

ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 3, 2017

PRESENT: Jack Marren, Peter Ingalsbe, Gerald Barry, Jason Shelton, Sean McAdoo, Chauncy Young, Dale Dewey, David Lee, Elly Dawson, Jim Meyers, Bob Haggett, Dan Williams, Gary Sabin, Galen Powers, Pam Hogenes, John Turner, Mary Duprey, Kim DeLong, Mitch Donovan, Brigid Heenan, Mike Stockman, Don Emirbayer, Patty Dhondt-Campbell, Jake Chard, Chris Catt, and Suzy Paquin

Jack welcomed everyone to the March Roundtable and introduced Peter Ingalsbe, Farmington Town Supervisor.

Gerald Barry – Victor Fire Department: Gerald was joined at the Roundtable by Jason Shelton and Sean McAdoo. Gerald is President of the Department, Sean is Chief and Jason is on the Board of Directors. Jason read a statement which reads as follows:

“The Town of Victor recently completed an Emergency Services Study, focusing on the future levels of service for law enforcement, EMS, and fire agencies within the Town of Victor. This year long process involved representatives from the Town, Village, Victor Farmington Ambulance, Ontario County Sherriff Department, New York State Police, Mercy Flight, Fishers Fire Department, and Victor Fire Department, working with the hired consultant, CGR.

Since 1986, across the nation, volunteering for emergency services is in decline, while the frequency of calls and the technical standards is in increase. What was once a standard of neighbors helping neighbors is shifting to highly technical training requiring well over 100 hours of initial training. At the same time, our society has changed that most households have both adults working, sometimes multiple jobs, with kids in more activities that need one or both parents’ involvement. Time to donate back the community is in scarce supply.

Victor-Farmington Ambulance and Fishers Fire Department have seen a large-scale shift from utilizing only volunteers to utilizing paid emergency staff on duty 24/7. Victor Fire Department remains volunteer, but is seeing the volunteers who are aging out are not being replaced by younger members who are making their roots in the community that can commit to the 20+ years of service.

There will always be volunteers in fire and EMS services in Victor. It is imperative that we maximize the time of those who can volunteer so we can provide a reasonable, cost effective public service for our residents. The study looked at ways to do exactly that.

Victor Fire Department, Inc., is sponsoring an open house on March 18 to help educate the public on the intricates of the budgetary and operational needs for the future. On March 20, our attorney will be presenting to the Village Board the benefits of implementing the study as efficiently as possible, so we can remain the viable organization in the future for fire protection. The public is invited to attend these events and to discuss any thoughts and concerns.”

Chauncy Young - Fishers Fire District: The Fire Association Banquet will be March 18th at Finn’s Tap Room. One of their paid firefighters has left the department and they are now looking to hire 6 paid firefighters. The chief is out for a medical issue and the

Deputy Chief is in charge until the Chief returns to duty. Their new Quint truck is in service as well. Fishers Fire District continues to work closely with Victor Fire Department with coverage as well as training.

Victor Hiking Trails: Their next hike is March 11th starting at the Apple Farm. This and other upcoming hikes are listed on their website. The Rails to Trails Conservancy hike is planned for April 9th with a possible bike ride on the Auburn Trail. The group has volunteered to help with the Arbor Day tree planting on April 29th and Nationals Trails Day will be June 3, 2017.

Dale Dewey-SCORE: The Small Business Administration Bootcamp for Women is coming up. Kathy Rayburn is attending this as an audit and one local start-up business owner is also attending. Dale passed out his latest program schedule and event listing. These are popular workshops designed for small business owners and those looking to start up a small business. Non-profits are considered a business and are eligible to participate in these workshops.

David Lee – Ontario County Tourism: At EVM the corridor near Three Brothers now has the Gateway installation showing maps and attractions. A wedding piece of advertisement is being put together. This will list not only wedding party's needs but other services and events as well. This will be out by late spring. Please see David if you would like to list your events or business on their website.

Elly Dawson & Jim Meyers – Victor Farmington Library: Jim is the President of the Library's Board of Trustees. They are looking for members to serve on the Board. The Board covers funding, hiring a director, policy, and budget matters. They passed out the March program schedule and the Victor Read, their monthly newsletter. They recently installed an AED unit and are working on getting all staff members trained in its use. The Friends of the Library purchased the AED unit.

