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Town of Fulton Annual Newsletter February 2024

TOWN SUPERVISOR (518) 827-4896 philip.r.skowfoe.jr@co.schoharie.ny.us

To All Our Residents:

2024 is here and COVID is still around, but I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. At this time, we are in the process of installing more insulation in the walls at the Town Hall to rectify the cost of heating. We obtained almost \$100,000 in grants for this project and hope to have it closed out by the end of the year. The Town Board has also adopted a policy for public use of the new community room area. As always, I have high praise for all our highway personnel and our Highway Superintendent as they all do a great job for our town, especially during challenging times. I would also like to thank the Town Board for their attendance at the board meetings. I'm always open for your comments and concerns. If you have any issues, either on the County or Town level, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely, **Philip R. Skowfoe, Jr.** 126 Chapman Road, Fultonham, NY 12071

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Richard Mix 162 Partridge Nest Drive Fultonham, NY 12071 (518) 827-5910 mixie_r@yahoo.com Albert Hodder 156 Clauverwie Road Middleburgh, NY 12122 (518) 827-5618 ahodder52@gmail.com C. Bradford Burgett 136 Swart Hollow Road West Fulton, NY 12194 (518) 827-5502 hcc.customs@gmail.com Marcy Sammons PO Box 67 Fultonham, NY 12071 (518) 827-4544 sammonsmg@outlook.com

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS are held on the **2nd Monday of each month** starting at **6:30pm** at the Town Hall located at 1168 Bear Ladder Road, West Fulton. Approved minutes can be viewed online at **www.schohariecounty-ny.gov** under the Town of Fulton link.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

OFFICE - (518) 827-6300 fultonhwy@midtel.net

Highway Garage location: 1139 Bear Ladder, West Fulton

Town of Fulton Residents,

2023 was a very busy year for us despite all the wet weather. We made several improvements to our roads and drainage last year. 2024 is shaping up to be another busy year with many road projects being scheduled. As always, I want to thank our highway employees for all their hard work and dedication to the town. Also, my door is always open for any questions, comments or concerns you might have. Sincerely, **William D. Jaycox, Jr.**

3758 St. Rt. 30, Middleburgh, NY 12122

2024 TOWN ELECTIONS – The Town of Fulton will not have any local elections on the 2024 General Election ballot. For questions, please contact, Democratic Party - Philip R. Skowfoe, Jr. (518) 827-4896 or Republican Party – Brad Burgett (518) 827-5502.

All 2024 voting will take place in the Town Hall Community Room, 1168 Bear Ladder Rd, West Fulton, NY, (side entrance).

VOTER REGISTRATION - Forms to register or questions, please contact the Schoharie County Board of Elections - (518) 295-8388 Last day to change party enrollment - 2/14/24

Last date to register for Presidential Primary Election (either postmarked by mail, or in person) - 3/23/24

Last date to apply for absentee (by mail) for Primary - 3/26/24

Last date to apply for absentee (in person) for Primary – 4/1/24

Presidential Primary - 4/2/24

Last date to register for Federal Primary Election (either postmarked by mail, or in person) - 6/15/24

Last date to apply for absentee (by mail) for Primary – 6/15/24, Last date to apply for absentee (in person) for Primary – 6/24/24 Federal Primary - 6/25/24

Last date to register for General Election (either postmarked by mail, or in person) - 10/26/24

Last date to apply for absentee (by mail) for Primary – 10/29/24, Last date to apply for absentee (in person) for Primary – 11/4/24 General Election – 11/5/24

OFFICE (518) 827-6391 FAX (518) 285-4368

 Honorable John P. Felitti
 Court Clerk: Marlea Keidong

 1168 Bear Ladder Road, Suite 2, West Fulton, NY 12194
 *Need Court Help -- court facts, the Law, forms, lawyers, and DIY forms can be found at www.nycourthelp.gov

Philip R Skowfoe, Jr. Supervisor Dawn Skowfoe Town Clerk/Tax Collector William D Jaycox, Jr. Highway Superintendent

TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR / REGISTRAR / NOTARY PUBLIC OFFICE (518) 827-6365 FAX (518) 827-9565 townoffulton@midtel.net

Monday	7:30AM – 10:00AM		Tuesday	7:30AM – 10:00AM
Wednesday	7:30AM – 10:00AM	& 2:30PM – 6:30PM	Thursday	7:30AM – 10:00AM
Recycle Saturdays Only	7:30AM – 10:00AM	*Closed Fridays, Sundays and A	Il Holidays*	

