

AGENDA
HORICON TOWN BOARD
BUDGET WORKSHOP – 5:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 PM
OCTOBER 16, 2025

❖ **5:00 pm - Town Board 2026 Budget Workshop Meeting**

❖ **6:00 pm - Regular Town Board Meeting**

- *Approval of Minutes...* September 18, 2025
- *Local Board of Health*
 - Re-convene public hearing for septic variance request at 45 Clearwater Lake Rd / tax map #38.15-1-19
 - Septic variance request for Raymond / 10 N. Sand Beach Way / tax map #55.10-1-7
 - Septic variance request - Clemente / 6600 State Rt. 8 / tax map #88.10-1-22
- *Public Hearing – Local Law #2-2025 to Override Tax Levy Limit*
- *Financial Report - October 2025 Vouchers and Abstracts...*
 - General Abstract 10 \$ 70,661.96
 - Highway Abstract 10 \$ 50,200.46
- *Correspondence to the Board...* none
- *Reports...* Town Clerk, Justice, Zoning, Assessor, Transfer Station, Historian, Fire Department, Library, Historical Society
- *Supervisor's Report*
- *Town Board Committee Reports:* Schuerlein, Butler
- *Proposed Resolutions To...*
 - Adopt the Tentative Budget as the Preliminary 2026 Budget and set a public hearing for Wednesday, Nov 5th at 6:00pm
 - Hire Brandon Kent as Highway MEO
 - Authorize Supervisor to sign agreement with Warren County for \$30k Occ Tax
 - Authorize replacement of all windows at the Museum Annex in Adirondack
- *Old Business...*
 - Dugout roof replacement
 - Bids for new Ford F250 Highway truck
- *New Business...*
 - Purchase of new Tandem dump truck for Highway
- *Privilege of the Floor...* Two-minute time limit
- *Executive Session*
- *Adjourn*

TOWN BOARD OF HEALTH
Town of Horicon
PO Box 90, Brant Lake, NY 12815
(518) 494-3647

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Article V, Section E, of the Town of Horicon Sanitary Regulations, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Horicon Town Board of Health will *re-convene* a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center, 6604 State Rt. 8, Brant Lake, NY.

The Public Hearing is for a variance to install a Presby AES GGsf wastewater disposal system at 45 Clearwater Lake Rd., Brant Lake, NY, Tax Map #38.15-1-19, which does not meet the minimum setback requirements of Article III, Section D of the Horicon Sanitary Regulations. The owner, represented by SRA Engineers, proposes to install a wastewater disposal system which will require the following variances:

- Septic tank to owner's well – 50' required, 32' proposed, variance of 18'
- Absorption field to owner's well – 200' required, 43.4' proposed, variance of 156.6'
- Absorption field to neighboring well – 100' required, 56.2' proposed, variance of 43.8'
- Absorption field to neighboring well – 100' required, 65.3' proposed, variance of 34.7'
- Distribution box to owner's well – 100' required, 45' proposed, variance of 55'
- Distribution box to neighboring well – 100' required, 65.6' proposed, variance of 34.4'
- Distribution box to neighboring well – 100' required, 76.7' proposed, variance of 23.3'
- Absorption field to property line – 10' required, 3' proposed, variance of 7'
- Owner's well to neighboring absorption field - 100' required, 65.7' proposed, variance of 34.3'
- Owner's well to neighboring absorption field - 100' required, 86.8' proposed, variance of 13.2'

All documents pertinent to said application may be viewed by contacting the Horicon Zoning Office at 6604 State Rt. 8, Brant Lake, NY during regular business hours.

By Order of the Horicon Town Board of Health
Krista Wood, Town Clerk



**Town of Horicon
Town Board**
P.O. Box 90
Brant Lake, NY 12815
Phone: (518) 494-4643

Application #: SV2025 - 10

Amt. Paid: \$100.00 **Ck #** 0157 **Cash** _____

Date Received: 9/22/2025

VARIANCE Application/Permit for Septic Wastewater Treatment System

Contact Information:

Property Owner's Name: Raymond Cottages, LLC, c/o Michael Raymond

Mailing Address: 3936 Forest Glen Blvd, Unit 102 Naples, FL 34114

Phone (Cell and/or Home): (518) 480-8477

Email: mepromo@aol.com

Applicant's Name: Same

Mailing Address: _____

Phone (Cell and/or Home): _____

Email: _____

Engineer's Name: KB Engineering and Consulting, PLLC, Kurt Bedore, PE

Mailing Address: 105 Lake Hill Rd, P.O. Box 210 Burnt Hills, NY 12027

Phone (Cell and/or Home): (518) 280-0046/ (518) 669-4091

Email: kbedore@nycap.rr.com

General Property Information:

