

WARREN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

PARKS, RECREATION AND RAILROAD COMMITTEE MEETING

October 2, 2012

10:00 am

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER..... Chairman Ralph Bentley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES..... Chairman Ralph Bentley

NEW BUSINESS..... Chairman Ralph Bentley

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Saratoga North Creek Railway - Update.....Steve Torrico

1-3 (R) Request from Warren County Historical Society (686/2011).....Paul Butler

Review of survey map and invoice regarding the Warren County FairgroundsPaul Dusek

Items of Interest:

Warren County Hatchery:

1. 9/4/12 – Completed New Pond Construction..... (pictures distributed)

2. 10/3 & 10/4 - 3000 Salmon to be stocked from Warren County Hatchery.....(pictures distributed)

- Salmon received from NYS on 6/14/12 @ 7” – stocked 3 ½ months later at 9.08 ” average

Up Yonda Farm:

3. 10/2/12 – Completed New ADA Access Ramp(pictures distributed)

Bikeway:

4. 9/21/12 - Protective Slurry Seal applied (1.5 miles).....(pics. distributed).....Jeff Tennyson

OLD BUSINESS.....Chairman Ralph Bentley

REFERRALS.....Chairman Ralph Bentley

None

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

ADJOURNMENT..... Chairman Ralph Bentley

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.***

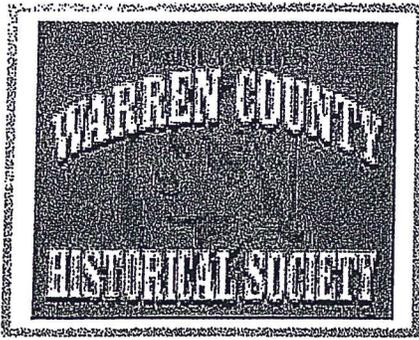
DEPARTMENT NAME: Parks, Recreation & Railroad

DATE: 10/2/12

- (a) Purpose of Request: Authorize waiving the Warren County Fairground's use fee of \$150.00/day and the .50 cent/ticket entrance gate fee for the Warren County Historical Society's (WCHS) planned event : Rural Heritage Festival & Youth Fair on Saturday, 8/10/13, 9 am - 4 pm .

- (b) Details: Martha Strodel, Warren County Historical Society Heritage Fair Committee Chair, 195 Sunnyside Road, Queensbury, New York, 12804 , (518) 743-0734

- (c) Previous Resolution Number: 686-2011



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September 13, 2012

Mr. Paul Butler, Director
Warren County Parks, Recreations and Railroad
4028 Main Street
Warrensburg, NY 12885

Dear Paul,

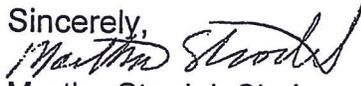
As the lead agent for the Rural Heritage Festival & Youth Fair, the Warren County Historical Society is again requesting your assistance in getting the \$150 per day use fee and the \$. 50 per ticket gate fee waived, as usually required by Warren County for events at the Warren County Fairgrounds.

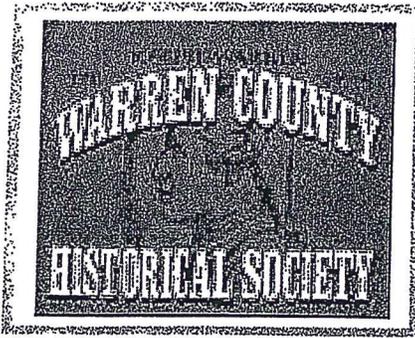
Our first Rural Heritage Festival & Youth Fair, held in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County took place on August 11, 2012: both groups are pleased with the results. Together we were able to bring in an audience of more than 600: a noticeable increase for the annual Youth Fair, and excellent exposure for the historical society, which serves the historical societies and historical resources throughout the county, as well as all county residents. We were able to make costs by sharing some expenses and lots of volunteer work. And together we were able to combine our shared goals to educate, celebrate and preserve a number of our rural traditions of work and play, and put a focus on the traditional and developing small agricultural businesses and trends that are once again becoming an economic driver in Warren County.

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For this second year, we plan a one-day event: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm on August 10, 2013. Our general theme will be the Bicentennial of the founding of Warren County and the 75th anniversary of Cornell Cooperative Extension, though we will again focus on introducing county residents and visitors to the importance of our agricultural roots through interactive and intergenerational displays. While it will be a one-day event, we would like to request access to the fairgrounds during the following period to accommodate set up and clean up: Thursday, August 8th through Monday, August 12th.

We appreciate your guidance and thank you, Paul, for your attention to this.

Sincerely,

Martha Strodel, Chair
Rural Heritage Festival Committee
Warren County Historical Society



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September 6, 2012

Mr. Paul Butler, Director
Warren County Parks, Recreations and Railroad
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Dear Paul,

Thank you for your guidance and assistance in helping us develop the first Warren County Rural Heritage Festival and Youth Fair. Without your intervention, this first year event may not have happened - but it did, and from immediate feedback, the event was a great success! Even a mid afternoon downpour didn't dampen the mood of the event; many people hung out after the rain shut down most of the demonstrations and exhibits, enjoying the chicken barbecue put on by the VFW and listening to Hoddy Ovitt and the Warren County Ramblers.

