests the planning board review SEQR for the Clear Path Energy/Christiano Solar Project Special Use Permit that was approved on June 9, 2021. July: A public hearing is held regarding the Garrett family subdivision, located primarily on Steuben Rd. No one from the public offered comments. The public hearing was closed and a motion was made and carried to approve the subdivision. Representatives from Clear Path Energy answered more questions about their request for an extension of their Special Use Permit. Due to the time of submission of the documentation from Clear Path, a motion was made and carried to postpone a final decision on the extension of the Special Use Permit until the August 3, 2022 planning board meeting. Due

to the time of submission of the request by the Deerfield Preservation Coalition to review SEQR for the Clear Path Energy/Christiano Solar Project, a motion was made and carried to table the review until the August 3, 2022 planning board meeting. August: Pine Ridge Subdivision: A Phase 1 Archaeological survey was received from Timothy J. Abel, PhD and forwarded to town engineer Allan Sweirck for review. Representatives from Clear Path Energy were present for the final decision on their request for an extension of their Special Use Permit issued on June 9, 2021. Final questions and statements were made by the planning board members. A motion was made to approve the extension of the Special Use Permit of June 9, 2021 until June 9, 2023. The motion was carried. Members of the planning board researched the request to re-open SEQR for the Clear Path/ Christiano Solar Project. It was determined that SEQR cannot be re-opened. September: Town engineer Allan Sweirczk gave the planning board an overview of the Archaeological survey completed on the Pine Ridge Estates subdivision. The survey, which consisted of 185 test pits, did not show any results of particular significance. The planning board hopes to have the final approval from NYSHPO shortly. (Received NYSHPO approval September 14, 2022) Attorney David Longeretta representing Heenaben Patel, Chatham, NY: The owners of the property located at 5721 Trenton Rd are considering construction of a convenience store at this location. The property is zoned R-2. Mr Longeretta was advised that to move forward with the project the owners would need to obtain a use variance from the ZBA. Neighborhood residents asked questions which Mr Longeretta answered. The owners will be informed of the residents' concerns and the process to obtain a use variance, if they choose to do so.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Common Animal Control Calls

There are many reasons that town residents reach out to animal control. Common calls we receive regard barking dogs, dogs off leash, and assistance with stray dogs & cats. Listed below is some general information regarding these common calls.



Barking Dog (Noise Complaint)- A barking dog complaint typically is called in when a person has been affected by a dog barking to the point it is altering their home life (losing sleep, difficulty working from home due to noise, or general disruption). The Town of Deerfield has a Noise Law which includes barking dogs. This is defined as a dog that barks, cries, howls, or makes any other noise continuously and or incessantly for period of 10 minutes or barks intermittently for 30 minutes or more to the disturbance of any person at any time of the day or night. Given this we ask that if your dog is barking for an extended period of time that you please bring your dog inside or modify their situation as to deter the barking and avoid disruption of your neighbor.

Off Leash- Off leash dog complaints generally are brought to our attention when a person or pet has been chased, scared, or attacked by a dog that is off leash. Commonly this occurs when residents are walking on the street and a dog comes off the owner's property. The Town of Deerfield has a Leash Law which requires a dog owner to keep their dog on their property. If the dog is off their property running "at large" (off leash) this is a violation of the town's leash law. We encourage you to keep your pet safe and on your property. This not only to protect the residents of the town and their pets but also prevents your dog from being hit by a car or injured.

Stray dogs/cats- If you find a stray dog or cat Deerfield Animal Control is here to help. We currently contract with Anita's Stevens Swans Humane Society. If a stray dog or cat is found we are happy to pick up the animal and bring them to the shelter. Once they are at the shelter they will be held for a period of up to 7 days to give an owner time to claim them with proof of ownership such as vet records, photos, dog license or vaccine tags. If they are not claimed after this hold period they become a resident of the shelter and placed for adoption. Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society is a wonderful shelter that truly cares about the animals. They take excellent care of them until they are adopted into their new forever home.

Deerfield Animal Control

Andrea Kaszycki & Angela Brennan

SENIOR NEWS

Our Seniors continue to meet weekly on Thursday from 9 am until 3 pm in our Community Room at the Municipal Building at 6329 Walker Rd. Deerfield.

We enjoy Bingo, Cards, Holiday Traditions & Gatherings, best of all Comradery so Come Join Us.