Physical Address (911 Location): 10 North Sand Beach Way, Horicon, NY **Tax Map #:** SBL: 55.10-1-7

Proposed System Information:

Description of Project: ☒ New Construction ☐ Alteration/Repair ☐ Replacement System

Number of Bedrooms: 2 **Garbage Grinder?** N **Spa or Hot Tub?** N **Total Daily Design Flow:** 220

Septic Tank Size: 1000 *A garbage grinder or spa/hot tub is considered equivalent to an additional bedroom for determining tank size.

Type of System: ☐ Conventional Absorption Trench System ☐ Absorption Bed System ☐ Non-Waterborne System _____
☐ Gravelless Absorption System ☐ Raised System _____
☐ Deep Absorption Trenches ☐ Mound ☒ Other: Norweco ETU w/ Eljen
☐ Shallow Absorption Trenches ☐ Holding Tank modules

Absorption Field: Each Trench: 16 ft.; Total System Length: 48 ft.

Holding Tank: Tank Size: _____ Number of Tanks: _____

Soil Type: ☒ Sand ☐ Loam ☐ Clay ☐ Other: _____ **Topography:** % of Slope >15%

Depth to: Groundwater: >84" Impervious Material: >84" Bedrock: >84"

Soil Investigation Results and Dates Conducted: Percolation Test #1: 4'10" min/in. Date: 10-6-25
Percolation Test #2: 1'5" min/in.

Name of individual who performed soil test: Kurt Bedore

Domestic Water Supply: ☐ Municipal ☒ Well

- If domestic water is a well, indicate separation distance from well to absorption field: +100 ft.

Does the proposed system meet setback requirements for distance from wells and septic systems on neighboring properties? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- If No, please explain: _____

Requested Variance: (Please Explain in Detail):

TOWN ZONING:	REQUIRED	PROPOSED	VARIANCE
1. SHORELINE SETBACK(MHWM)	100' min.	22.9'±	77.1'
2. LOT WIDTH	125' min.	99.75'	25.26'
3. MIN. LOT AREA	10 ACRES min.	0.19 ACRES	9.81 ACRES
4. MIN LOT FRONTAGE	400' min.	98.74'	300.26'
HEALTH CODE/APA			
5. HOUSE TO D-BOX	20'	8'±	12'
6. HOUSE TO SEPTIC	20'	10.1'	9.9'
ABSORPTION FIELD			
7. LAKE HWM TO TANK	50'	37.5'	12.5'
8. LAKE HWM TO SEPTIC FIELD	100'	48.8'	51.2'
9. LAKESIDE CUTTING			
BUFFER RESTRICTIONS	PER APA <35'	SEE PLAN	SEE PLAN

Reasonable Alternative:

This lot is a non-conforming parcel created with original subdivision dated circa 1960.

DCH Approved subdivision April 4, 1961
"Sand Beach Mtn Association" subdivision

Site Plan Requirements:

The site plan of the proposed wastewater treatment system is to include the following, as a minimum:

1. Title Box indicating property owner and location of property, tax map parcel number, name and address of designer of the proposed system, date of drawing and any revisions made, and scale of drawing (minimum scale is 1"=10'. Draw to a scale divisible by 10);
2. Lot dimensions, site location and north arrow;
3. The proposed location of the system, along with replacement area indicated for any new construction;
4. Location and distance of proposed system to:
 - a. Property lines and road/street;
 - b. Any existing and/or proposed structures (i.e. dwelling, detached garage, swimming pool, etc.);
 - c. Water supply on property and water supply of all adjoining properties within 200 ft.; and,
 - d. Surface waterbodies or wetlands within 200 ft.;
5. Size and dimensions of all tanks, distribution boxes, and fields. **Seepage pits shall not be permitted;**
6. Two (2) soil perc tests and one (1) deep hole test pit at site of proposed absorption area; and,
7. Indication of slope.

