



Town Beach at Sylvia Lake



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Directory of Town Officials

Assessment Review Board

Chair: Grant Mitchell 315-287-0475
 George Erdman, Jr. 315-287-3451

Assessors

Chair: Robert Fuller 315-287-0118
 Timothy Geer 315-286-4050
 Robert Andrews Jr. 315-287-4189

Board of Appeals

Tony Woodward 315-287-4656
 Mike Macaulay 315-287-4287

Bookkeeper

Gary Higgins 315-287-9792

Code Enforcement

Rick Whitford 315-286-2360

Custodian

Rick Whitford 315-286-2360

Dog Warden

Neil Hooley 315-528-7988

Facilities Contact

Town Hall - Karen Simmons 315-287-4753
 Town Beach - Natalie Spilman.... 315-323-3315
 Hailesboro Field - Rick Newvine... 315-287-2708

Health Officer

Dr. William Twining 315-287-2192

Highway Superintendent

Gary Williams 315-287-2907

Historian

Connie Bishop 315-287-2728

Justice Department

Paul Lamson 315-287-9996

Planning Board

Chair: Rick Whitford 315-286-2360
 Sandy Baker 315-287-2415
 Ed Siebels 315-767-2202
 Art Besaw 315-287-2995
 Stephen Gale 315-287-1408
 Andrew Miller 315-323-4250

Supervisor

Michael Cappellino..... 315-323-7987

Town Board

Karen Simmons 315-287-4753
 Rick Newvine 315-287-2708
 Lynn Bishop 315-287-2728
 Natalie Spilman 315-323-3315

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Sherrie Williams 315-287-0045

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Town Clerk and Tax Collector

The Town Clerk and Tax Collector Office is open from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. This office issues dog licenses, hunting licenses, disabled permits, has voter registration forms, absentee ballots, building permit applications and Star Program forms available for the public along with notarizing paperwork for everyone.

On January 2, 2014, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Sherrie Williams, will start collecting taxes. If you have any questions, feel free to contact her at 315-287-0045.

Use of Town Facilities

The upstairs in the Town Hall is available for use by Fowler residents and arrangements to use the Hall may be made by calling Karen Simmons at 315-287-4753.

During the summer Sylvia Lake Beach is open seven days a week and hours are advertised. For more information, call Natalie Spilman at 315-323-3315 or 287-9391(H)

Groups interested in using the Hailesboro ball field during the summer may contact Rick Newvine at 315-287-2708.

Assessor's Office

If you have bought or built a new home in the Town of Fowler in the past few years and **do not** have a Star Exemption on the home, you may be eligible for the Star Exemption.

To determine if you are eligible, procure a Star Application Form from one of your Assessors or the Town Clerk's Office. Residents who have the BASIC STAR have got to contact the State to re-register for the star even if they have filled out a Star form with the Assessors Department this year.

- Re-register by phone - 518-457-2036
- by Internet - www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star13

If you need any help or have any questions, call or see Robert Fuller 315-287-0118, Robert Andrews 315-287-4189, or Tim Geer 315-286-4050.



Board of Assessment Review

There are three seats on the Board of Assessment Review. The board is currently comprised of Chairman Grant Mitchell, and George Erdman Jr. One Board seat remains to be filled due to the unfortunate passing of Frank Langevin in 2013. In 2014, the Fowler Town Board will advertise and solicit interested parties to fill the open seat. Interested parties will be asked to send a letter to the Town Hall. The Board of Assessment Review meets once a year on the fourth Tuesday of May from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Fowler Town Hall.

Residents who wish to grieve their tax assessments may appear before the Board and express their view. After hearing all grievances, the Board reviews and makes their decisions to either lower the griever's assessment or to let it stand. Residents who have appeared are notified of the outcome by mail.



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Town Planning Board

The Planning Board is made up of six Fowler residents. The members are Chairman, Rick Whitford, Sandy Baker, James Besaw, Ed Siebels, Andrew Miller and Stephen Gale.

