

Public Works – Parks, Rec. & Railroad
Department of Public Works
AGENDA
August 31, 2015 – 10:00am

Committee Members: *MERLINO, Conover, Wood, Taylor, Frasier, Dickinson, Simpson, Sokol, Vanselow*

I. Committee Meeting Call to Order..... Chairman Merlino

II. Motion to Approve Minutes of Prior Committee Meeting..... Chairman Merlino

III. Action Agenda/New Business

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Saratoga North Creek RailwayJustin Gonyo

Discussion of request to transport tanker cars across.....Jeff Tennyson
County tracks

Rationale: Referred back from Board Meeting

Up Yonda Environmental Center..... Matt Sprow

IV. Referral/Pending Items - At their August 21, 2015 meeting the Board of Supervisors tabled proposed Resolution No. 385 of 2015, Consenting to the Request of Saratoga and North Creek Railway, LLC to Generate Revenue by Storing Railway Cars in Tahawus on the Condition that the Cars are Inspected and Determined to Contain only Residual Amounts of Oil, and referred same back to Committee for further discussion. (08.21.15)

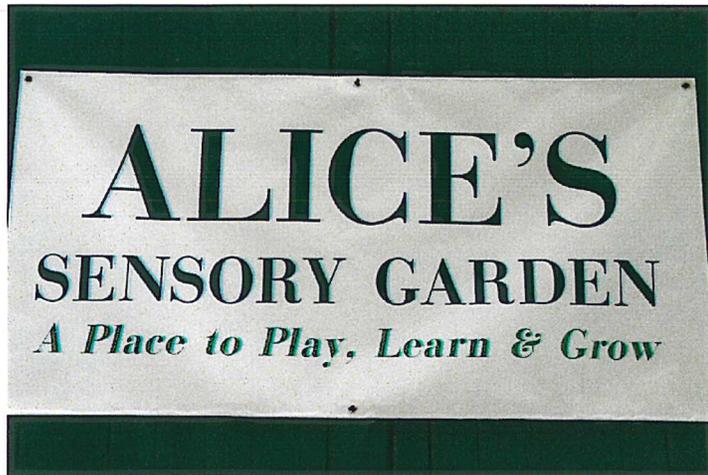
V. Information for Discussion/Review-NONE

VI. Privilege of the Floor to discuss any additional items to come before the Committee

VII. Motion to adjourn

Attachments – None.

Up Yonda Farm



Open House



August 4th, 2015



Sensory Garden



Grand Opening

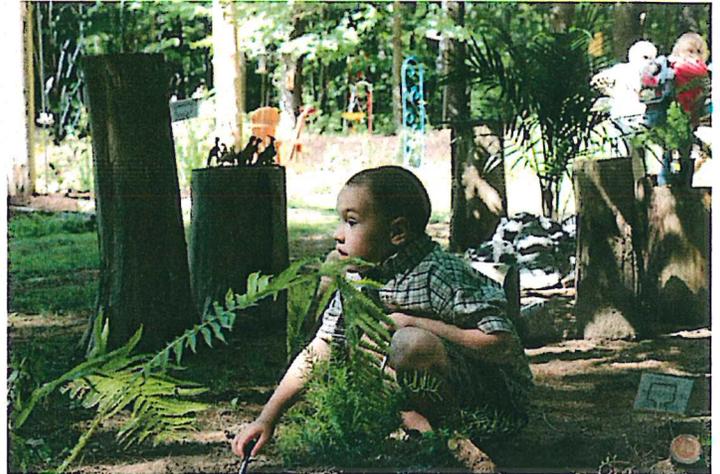


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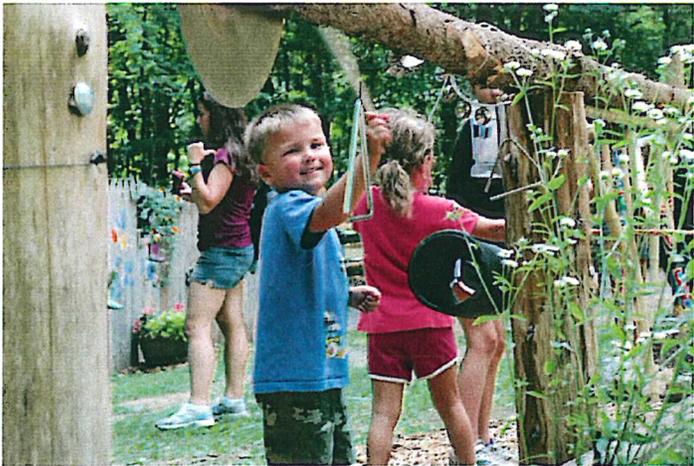
Up Yonda Farm