Additional Information:

Within thirty (30) days of receipt by the Local Board of Health of a completed application for a variance, the Local Board of Health shall give notice by publication in an official newspaper of the Town of a public hearing to be held on the variance application which public hearing shall be held not less than five (5) days nor more than thirty (30) days after the publication of said notice. At least ten (10) days prior to said public hearing, notices of said public hearing will be mailed to all owners of properties located within five hundred (500) feet of the property for which the variance is sought. Within sixty-two (62) days of the closing of the public hearing, the Local Board of Health shall grant, grant with condition, or deny the variance applied for.

The Local Board of Health may vary or adapt the strict application of any of the requirements of the On-Site Wastewater Treatment Local Law in the case whereby such strict application would result in unnecessary hardship that would deprive the owner of the reasonable use of the land involved. No variance in the strict application of any provision of the Ordinance shall be granted by the Local Board of Health unless it shall find all of the following:

- (a) That there are special circumstances or conditions, fully described in the findings of the Local Board of Health, applying to such land and that such circumstances or conditions are such that strict application of the provisions of this Ordinance would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of such land.
- (b) That the variance would not be materially detrimental to the purposes and objectives of this Ordinance, or to other adjoining properties, or otherwise conflict with the purpose or objectives of any plan or policy of the Town.
- (c) That, for reasons fully set forth in the findings of the Local Board of Health, the granting of the variance is necessary for the reasonable use of the land and that the variance, as granted by the Local Board of Health, is the minimum variance which would alleviate the specific unnecessary hardship found by the Local Board of Health to affect the applicant.
- (d) In granting any variance, the Local Board of Health shall prescribe and attach any reasonable conditions that it deems to be necessary or desirable.

Engineering Fee Disclosure: In reviewing any application for an alternative system, the Town Board, acting as the Local Board of Health, may require an independent engineer to evaluate the proposal and the cost of such evaluation shall be borne by the applicant. Applications may be referred to the Town Engineer for review of septic design, as determined by the Town Board, acting as the Local Board of Health. Fees for engineering review services will be charged directly to the property owner(s).

Appeal from Action of the Local Board of Health: Any action, decision, omission or ruling of the Local Board of Health pursuant to this Ordinance may be reviewed at the instance of any aggrieved person in accordance with Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules, but application for such review must be made not later than 60 days from the effective date of the decision or ruling, or the date when the action or omission occurred.

By signing below, the Applicant hereby authorizes the Town Board (acting as the Local Board of Health), Town of Horicon employees, and Town Engineer access to the subject property for the purpose of inspection.

I, the undersigned, have thoroughly read and understand the instructions for submission, agree to the submission requirements and completed checklist.


Applicant's Signature

10/14/25
Date

*****OFFICE USE ONLY*****

Received: Date 9-22-25 By: CR Lopez

- ☐ Adirondack Park Agency Permit, if required, is attached.
- ☐ Any permit, other than the Town of Horicon, that is required (such as NYS Department of Health, DEC, or Army Corps of Engineers), is attached.
- ☐ FOR CONSTRUCTION Plans Attached

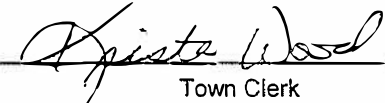
VARIANCE APPROVED BY TOWN B.O.H. _____ DATE _____ VARIANCE DENIED _____ DATE _____

Town Resolution attached _____

Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
	Landfill Fees	Landfill Accounts	2	114.20
		Landfill Collections	7	14,309.04
	Registrar Fees - Cert. Copies	Registrar Fees	6	60.00
	Town Clerk Fees	Bingo Proceeds	2	48.78
	Vital Fees	Marriage License	1	7.50
		Sub-Total:		\$14,539.52
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	1	4.00
		Male, Neutered	4	16.00
		Sub-Total:		\$20.00
A2545	Conservation	Conservation	7	24.96
		Sub-Total:		\$24.96
Total Local Shares Remitted:				\$14,584.48
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				5.00
Amount paid to: NYS Dept. Of Health				22.50
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				427.04
Total State, County & Local Revenues:		\$15,039.02		Total Non-Local Revenues: \$454.54

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Krista Wood, Town Clerk, Town of Horicon, during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Supervisor Date Town Clerk Date



Office of the New York
STATE COMPTROLLER
Thomas P. DiNapoli

John Mahon (September 2025)

Report View

Information

Summary

Report Amount	\$60.00
Date Check Sent to CFO	10/01/2025
Adjustment Amount	\$0.00
AC-1030	AC250952.211

Report

Report Month and Year	September 2025
Report Status	Certified
Prepared Date	Oct 1, 2025 2:40:27 PM
Prepared By	John Mahon (JCR52211)
Certified Date	Oct 1, 2025 2:42:14 PM
Certified By	John Mahon (JCR52211)



Assessors Monthly Report

October 2025

Just returning from the NYSAA Fall Conference. Always an informative and interesting gathering. The classes go toward my Continuing Education credits required by my position.

