



TALK OF THE TOWN

a newsletter from the Town of Cortlandville

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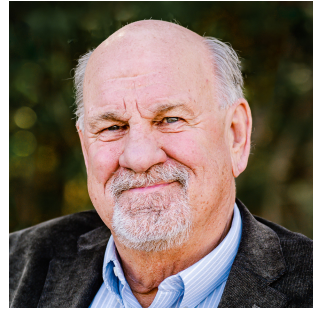
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Winter 2021

Town Board Updates

- The 2022 Town Budget was adopted on November 17, 2021.
- The moratorium on large scale Solar projects is still in place. The Town's Solar Committee's review & recommendations for amendments are expected to be submitted to the Town Board in January 2022.
- The Town Board adopted the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Cortlandville on December 1, 2021. The Town Board would like to thank the Comprehensive Plan Committee Members and CHA for their hard work and diligence on creating this plan.
- The Town received a \$200,000 incentive proposal from New York State Empire State Development for Phase 2 of the Gutches Lumber Sports Complex.

The Town Board meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. Meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. Links to register for the meeting are available on the Town's website.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TOWN SUPERVISOR

Hello again! Many will recall the Town's first issue of *Talk of the Town* that was published in the Fall of 2021. This newsletter series is part of our continued effort to increase the flow and transparency of information from us to you.

The Fall 2021 edition was distributed via mail. This proved to be expensive and time consuming. Moving forward, we would like to transition to an electronic edition. This edition will be posted to both our Town website (www.cortlandville.org) and Instagram page ([townofcortlandville](https://www.instagram.com/townofcortlandville)). It will be "advertised" on our water bills and/or by directly mailed postcards. There will be a smaller number in print form that will be available at Town Hall, various public places, or by direct mailing, as requested.

We are trying to see what works best for you. *Talk of the Town* is open to suggestions and input is always welcome!

-Tom Williams

Season's Greetings from the Town Clerk's Office!

Winter weather and holiday cheer means that the 2022 Town and County Tax Collection season and Water/Sewer quarterly billing is right around the corner. We are busy preparing the bills, which will be mailed by December 31st. If you have changed your mailing address or have paid off your mortgage and are no longer in escrow (huge congratulations!), please notify the Town Clerk's Office as soon as possible by email (townclerk@cortlandville.org) or phone (607-756-5725). Similarly, if you do not receive your tax bill after the 1st of the year, please contact the Town Clerk's Office. Per Real Property Tax Law, "the failure to mail any such statement, or the failure of the addresses to receive the same, shall not in any way affect the validity of taxes or interest prescribed by law." Also, as the Collecting Officer, I have no authority to reduce penalty charges – nor does any other Town Officer or Board.

Did you know... you may view and pay the following bills online on our Homepage at cortlandville.org?

- 2022 Town/County Tax Bill – select "Pay Tax Bill".
 - You may also view prior payments and receipts.
- Water/Sewer Bill – select "Pay Water & Sewer Bill".
 - Please have your account number and name exactly as it appears on your billing card.
- Dog License – select "Online Dog Renewal".

**Additional service fees apply to online bill payment using credit/debit/echeck*

Thank you to my office staff – my team – for their hard work & dedication throughout the year! We are working hard for you!

Kristin Rocco-Petrella
Town Clerk/Collector

Winter Tips & Reminders

Code Enforcement Office

Sidewalks

It's that snowy time of year again! The Code Office would just like to remind everyone of the Snow Removal Ordinance within the Town. *It shall be the duty and responsibility of the owner of any lot fronting upon any public street, alley, park or place within the Town to maintain the entire width of the sidewalk in front of the premises and street crossing access on any corner lot free and clear from snow, ice and other obstructions. Such removal shall be completed by 6:00 p.m. the day following the accumulation of snow or other obstruction. In the event of a continuous long-term snowfall and drifting of snow, removal shall be completed at a minimum of twenty-four-hour intervals.* To view the full ordinance please visit the Town website.

Desiree Campbell
Fire & Safety Inspections

Highway Department

Snow Plow & Mailbox

- The Town of Cortlandville has a no all night parking ordinance prohibiting parking on all highways within the Town between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. from November 1st to May 1st.
- Approach snowplow equipment with extreme caution, slow down and keep to the right as much as possible. Do not tailgate plow trucks or sanders, stay back at least 200 feet.
- Do not leave snow on roadway or shoulders of roadway after clearing snow from driveway. Depositing snow into the roadway is a form of littering which may result in a ticket and/or fine.
- If you park on or near the shoulder, park far enough off the centerline of the road so snowplows and vehicles can get by. You should park more than 16 feet from the centerline or behind the mailbox line.
- Keep in mind, the snow from the plows will be thrown in the 10 to 12 foot area off the edge of a roadway. Nothing should be left in this area.
- The mailbox post and box must be strong enough to stand up to heavy snow hitting it from coming off the plows.
- Please keep in mind that hills where school buses travel receive priority. The Highway Department asks for patience during a heavy snowfall... we will be there!!!
- For more information please visit the Town Website under Highway.

Larry Drach
Highway Superintendent

PASSED A Local Law increasing the
3 Propositions on the Term of Office from Two Years
2021 Election Ballot to Four Years for the Town
Supervisor, Town Clerk/Collector, and Town Highway
Superintendent of the Town of Cortlandville. The Term of
Office will begin January 1, 2022.

- Retirement -

Thank you to Valerie Hall for her
26 years of service as Town Assessment Clerk.
Congratulations & wishing you well in your retirement!

- Welcome -

Julie Gross as the Real Property Assistant
for the Town Assessor!

Anthony Brevetti to the Highway Department!