We are planning to go to Theodore's in Canastota NY, for a show and buffet on October 29th for the matinee performance. The show will Be "Rumors" by Neil Simon.

Our trip to **Branson MO.** is still on, in anyone is interested in going, please notify Sue at 315-724-1049. The trip is from October 31st until November 8th 2022. The trip has 8 nights lodging, 8 breakfasts, 7 spectacular Christmas Shows and much, much more. Start your holidays Early!

Covid is still out there! If you are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of your self - Don't be a Spreader.

For more information about the Seniors, Contact Lura at 315- 724-0658 or 315- 724 0413, ext 228



SKELETON RUN WILL BE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 2022



The Skeleton Run is a the Utica Roadrunner's Halloween themed event on a challenging wilderness trail course. This is a great event for all runners from kids to adults.

Sign-ups are available here: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Deerfield/SkeletonRun>

Event includes:

- Kids Quarter mile race
- 1.5 mile Community run
- 5K race

Costumes (run safe) encouraged!

Location:

All events take place within the beautiful Deerfield Town Park Wilderness trails - it could get muddy!!

6329 Walker Rd
(43.164384, -75.149048)
Deerfield, NY US 13502



We welcome your participation at the Town Board meetings which are held on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm at the Town Municipal Building. It is the best way to find out what is going on in your town and to express your thoughts and concerns. For the 2022 year we will be meeting on the following dates:

10/3/22

11/7/22

12/12/22

Your 2022 Councilperson roster is Mike Collins, Dave Kolek, Greg Sacco, Phil Sacco, and Supervisor Mahardy.
Sam Arcuri – Highway Superintendant, George Haskell – Town Assessor, Jim Maxwell – Building & Codes Officer,
Lura Raymo Zoning Chairperson and Senior Director, Pati Goldsmith - Planning Board Chairperson.
These are your Town Officials and are here to assist you with your concerns.

DEERFIELD YOUTH PROGRAM

Welcome Deerfield Families to our Fall/ Winter Youth Program Schedule

October 15th 2022 – Teel Pumpkin Farm – North Gage Rd, Barneveld

Join us at the Farm, for some Autumn Fun, Hay rides, Corn Maze, Games and Goodies. And..... Pumpkins! Time : (anytime between) 1pm – 3pm.

***** October 31st Remember to attend the *Halloween Party***
Hosted by the Deerfield Fire Department on Trenton Rd.
Time: 6pm – 9pm

November 6th 2022 – Peaceful Hollow Farm Tour – 1– 3pm
7297 Cheese Factory Rd. Barneveld – Join us at the farm - check out all the animals - Nigerian Dwarf Goats, Mini Donkeys, various breed of Swans, Geese, Ducks, Pheasants and Peacocks.

November 12th 2022 – Roller Skating – Skate Awhile Again- Ridge St. Rome A perfect afternoon for roller skating – 1 – 4pm, admission & skates on us. Come skate as a family or drop off those older children with us. Just be sure to comeback for them by 4pm.

November 20th 2022 – CANDY BAR BINGO – Deerfield Fire Hall, Trenton Rd. 12:45 - 3:30 pm Come early to sign in, get your chips and bingo cards To play the game – you will need to bring 1 candy bar per Card. That card will be used for all 12 games. Limit is 3 cards- per person to join in the fun.

We will have a refreshment table – if anyone would like to donate goodies it would be much appreciated.

December 4th 2022 – Ice Skating at the New Hartford Rec Center– 1- 3:30pm (Hours have changed since our last visit, so be sure to come early to avoid the skate line and get on the ice at 1pm.)

December 11th 2022 – Movie at Marquee Theater. Movie to be announced.

Parents and children are welcome but if you would like to leave your child with us, you much sign a form in advance. The snack bar will be available so your child will need money to get snacks.

January 14th 2023 – Ice Skating at the New Hartford Rec Center (Evening Hours) 6pm – 7:30pm (be sure to come early to avoid the skate line and get on the ice at 6pm).

January 27th 2023 (FRI) 7 P.M. Utica Hockey at the Utica Memorial Aud. UCHC VS NAZARETH COLLEGE
- For tickets meet Paul or I, at the West Entrance of the Aud.(nearest the Restaurant) between 6:30- 7pm - sign in for your tickets. Thank you.



