

WARREN COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND RAILROAD COMMITTEE
MEETING

Warren County Airport
Tuesday, November 1, 2011
10:00 am

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER..... Chairman Dan Belden
APPROVAL OF MINUTES..... Chairman Dan Belden
NEW BUSINESS.....Chairman Dan Belden

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Withdraw previous reso. (9/27/11) request for an agreement between
Warren County and the Beaverkill ConservancyPaul Butler
DOT Railroad and Port Facilities Grant Application--27M - Update.....Jeff Tennyson
Saratoga North Creek Railway - Update.....Manager of Train Operations - Jody Moore
Update.....NCRR ROW Roadmaster - Jack Kilgallon

Items of Interest:

Salmon Stocked 10/4/11 and 10/5/11 into Lake George.....Paul Butler
Note : received salmon 6/20/11 @ 6.5" stocked @ 8.56 "

Post Star - Bravo :article enclosed

- A. Warren County Supervisor's thanked for their continued support of the Warren County Hatchery and for recognizing the positive economic/quality of life impact it has in the county.
- B. Parks and Recreation staff - Job well done.

Chronicle- Doug Moline article:article enclosed

- A. Warren County Board of Supervisor's thanked for their continued support of the Warren County Hatchery.
- B. Parks and Recreation staff thanked and congratulated for their continued great job - Schroon River Stocking/Quality of fish raised

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REFERRALSChairman Dan Belden

- 1) The County Attorney's Office has reviewed new information relative to the Trout Lake Access point and will report any new findings to the Committee at a future meeting. (03.29.11)
- 2) With reference to the Committee's request for the County Attorney's Office to research the property in the Town of Johnsbury owned jointly by the Town and the County to determine whether sale or transfer to the Town is appropriate, Mr. Dusek has advised that a temporary solution has already been approved allowing the Town use of the property and that the matter would be deferred for the attention of the new County Attorney. (06.28.11)
- 3) Relative to written comments provided by resident Tanya Tobias-Tomas, return comments have been provided by Ed Ellis of Iowa Pacific, Mr. Butler to contact Ms. Tobias-Tomas to determine whether her concerns were addressed and update the Committee with his findings. (09.01.11)
- 4) Request from Saratoga/North Creek Railway for use of high rail vehicles & equipment referred to the County Attorney for review. (09.01.11)
- 5) Committee gave consensual approval for Iowa Pacific to pursue grant opportunities for improvements to railroad. (10.12.11)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.....Chairman Dan Belden

ADJOURNMENT.....Chairman Dan Belden

RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 20

MISCELLANEOUS

****Please List All Other Requests Not Covered by Previous Resolution Request Forms Here.
Please attach any backup information available and be as detailed as possible.***

DEPARTMENT NAME: Parks, Recreation & Railroad

DATE: 11/1/11

- (a) Purpose of Request: Accept a donation of \$ 1,149.00 in support of keeping the Warren County Fish Hatchery open and operational to enhance fishing opportunities and support the economy in Warren County. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to address a letter of appreciation to John and Donna West and all community members who generously donated in support of the Warren County Hatchery.

- (b) Details: John and Donna West, The D & J Crossroads Inc., Country Store, 40 Dixon Road, Chestertown, New York, 12817

- (c) Previous Resolution Number: N/A

RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 7

Request to Amend County Budget*

**If this is the result of a grant award, also complete and submit Form No. 5 or 6*

DEPARTMENT NAME: Parks and Recreation

DATE: 11/1/11

(a) Purpose of Amendment: Amend 2011 budget to reflect a donation of \$ 1,149.00 from John West, The Crossroads Outdoor Country Store and Sport Shop, Chestertown, N.Y. The intent of the donation is to support the Warren County Fish Hatchery operation recognizing the economic and social value of the hatchery to the community.

(b) Appropriation Code (with title), Object Code (with title) and Amount:

Increase Expense Code A.7110.260 Other Equipment - \$ 1,024.00
Increase Expense Code A.7110.210 Furniture Furnishings - \$ 90.00
Increase Expense Code A.7110.410 Supplies - \$ 35.00

(c) Revenue Code (with title), and Amount:

Decrease Revenue Code A.7110.2707 Fish Hatchery - \$ 1,149.00

Details:	7110.260 Other Equipment	\$ 1024.00
	(4) Fish Belt Feeders	\$ 625.16
	(1) Aerator	<u>\$ 397.92</u>
	Total	\$1,023.08
	7110.210- Furniture and furnishings	\$ 90.00
	(1) Fish sampling table	\$ 90.00
	7110.410 – Supplies	\$ 35.00
	(1) Stop watch (measure *GPM)	\$ 35.00

* Gallons per Minute

VIEWPOINTS

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Boos and Bravos

Reader Bravo: Hatchery staff keep fish stocked



Bravos to the Warren County Fish Hatchery and to the county board of supervisors for recognizing how important fishing is to our county. Not only does it have a positive economic impact to the area but also provides residents as well as visitors with thousands of hours of quality recreational time. I personally have been fishing county waters for more than 40 years and in the past few years have noticed a significant increase in the number of people enjoying the fishing opportunities our county provides. Thanks to the hatchery staff for a job well done.

— Doug Moline

Schroon River angler: Great job by Warren County fish hatchery

Dan

I would like to give thanks to the Warren County Fish Hatchery for the nice stocking job done on the Schroon River this past spring. As a dedicated fly fisherman, and having fished this area for over 40 years, it was obvious that some real effort had been put into stocking this year.

Fish were found in all the Public Fishing Rights sections (PFR) of the river, which has not been the case the past few years. It was also good to see several others returning to these areas which had virtually been given up on. One particular day I counted 16 fishermen on sections other than the Starbuckville Dam.

In most of the Schroon's PFR sections, 90 percent of the fishermen are catch-and-release fly fishermen. So the hatchery is maximizing its valuable resource as well as extending the season.

The brook trout stocked this year were exceptional and the rainbows were nice for one-year-old fish.

The only improvement I would suggest is adding in a few five-year-old rainbows to the mix. The hatchery does an excellent job considering its limitations, so perhaps this could be considered somewhere down the line.

I also feel that thanks should be given to the Board of Supervisors for their continued support for this valuable resource.

I believe that Warren County is one of the few remaining counties in the state that recognizes the importance of a quality stocking program — an addition to the positive economic impact in terms of jobs and tax revenue.

Fishing to many of us, both residents and visitors, is the reason why we live here or visit. Trout fishing especially is dependent on hatchery-raised fish, and I, along with many others who trout fish, are thankful for the dedicated staff at the hatchery for its continued support from our county government.

— Doug Moline, Pottersville

Dan Ladd adds: I want to thank Doug Moline for his letter. While I agree with all of his points, I'd like to add that in addition to Warren County's stocking efforts, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) stocked 9,900 brown trout and rainbow trout at various locations in the Schroon River.

Constructed 10/19/11
Rt 149 Bridge - south approach
260 linear feet of 6' high galvanized chain
link fence.