ORPTS (Office of Real Property Tax Services) reported that they will be changing the STaR (School Tax Relief) administration responsibilities once again, which will be very confusing for our taxpayers. Typically, I would qualify someone who is turning 65 years old by having them fill out a form in my office by March 1st. Now the state is going to administer this function by sending them a letter and then telling my office if they are qualified. And of course, all taxpayers will need to sign up with a username and password at the NYSORPTS website. Another layer of confusion for people, with additional phone calls with questions for my office, along with notifying them to read and respond to the letters sent to them by the State.

This statement is from ORPTS: *"Beginning in 2026, seniors no longer need to apply to their assessor to qualify for Enhanced STAR"*

You can let homeowners know that we will notify them if they qualify for an Enhanced STAR exemption. And we'll send a new letter to Basic STAR exemption recipients who may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption. We'll also launch a new webpage about the STAR changes shortly, and we'll provide you with a printable handout to explain the changes.

Exemption recipients will not need to apply online. However, we encourage them to confirm their information is up to date in the [Homeowner Benefit Portal](#).

*Additionally, we ask that you continue to enter information into the IVP tool as you have in the past, as it becomes available to you. We anticipate continued use of this tool through the **end of 2025**.*

Respectfully Submitted

Christine Hayes, Assessor



Zoning & Planning Office

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT FOR August 2025

The Planning Board met August 20, 2025,

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on August 26, 2025 and held Public Hearings on 2 Area Variances and reviewed one new Area Variance Application.

The Zoning Office issued 9 Zoning Compliance Certificates, 3 Septic Permits, 1 Dock Permit, received 1 Area Variance applications, issued 11 STR permits and had total revenue of \$1,166.

AUGUST							
2025-09	SV	Clemente / Staycation Spot LLC	88.10-1-22	6600 SR 8	New 3 BR Septic System	8/4/2025	\$ 100.00
2025-50	ZC	Harvey & Lois Robbins	54.2-1	354 Pease Hill Rd	Construct roof over exbding deck & ste	8/5/2025	\$ 36.00
2025-51	BP	Graham Camp Trust	55.14-1-12	655 Palisades Rd	Construct SFD	8/6/2025	\$ 122.00
2025-10	SP	Graham Camp Trust	55.14-1-12	655 Palisades Rd	Construct fill system for 3BR	8/6/2024	\$ 80.00
2025-13	I-A	Hacerty	55.14-1-2	Palisades Rd	Appeal of ZA interpretations of CU 20	8/6/2025	\$ 100.00
2025-52	BP	Laura & Terry Murphy	72.5-1-3	321 Palisades Rd	Convert garage to family room & 1/2 b	8/7/2025	\$ 36.00
2025-53	DP	David & Kathleen Flitts	36.11-1-10	370 East Shore Dr	Replacement dock	8/8/2025	\$ 50.00
2025-54	ZC	Greater Hudson Valley Council	22.-1-5	40 Curtis Read Rd	Construct 24' x 30' Pavillion	8/8/2025	\$ 48.00
2025-12	SP	Helen Miner	88.14-1.3	6424 SR 8	New 2 BR septic system	8/12/2025	\$ 80.00
2025-13	AV	David Vanderzee	20.10-1-45	827 East Shore Dr	Demo & Rebuild non-conforming	8/12/2025	\$ 100.00
2025-55	BP	Raymond Pinto	36.12-1-70.2	450 East Shore Drive	Increase height of existing SFD	5/27/2025	\$ 36.00
2025-56	ZC	Wes Butler	88.14-1-11	138 Tannery Rd	Install 2 Zircon containers for storage	8/13/2025	\$ 36.00
2025-02	BLA	Pilgrim Camp - Baum Trust	39.-1-15 & 39.-1-15.2	1542 & 1468 Palisades Rd	convey 4998 SF to TM#39.-1-15	8/6/2025	\$ 100.00
2025-13	SP	Dennis Tierney	71.-1-46	166 Valentine Pond Rd	Repair septic system; new 4 x 50' line	8/18/2025	\$ 80.00
2025-57	BP	James Guyatte	36.3-3-17	201 East Shore Dr	Add 12'x30' enclosed porch & new fou	8/28/2025	\$ 36.00
2025-58	BP	James Kane & Scott Lucas	72.6-1-6	7276 SR 8	Construct 16'x20' roof over deck	8/28/2025	\$ 36.00
2025-59	ZC	Karen & Joe Burka	89.5-1-10	136 Duell Hill Rd	Construct 8' x 8' sunroom	8/28/2025	\$ 36.00
2025-60	BP	Richard Gordon	71.20-1-5	6799 SR 8	Add 2nd floor exercise room to garage	8/29/2025	\$ 54.00
TOTAL							\$ 1,166.00

