



# TOWN OF STAFFORD

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# Stafford Town Government

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**Jim Balonek**

**Tim Thomas (Alternate)**

**Walt Kershenski (Secretary)**

Planning Board:

**William VanAlst**

**Sharon Valyear Gray**

**Paul Tenney**

**Anita Taylor**

**Lindsay Yoder**

**Carol Queal**

**Richard Squires**

**Walt Kershenski ( Secretary)**

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**Lori Frongetta**

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Hours:

Monday-Friday

9:45-1:45

Closed 1:45-2:45

2:45-4:45

Saturday

10:00-12:00



## **Interested in Public Water Supply?**

The Town of Stafford has advanced the supply of public water to many areas of the Town over the past 20 years. Each district was started through public interest, expressed to the Town Board at meetings, through emails, and conversations. This included the creation of 13 individual water districts and the installation of over 30-miles of water mains. The Town Board continues to hear about interest in public water from property owners that are located outside of the existing water districts.

An alternative approach is being used to determine the remaining areas of the Town that should be considered in the future, through the use of a survey form. The survey is web based and can be accessed through the link below or by the QR code on your phone.

<https://forms.office.com/r/gmNeCF2MNG>



We encourage everyone without public water to complete the survey, not just those in favor of public water. We would also like to hear from people who are against public water and those that are not sure. Please complete the survey by April 30<sup>th</sup>. We are in the very preliminary stage of this process and the feedback from the survey will help the Board determine the path forward.

## **Highway News**

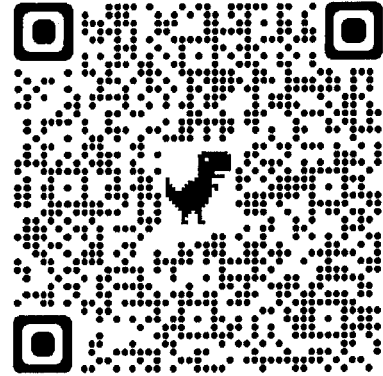
Now that we are into March and winter has come in keeping us busy with snow, the wind and dead trees. We will be working on taking dead ash trees on town roads. We plan to do some drainage work and culvert replacement on the Westacott Rd. Planning on doing some ditch cleaning on the Sweetland Rd, for a possible paving job. The rest of Roanoke Rd. will get stone and oil. With the high prices of inputs for paving, the state budget has yet to be determined and most certainly not factoring in inflation that we have all seen in our budget. The Town of Stafford Highway Department offers water for sale, and will take trees and limbs in the pile behind garage for town residents only. If you see a road hazard, dead deer, tree limbs, down signs, wires down, please call the sheriff office at 343-5000. They can notify the right agency.

~Steven Boldt Highway Superintendent

Zoning Board of Appeals would like to direct you to read an article at the New York State website regarding the guidelines in understanding the appeals process and to provide an explanation of the rules under which appeals and variance decisions must be made. Please visit the link below or scan the QR code with your cell phone using your camera

<https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/01/guidelines-for-applicants-to-the-zoning-board-of-appeals.pdf>

~Michael Lathan, Chairman



#### Stafford Planning Board News N' Notes

Welcome to Spring in Stafford! At least we all hope it will get here soon. With spring comes the urge to build remodel, add on, etc. Remember you most likely need a zoning permit and a building permit for that work. Stop in to the Town Hall and see ZEO/CEO, Gene Sinclair, to be sure.

We would like to welcome our "newest" member to the Planning Board. Dick Squires, who has been the Planning Board Alternate member for several years, was appointed in February to fill the remaining term of Mary Ellen Schmidt, who stepped away after many years of service on the Planning Board. We want to thank Mary Ellen for her efforts on the Planning Board, and wish her well in her future endeavors. We welcome Dick's insight and knowledge of the Town as our newest full-time member.

As a result, there is an opening for a new Alternate on the Planning Board for the Town. If you are interested, please send a letter and brief resume to the Stafford Town Clerk.

The planning Board meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month. To be considered, an application must be submitted at least 8 days before the meeting itself. This gives the Planning Board time to review the applications ahead of time, to make sure all needed information is provided, and become familiar with the sites prior to the actual meeting. Applications must be submitted to the Zoning Enforcement Officer for the Town, who then passes them on to the Planning Board Chairman to put them on the agenda.

As always, residents are welcome to attend any of our meetings. Meeting agendas are posted on the Town's website generally the Friday before each scheduled meeting. Check with the Town Clerk to verify the meeting date and time.

~Bill VanAlst, Chairman

Greetings Everyone!

As we are eagerly awaiting the warmer weather, let me update you on what's happening at the

**Stafford United Methodist Church.**

We canceled our Christmas Eve Service due to the terrible snow storm that hit our region. There was no Christmas Day service scheduled. On Dec. 26th, it was discovered that we had a power outage during that period and 2 of our pipes had frozen and burst, flooding our kitchen and dining room. The water was pumped out, the pipes fixed and estimates received for the necessary repairs. We are currently waiting on our insurance company so that we can begin the work. Depending on when that occurs, we may not be able to hold our annual Free Giveaway which takes place in that area of the building. If we are able, there will be flyers placed around town and ads in the LeRoy and Genesee Valley Penny savers, and the Batavia Daily News.