Jim introduced himself and talked a little about his background. He moved to Victor to follow his family here after his retirement. He's looking for volunteer opportunities in Victor.

Bob Haggett – Village Tree Board: Bob Haggett also passed out a handout listing the group's current events. They have submitted for a grant for a community forest management plan. Letters of support were received from the community for this grant application. 8 trees are scheduled for removal in the Village and that will be done by Terry Tree Service. More trees will be removed by the Village DPW. Once again, the Village has been named a Tree City USA community and has received a tree growth award. Recognition for these will be held at a ceremony in Albany on March 30th.

Work has begun on the removal of the trees in Victor Municipal Park that are infested with the emerald ash borer. Treatment will begin in the spring for 14 trees at a cost of about \$2,000 and will need to be repeated every 2-3 years for an indefinite period of years. Those trees being considered for treatment will be reassessed once the buds

begin to break in April. An Arbor Day event is set for April 29th with the planting of new trees from at least 6 different varieties. If you would like to come help plant, please do!

Dan Williams – American Legion: They are working on the APD Golf Tournament. This year the proceeds will go to Honor Flight and the Victor Farmington Food Cupboard. Plans are also underway for the Memorial Day events in the Town and Village. They are at a 94% membership renewal level, the highest in the County.

Gary Sabin – Serenity House: Tomorrow is the annual gala which is their biggest fundraiser of the year. Tickets are still available and can be obtained by calling Linda at 739-0159. There will be a dinner dance with music by Orient Express. The Board is discussing a possible 5-K run or a golf tournament. This will be decided in the next month or two.

Galen Powers – Victor Farmington Rotary: Rotary currently has a project in conjunction with the Library where books from Victor are being sent to inner city school libraries as well as a shelter for battered women and families. They may also participate in sending books to Costa Rica.

The local club has also funded storage sheds for the local soccer clubs in Victor and Farmington. The sheds were built by Parks & Rec workers and paid for with funds from Rotary. There are around 1300 children who participate in the local soccer programs.

Their 16th Annual Taste of the Finger Lakes is coming up on April 9th. Tickets are \$30 per person and is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the club.

Pam Hogenes & John Turner - Village of Victor: DPW Director John Turner spoke to the group about the ongoing Maple Avenue project. The street will be shut down on May 1st. If there are conflicts, please let Pam or John know. The DPW will be doing the remainder of the project and John hopes that it will be completed by July 4th weekend. County Road 9 will also be worked on this coming construction season. Recently signs have been posted along Rt. 96 concerning work on the Thruway, but John has no information yet on what that will mean for village traffic, but he anticipates there will most likely be backups through the Village.

Pam reported that Village elections are coming up on March 21st. Mayor Ashton is not running for re-election, Gary Hadden is running for Mayor and Larry Rhodes and Mike Crowley are running for the Board of Trustees. After Gary takes office as Mayor, his current seat on the Board will be vacant for a year. They hope to fill this seat. Al Turner will be retiring after 26 years and Dale Conover will retire after 30 years. Budget work continues and it looks like the rate will increase 7 cents, but will stay under the tax cap.

Mary Duprey – Victor Garden Club: Their annual plant sale will be held on May 6th at the Library. Funds raised are used for the flowers planted around town and for scholarships to DEC camp.

Kim DeLong – Finger Lakes Thoroughbred Adoption: Pasta with the Ponies raised around \$1200 and about 100 people were served. Their next event is Get into the Spirit with Medium Carol Cieslinski on March 11th. Tickets are \$35.00. There will be food and wine vendors as well as readings.

Mitch Donovan - Victor Chamber of Commerce: Thanks to John Turner and Pam Hogenes for the notice on the upcoming Maple Avenue project. The Women of Excellence Awards will be held on March 8th. Mitch read the list of nominees and said tickets are still available on the Chamber website.

The event planner from Dixon Schwabl now does the event coordination for the Chamber. The Health and Wellness Fair will be held at Pinnacle on April 8th from 9-1. There will also be 3 Olympic level athletes present. The Craft Beverage Fest will be held at Ravenwood on May 12th. Watch for more information on that.

Brigid Heenan – Tobacco Action Coalition of the Finger Lakes: Brigid is new to the Coalition. Their initiatives are tobacco free outdoors, smoke free multi-unit housing and density of tobacco sellers around schools. They do education relating to tobacco and can help groups and organizations write policy and obtain free signage. She passed out information sheets on their programs.

