

## Central County

### SCHODACK

# A Potpourri Of Topics For The Town Board

by Denise Wright

After the Schodack Town Board came out of executive session on April 22 it got right to work passing resolutions, discussing COVID-19 restrictions and paying tribute to a beloved former member of the Planning Board.

Supervisor David Harris started the meeting by "extending condolences" to Homer LaVoie's family. He passed away at home on April 14 at age 90. LaVoie was a well-respected member of the community and served nine years on the Planning Board, two as secretary. LaVoie authored *Born in a Boat-house*, an autobiography about growing up on Tupper Lake in the Adirondacks.

On Thursday, May 13, a public hearing will be held at 7:05 pm at the Route 9 Business Park on a portion of land owned by Donald Hart and Hartland Associates Inc. The Board approved the resolution, which allowed for "the adoption of proposed local law No. 2 of 2021 amending the Town of Schodack Zoning Code and creating a new Planned Development District." G&G Municipal Consulting and Grant Writing will be conducting a Median Household Income survey for East Schodack Sewer District No. 5 under the administration of Supervisor Harris.

Employee hours and benefits were also approved. Police Chief John Hourigan was authorized to adjust his work schedule to

"address the additional hours he works in responding to Police and Community matters" to be consistent with his generally 40-hour workweek. The Board also approved a memorandum of agreement between the town and the United Public Service Employees Union (police unit) relative to medical and hospitalization coverage. The approval of Resolution 140 allows current employees hired after 2001 to have the town pay 75% of the cost of individual coverage, and retiree benefits will essentially remain the same.

The final discussion revolved around trying to update COVID-19 regulations and procedures at the Town Hall. The Board is reviewing material on two filtration units that could be used to filter out microorganisms. The Board will further peruse the information at its May 13 meeting. Harris stated that he is trying to get a plan together to get the justice court up and running and investigate the possibility of opening the motor vehicle satellite office again since only the Troy Motor Vehicle Office is currently functioning in Rensselaer County. Harris plans to check with County Clerk Frank Merolla to see what the future holds. One serious concern was the management of screening people entering the building, which Harris said he would discuss with Merolla.

### GRAFTON

# GLSP To Host 50th Anniversary Art Gallery

Grafton Lakes State Park, in partnership with the Grafton Historical Society, will host an art gallery at the park as a part of the 50th anniversary celebration on July 1. The park is looking for artisans who have stitched, molded and painted mediums into beautiful works of art that represent the natural aspects of the park or the surrounding town of Grafton. Pre-registration is required. Spots are limited. No charge to take part in the art gallery.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the park. The July 1 anniversary and into the holiday weekend will include historical hikes, talks, panels and an oral history movie. However, the park needs your assistance to highlight what Grafton means to its visitors and residents. Did you stitch a quilt with a natural scene from Grafton, or sculpt the Dickinson Fire Tower? How about paint a scene of one of the lakes or create a piece of jewelry made from the graywacke rocks of the plateau?

If you have a piece of art that you created or own that represents the beauty of the town or park of Grafton, Grafton Lakes State Park would love to hear from you and possibly include

your piece in the art gallery. There are four main categories that you can submit a piece under: Molded (pottery/sculptures), Stitched (Quilts/Cloth Pieces), Drawn (Paintings/Drawings), or Misc. (jewelry, wood working, etc.). Note: This gallery does NOT include photographs. There will be a separate gallery for photos over Labor Day Weekend.

When emailing the park to submit a piece, please include the following information:

- Your first and last name
- What category you believe your piece belongs in (Molded, Stitched, Drawn, or Misc.)
- Dimensions of your piece (length, width, height- feet/inches)
- 3-5 pictures of your piece (include all angles)
- If you will be providing your own method of displaying your piece
- Your availability to partake in an artisan lunch midday on July 1

Submissions are due no later than June 13. No cost.

Email: [grafftonlakesadmin@parks.ny.gov](mailto:grafftonlakesadmin@parks.ny.gov)

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of Stolen Property 3rd degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 5th. It was also determined that Williams was wanted on an arrest warrant from the State of Missouri and he was charged as a Fugitive from Justice.

Williams and Rogers were processed at SP Brunswick and arraigned in Schaghticoke Town Court. Williams was remanded to Rensselaer County Jail without bail. Rogers was released on her own recognizance and ordered to report to Rensselaer County Probation.

### Tailgate Sale

On Sunday, May 2, the Brunswick Grange will hold its annual Spring Agricultural Tailgate sale at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. More than 50 vendors will have various varieties of chickens, ducks, geese, pigeons, veggies, plants and other agricultural items. Absolutely no dogs, cats, puppies or kittens will be allowed. A donation of \$15 per vendor will be charged at the gate. Spectators are free.

Masks will be required and there will be no food vendors on site. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information please call 518-279-9113.

The fairgrounds are located at the corner of NYS routes 40 and 67 in Schaghticoke.

### Grafton Peace Pagoda Flower Festival

The event is scheduled for Sunday, May 23 from 11 am to 1 pm. This is a celebration of the birth of Buddha and all living things. It takes place in front of the Pagoda. The ceremony this year is limited to drumming and prayers. Visitors will be pouring sweet tea on Buddha's head for the blessing of all life. Due to the continued COVID-19 concerns, please wear a mask and bring a blanket, cushion or chair to choose a socially distant spot.

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