The Zoning Office sent out Notice of Violations to all STRs that have not submitted registration applications. We are getting a good response to the mailing. Of note, there are STR properties that are listed with the Warren County Treasurer that are no longer operating as an STR.

	Summary of STR Activity
101	Number of County-registered STR's (as of 7-1-2025)
38	Number of Town-registered STR's as of August 31, 2025 (135 limit)
31	Number of County-registered STR's no longer renting or exempt
32	Number of STR's yet to be registered
8	Number of Violation Letters sent to "no response" properties



Zoning & Planning Office

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

The Planning Board did not meet on September 17, 2025,

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on September 23, 2025 and held 3 Public Hearings on 2 Area Variances and one Interpretation and Appeal.

The Zoning Office issued 4 Zoning Compliance Certificates, 1 Septic Permit, received 1 Area Variance applications, issued 11 STR permits and had total revenue of \$260.

The Zoning Office sent out Notice of Violations to all STRs that have not submitted registration applications. We are getting a good response to the mailing. Of note, there are STR properties that are listed with the Warren County Treasurer that are no longer operating as an STR.

	Summary of STR Activity
105	Total on the List
37	Do not need to register or are no longer renting
68	Eligible to Register
39	Registered
29	Remaining to Register

September 2025

Transfer Station Report *Bob Blanch*

Trash 9/5 9/16

C&D 9/11 9/17 9/23

Metal 9/11 9/30

Furniture 9/17

Customer count	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	
	1852	1798	- 54

Batteries 9/22 4pails to Warren County DPW

Bottles \$491.46 8,191 units

9/16 Cement Slab was poured

Colleen R. Murtagh
Town of Horicon Historian
crmurtagh@yahoo.com
518-494-4359

Mr. Michael Geraci
Town of Horicon Supervisor
Oct. 14, 2025

Dear Mr. Geraci and Members of the Horicon Town Board,

The historian's office was open every Food Truck Friday with 192 people signing in. There were many positive comments, so many people were thrilled to see what had been done to the Heintzelman as well as comments dealing with what a treasure this building is. Several requests for information were made and answered.

We installed a that television screen that will be able to provide photo power points from our historic collection.

I provided 10 pages of information for Gary Kolakowski for his Sunset Mt. Lodge presentation.

While I had been asked to do a presentation on Prohibition in Horicon, after hours of research, we have nothing to show that anything took place here. We know that people had stills in the area, but I have no real information.

At the beginning of this month, I attended the quarterly meeting of the Warren County Historians.

A fireproof safe was purchased for the Historian's office. This provides a safe place to store borrowed records and to hold the historical records from some of the area churches.

I wrote an article for the upcoming BrantLaker and am currently researching Adirondack (East Shore Drive) history for a joint project between the Historical Society and ESSLA, as well as setting up a program for next summer with North Country Public Radio concerning North Country at Work.

Over the last 2 months I have been busy doing the "behind the scenes" work of the historian. I received a box of local newspapers from the 1980's and early '90s