Mike Stockman – Parks & Rec: Winterfest was held on February 3rd at the P&R facility. The weather was perfect that day with many indoor and outdoor events. The Easter Egg Hunt will be April 1st. The Week for Honor Flight will be May 5-12 and they are hoping to raise their 6-year total to over \$100,000 this year. The Legion and Victor Chevy are sponsoring the event this year.

The Memorial Day Parade planning is underway. Cruise Nights will continue this year and Van Bortel Auto Groups is sponsoring. This will be held in the Village Hall parking lot on Monday nights in July and August.

VictorFest will not be held this year after Hang Around Victor Day. This same event will move to July 15th and will be called Summer in the Square. There will be kid's events, music & food.

Sumer concerts will be held June 15th to July 27th. Dryer-In Movie Night will be held on August 19th at Dryer Road Park.

Don Ermirbayer – FLCC Victor Campus: The Technology Meet & Greet was very successful. Tech instructors from various local schools toured the campus and heard presentations of STEM. On March 16th they will host a Women in STEM lecture from 6-8 pm featuring 3 speakers, 1 of who is a student and currently working at Bausch & Lomb as well. This event is geared to encouraging girls towards careers in STEM.

Spring Break will be the week of March 20th.

Patty Dhondt-Campbell – Partnership for Ontario County: The Child advocacy Dinner will be held on April 6th. Patty passed out information on this event. The Youth Club House needs volunteers for their advisory Committee. They are also looking for experience programs for the youths. Youth Court is held in Victor, Geneva and Bristol. Family Support Centers are seeing families in 3 different school districts. This is based on school referrals. This lasts for 8 sessions. Journey for Loss Support group is for families dealing with losses due to addictions or mental health issues. Patty passed out information on this and other programs as well.

A medication take-back event will be held on April 29th in Canandaigua. Others will be held throughout the year.

Suicide Prevention and Nowhere to Go program details are also available from the Partnership. Volunteers are also in need for the Partnership marketing committee.

Jake Chard – Senator Funke’s Office: The State Senate is in session currently. The pension forfeiture bill is one of the biggest and will result in an amendment to the state constitution if approved by voters in the fall. Budget work continues and the deadline is April 1st.

Please let the Senator’s Office know of your upcoming events, grant applications, and proclamations. They will be happy to assist your organization with any of these things.

Chris Catt – Congressman Chris Collins’ Office: The 2017 Congressional Art Competition for high school students is underway. The winner gets a trip to Washington and a trip to Washington DC. Nominations to the service academies can be obtained from the Congressman’s Office.

An infrastructure bill is expected sometime later this spring and Chris will be working with local Supervisors on projects. Work is also ongoing on the volunteer firefighter cancer study.

Peter Ingalsbe - Town of Farmington Supervisor: Thanks to Jack for the invitation. He is currently in his 15th month as Supervisor. He gave a brief overview of his background and experience as well as several volunteer projects he is currently involved in.

The Farmington Town Hall construction project is well underway. Offices are temporarily relocated to the new wing while renovation goes on in the existing building. They will also have a new phone and security system.

During 2016, 160 new home building permits were issued in the Town of Farmington. This includes single family townhouse and apartments. There are now 3 full time code enforcement officers, one of which is the Fire Marshall.

There are 100 apartments/townhomes under construction at Collett Rd & Rte 332 and 104 units in the planning process at Mercier Blvd and Rte 332. There are also 3 commercial lots under development in this project. Route 332 & Farmbrook Drive area has been re-zoned for commercial development and 2 large storage buildings backing up to the Auburn Trail are planned. There is a planned road from Auburn Meadows to 332 through that development. There are more commercial projects underway which cannot yet be announced. The town is as working on the final draft of their Parks & Rec Master Plan.

Peter also spoke on the many activities that the local AMVETS chapter is doing in the area. He will have flyers on upcoming events soon.

Jack Marren – Supervisor: Jack commented on the growth in the Victor & Farmington communities and that 58% of the building permits issued in Ontario County are in these 2 communities.

FlightLine Electronics will add an additional 80 jobs next year.

Ontario County has a Veterans ID Program and will reach out to the Chamber for assistance.

The Town Board has decided to put out RFP's for insurance, legal, engineering services and all consultants for the Town.

The next meeting will be April 7th.