SNOWFEST AND SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST RULES

Our 2023 Snow Sculpture Contest is underway. This year's theme is Circus/Country Fair. Once the snow comes enter your sculptures. You may enter as many times as you wish, however only one entry can win. Please follow the rules below. Our Snowfest will be February 4, 2023 at the Wilderness Park. You may enter the contest until February 3, 2023 at 8:30am. Below are the 3 top winners from 2022.

SNOW SCULPTURE RULES

Our 2023 Snowfest Snow Sculpture contest is underway. Our Snowfest event is set for February 4, 2023 at the Wilderness Park. Our theme this year is a Circus/Country Fair

The voting will take place at the Snow Fest by all attendees.

We are asking you to join in the Snow Sculpture fun and create your masterpiece. We would love to have it incorporated into our Circus/Country Fair theme, but it isn't necessary.

THESE ARE THE RULES YOU MUST FOLLOW TO ENTER;

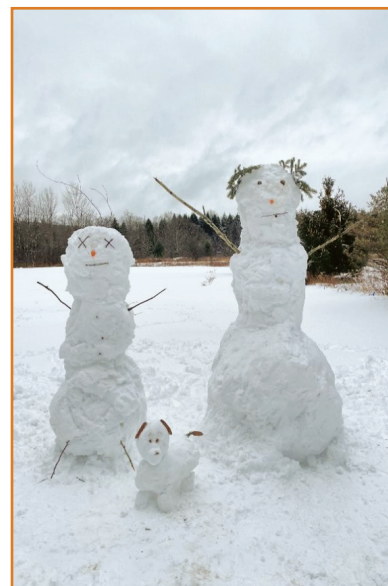
1. Sculpture MUST be in the Town of Deerfield
2. Sculpture MUST be in good taste and appropriate
3. Sculpture CAN be created by one or many, please include all names when entering.
4. Sculpture MUST be a minimum of 3 feet on one side (length, width or height).
5. Sculpture MUST be submitted prior to February 3 2023, 8:00am to be entered.
6. Sculpture MUST be submitted to lhajdasz49@gmail.com with an entire address, picture and entrants' names.
7. You CAN enter as many sculptures as you wish, however only one can win.



FIRST PLACE



SECOND PLACE



THIRD PLACE



Town of Deerfield
February 4th 2023
Wilderness Park
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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Deerfield, NY 13502

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TOWN OF DEERFIELD PHONE LIST



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Municipal Building Phone: 315-724-0413 Fax: 315-793-3032 • Highway Department Phone: 315-826-7014

October 2022

Supervisor	Scott Mahardy	315-738-0311	Telephone Extensions at the Deerfield Municipal Building	
Highway Superintendent	Sam Arcuri, Jr.	315-826-7014 Work	Assessor	Extension 221
		315-735-6420 Home	Building & Codes	Extension 222
Councilperson	Phil Sacco	315-796-2034	Supervisor	Extension 250
Councilperson	Michael Collins	315-798-9344	Town Clerk	Extension 223
Councilperson	Gregory Sacco	315-272-0820	Senior Citizen's	Extension 228
Councilperson	David Kolek	315-396-8077	Planning Room	Extension 227
Town Clerk, Registrar	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 223	Tax Collector	Extension 230
Tax Collector	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 230	Court Room	# 315-507-3058 Fax # 315-507-3060
Town Justice	Jim Sullivan	315-507-3058	Important Phone Numbers	
Town Justice	Thomas Larkin Jr.	315-507-3058	Deerfield School:	315-266-3410
Assessor	George Haskell	315-732-1789	Whitesboro Parkway Sch:	315-266-3175
Planning Board (Chairperson)	Pati Goldsmith	planningboard@townofdeerfield.org	Whitesboro Middle Sch:	315-266-3100
Zoning Board of Appeals (Chairperson)	Lura Raymo	315-724-0658	Whitesboro High School:	315-266-3200
Senior Citizen Director	Lura Raymo	315-724-0658	State Police: Business @	315-736-0122
Town Historian	Gerard Talerico	J_Talerico@yahoo.com	Sheriff's Dept: Business @	315-736-8364
Youth Director	Karen Day	315-724-0413 x 231	Deerfield Fire Department:	(Business) 315-732-2693
		Text: 315-723-4971	Whitb.Transportation Dept.:	315-768-9740
Dog Control Officer	Andrea Kaszcki /Angela Brennan	315-520-1606	Poland High School:	315-826-7900
County Legislator	Dave Buck	315-601-0445	Poland Elementary:	315-826-7000
Deerfield Fire Chief	Christopher Heretz	315-732-2693		