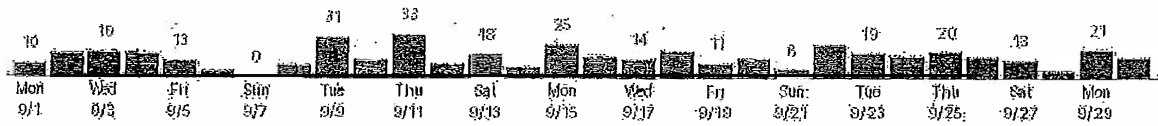
Horicon Free Public Library

September 2025 Report

Date	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult PC Usage	Juvenile PC Usage	Total PC Usage	Wifi usage	Pines	Copy	Fax	Cash Donations	Totals
9/2/2025	12		12					.35				.35
9/4/2025	11	01	12									
9/6/2025	06	01	07	01		01		.05	\$1.00			\$1.05
9/8/2025	12	03	15						\$1.75			\$1.75
9/9/2025	09	01	10									
9/11/2025	14	01	15						\$20.50		\$4.50	\$25.00
9/13/2025	06	02	08									
9/15/2025	11	04	15									
9/16/2025	07		07	01		01			.75			.75
9/18/2025	08	02	10									
9/20/2025	06	02	08						.50			.50
9/22/2025	14	02	16		01	01		\$2.50	.25			\$2.75
9/23/2025	08	02	10									
9/25/2025	15	01	16						\$1.00			\$1.00
9/27/2025	03	03	06									
9/29/2025	11	03	14		01	01			.25			.25
9/30/2025	07		07									
Totals	160	28	188	02	02	04	163	\$2.90	\$26.00		\$4.50	\$33.40

September 2025

Individual devices connected to Library Wifi



Month	Adult Patrons	J Patrons	Total Patrons	Adult PC Usage	J PC Usage	Total PC Usage	Wifi	Total fines etc.	Cash Donations
January	113	22	135	01	01	02	107	\$6.30	---
February	86	07	93	02	---	02	104	.25	---
March	126	24	150	05	01	06	146	\$8.80	\$10.00
April	125	27	152	05	---	05	191	\$7.90	\$4.00
May	156	29	185	04	04	08	237	\$7.55	\$14.75
June	155	24	179	09	---	09	248	\$25.75	---
July	411	206	617	10	07	17	481	\$8.00	\$37.00
August	445	146	591	11	---	11	401	\$12.00	\$79.00
September	160	28	188	02	02	04	163	\$28.90	\$4.50

September 2025

Reference Questions: 01

Volunteers:

Juvenile: 02

Brant Lake Bookworms Book Club

Date	Attendance
9/25/2025	05
9/30/2025	03

Dungeons and Dragons Club Attendance:

9/13/2025	02
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To: Town of Horicon Supervisor Mike Geraci and Town Board

From: Horicon Historical Society



Date: October 16, 2025

Subject: Monthly Report

To keep you current with our activities, this report includes our minutes from October 6, 2025, monthly meeting, and the facility use logs for Brant Lake and Adirondack Museum Buildings.

One of our most exciting events this past month was hosting forty North Warren Central School Fourth Graders for a full day, guided, educational tour. They experienced washing clothes “the old-fashioned way” (scrub boards, wringer washers etc.), designed their own quilt patterns, and watched a tool sharpening demonstration. The students enjoyed learning about the rich history of our Adirondack area as they were able to tour each section of the museum buildings.

Thank you to our 14 volunteers who worked seven- and one-half hours that day and to those who spent days ahead preparing for the event. What a beneficial day for all!

Floor Master will be installing carpet in the Carriage House on November third and fourth. We have temporarily relocated archival materials in preparation. We will be present to move the cases and heavy furniture when the company arrives. This project will be a wonderful enhancement to our building.

Our Historical Society looks forward to another successful year in the museums.

As always, thank you for your on-going support.

Town of Horicon Historical Society (HHS) – October 6, 2025 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Town of Horicon Historical Society October 6, 2025 monthly meeting was held at the Horicon Museum Carriage House and was called to order by President, Sylvia Smith at 6:05 pm. Board members present were Kathy Hill, Janet Early, Mary Ann Hill, Barbara LaFond, and John Caruso. Other members present were Jim Ventura, Bob Smith, Melanie Fuerst, Camille Dougan, Teri Schuerlein, Barbara Blum, Wayne Butler, Colleen Murtagh, Mary Jo Hebert, and Bill Ommerborn

Minutes:

- Minutes from September 8th 2025, monthly meeting were provided to everyone by email prior to the meeting. Thank you to Janet Early, Vice President for publishing and Diane Loika, Treasurer for editing the minutes from September
- Janet Early motioned to accept the minutes as received, and Mary Ann Hill seconded, and the motion carried

Treasurer's Report:

- Diane Loika presented Treasurer's reports for the months of July (revised) as well as August and September 2025. Kathy Hill motioned to accept the minutes as received, John Caruso seconded, and the motion passed. Bill Ommerborn asked what receipts made up the deposited August amount of \$2726.50 and was updated that these funds came from the Adirondack yard sale and memberships

Mail: no mail was reported as received

Town Supervisor's Report:

- Supervisor Geraci was absent

President's Report:

