

**TOWN OF FULTON
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**Town of Fulton Annual Newsletter
March 2025**

TOWN SUPERVISOR
(518) 827-4896

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To All Our Residents:

2024 is gone and I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. The new insulation installed at the Town Hall seems to have helped with heating the building. The Community Room area at the Town Hall is available for private events, please contact the Town Clerk for additional information. We have obtained a Bridge NY Grant for a replacement of a culvert at Heathen Creek. 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

NOTE: Any FINANCIAL Municipality business must be sent to official Town emails; not to personal email addresses.

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

Marcy Sammons
PO Box 67
Fultonham, NY 12071
(518) 827-4544
sammonsmg@outlook.com

Rebecca Noxon
1235 Rossman Hill Road
West Fulton, NY 12194
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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 www4.schohariecounty-ny.gov under the Town of Fulton link.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

OFFICE - (518) 827-6300

***NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Highway@Fultontown-ny.gov**
Highway Garage location: 1139 Bear Ladder, West Fulton

Town of Fulton Residents,

2024 was a very busy year for us despite all the wet weather. We made several improvements to our roads and drainage last year. 2025 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

2025 TOWN ELECTIONS – The Town of Fulton will have the following local elections on the 2025 General Election ballot:

(1) Supervisor, (1) Highway Superintendent, (1) Assessor, (3) Councilmembers (1) Justice. Any questions, please contact: Democratic Party - Philip R. Skowfoe, Jr. @ (518) 827-4896 or Republican Party – Robert Crosby @ 516-510-8105.

All 2025 voting will take place in the Town Hall Community Room, 1168 Bear Ladder Rd, West Fulton, (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 - 2/14/25

Last date to register for Primary Election (either postmarked by mail, or in person) – 6/14/25

Last date to apply for absentee (by mail) for Primary – 6/14/25

Last date to apply for absentee (in person) for Primary – 6/23/25

Early Voting – 6/14/25-6/22/25

June Primary - 6/24/25

Last date to register for General Election (either postmarked by mail, or in person) – 10/25/25

Last date to apply for absentee (by mail) for General – 10/25/25,

Last date to apply for absentee (in person) for General – 11/3/25

Early Voting – 10/25/25-11/2/25

General Election – 11/4/25

TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR / REGISTRAR / NOTARY PUBLIC

OFFICE (518) 827-6365 FAX (518) 827-9565

***NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Clerk@Fultontown-ny.gov**

Office Hours: 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 All Holidays*
***NOTE*: EFFECTIVE JUNE 2, 2025, Wednesday afternoon hours will change to 3:00PM- 6:00PM, all others hours remain the same**

Hello Town of Fulton Residents!

I am entering my tenth year as your Town Clerk and Tax Collector – **THANK YOU!** I am happy to announce I will once again be hosting an **American Red Cross Blood Drive** in memory of my daughter, Isabel, at the Town Hall on **Friday, May 23, 2025** from **10am-4pm**. You may register to donate by going to **WWW.REDCROSS.ORG**, entering zip code – **12194** or by calling Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767, or you can call me at the number above as well.

Please see the ***NOTE*** above, as my office hours on Wednesday afternoons, will be changing slightly starting June 2, 2025. Come see me if you need a DEC hunting license, a fishing license, something notarized, if you are getting married, need to register your dog, get a handicap permit, or want to use the Town's newly renovated Community Room for a private event – these are just a few things I can help you with. 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 again, for allowing me to serve you in this beautiful Town! Sincerely, **Dawn Skowfoe**
1168 Bear Ladder Rd, West Fulton, NY 12194

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.

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 decrees. 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.

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.

2025 RECYCLABLE SATURDAY DATES

January 11, 25	February 8 & 22,	March 8 & 22,	April 5 & 19,	May 3 & 17 & 31	June 14 & 28,
July 12 & 26,	August 9 & 23,	September 6 & 20,	October 4 & 18,	November 1, 15 & 29,	December 13 & 27

WHITE GOODS / TIRE COLLECTION

***Saturday, April 19th & Saturday, October 18th *** **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.

TOWN JUSTICE

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

Honorable John P. Felitti

Court Clerk: Alexa LeGodais

1168 Bear Ladder Road, Suite 2, West Fulton, NY 12194

JFelitti@nycourts.gov

*Need Court Help -- court facts, the Law, forms, lawyers, and DIY forms can be found at **www.nycourthelp.gov**

Court is held the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month from 11AM-2PM

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Brian Caron - (518) 827-5668

***NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Codes@Fultontown-ny.gov**

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. In July 2024, the renewal fee for building permits increased to \$75.00. 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!

NOTE: All building permits must be renewed annually, until they are closed out.

ASSESSORS

(518) 827-6363

***NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Assessor@Fultontown-ny.gov**

George Sherwood, Chairman

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 TALK TO ASSESSORS before Grievance Day:

Sun, May 4th 9AM - 1PM,

Sat, May 10th 9AM - 1PM,

Wed, May 14th 4PM - 8PM,

Sat, May 17th 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, 2025**. 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.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW (BAR)

MEMBERS: Maria Schiavo, Chairwoman

Dolores Shaul

Deveral Watson

Theodore Werner

Leila Misiraca

GRIEVANCE DAY is Tuesday, May 27, 2025 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 above.
- 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.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

(518) 287-1422

Maria Schiavo, Chairwoman – Planning@Fultontown-ny.gov

Philip R. Skowfoe III

Claude Coons

Alfred Langevin

Kayleigh J. Robinson

Paul Klohe

Peter Shulman

Alternate – Joseph Adams

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.