It's hard to believe, I am entering my ninth year as your Town Clerk and Tax Collector already. I will again be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive in memory of my daughter, Isabel, at the Town Hall on Thursday, May 23, 2024 from 1-6pm. You may register by going to WWW.REDCROSS.ORG, then enter IMOIsabelSkowfoe or the zip code - <u>12194</u> or call 1-800-733-2767 or you can contact me to get signed up. We had a great turnout last year, hoping to see even more of you this year! The Town Hall Community Room can also be rented out for private use, it can accommodate up to 92 people and you have access to a full kitchen. Also, if you ever need to drop something off when I'm not in the office, feel free to use the black lock box located inside the first set of doors at the Town Hall. Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve all of you! Sincerely, Dawn Skowfoe

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TOWN LAWS, ORDINANCES & FEE SCHEDULE - can be viewed online at www4.schohariecounty-ny.gov under the Town of Fulton

COMPLAINTS - If there is a concern you want the Town Board Members to address, a completed COMPLAINT FORM must be filled out and SIGNED. Uncompleted or unsigned forms will not be addressed. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's office or can be mailed.

TO RECEIVE TOWN/COUNTY EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS – Go to www4.schohariecounty-ny.gov, click on Public Email Notifications Sign-Up, then click on Add New (left hand side of page), enter your email and choose what notification you would like to receive.

NOTARY SERVICES - Free, must bring identification.

HOURS

DOG LICENSE - Dog Licenses are required in NYS for any dog 4 months and older. A current proof of rabies certificate is required to license your dog. If the dog has been spayed/neutered the cost is reduced when you supply proof. Yearly fees: Spayed/Neutered - \$6.00, Un-spayed/Un-neutered - \$13.00 NOTE: Notify the Town Clerk if you no longer have your dog.

MARRIAGE LICENSE - A Marriage License is required for any couple who are planning to marry in New York State. The requirements are that both parties must be present to sign application, bring in their certified birth certificates, supply photo identifications, know their social security numbers, and if applicable bring all divorce creeds. The fee is \$40.00. Once issued, the waiting period is 24 hours before you can marry and the license is good for 60 days. Additional certified copies after marriage are \$10.00 per copy.

DEATH & BIRTH CERTIFICATES or GENEALOGICAL SEARCHES – Certified copies of Birth and Death certificates are \$10 per copy and Genealogical search requests are \$22.00 per search; applications are at the Town Clerk's Office & identification must be presented

HANDICAP PARKING PERMIT - A completed MV-664.1 form is required from your physician. There are two types issued: Temporary (red) which is good for the period designated by the doctor or Permanent (blue) which are good for a period of 5 years and are renewable upon receipt of an updated MV-664.1. There is no fee for this service. You must bring identification when applying or renewing.

DECAL SALES – Buy your Hunting and/or Fishing license at the Town; they are sold year-round and any profits are put back into our Town. First-timers, need proof of education and personal identification. Renewals, bring identification or any prior years' issued license.

COMMUNITY ROOM RENTAL - complete an application and submit a \$50.00 refundable deposit. The deposit will be returned if the room is clean and damage-free after the rental. (Maximum capacity:92) There are tables and chairs available for use and a full kitchen.

TAPPING OF MAPLE TREES - on Town owned property must seek Town Board approval before tapping can begin.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Brian Caron - (518) 827-5668 caroncarpentry29@yahoo.com

Please call between 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM Monday through Friday. Leave a message and I will get back to you. 1168 Bear Ladder Rd, West Fulton, NY 12194

Building Permit Applications, Instructions, the Town Fee Schedule, and monthly reports are available on the Town's website, www.schohariecounty-ny.gov under the Town of Fulton link or at the Town Hall during open hours. The current Building Codes used are the 2020 New York State building Codes which can be viewed free at https://codes.iccsafe.org/codes/new-york. Please remember to test your smoke detectors and CO detectors periodically and change batteries according to the directions!

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

(518) 287-1422

Maria Schiavo, Chairwoman - nataschia 779@hotmail.com Philip R. Skowfoe III **Claude Coons** Alfred Langevin

Kayleigh J. Robinson Paul Klohe

Alternate – Peter Shulman

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS - are held at the Town Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month @ 7:00PM, if there is any business. NOTE: Please call the Chairwoman, at least a week prior to a scheduled meeting, to be put on the agenda.