Games



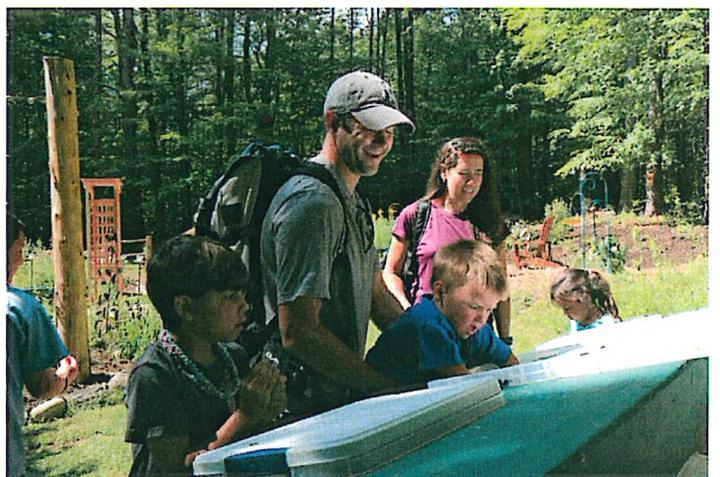
Dinosaur Area



Music Zone



Drawing Board



Touch Bins

Up Yonda Farm



Painting the Fence



Story Walk



Auditorium

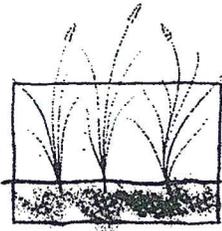
Smartphone Tour



New Welcome Center and Gift Shop



Sagamore Outreach Programs



THE GLENS FALLS FOUNDATION

January 30, 2015

Mr. Peter Olsheski
Up Yonda Farm
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Dear Mr. Olsheski,

On behalf of the Distribution Committee of the Glens Falls Foundation I thank you for your recent grant request application. The Committee carefully reviewed your application in the context of the current funds available, the other grant requests received, and the grant criteria for funding. I am pleased to report that the Committee approved your grant request of \$5,935 to create a handicap accessible community sensory garden. I have enclosed a check for the grant award and the Committee wishes you every success with this project.

The Committee would be pleased if you would acknowledge the grant from the Glens Falls Foundation in any future publicity about this initiative. In addition, at a future time they would greatly welcome your feedback as to how the funds made an effective difference to the success of your organization.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

D. Michael Niles
Business Administrator



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Ribbon Cutting - Alice's Sensory Garden - Collaboration at its Finest

On Tuesday, August 4, 2015 community spirit was in full swing thanks to the combined efforts of Up Yonda Farm, Bolton Central School, the Town of Bolton, the Westmount Health Facility and Warren County. Thanks to the combined efforts of all involved, the grand opening of *Alice's Sensory Garden* was a great experience for all in attendance. This project was generously supported through a grant from The Glens Falls Foundation. Any project of this scope would not be possible without the diligence of volunteers. In this case, about 40 volunteers from the school and Bolton community contributed over 140 hours of their time. Up Yonda and other County staff also contributed another 160+ hours to make this garden a reality.

Bolton Central School students and staff played a significant role in the project. Mr. Patrick Boire and his technology students helped create some of the structures on site and a large bell that will contribute to visitors' sense of hearing. Mrs. Amie Sawyer and her art students painted wooden percussion instruments to contribute to the sense of hearing and, for the sense of touch, a variety of glazed leaf and plant pressing tiles have been added to the site.

Bolton Central School Superintendent Michael Graney and Principal Michele French attended the ceremonial ribbon cutting hosted by Up Yonda Senior Naturalist Peter Olesheski. Additional members of the Up Yonda team, Matt Sprow, Karin Badey and Jacqui Shuster were on hand to welcome visitors. In addition, representatives from Warren County and Westmount Health Facility were in attendance to celebrate the opening of this handicap accessible community sensory garden. Mr. Graney was proud to see the combined community effort come to fruition. "The opportunity to work with Up Yonda Farm in developing *Alice's Sensory Garden* continues to foster our partnership while developing an exciting new learning environment for members of our community and visitors alike."

The completion of a project is frequently an inspiration for future collaboration. "Working together with Bolton Central students and staff to create *Alice's Sensory Garden* has been an amazing opportunity for Up Yonda Farm. It has strengthened our relationship and we look forward to sharing our hard work with the community who come to visit this amazing garden space," said Peter Olesheski.

Up Yonda and Bolton Central School have shared a symbiotic relationship for 18 years by providing students with many service-learning opportunities that foster pride in their community and a better understanding and appreciation of the natural world around us. BCS seasonal field trips to Up Yonda Farm help lay the groundwork for the next generation of land and lake stewards.

Photos of the event can be seen here: <http://www.boltoncsd.org/slideshows.cfm?newSlideID=55992>

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