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

KarebearsKrafts@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 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 COMMUNITY EVENTS & CONTACTS

BLOOD DRIVE - On **May 23, 2025** from **10am-4pm** 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: **WWW.REDCROSS.ORG**, 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 Rhinehart (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 have not been scheduled at this time, for updates, additional information or to become a member of the Grange please contact **Elizabeth Coons @ (518) 827-4858** or email **Marianne Younkheere, ymarianne123@gmail.com**

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**.

FOOD PANTRY -- 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. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED DESPERATELY for food pick-up and distribution; please reach out if you can help in any way!**

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES - 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.

RABIES CLINIC -- The **Schoharie County Department of Health** will be hosting free rabies clinics in 2025 at the **Cobleskill Fair Grounds on June 9th & October 16th**, **Carlisle Fire Department on June 19th** and **Middleburgh Elementary School on August 21st**. Call **518-295-8382** for additional information on how to get registered. All dogs must be leashed and cats in carriers. Registration is required. Donations are accepted on the day of the event.

SCHOOLHOUSE EXHIBIT -- located at **856 West Fulton Road, West Fulton** -please contact **Joyce Hodder @ 518-827-5618** or **Brian Goodfellow 518-827-4823** or the Facebook page with any questions. Plans are to have the one room schoolhouse open the **2nd Friday of each month (June through September)** with music and refreshments from **5 to 7PM**.

TOWN OF FULTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meetings are the **1st Thursday of the month at 4pm, 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**.

Returnable bottles and can donations can be left in the bin on the side of the parking lot located at the Town Hall -- A big thank you to anyone who has donated.

TOWN OF FULTON VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK -- is located at **2629 State Route 30, Breakabeen**. Town of Fulton veterans' names can be added to the Honor Roll by contacting **Al 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 **Saturday, May 31st at 7PM**. This year's project is to hopefully improve the sidewalks.

WEST FULTON METHODIST CHURCH -- Church services are held every Sunday at **9AM** and **JELLY SALES** are all year long. Please contact **Carl Clapper (518) 827-4798** if interested and please watch for local advertisements and flyers for additional events or information.

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**.

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

WEST FULTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & SUPPORT SERVICES meetings are held on the **1st Monday of each month @ 7:30PM (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.

Town of Fulton Fee Schedule

BUILDING PERMITS:

Fees will be based on local Construction factors of \$65/SqFt for new, \$30/SqFt for renovations, and \$20 for decks

Up to \$2,000	\$75.00
\$2,000- \$25,000	\$75.00 for the first 2,000 and \$4.00 for each additional 1,000
\$25,000-\$50,000	\$167.00 for the first 25,000 and \$3.00 for each additional 1,000
\$50,000-\$100,000	\$242.00 for the first 50,000 and \$2.00 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	

Building Permit Renewal Fee: \$75.00 due annually after first year (starting July 2024)

Building Permit Renewal Fee: \$25.00 due annually after first year (starting February 2014 - June 2024)

Certificate of Compliance - \$75.00	Certificate of Occupancy search - \$75.00
Demolition of House - \$50.00	Demolition of manufactured home - \$25.00
Flood Plain Development Permit - \$50.00	
New installation of any solid fuel heating device - \$25.00	
Manufactured homes- Single wide \$100, Double wide \$175.00	Modular homes - \$175.00
Pools- (above ground) - \$25.00, (in ground) - \$90.00	
Roof permit - no charge but application required	
Solar system (<u>Residential</u>) permit - \$75.00	Solar system (<u>Commercial</u>) permit – see resolution # 22 – 2020
Short-term Rental Application & Renewal - \$150.00 due annually	
Commercial Non-Permanent & Temporary Structure Application & Renewal - \$250.00 due annually	

PLANNING BOARD:

Boundary Line Adjustment fee - \$25.00	Subdivision - \$75.00 / lot
Junk License Application - \$25.00	Junk Yard License Renewal - \$25.00 due annually
Module Home Park / Trailer / Tent Camp Application - \$25.00	
Module Home Park / Trailer / Tent Camp License Renewal - \$25.00 due annually	

TOWN CLERK:

Birth Certificate (certified copy) - \$10.00	Death Certificate (certified copy) - \$10.00
Genealogical Record Search - \$22.00 per search	
Handicap Permit – No charge	
Dog License – Spay/Neutered - \$6.00,	Un-spayed / Un-neutered - \$13.00
Marriage License - \$40.00	Marriage License Transcript (certified copy) - \$10.00
1-Day Marriage Officiant License - \$25.00	
Community Room Rental Fee - \$50.00 (refundable upon premise being clean and damage free after usage)	
NYS Fishing License - \$25.00/yr -16-69 years old, \$5.00 -70 year and up (Cost set by NYS DEC)	
NYS Hunting Licenses – varies based on licenses purchased (Cost set-by NYS DEC)	
Printing of any DEC License - \$1.00	
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 - \$50.00 plus any other applicable fees (application approval by Highway Superintendent)
White Goods Tire Collection Days - The first 4 tires are FREE. Small Tires over 4 are \$3.00 each (no rims) or \$5.00 each with rims. Large Tires are \$15.00 each (no rims) and \$18.00 per tire with rims.

GARBAGE COLLECTION:

Note: Fees are collected and kept by the appointed attendant
30-gallon garbage bag (40 lb maximum) - \$4.00/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 4pm, unless changed with notice to membership.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Additional Info: _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Individual-\$15 per year _____ Family-\$25.00 per yr _____
Student Under 18-\$5 Per yr _____ Lifetime-\$100.00 _____

Please Mail Application and dues to:

TOWN OF FULTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
C/O BECKY NOXON
1235 ROSSMAN HILL ROAD
WEST FULTON, NY 12194
ANY QUESTIONS CALL: (518) 827-5804

Donations are gratefully accepted and always welcome.