Our combined attendance for the Heritage Festival and Youth Fair was over 600. We made our costs and a little extra. It was a lot of fun too! - lots of interaction and intergenerational learning. It offered the chance to see and ask questions about the amazing old, restored farm machinery brought by Tom Davis; watch and ask questions as Flo and Todd Olden of Warrensburg demonstrated how linen cloth is made from flax. Youngsters tried their hand at fly casting with the Capital District Fly Fishers, or ground and shelled corn with the Proutys of the Washington County Fair Farm Museum. The Merry Mohicans drew an interested group of various ages to watch and learn how to square dance, and a new tradition was started with the first annual Supervisors Croquet Challenge.

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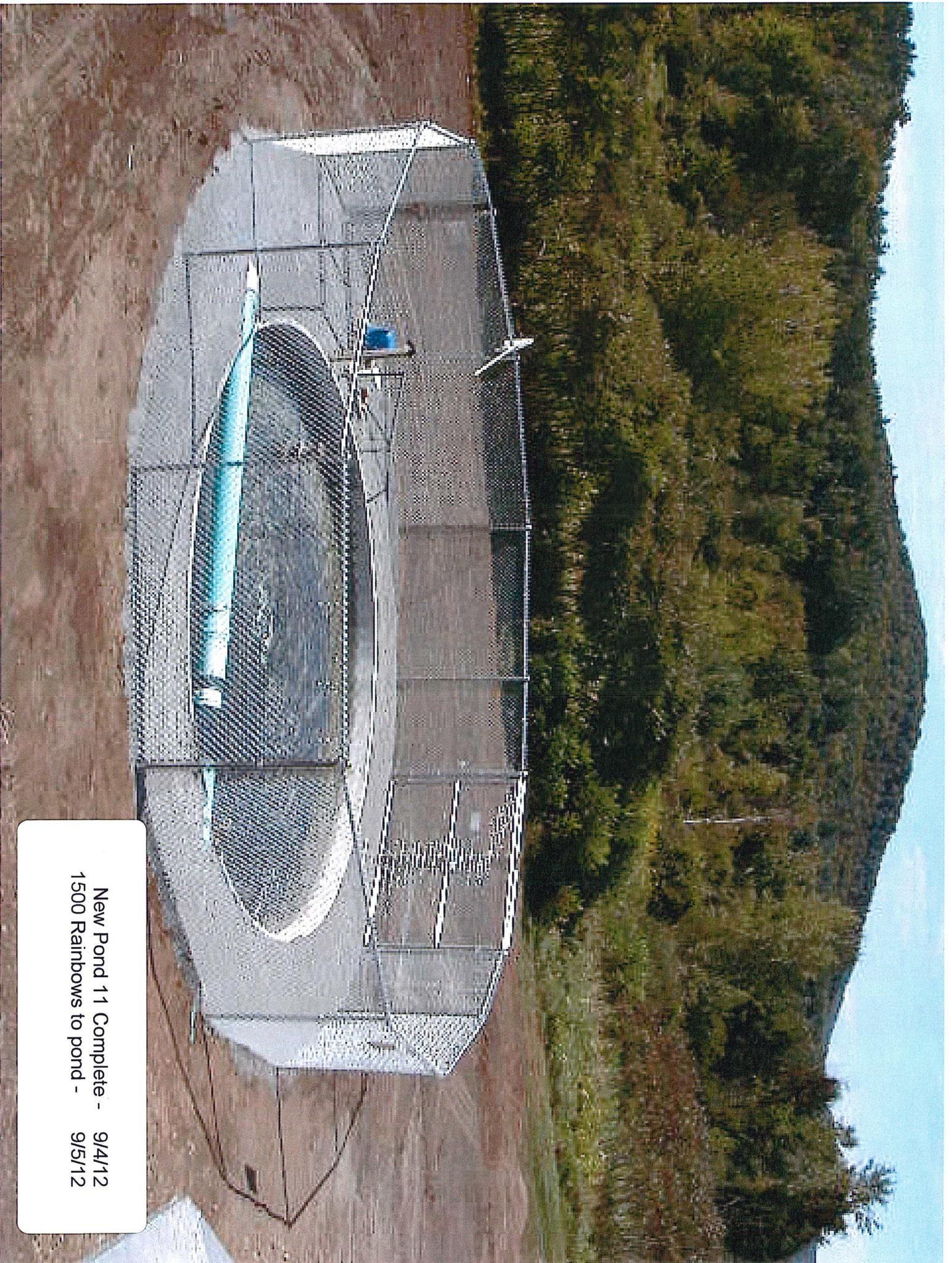
Both Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Warren County Historical Society have held initial feedback sessions and found the partnership worked well for both of us. We've already started planning a second Rural Heritage Festival & Youth Fair, especially as 2013 is the bicentennial of the founding of Warren County and the 75th anniversary of Cornell Cooperative Extension. As soon as we have a date lined up, we'll be in touch with Parks, Recreations & Railroad to get on your calendar and start the process for Year 2.

Again, many thanks for your help.

Warm regards,



Martha Strodel, Chair
Rural Festival & Youth Fair Committee
Warren County Historical Society



New Pond 11 Complete - 9/4/12
1500 Rainbows to pond - 9/5/12

Landlocked Salmon
To be stocked into Lake George
October 3 & 4, 2012
Average Length 9.075"





Up Yonda Environmental Center
ADA Handicap Ramp
Capital Improvement Project
Completed 10/2/12





W.C. Bikeway - Ft. George Rd. to Rt. 9(1.5 miles)
Slurry Seal applied September 21, 2012





Up Yonda Environmental Center
Rubber Roof Membrane installed
September 12, 2012 by Quaker Bay
Roofing