ASSESSORS (518) 827-6363 townoffultonase@gmail.com

Carolyn S. Foland

Linda Robert

1168 Bear Ladder Rd, West Fulton, NY 12194

Office Hours: Assessors are usually at the Town Hall on Saturdays 9:30am-Noon or call for an appointment.

ADDITIONAL HOURS TO TAL	K TO ASSESSORS before Grieva	ance Day:	
Sat, May 4 th 9AM - 1PM,	Sun, May 5 th 9AM - 1PM,	Wed, May 15 th 4PM - 8PM,	Sat, May 18 th 9AM - 1PM

Please keep in mind that all information for real property, including exemptions, needs to be dropped off or mailed to the address above by March 1, 2024. Any changes to real property, (EXAMPLE: removing a building), must be submitted by March 1st or it will show on the assessment roll for the following year. Please call us with any questions, and include your tax map number with your message.

MEMBERS: Maria Schiavo, Chairwoman

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW (BAR) Deveral Watson

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GRIEVANCE DAY is Tuesday, May 28, 2023 from 4:00 PM to 8:00PM at the Town Hall.

PROCEDURE FOR GREIVING YOUR ASSESSMENT:

- Make an appointment with the Assessors to discuss any assessment issues or stop by the office on the listed dates below. - If you are not satisfied after meeting with the Assessor's office, a "Complaint on Real Property Assessment" form (RP-524) must fill out and brought to Grievance Day, along with any supporting documentation. The Assessors can help with any forms, if needed.

GARBAGE & REFUSE ATTENDANT

Claude Coons - (518) 827-4858

HOURS: 7:00AM to NOON, EVERY OTHER SATURDAY AT THE TOWN HALL *Only CLEANED Recyclables are accepted!* The fee for garbage is \$4.00 a bag - 30 gallon-sized, with a maximum weight of 40 lbs - Cash paid directly to the attendant.

2024 RECYLCABLE SATURDAY DATES

March 9 & 23, January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24. April 6 & 20, May 4 & 18, June 1, 15 & 29, July 13 & 27, August 10 & 24, September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19, November 2, 16 & 30, December 14 & 28 & 30

WHITE GOODS / TIRE COLLECTION

*Saturday, April 20th & Saturday, October 19th * HOURS: 7:00AM TO NOON LOCATION: HIGHWAY GARAGE - 1139 Bear Ladder Rd, West Fulton

WHITE GOODS: are collected twice a year free of charge; residents are encouraged to bring any appliances or metal goods on these days (Exception: NO microwaves or TVs). NOTE: Refrigerators and Freezers need the doors removed. TIRES: The first 4 tires are FREE, any additional Small Tires over the first 4 are \$3.00 each (no rims), \$5.00 each with rims. Large Tires are \$15.00 per tire (no rims) and \$18.00 per tire with rims.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER

Joseph Durma - (518) 872-0127

139 Zimmer Road, Schoharie, NY 12157

As the appointed Town of Fulton DCO. I have to follow the New York State Article Seven of Agriculture & Markets Law, Please keep a valid dog license on file with the Town Clerk and have your dog wear a personalized tag with your name & phone number. For your safety do not pick-up a stray dog, call me. If you suspect animal abuse, please call the New York State Police or Schoharie County Sheriff's Department to investigate the situation, as I am not certified in this field. If you need to file a complaint, regarding a violation of Town Dog Law, you must be willing to provide a signed written statement of the offense in order to pursue the person breaking the law. The Court will not adjudicate the matter without supporting documents. Thanks, Joe Durma

TOWN HISTORIAN

Kari Ann Schaffer - (518) 391-1628

277 Tower Road, Warnerville, NY 12187

The goal of the Historian is to organize, collect, preserve, and share the history of our Town.

TOWN OF FULTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month at 3pm, April through December at the Town Hall, (1168 Bear Ladder Rd), please refer to the Facebook page for any changes. All are welcome, there are presentations & refreshments monthly. Always seeking new members with ideas, motivation and a willingness to help. Currently, the historical society is looking for historical photos, postcards, and information regarding the Town of Fulton's history - please contact Joyce Hodder 518-827-5618 or Brian Goodfellow @ 518-827-4823.

NEW: Returnable bottles and can donations can be left in the bin on the side of the parking lot located at the Town Hall.

SCHOOLHOUSE EXHIBIT - located at 856 West Fulton Road, West Fulton - please contact Kari-Ann Schaffer 518-391-1628 or Brian Goodfellow 518-827-4823 or the Facebook page with any questions.