The purpose of the Planning Board is to recommend appropriate land use that will be to the betterment of the Town and submit their recommendations to the Town Board. They also review Building Permits and do special projects that the Town Board assigns.

The Planning Board meets the last Tuesday of the month as needed, as well as other times when necessary at 7:00 PM in the Fowler Town Hall. Meetings are advertised in the local paper and on the Town of Fowler website. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Code Enforcement Office



Fowler has had another busy and growing year with 74 Building Permits issued. Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and patience.

Building permits are required for any structure 144 sq. ft. and over, any structural changes on your home or buildings, and for all roofing projects. If anyone has any questions, call Rick Whitford at 315-286-2360 or call the Town Clerk's Office at 315-287-0045.

Fowler is also trying to address the Maintenance and Junk Laws for the safety and health of our residents. We would like to ask your help in maintaining your property free of trash and junk cars.

The Property Maintenance Code of NYS/Sec.303 (F) requires premises identification and that buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road-fronting the property. Numbers should be 4 inches tall.

We are hoping for another uneventful and smooth running year for Fowler.

Dog Control



2013 has been a busy year for Neil Hooley, the Dog Control Officer, addressing problems and issues, finding owners of lost dogs and issuing warnings.

We had another successful rabies clinic in May and two Spay/Neuter Now Clinics this year. Watch our website for information about the upcoming events.

It is a NYS Law that all dogs 4 months of age must have a rabies shot and be licensed. Please remember that there is a leash law in the Town of Fowler.

Check the town's website for available adoptions through Friends 4 Pound Paws.

Justice Department

The Town of Fowler Justice Court, the Hon. Paul M. Lamson, Town Justice, holds court every Wednesday at 6:00 PM. Court is held upstairs in the town hall building.



If you need to contact the court during off times, please call 315-287-9996 and leave a message.



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Town Board

In the year of 2014, Town Board Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. except for the month of November. Special meetings will be advertised in the Gouverneur Tribune Press and/or the Watertown Daily Times newspapers and also the town's website www.fowlerny.com.

In 2014 the Town Board will welcome one new board member. Lynn Bishop was elected to replace Randy Durham who was very dedicated and served the town well for the last four years.

The Data Collection of all parcels in the Town of Fowler was started in 2013 and will continue until completion in 2014.

The town is working closely with the St. Lawrence Co. Housing Authority to complete the Fowler housing rehabilitation using the grant monies from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

In 2013, the hours at the Town of Fowler Beach at Sylvia Lake were expanded and there was a significant increase in attendance. The beach and picnic area were open to the public seven days a week from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There is no charge to use the beach and picnic areas. We will continue with the expanded hours in 2014 and hope to make improvements with the landscaping and facility.

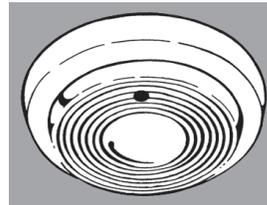
The Town Board would like to invite town residents and visitors to attend our monthly meetings and visit our website to view and download newsletters and minutes from the meetings.

Town Hall Dropbox

There is a convenient Drop Box at Town Hall. It is checked twice a day on business days.



Smoke Detector Safety

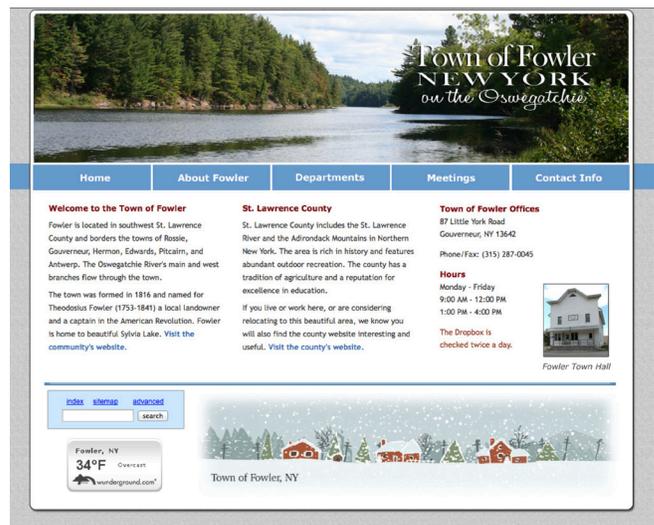


Rick Whitford, our Code Enforcement Officer, would like to remind everyone to check the batteries in their smoke detectors. Be sure to test them monthly!

