

First DRAFT - 5/7/21

INLET TOWN BOARD AGENDA

Limited seating open to the public or on the internet via Zoom

Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87588110772?pwd=c1FjMDJ2V25nL0pLNk15SVZCQ0xFQT09>

Tuesday May 11th 2021

7:30 P.M. - Call Meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Minute's Review – 4/13/2021 Town Board meeting minutes

See attached pages -

Public Comment – Regional covid-19 staying open issues – Testing & Vaccination schedule

Communications - Verizon Tower work underway ☺ - Tarpon Tower APA meeting 4/20/21 report

CAP-21 - Covid 19 relief fund update

Assessor/Codes, Parks/Building/Information

See attached pages -

Highway Department – Chips funding increased in 2021 State budget and made hole for 2020

Transfer/Recycling - Summer Hours 7 days a week 8-11:45 ,1-6:45 - Temp help request

Town Clerk Report – Rental & revenue reports, ZBA & Planning Board appointments

Supervisors Report – Town Hall & Town public spaces use moving forward - relaxed NYS rules?

– 2021 Events update

- Partner with St. Anthony's on engineering & rebuild of retaining wall

- Deed for Townsends - land swap with town.

- Resolution on broadband fees in rights of way

Trails – Fern park master plan report to be presented to Board in June

Public Comment –

Executive Session – none

Audit Bills - Highway, General & Sewer

Next Regular Meeting– 6-8-2021 – 7:15 Bills & updates, 7:30 Meeting

**ASSESSOR/CODES
MONTHLY REPORT
April 2021**

CODE ENFORCEMENT

A copy of the monthly report for permit activity is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Construction projects continue to be busy, but some projects are slowed due to materials being delayed or not being available. Construction materials are at an all-time high right now, most projects are costing almost double what they would have cost in 2019. I have heard a couple of contractors say they had customers back out of some projects due to the added costs.

ASSESSOR

I picked up the Tentative Assessment Roll May 3rd, I have a copy and Bonnie has a copy there is also a copy attached at inletny.com. I have checked with our BAR members and Grievance Day is scheduled for May 25th 2-4 and 6-8 as is the normal date and times for our Town and the State. I have requested that people wanting to attend make appointments I do not expect too many I have had very few calls about the changes I have made.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee VanWie

Inlet Parks Department Report for April 2021

Michael Bartolotti - Parks Department Supervisor

1. Finished tongue and groove in Cottage 1 two upstairs bedrooms and installed new ceiling fan/lights
2. Painted the ceiling in Cottage 1 dining room
3. New smoke detectors were installed in Cottage 1
4. Fixed and planted Welcome to Inlet sign, coming into town from the north on Rt. 28
5. Assisted the DEC with placing new signage at 5th and 6th lake canoe carries. Also fixed the map and sign in board at the 5th lake carry
6. Shocked well in Arrowhead and got the water running into the cottages
7. All start-up water samples where summited for testing and came back satisfactory
8. Clean up in Arrowhead Park has continued, raking, seeding of grass, trimming of dead branches
9. Birch tree was removed from the beach and new sand was delivered and spread. Thank you Shawn and Highway for the assistance
10. Sidewalk was installed on beach from boardwalk to pavers. Thank you Shawn and Highway
11. Orange climbing playground item was removed. Thank you Shawn and Highway for the assistance
12. Pickleball net was set up in the Fern Park Pavilion, lights are on from 3pm-8pm daily
13. Trees were trimmed around the outdoor basketball court in Fern Park