We are currently collecting signed birthday cards with handwritten greetings to go to the veterans, including the woman's PTSD unit, at the Batavia VA Hospital. We will also be doing our snack program this summer for the kids attending the Summer Recreation Program at Emery Park, as well as our donation of 10 backpack filled with school supplies to an area school. This years recipient is LeRoy Central School.

Our Sunday worship service is at 10:15am led by Pastor Eric McHugh and as always, all are welcome!

~Kathy Barber

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

Across Route 5 from Illete Park stands St. Paul's Episcopal Church. This historic gothic-style building is the home to a congregation whose origins date back 180 years. This year, as in all those previous years, St. Paul's will celebrate the Easter Season with several services. Each Sunday in Lent, services are held at 9:00 a.m. in the church. On Palm Sunday we will meet at the Parish hall next door and proceed to the church carrying palms and singing to welcome in Holy Week. On Maundy Thursday, April 6, we will hold a soup supper at 5:00 p.m. in the parish hall, followed by a service conducted by Rev. Colleen O'Conner. All are welcome to join us then and also on Easter Sunday April 9th at 9:00 a.m..

~Susan Briggs

**Morganville United Church of Christ**

We invite you to join us for regular Sunday morning Service at 10:00 a.m. We guarantee you will feel welcome while you enjoy Pastor Jim Morasco's message and the soothing piano and organ music played by our Music Director Carin Wade! The church can be reached at 585-757-2257.

## News from the Town Clerk

Things are going well in the Town Clerk's Office. I have one year down and am happy with what has been accomplished.

Please check out the town website, [TownofStafford.org](http://TownofStafford.org) to keep up with the latest news. I am constantly adding updated information.

The tax season is going well: last year was a success and this year will be too. The office is organized and working very efficiently.

We are taking reservations for Emery Park for the summer season and dates are filling up fast so call or email to get your first choice soon.

The dog census will be conducted this year so please be ready to answer the questions, if you have a dog and how many, are they registered? Thank you for your cooperation.

We are planning to have our Summer Recreation program again this year. Please stay tuned for more information.

My hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9-12; 1-4, Tuesdays 3-7, and only in the month of January –Saturday 10-12.

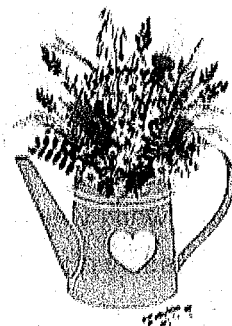
Welcome to another new season at Emery Park. Be sure to get in your party reservations with Barb at the town hall. Recreation program will be available at the park again this year. What a great group of youngsters we have here in Stafford. For the second year we will have a girls 17 and under soccer team using the park as their home practice field. The team is a travel team that had great success last year. Tennis, pickleball, and basketball courts will be open April 1st for town residents enjoyment. ~Terry Young



After what seems like an endless winter, the **Stafford Garden Club** will hold a meeting at the Stafford Town Hall on April 19 beginning at 7:00 PM. Our speaker will be Catherine Johnston, Master Gardener, who will speak on "Garden Herbs in Your Diet" and will demonstrate herb butters. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Each year in May the garden club holds a plant sale to benefit the Jean Ianni Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please check the local pennysavers and community bulletin boards for more information.

This year is the 100th anniversary of the dedication of Ilette Park. The land at the Stafford four corners was donated to the town by Ilette Sanders, who purchased the plot of land after the hotel which stood there previously burned down. The Stafford Garden Club has maintained the garden beds around the gazebo and along the eastern border of the park since planting these areas over fourteen years ago.



### Assessor

I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as your new assessor. My name is Lori Frongetta. I moved from New Hampshire to the Town of Riga in April of 2006, Where I currently live on Chili Riga Center Rd with my husband. At that time, I had two sons who lived at home, but they have since purchased their own homes and I have two grandsons.

I worked from home for about a year when I saw an ad in the town newsletter looking for a part time assistant to the assessor. I applied, came in for an interview, and was told there were many applicants, so I didn't think I'd get the job. At the beginning of March 2007, I got a call asking if I would accept the position. I graciously accepted and my official starting date was March 12, 2007. For 2 1/2 years, as assistant, I was able to absorb a wealth of knowledge and complete the necessary training to become the assessor and was ready to use that knowledge to serve all the wonderful citizens of the town. I have worked as the Sole Assessor for the Town of Riga for the past 13 1/2 years and continue to take the required annual training necessary to do my job effectively.

As the Stafford Assessor I want to make sure, even though it's a part time position, that I'm accessible to the residents with whatever your needs may be. I will be in the office on Tuesday evenings from 4:30-7:00 pm, Wednesday mornings from 8:30-12:30, and Thursday evenings from 4:30-7:00 pm. However, I can still be reached by email ([staffordassessor@gmail.com](mailto:staffordassessor@gmail.com)) or by phone (344-1554 ext.6), as I will be checking these throughout the day and responding. I look forward to meeting and serving everyone in the community!

~Lori Frongetta, Assessor

### Reassessments

After speaking with the town Board, it has been decided that going forward the Town will be doing reassessments every four years instead of annually. The market has been out of control the last 2-3 years and assessments cannot keep up with the market. Also, this town is quite small and doesn't really have enough sales (in my opinion) to warrant doing annual assessments.

Respectfully submitted

Lori Frongetta, Assessor