- Thank you to all HHS volunteers and members present on September 29th 2025, to host the NW Central School 4th grade museum tour and presentations. Pictures have been posted to the HHS website, Facebook, and Instagram pages. Thank you to the 14 volunteers who hosted this event at the Brant Lake Museum, plus thank you to all who spent time ahead of the date getting ready. Thank you to Diane Loika who created the certificates of completion for each student who attended. Cookies and drinks arrived, and the refrigerator was stocked. The student groups flowed smoothly through the presentations in all buildings on the property. A siren sounded when the students moved from one event to another. Students and teachers expressed that they had a great time, and volunteers are already looking forward to September 2026
- Kris Morehouse was the winner of the lottery ticket drawing at the Brant Lake Museum
- Three (3) windows at the Brant Lake Museum have been ordered
- The replacement windows for the Adirondack Annex have been ordered
- Sylvia contacted Adirondack Folk singer/writer Dan Bergren to confirm a 2025 program
- HHS museums shirts are in stock, please let Sylvia Smith know if you need one
- Thank you to John Caruso for his work on the boat restoration project at the Brant Lake Museum this year. The boat has been stored for Winter. Thank you to Ralph Bartlett and Rob Smith for their help with heavy lifting and storage
- Thank you to Diane Loika for her continuous work as leader on the scrap book projects including new index pages
- Thank you to Janet Early for her work on updating the accession books

- Thank you to David Tower for his work on building projects including a new roof as of October 16th on the Heintzelman Library and for moving the electrical wires on the front of the building

Historian's Report:

- Working on organizing copies of the North Country Gazette
- Attended the retirement of Warrensburg Historian Sandy Parisi
- Created 10 pages of snippets for the Sunset Mtn Lodge site tour
- Now has a fireproof safe and has received Church records for safe storage
- TV installed in the Heintzelman Library ready for 2026 slide shows during Food Truck Fridays
- #179 visitors recorded during Food Truck Fridays
- Greater number of requests received for property records than family histories
- HHS is near the top of the list for NCPR 2026 reports
- Colleen's 41st anniversary as Town of Horicon Historian coming up on December 14th 2025

Sunshine Committee:

- Barbara Blum reported cards sent to the family of Mary Jane Dower, Diane Loika, Camile Dougan, and Teri Schuerlein

Program Committee:

- The 4th grade educational program will be scheduled again for September 2026
- Wayne Butler will contact Reuben Smith from Tumble Home Boats in Warrensburg to inquire about a vintage boat presentation including a 1903 Fay and Bowen boat from the Undermeyer Estate
- Colleen Murtagh asked for a month to be selected for the NCPR presentation and end of month July 2026 was chosen. Colleen will contact NCPR to schedule

Old Business:

- CFGMR grant submission requires finalization by December 31, 2025, receipts for purchases should be given to Kathy Hill, who will finalize the follow up report
- October 25, 2025 is the Trunk or Treat event in Brant Lake. Due to no volunteers available on that date, this event will be passed for 2025
- Christmas Sale – Mary Ann Hill motioned, and John Caruso seconded, and the motion passed that this event be scheduled for Saturday August 8 2026 at the Adirondack Museum Annex during the Adirondack Yard Sale. A Winter 2025/2026 workshop will be scheduled to organize and get ready for this event
- June 2026 will be the Caro Smith renovated house tour in Brant Lake. Kathy Hill motioned, and John Caruso seconded that a budget not to exceed \$350 for framing a Peblo Hotel photo be completed prior to this event for presentation to the owners Dan and Carre Babson at the event
- Nominating Committee, positions for election will be Vice President, Treasurer and one Trustee. Barbara Lafond, Supervisor Geraci and Mary Ann Hill will review the list of positions coming up for election and work on the nominations. Wayne Butler may fill in as alternate. Barbara LaFond will provide slates for the next meeting in November. Anyone who wishes to run should contact Nominating Committee before the November meeting. Barbara LaFond reminded all in attendance of the criteria for election being a current member in good standing, when soliciting a member to run, make sure they agree before presenting them as a nominee, the elected term is less than or equal to two consecutive two year terms and please read the by-laws for any questions

New Business:

- ESSLA has requested an advisory exploratory meeting with the HHS to be held at the Brant Lake Carriage House October 8th at 1 pm. They wish to discuss their plans for their July 2026 60th anniversary and seek the assistance of HHS. Diane Loika, Mary Jo Hebert, Janet Early, Colleen Murtagh and Sylvia Smith volunteered to attend this meeting
- Carpet for the Brant Lake Carriage house is due at Floor Master this week and will be installed during October/November 2025
- Winter Workshop dates will be set, Janet Early will email this information