Town of Fowler's Website

The Town of Fowler website is updated with meeting information and other announcements of interest to residents. Minutes of meetings and other documents are available - and searchable on the site. Information about each town office and facility can be found, along with a business directory. If you have information or updates to the site, please contact the Town Clerk or the webmaster, Rainbowtech Designs, a Fowler business.

Be sure to check the "Recreation" page of the site to see all of the wonderful opportunities for outdoor activities in Fowler. When you see the scenic photography on the website, you will agree, we sure live in a beautiful place.



Town of Fowler Home Page



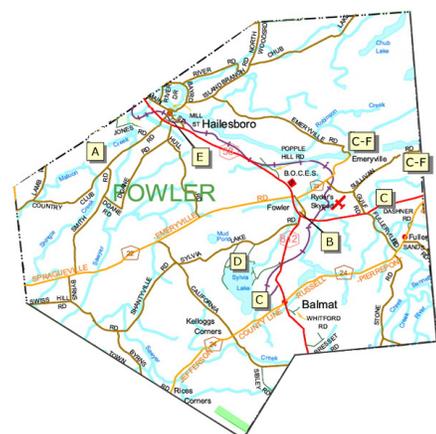
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Historian's Office

Donations for this year consisted of a file on the Goodnough family by Lyle J. Mannweiler; he also sent \$75.00 that we will use for getting things for the office. A book rack was donated by Cindy Fuller and four old books from the old Fowler Library donated by Marcia Kelly.

We have a new cork board for the old pictures on file. The WWII plaques are complete and will be display at the Town Hall.

The Historian's office is open on Thursdays from 1 – 4 PM or any time by appointment by calling Connie Bishop at 315-287-2728.



Highway Department

The Town of Fowler Maintains 56.25 miles of roads. During the winter months 73.74 miles are maintained including 17.49 miles of county roads.

During 2013, we replaced culvert pipes, took down several trees, cut and chipped brush along roadsides. The reconstruction on the Smith Road from Farm to market to Smith and Doane Road intersection distance of 2 miles was paved. Also cut shoulders on the Smith Road, Chub Lake and Hull Road.

We also put a new Proline II sander box on Truck 98 and replaced the ¾ ton Silverado pickup & V-plow with a ¾ ton crew cab with a Western plow.

We appreciate your patience during the construction and winter maintenance of the roads.

Have a great year in 2014 – From your Highway Crew: Lyle Bishop - 20 years service, Nelson Bice - 14 years service, Francis Cole - 13 years service, Jeff Hill - 10 years service, Larry Allen - 9 years service, John Walsh - 8 years service.

2014 Town Board Meeting Dates

January 7	July 1
February 4	August 5
March 4	September 2
April 1	October 7
May 6	November (TBA)
June 3	December 2

1. StephenGale
2. NeilHoolley
3. Lynn
4. MichaelCappellino
6. NatalieSpillman
8. Newvine
9. GaryWilliams
11. Sandy
12. RickWhitford
15. Geer
16. Twining
19. six

DOWN

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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5. GaryHiggins
7. PaulLampson
10. Assessors
13. RobertFuller
14. ArtBesaw
17. SherrieWilliams
18. KarenSimmons
20. ConnieBishop