Water & Sewer Department Cloudy Or Milky Water



Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

At least a few times a year the Water Department receives a call regarding cloudy or milky water. Although this does not look very appealing it's completely harmless. This is caused by air bubbles in the water and if you let it sit in your glass for a minute you can watch it rise to the top and become clear. There can be several causes for this. In the winter the water is colder and cold water holds more air than warmer water. As it travels from the tank to your house it warms up slightly. The air in the water is no longer soluble and the air separates from the water. Another cause is the water pressure. The water that feeds your house is pressurized by gravity from the elevation of the tanks. Water under pressure holds more air than water that is not pressurized. When you draw a glass from the tap it is no longer under pressure and the air separates from the water. The best thing to do is let it sit in an open container until the air bubbles naturally dissipate.

Brian R. Congdon
Water/Sewer Department



Join Our Team

The Town Clerk's Office has an opening for a Deputy Town Clerk! Please send a Resume and Cover Letter to the Town Clerk at townclerk@cortlandville.org. Interested applicants must be a Town resident.

Town Supervisor

Thomas A. Williams 1053
Douglas E. Withey 782

Town Justice

Lenore M. LeFevre 881
Robert J. DeMarco 928

Town Clerk/Collector

Kristin E. Rocco-Petrella 1493

Councilperson

Pamela J. Jenkins 712
Jeffrey D. Guido 1142

Highway Superintendent

Larry J. Drach 1389

Peter C. Morse-Ackley 548
Gregory K. Leach 1050

**ELECTION
RESULTS**

The Town would like to thank the Honorable Lenore LeFevre and Councilmen Douglas Withey for their 4 years of dedicated commitment and service to the Town!

Help for homeowners is here



The New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund is dedicated to helping NY homeowners affected by the pandemic **stay in their homes.**

Who is eligible?

Homeowners in New York State who were financially affected by COVID-19 and who are behind on their housing payments.

What help is available?

Homeowners may receive referrals to free housing counseling and legal services, negotiation help with their banks or mortgage servicers, and financial assistance with their past or future housing payments.

How do you apply?

Applications open on January 3. Visit www.nyhomeownerfund.org or reach out to our call center at: 844-77-NYHAF (844-776-9423) (Mon.-Fri., 9 AM-5 PM) for information on how to apply.

This program is funded by the New York State affordable housing agency, NYS Homes and Community Renewal, in partnership with a nonprofit organization, Sustainable Neighborhoods.

Learn more at www.nyhomeownerfund.org, or call 1-844-77-NYHAF (844-776-9423).

New York State
Homeowner Assistance Fund



Homes and
Community Renewal



Around the Town

- **Coming Soon:**
 - Cayuga Medical - Route 13
 - Jim Reeners Housing Project - Route 13
 - WellNOW - Route 222/Groton Ave. Plaza
- **New Business**
 - Jiffy Lube - Route 13
 - Smash Me 607 (mobile food truck) - Route 281

Recreation Commission

Little known fact, that Town owns and operates five Parks. In addition to Testa Park and Gutches Sports Complex, there are two parks in Blodgett Mills and a small park on Lamont Circle.

The Town Board has appointed the Town Recreation Commission in an attempt to be advised by people involved in sports at various levels. Members of this Commission include: John Folmer, Matt Coats, Abe Johnson, Machell Phelps, and Katie Wagner. Ms. Phelps serves as Secretary of the Commission, and its meetings are facilitated by John Folmer. Each Commission member brings a unique vision of sports in general, and individually offer different input as to specific sporting concerns.

The Commission's mission is two-fold: First, to advise and suggest to the Town Board ideas as to the services, programs, and equipment to be provided at the park facilities to make all of them publicly available and user friendly, and Second, to receive comments, concerns, and ideas from the general public.

At present, the Commission is dealing with three main concerns: drainage problems at Testa Park soccer fields, the addition of multi-purpose fields at Gutches Park, and the creation of Pickleball facilities.

Comments from the public may be directed to the Supervisor's office.

John Folmer
Recreation Commission

Town Hall Holiday Schedule

The offices of the Raymond G. Thorpe Municipal Building will be closed for the following holidays:

Christmas (observed)	December 23, 2021
<i>building closed at 12:00 p.m.</i>	
Christmas Eve Day	December 24, 2021
New Year's Eve	December 31, 2021
Martin Luther King	January 17, 2022
President's Day	February 21, 2022



Skip the Trip

We are encouraging residents to "skip the trip" and do their Town business by telephone, email, regular mail, or by using the secure dropbox located curbside at the main entrance

Assessor's Office

•• Important Dates in the Assessment Calendar ••

Exemptions Mailed	January 1
Valuation Date	January 1
Tax Bills Due (Without Penalties)	January 31
Exemption Filing Deadline	March 1
Tentative Roll Files	May 1
Grievance Day	4th Tuesday in May
Final Roll Filed	July 1

TOWN OFFICIALS

Assessor

- David Briggs dbriggs@cortlandville.org

Attorney

- John DelVecchio jdelvecchio@cortlandville.org

Code Enforcement

- Kevin McMahon kmcmahon@cortlandville.org
- Desiree Campbell dcampbell@cortlandville.org

Highway Supt.

- Larry Drach ldrach@cortlandville.org

Historian

- Janae Withey townhistorian@cortlandville.org

Planning & Zoning

- Bruce Weber bweber@cortlandville.org

Town Clerk/Collector

- Kristin Rocco-Petrella townclerk@cortlandville.org

Town Justice

- Hon. Lenore Lefevre
- Hon. MaryBeth Mathey

Water/Sewer Supt.

- Brian Congdon bcongdon@cortlandville.org

Town Hall Hours



Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm