

WARREN COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND RAILROAD COMMITTEE MEETING

March 27, 2012
9:30 am

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER..... Chairman Ralph Bentley
 APPROVAL OF MINUTES..... Chairman Ralph Bentley
 NEW BUSINESS..... Chairman Ralph Bentley

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1. (R) Draft of the Warren County Bike Plan (Kate Mance presentation 2/28/12).....Kate Mance- AGFT/C
2. (R) Up Yonda - Petty cash - Future Gift Shop.....Paul Butler
 SNCRR Cost Sharing Proposal (Follow up from 2/2/12)Jeff Tennyson
 Saratoga North Creek Railway - Update.....Steve Torrico

Items of Interest:

Warren County Hatchery - Complimentary Letter Received – Queensbury High School Paul Butler

Spring Stocking Update (2 Yr. old Rainbow trout picture distributed).....Paul Butler

- Average length of 2 year old Rainbow Trout = 15.5"
- Waters Stocked to Date: Crandall Park (75), Halfway Brook, Hovey Pond, Gurney Lane, Clendon Brook, West Brook, English Brook, Viele Pond, Browns Pond, Hague Brook.

UpYonda Farm – ALL Day Maple Festival – Sunday, March 4, 2012 – Follow up.....Paul Butler

	March 4 th 2012	March 6 th 2011	March 7 th , 2010
Breakfast	155	120	142
Festival only	13	7	85
Total	168	127	227
Including:			
Adults	120	91	153
Children	48	36	74
Residents	49	31	68

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Items of Interest (cont.):

<u>Number of New York State Snowmobile Registrations:</u>	Total for 2010 - 2011 season -	134,566
	Total for 2011 - 2012 season -	132,740
	Total for 2012 - 2013 season -	89,654

Snowmobile meeting - April 24, 2012, 5 pm @ Warren County Hatchery – All supervisors are invited

OLD BUSINESS..... Chairman Ralph Bentley

REFERRALS..... Chairman Ralph Bentley

- 1) 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)
- 2) Relative to written comments provided by resident Tanya Tobias-Tomas, Messrs. Tennyson and Butler continue to work with Tanya Tobias-Tomas and Iowa Pacific Holdings/Saratoga North Creek Railway to address some of the issues cited regarding the effects of railroad operations in relation to her property. (02.28.12)
- 3) Committee tabled discussion on the Capital Improvement and Cost Sharing Plan presented by Iowa Pacific relative to the rail line for further consideration at their next meeting. (02.28.12)
- 4) Committee to discuss information presented by Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council relative to the Warren County Bike Plan at their next meeting. (02.28.12)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR..... Chairman Ralph Bentley

ADJOURNMENT..... Chairman Ralph Bentley

RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 20

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DEPARTMENT NAME: Parks, Recreation & Railroad

DATE: 3/27/12

- (a) Purpose of Request: Endorse the Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council's Warren County Bicycle Plan.

- (b) Details: Kate Mance, AICP, Senior Transportation Planner, Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council, 11 South Street, Suite 203, Glens Falls, NY 12801, Phone: 518.223.0086 ; Fax: 518.223.0584;
On behalf of the Warren County Safe & Quality Bicycling Organization, the Adirondack/Glens Falls Transportation Council has prepared the Warren County Bicycle Plan. This plan provides an overview of existing bicycle facilities; a summary of the types of bicycle facilities and projects which may be appropriate; a methodology for prioritizing future bicycle improvement projects at the local, county, and state level; a strategy for implementation; and a list of potential funding sources. Given that the Plan itself does not obligate the County to perform any specific projects, and is merely a tool for setting priorities for future bicycle improvement actions, the WCS&QBO and A/GFTC request that the Warren County Department of Public Works Committee endorse the Warren County Bicycle Plan for consideration of adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

- (c)

- (c) Previous Resolution Number: N/A

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DEPARTMENT NAME: Parks, Recreation & Railroad

DATE: 3/27/12

- (a) Purpose of Request: Authorize Up Yonda Farm to have \$100.00 petty cash to make change for items purchased at the future Gift Shop.

- (b) Details: Up Yonda Farm is in the process of setting up a Gift Shop for 2012.

- (c) Previous Resolution Number:

Warren County Fish Hatchery -

March, 2012

Thank you so much for the wonderful tour you gave my students last Friday! They are still talking about the big fish that they saw there, as well as the difference between rainbow and brook trout.

What a great resource and educational facility we have here in Warren Co. Everyone I dealt with at the hatchery was so pleasant and knowledgeable!

Thank you sooooo much.

Career Pathways!!

Sincerely,
Aure Conalazio - Queensbury High School



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Warm weather allows for early start to fish stocking

By: Matt Hunter

New York's spring and summer fishing season doesn't get underway until April 1st, but our recent string of warm weather has local anglers ready to cast a line. As our Matt Hunter reports, the high temperatures have allowed crews to stock rivers, streams and ponds earlier than usual this year.

LAKE GEORGE, N.Y. – With well over a week to go until the start of New York's fishing season on April 1, it wouldn't be unusual to see most of Warren County's waterways still covered with ice. However, a summer-like run of temperatures in the seventies and eighties has lakes and streams in mid-spring form.

While it won't allow anglers to cast their lines any sooner, it does give county parks and recreation crews an opportunity to start stocking waterways with fish ahead of schedule. This year, they began March 15th.

"We are very weather dependant, this is the earliest in our history, I do believe, that we've ever stocked in the spring," Warren County Department of Parks and Recreation Director Paul Butler said. "Generally we don't stock until after April 1st."

Each year at the Warren County Fish Hatchery in Warrensburg, staff raise close to 30,000 rainbow and brook trout, along with a smaller population of Salmon in 48 degree water. The goal is to release the fish into creeks and streams when they hit that exact temperature.

"We target 48 degrees," Butler said. "We can stock into a five degree variation either side of 48 and that's fine for the fish to stock."

Warmer temperatures have allowed the county to already release more than 2,000 fish. By starting in the south and working their way north where temperatures remain cooler, Butler expects to be finished within three weeks.

"When it's this kind of weather they change daily. One day it might not be ready and the next day it is, so vigilance is every day right now," Butler said.

The early start will also give the fish more time to disperse, creating optimum conditions for the season.

"It should be a good year. Every year is a good year that the fish are in the water and the fishermen are out enjoying themselves," Butler said.

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