Matthew Ramundo, Chairman

Theodore Werner (1) Vacancy

TOWN OF FULTON COMMUNITY EVENTS & CONTACTS

ARTS & CRAFT DAYS - FREE, Open to all kids. NEW this year - it will be held on two Saturdays. The first one will be on July 13th where kids will make summer themed crafts and a second one on <u>November 30th</u> where kids can make crafts to give as gifts for the holidays. Both will be held at the Town Hall (1168 Bear Ladder Rd, West Fulton), from 9am-11am, <u>Children Under 5, must be accompanied by an adult</u>. All necessary supplies provided by the Town. Supplies are limited and based on a maximum of 15 kids, so RSVPs are appreciated - Call Dawn Skowfoe @ 518-827-6365 – PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

<u>BLOOD DRIVE</u> - On May 23, 2024 from 1-6pm there will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive hosted in Memory of Isabel Skowfoe at the Town of Fulton Community Room, 1168 Bear Ladder Rd, West Fulton, NY 12194. To register to donate go to: <u>WWW.REDCROSS.ORG</u>, simply enter the date of the drive or zip code, 12194, and select a time or call the Red Cross @ 1-800-733-2767 or contact Dawn Skowfoe @ 518-827-6365.

BREAKABEEN CEMETERY -- If you have questions regarding plots, please contact Dean Reinhart (518) 827-4750.

BREAKABEEN GRANGE HALL – is the only working Grange in Schoharie County and community support is very important to their continued existence, located at 130 Clauverwie Road, Breakabeen. Events are not being scheduled at this time, for updates, additional information or to become a member of the Grange please contact **Elizabeth Coons (518) 827-4858**.

BREAKABEEN / NORTH BLENHEIM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – Church services are at **10AM** on Sundays - hoping to host some events this year, dates are still to be determined. For more updated information contact **Sam Ostrowski (518) 605-4765**.

<u>FOOD PANTRY</u> – The P. Keith Food Pantry is open to anyone in need. It is located at **129A Clauverwie Road in Breakabeen** (next to the Breakabeen Presbyterian Church). Open **every other Monday 4pm-5pm & every Saturday 10am -Noon.** Please contact **Emma Maxwell (518) 818-4015** or **Alice Ostrowski (518) 605-4767** if you have any questions.

<u>LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES</u> - The libraries were designed and built by Neil & Clare Driscoll and are open year-round at the West Fulton Park, in front of the Breakabeen Grange Hall and Max V. Shaul Park. They offer free books to all, with a simple motto" "Take a book, Leave a book" (leaving a book is optional). As a friendly reminder, please do not leave books outside the enclosed library box.

<u>RABIES CLINIC</u> – The Town of Fulton will host a **FREE** Rabies Clinic on **Thursday**, **September 5**, **2024** at the Town Hall (1168 Bear Ladder Rd, West Fulton). Please contact the **Schoharie County Department of Health** at **518-295-8382** for information on how to get registered. All dogs must be leased and cats in carriers. Registration is required. Donations are accepted on the day of the event.

TOWN OF FULTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL VENDOR MARKET – Will be held on Saturday, July 20th, 10am-4pm at the West Fulton Fire Department, (807 West Fulton Rd, West Fulton). In addition to many local artisans selling goods, there will be local musicians playing throughout the day, a 50/50 raffle, face painting, balloon animals, delicious food, and lawn sale items. Fun for the whole family!

<u>TOWN OF FULTON VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK</u> – is located at 2629 State Route 30, Breakabeen. Town of Fulton veterans' names can be added to the Honor Roll by contacting **AI or Joyce Hodder**, **518-827-5618**. The proceeds from your returnable cans and bottles can be donated to this memorial by bringing them to the Middleburgh Righi's Redemption Center ONLY and tell them to donate the money to the Town of Fulton Veterans Memorial Park. The Memorial Day ceremony at the park will be on **Friday**, **May 31**st **at 7PM**. A big thank you to anyone who has donated, last year we were able to install a new sign. This year's project is to hopefully improve the sidewalks.

<u>WEST FULTON METHODIST CHURCH</u> – Church services are held every Sunday at **9AM**. We hope to host a **CHICKEN BARBECUE** and a **FALL BAZAAR** at the West Fulton Fire House along with **JELLY SALES** and other events. Please watch for local advertisements and flyers for additional information or contact **Carl Clapper (518) 827-4798**. **JELLY IS ON SALE ALL THE TIME**, please call if interested.