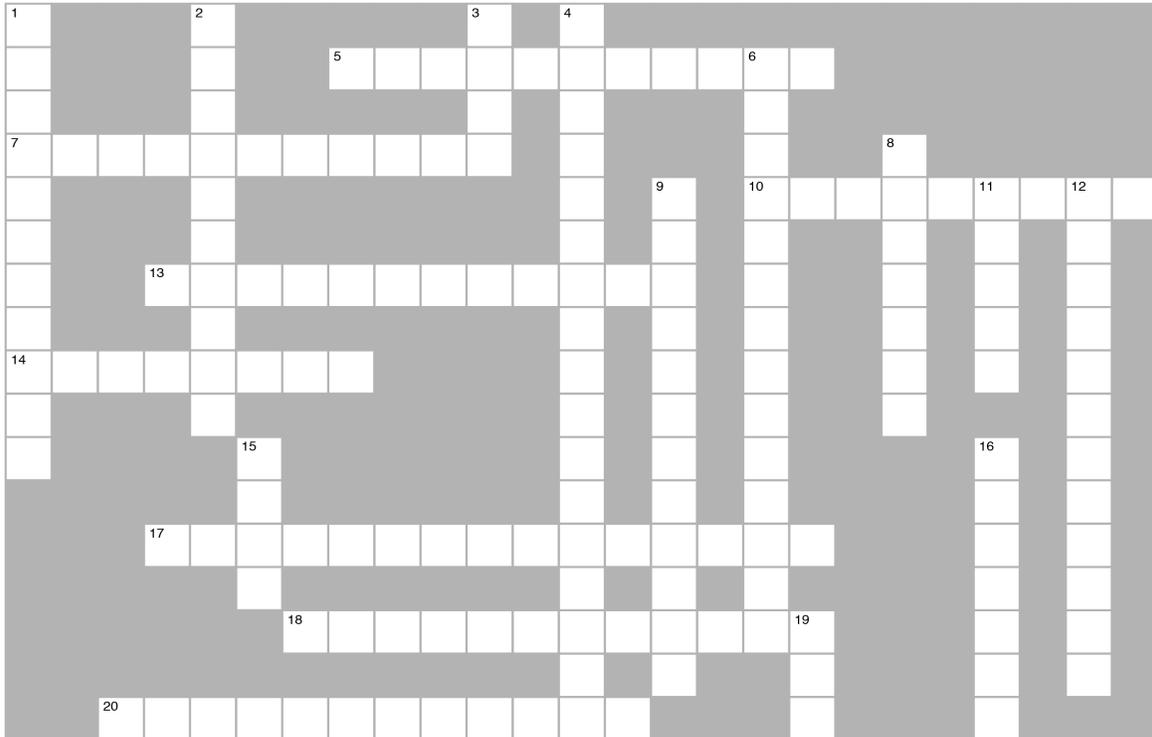
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Puzzle: Know Your Town Officials

When asked for a name, use the person's first and last name with no space between.
 (Note: Not every name was able to fit... our apologies to those officials whose name does not appear.)

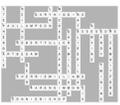


Across

- 5. He keeps the books for the town.
- 7. Judge _____.
- 10. Tim Geer serves on which committee?
- 13. Chair of the Assessors: _____.
- 14. A member of the Planning Board.
- 17. She is your guide to Town and County resources, our Town Clerk.
- 18. If you want to hold an event at Town Hall, contact her.
- 20. If you have a question about Fowler history, call her.

Down

- 1. A Town Board member.
- 2. If your dog is lost, call him.
- 3. This Town Board member has the same last name as the Historian. ____ Bishop.
- 4. Town Supervisor _____.
- 6. For information about the Town Beach, contact: _____.
- 8. Town Board member Rick _____.
- 9. He is responsible for Fowler roads. Our Highway Superintendent.
- 11. First name of Planning Board member Mr. Baker.
- 12. Our Code Enforcement Officer.
- 15. One of three Assessors: Timothy _____.
- 16. Dr. ____ is the Fowler Health Officer.
- 19. How many individuals sit on the Planning Board?



View the completed puzzle on our website.
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