**Information Office Report
Submitted by Department Head**

**of the month April 2021
Inlet Tourism Director Adele Burnett**

1. Balance in **Petty Cash** on April 30 was \$14.44.
2. From April 1, 2021 to April 31, 2021 this office processed 0 **snowmobile permits** for the 2020/21 season. The Information Office will continue to sell 2020/21 Snowmobile Permits for the preseason rate of \$80 each until November 15, 2020. Permits can also be purchased at the Town of Webb Visitor Center and online at OldForgeNY.com. Stickers will be printed sometime in September and will be then be mailed to anyone who has purchased one prior to printing. **I am still hoping Inlet might be able to offer an online shopping cart for snowmobile permits.**
3. During April 2021, \$0 was collected towards the **summer concert series**; and was given to the clerk to be deposited into the Publicity account 6410.412.
4. During July & September 2020, \$960 was collected from 10 vendors to reserve 12 spaces in **2021's "Arts in the Park"** and \$1,595 was collected from 26 vendors to reserve 29 spaces in **2021's Fall Festival**. 27 spaces for 26 "Arts in the Park" vendors and 8 spaces for 7 vendors for Fall Festival were rolled over to 2021. During April 2021, \$180 was collected from 2 vendors to reserve \2 spaces at "Arts in the Park," and \$0 was collected from 0 vendors to reserve 0 spaces at Fall Festival. On April 30, there were 13 spaces available for "Arts in the Park" and 25 spaces available for Fall Festival including 7 indoor, 2 food and 2 non-profit. A total of \$180 was deposited into the Concessions Account 2024.000.
5. **The IABA's next two regular meetings will be May 4th & June 1st.** Both meetings will be attenable through Zoom. It is my hope that we may be able to have small in-person gatherings as well. This group has lots of great ideas and continues to work well together. **Dues are still being accepted for 2021!** There currently are 81 paid members, which is the most ever.
6. I will continue to try and keep **Inlet's Update Page** www.inletny.com/inlet/inlets-covid-19-updates updated with information about who's open.
7. **New Yorkers age 16 & up are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.** Hamilton County Public Health has access to Pfizer and has begun vaccinating 16+. Need help getting an appointment, contact me!
8. **Both egg hunts were successful.** Notes have been made to make prize redemption better for the adult hunt next year.
9. **Community Pride Day** is May 5th. Trash bags, shirts and gloves will be available at my office after 9:00 a.m. Inlet & Eagle Bay volunteers will be meeting at the Eagle Bay Fire Hall at noon for lunch. Find out more at www.inletny.com/inlet/community-pride-day.
10. The Great Adirondack Garage Sale will take place May 28-30 with sales stretching over 200 miles across the park. Sales will be mapped out at www.greatadirondackgaragesale.com. If you are planning to have a sale, make sure to add yours!
11. Inlet is planning to host a **Memorial Day Parade** on Monday, May 31. Social distancing and all other COVID-19 regulations will be in place. If you are interested in participating by marching or entering a float, please let me know.
12. **Moose River Farm is holding a fundraiser for HASCA** June 4 & 5. The event is being called a Barnyard Bash and is free to attend. They are hoping attendees will leave donations and are also looking for contributions for a silent auction which will be held during the event. Silent auction items can be left at my office. Questions about the event can be made through Jane Slack 315-783-1278.
13. The BFC Committee has made the difficult decision to move the **25th running of the Black Fly Challenge** to June 11, 2022. Full press release can be found at www.blackflychallenge.com.

14. The Town of Inlet was awarded **\$2,000 for our Sunsets by the Lake** Summer Concert Series. This is the most we have been awarded in quite some time. I am looking forward to having Inlet host some live music on Arrowhead's lakefront this summer. The concert lineup can be found at www.inletny.com/inlet/inlet-concert-series.
15. I would still like to see **webcams in Arrowhead Park** - one looking towards Legion Square, one looking at the beach and another looking at the baseball field/playground.
16. The American Legion Post #1402 is going to help us **replace benches**. As a bench becomes unrepairable, I will reach out to the purchaser (if I have their contact on file) asking if they would like to replace it through the Legion's program. They have found someone who will make benches for them at an extremely reasonable rate making it a total moneymaker for them. Parks Department has agreed to store the benches - maximum of 175.
17. Reminder - In addition to the calendar that hangs outside my office, there is a **google calendar** that shows when the meeting room and the senior room are being used. This makes it easy for those who have access to schedule meetings from anywhere without conflict. There is also a Vacations/Out of the Office calendar where it can be posted when employees will be out on vacation. This also is helpful, when it is used, for other departments. All inletny.com emails can access these calendars. If you need the link, let me know.
18. With Mitch's plans to retire on September 26th, I am going to begin the daunting task of looking for an **assistant**, with the idea that whoever gets hired might be able to start some parttime hours the end of August and be ready for full time when Mitch leaves.
19. **Information Office Window Hours** for May will be: Friday-Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
20. **Margie** will continue to work hours as needed.
21. I will be using some more **vacation hours** to go see the WV grandchild and I will be out of the office May 6-11. Margie will cover the Thursday that I am out.
22. Like **Inlet, NY Information & Events on Facebook** and then subscribe to our events to always know what's going on! Inlet is also on Instagram and Twitter!
23. Some **events & meetings** between this and the next town board meeting:
 - May 18 - Inlet Common School Budget Vote 2:00-8:00 p.m. @ IVES Building
 - May 20 - Legion Post #1402 Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Inlet Town Hall & Zoom
 - May 25 - Fern Park Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Inlet Town Hall & Zoom
 - May 26 - Planning Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. @ Inlet Town Hall & Zoom
 - May 31 - Wreath Laying Ceremony 9:00 a.m. @ Legion Square
 - May 31 - Wreath Laying Ceremony 10:00 a.m. @ Raquette Lake Library
 - May 31 - Memorial Day Parade 2:00 p.m. @ Inlet
 - June 1 - FCLPAC Meeting 3:30 p.m. @ Inlet Town Hall & Zoom
 - June 1 - IABA Meeting 6:30 p.m. @ Zoom
 - June 2 - Climate Smart Task Force Meeting 10:00 a.m. @ Inlet Town Hall & Zoom
 - June 4-5 - Barnyard Bash - Fundraiser for HASCA @ Moose River Farm
 - June 8 - Department Head Meeting 10:00 a.m. @ Inlet Town Hall

Dates for 2021: (all dates are being monitored and will only take place if circumstances allow.)