WEST FULTON ROD & GUN CLUB – meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month @ 7PM at the West Fulton Fire House, for more information contact Jeff Almy (206) 550-9933.

<u>WEST FULTON SNOWMOBILE CLUB</u> – for meeting times and locations please visit our Facebook page or by contacting Colin Parkes (518) 641-8951.

WEST FULTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT INC meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month @ 7PM (except holidays) @ the West Fulton Fire House, for additional information contact Bruce DeLaet (607) 267-8988.

WEST FULTON FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS – Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the West Fulton Firehouse. Please contact Kari Ann Schaffer @ 518-391-1628 or email her at KarebearsKrafts@gmail.com for any additional information.

WEST FULTON FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY – for additional information please contact Cherie Clapper (518) 827-4386.

Town of Fulton Fee Schedule

BUILDING PERMITS:

BUILDING PERMITS: Certificate of Compliance	e - \$25				
Certificate of Occupancy search - \$25					
Fees will be based on lo	cal Construction factors of \$65/SqFt for new,	\$30/SqFt for renovations, and \$20 for decks			
Up to \$2,000					
\$2,000- \$25,000 \$75.00) for the first 2,000 and \$4 for each additiona	l 1,000			
\$25,000-\$50,000 \$167.0	\$25,000-\$50,000 \$167.00 for the first 25,000 and \$3 for each additional 1,000				
\$50,000-\$100,000	\$242.00 for the first 50,000 and \$2 for each additional 1,000				
\$100,000-\$500,000	\$342.00 for the first 100,000 and \$1.50 for each additional 1,000				
EXCESS OF \$1,000,000) to be negotiated by the Town Board				
Demolition of House - \$5	50				
Demolition of manufactu	red home - \$25				
Flood Plain Developmen	nt Permit - \$50				
New installation of any s	olid fuel heating device - \$25				
Manufactured homes -	single wide \$100 double wide \$175				
Modular homes - \$175					
Pools- (above ground) -	\$25 (in ground) - \$90				
Roof permit - no charge					
Solar system (<u>Residentia</u>	<u>al)</u> permit - \$75.00	Solar system (<u>Commercial)</u> permit – see resolution # 22 - 2020			
PLANNING BOARD: Boundary Line Adjustme	ent fee - \$25.00	Subdivision - \$75.00 / lot			
Junk License Application	n - \$25.00	Junk Yard License Renewal - \$25.00			
Module Home Park / Tra	iler / Tent Camp Application - \$25.00	Module Home Park / Trailer / Tent Camp License Renewal - \$25.00			
TOWN CLERK: Birth Certificate (certified	i copy) - \$10	Death Certificate (certified copy) - \$10			
Genealogical Record Se	earch - \$22	Handicap Permit – No charge			
Dog License – Spay/Neu	utered - \$6,	Un-spayed / Un-neutered - \$13			
Marriage License - \$40		Marriage License Transcript (certified copy) - \$10			
1-Day Marriage Officiant License - \$25.00					
Community Room Rental Fee - \$50 (refundable upon premise being clean and damage free after usage)					
NYS Fishing License - \$25.00/yr -16-69 years old, \$5 -70 year and up (Cost set by NYS DEC)					
NYS Hunting Licenses – varies based on licenses purchased (Cost set-by NYS DEC)					
Photocopies / Faxes - \$0.25/page – (town related business first 5 pages FREE)					
Returned Check Fee (optional charge) - \$30.00					
HIGHWAY: Road Preservation application - \$50.00 (application approval by Highway Superintendent)					
Driveway Permit fee - \$50 plus any applicable fees (application approval by Highway Superintendent)					
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GARBAGE COLLECTION: (fees are collected and kept by the appointed attendant) 30-gallon garbage bag (40 lb maximum) - \$4/bag

THE MISSION OF THE TOWN OF FULTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

to " collect, preserve, and share the history of the Town of Fulton."

New Members are always welcome! You are invited to attend our meetings and participate in our projects. Many interesting volunteer opportunities. It's educational....learn about and be part of our community history.

Meetings are the 1st Thursday of every month from April to December at the Town of Fulton Town Hall at 3pm, unless changed with notice to membership.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name:						
Phone:	Email:					
Additional Info:						
MEMBERSHIP DUES:	Individual-\$15 per year Student Under 18-\$5 Per yr					
Please Mail Application and dues to:						
TOWN OF FULTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY						
	C/O CHERIE CLAPPER					
	PO BOX 200					
	WEST FULTON, NY 12194					
Donations are gratefully accepted and always welcome.						