Privilege of the Floor:

- Melanie Fuest suggested two new programs for 2026 – Creation of a map/walking tour created in conjunction with the Warren County NY Planning Department of our two hamlets and with Grace Hudowalski, the Adirondack 46er historian who Summered in Adirondack. Colleen Murtagh added that Peggy Lynn who performs with Dan Bergren and wrote a song about Grace also be contacted. Barbara Blum advised that Grace was her 46er historian and she has all of Grace's correspondence. A committee of Barbara Blum, Colleen Murtagh, Melanie Fuerst and Sylvia Smith was created to move forward on this project.
- A lively round of comments from NWCS students followed including memories of the September 29th 2025 tour and presentations including that Paul Holmes became a history teacher again during his presentations and what a great day it was

Adjournment:

- Diane Loika motioned, and John Caruso seconded to adjourn, and the motion carried. Next meeting, scheduled for November 10th at the Brant Lake Town Hall at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Hill, Secretary

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Brant Lake Museum

Facility Use Log

September 2025 - October 2025
9/17 - 10/16 2025

Date of Use	Organization	Purpose	# attending	Length of Use
9/18/2025	HHS	Private Tour Prework for School Event	7	6 hours
9/19	HHS	Research prework programs	2	2 hrs.
9/20	HHS	return of merchandise clean	2	1 hr
9/24	HHS	Private tour Materials donated Scanning	2	4 1/2 hrs
9/25	HHS	Hanging pictures framing	3	2 hrs
9/26	HHS	Planning School event + displays	10	3 hrs
9/29	NWCS	Educational Day NW 4th grade	55	7 1/2 hrs
10/6	HHS	Monthly mtg	16	1 1/2 hr
10/8	ESSLA	group mty Planning History of Essla Program	7	2 hrs
10/9	HHS	Prepping Bldg for Carpet	4	2 hrs 15 min
10/10	HHS	Continuing Cleanout of materials prep for Carpet	4	2 hrs.
10/11	HHS	Scanning + working on Materials for Books + digit	3	2 1/2 hrs.
10/14	HHS	Materials	2	1/2 hr

(36 3/4 Total Hours
Usage)

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Adirondack Annex Museum

Facility Use Log

September 2025 - October 2025

From Sept. 17 - October 16, 2025

Date of Use	Organization	Purpose	# attending	Length of Use
9/13	AHS	open for Tours	2	5 hrs.
9/19	HHS	Cleaning	2	2 hrs.
9/25	HHS	changing archival material	1	1 hr.
10/13	HHS	reviewing books for research on ESSIA	1	1 hr.
				9 Total hrs.
				usage of Bldg.

Prepping Building for on-going construction:
 Windows etc. Will continue in ~~next~~ the upcoming
 days. Moving materials & covering exhibits.

Town Board Member- Teri Schuerlein
Activity Report September 19 – October 16, 2025

- Sept. 19: Met with Barb French- Transfer Station update**
- Sept. 23: Attended Town Zoning Board meeting**
- Sept. 24: Met with Becky Ross- Discussed personnel issue**
- Oct. 1: Attended Warren County Republican Meeting (Qby)**
- Oct. 6: Attended Horicon Historical Society monthly meeting**
- Oct. 7: Met with Barb French- update**
- Oct. 9: Met with Zoning Office to discuss resident complaint**
- Oct. 10: Volunteered at voter registration booth- Chestertown**
- Oct. 11: Flannelfest/Duck Race**
- Oct. 16: Sign invoices, Monthly Board Meeting**

Town of Horicon Board Member Report

Wayne Butler 10.16.2025

1. On site meeting at Wood garage to review and clarify items not included in appraisal, and conditions of sale as related to removal of property.et workshops for Library, Landfill, Highway department, Assessor departments
2. Attended Horicon Fire Department and EMS budget review.
3. Met with Craig Legget regarding Board Septic education
4. I attended the Horicon Historical Society Meeting 10.06.2025.
5. Discussion with Melanie Rambone about Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener about Master Gardener program, possible town garden hosted, maintained by them. Recommend a Town Board presentation
6. Received the NYSDEC Invasive Species Grant Program Round 4 2025 information, this could fund: Stewarts, portable boat wash station, and continuous monitoring unit.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Butler