- ~~May 1 - Fire & Spice @ Seventh Lake House~~
- ~~May 2 - Local Appreciation "Jon's" Party @ Screamen Eagle~~
- May 5 - Community Pride Day
- ~~May 14-16 - The "Otter" Paddlesports Event @ Frisky Otter Tours~~
- May 28-30 - Great Adirondack Garage Sale
- May 31 - Post #1402 Wreath Laying Ceremony @ Legion Square
- May 31 - Memorial Day Parade @ Inlet

- ~~June 12 – Black Fly Challenge @ Arrowhead Park~~
- July 3 – Tom O’Carroll @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 4 – Jamie Notarthomas & Fireworks @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 10 – Karen Savoca & Pete Heitzman @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 17 & 18 – “Arts in the Park” @ Arrowhead Park
- July 17 – Dan Duggan & Peggy Lynn @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 24 – Annie & the Hedonists @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 30 – “An Evening with the Symphony” @ Arrowhead Park
- July 31 – Inlet Classic Car Cruise & Show @ Arrowhead Park
- July 31 – Shakespeare in the Adirondack Park @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 31 – Shrinking Violets @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- August 1 – Ice Cream Social @ Inlet Public Library
- August 6 – Aloha Friday @ Inlet
- August 7 – 6th & 7th Lakes Improvement Association Picnic @ Fern Park & Fireworks over Seventh Lake
- August 7 – Bill Staines @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- August 14 – Town of Webb All Class Reunion @ The Ole Barn
- August 14 – Dan Berggren @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- August 21 – Fritz Henry @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- August 28 – Gwen & Jim Tracy @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- September 4 – The Jam Bones @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- September 10 – Adirondack Canoe Classic passes through Inlet
- September 18 & 19 – Inlet Fall Festival @ Fern Park
- October 2 – Adirondack Kids Day @ Arrowhead Park
- October 2? – IVES BBQ & Clambake
- October 29 – Halloween Parade & Party @ IVES Building
- November 26-28 – Adirondack Christmas on Main Street
- November 30 – Holiday Open House
- December 11 – New York Shootout @ Chip & Cindy’s Track
- December 12 – Cookie Swap @ Inlet Town Hall
- December 31 – Champagne Bus
- February 26 – Frozen Fire & Lights
- March 12 – “Let’s Get Crooked!” @ Inlet Town Hall
- April 23 – Egg Hunt @ Arrowhead Park
- April 23 – Adult Egg Hunt @ Fern Park

Resolution Requesting the Rescinding of the NYS Fiber Right of Way Fee

Whereas, the 2019-2020 New York State budget contained language that enacted a right-of-way use and occupancy fee for any fiber optic cables located in or crossing a state-controlled right of way and authorized the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) to enter fee bearing permits with fiber optic installers and;

Whereas, the 2019-2020 state budget also added Section 7 of the Transportation Corporation Law, allowing the DOT to charge fiber optic corporations installing and operating the utility lines for fair-market use and occupancy of the state right-of-way and;

Whereas, in early 2020 organizations, businesses, legislators and residents of northern New York became aware of the fee because the DOT started charging the fee and;

Whereas, in the rural counties of the North Country it's virtually impossible to install fiber optic cables for any distance without utilizing or crossing a state right-of-way and development requirements within the Adirondack Park almost entirely preclude installation of broadband in any location other than an existing state right-of-way and;

Whereas, the coronavirus pandemic has caused more people to be working from home and more students to be learning from home, and has increased the use of telemedicine, thus magnifying the need for additional broadband services in unserved and underserved areas so rural residents can engage in everyday activities and;

Whereas, Governor Cuomo, in his 2021 State of the State address championed his Connectivity Agenda which includes, among other provisions, enactment of a requirement for affordable internet for low-income families and a series of actions to promote broadband build-out and market competition and;

Whereas, the Governor said, "And without affordable broadband, people are not just disconnected, they are disenfranchised. Broadband must be available to everyone, everywhere. And in New York we will make sure it is" and;

Whereas, the DOT fiber right-of-way fee is acting as a significant financial deterrent to broadband build-out in rural areas, with some projects already cancelled and others put on hold due to the fact that these fees will cost providers hundreds of thousands, and in some cases, millions of dollars annually, and

Now, therefore be it

Resolved, that The Town of Inlet formally opposes the enactment of the DOT right-of-way fees on fiber optic cable and urges the Governor and the New York State Legislature to rescind the right-of-way use and occupancy fees on fiber cable immediately so that the Governor's pledge can be fulfilled and the expansion of the fiber network in the North Country can continue in order to serve critically unserved and underserved areas.