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### News from the Town of Ulysses

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#### RECENT ACTIVITIES IN THE TOWN OF ULYSSES AND TRUMANSBURG

##### Sidewalk Update

The second round of bidding for the construction of sidewalks on South St, Lake St and Rt 96 between the Fairgrounds and ShurSave concluded with Streeter Associates winning the bid. Construction of sidewalks will likely start in September, maybe as soon as September 5. We will keep you posted as we know more about which roads will be impacted at what time.

Unfortunately there was not enough money in the grant to install sidewalks all the way to Tamarack on South Street. The sidewalk between Whig and School House Lane will definitely be installed, but how much further south, if any further, is unknown at this time.

#### ZONING

##### Zoning Update

The Town of Ulysses has a grant to bring the zoning in line with the Comprehensive Plan. This has been, and will continue to be, a slow process. When a draft of the proposed zoning is finalized by the Zoning Update Steering

Committee, it will be made widely available for the public to review. The Town Board has final approval of any zoning changes, so the content is subject to change over time as the board and the public weigh in. A notice will be sent out via this listserv when a draft is ready for review.

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### **Board of Zoning Appeals Review of Variance Requests for Inn at Taughannock Expansion and Signs.**

On August 16, 2017, the Town of Ulysses Board of Zoning Appeals considered a number of area variances requested for the Inn at Taughannock, located at 2030 Gorge Rd.

**DENIED: SETBACK VARIANCES** – The proposed new building would be located as close as 1.4 feet to the right of way of Gorge Rd (where 30 feet is required) and 1.7 feet to a side yard that borders New York State Parks parcel at the corner of Taughannock Blvd and Gorge Rd. The required side yard setback is 15 feet.

**DENIED: NEW BUILDING HEIGHT VARIANCE** – The maximum building height in the B1-Business District is 32 feet. The proposed building would have a maximum height of 46.1.

**APPROVED: CUPOLA ON EXISTING BUILDING HEIGHT VARIANCE** – A cupola is proposed for the top of the existing Inn. This will increase the existing building height by 6.75 feet from 57.8 feet inches to 64.6 feet.

**TWO OF THREE BUSINESS DIRECTIONAL SIGNS APPROVED; AREA VARIANCES HEIGHT AND SQUARE FOOTAGE APPROVED** – The proposal includes three (3) business directional signs, where only two are allowed, and business directional signs are limited to six (6) feet in height and six (6) square feet. Sign #1, to be located on the northern boundary with Taughannock Falls State Park, is proposed to be 14.3 feet tall with a surface area of 35.7 square feet. Sign #4, the second business directional sign to be located on the western Inn entrance on Gorge Rd, would have a height of 7.4 feet and surface area of 20.5 square feet. Sign #5, the third business directional sign to be located at the eastern Inn entrance on Gorge Rd, would have a height of 12.8 feet and surface area of 35.8 square feet. **THE BZA ALLOWED THE APPLICANT TO DETERMINE WHICH TWO OF THREE WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED.**

**ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017, THE BZA WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW THE VARIANCE REQUESTS, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:** The zoning law allows for one freestanding sign with a height limit of 15 feet and area of 24 square feet. The applicant is proposing two (2) freestanding signs. Sign #2 would be parallel to Trumansburg Rd with a height of six (6) feet and a surface area of 133.5 square feet. Sign #3 would replace the existing sign at the corner of Taughannock Blvd and Gorge Rd. The sign is proposed to be 14.9 feet tall with a surface area of 104.4 square feet.

On the south side of Gorge Rd, eastern parcel, the proposal includes one business directional sign and one freestanding sign. Sign #6, a business directional sign at the driveway entrance for the Lakeview building, would have a height of 9.0 feet and surface area of 24.8 square feet, exceeding both the height and surface area requirements.

### **CLERK'S OFFICE**

#### **Hunting Licenses on Sale Now**

2017-18 hunting licenses, including deer management permits (a.k.a. DMP's or doe tags) went on sale August 1st. Stop in at the Clerk's office at Town Hall Monday - Friday 8am-4pm to purchase your license. DMP probability in our area - 8S - is a little better this year, with the probability of receiving the first permit listed as high, the second permit as medium. The deadline to apply for DMP's is October 1st. Find our more at the DEC's website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6094.html>.

## WATER QUALITY

### **Help Needed to Look for Hydrilla in Cayuga Lake**

The invasive aquatic weed, Hydrilla, reveals itself at the surface of the lake from late July to when the weather cools. The Cayuga Lake Watershed Network needs people to help look for this weed to help keep it in check. See the attachment for more information on how to help.

### **Harmful Algal Blooms**

As of August 11, Cayuga Lake has been removed from the DEC website as a water body impaired by cyanobacteria or Harmful Algal Blooms. Remember, if conditions change, these HABs can bloom again.

## HISTORY

### **Mystery Stone Marker's History**

There is a stone marker at the corner of Krum's Corners Road where it intersects with Dubois Road. It is easily overlooked. Read more in the IJ about who placed it and its significance.

<http://www.ithacajournal.com/story/news/local/2017/08/10/monument-ulysses-remembers-sullivan-campaign/556401001/>

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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:**

### **Proposed Local Law #1 of 2017: Amending Chapter 80 of the Code of the Town of Ulysses**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 in the Town Hall, 10 Elm Street, Trumansburg, New York 14886.

The purpose of the hearing is to give members of the public the opportunity to comment on Proposed Local Law #1 of 2017- A Local Law to Amend Chapter 80 of the Code of the Town of Ulysses, which provides for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, the New York State Energy Conservation Construction Code, and all chapters of the Code of the Town of Ulysses and all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of any agency having jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Chapter.

To review the full text of the proposed Local Law, please visit [www.ulysses.ny.us](http://www.ulysses.ny.us) or visit the Town Clerk's office.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the aforementioned time and place, all interested residents will be afforded an opportunity to submit written and oral comments in person or as represented by an agent.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

Carissa Parlato  
Ulysses Town Clerk

8/15/17

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Proposed Local Law #2 of 2017: To Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-C**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Ulysses will hold a Public Hearing at 6:45pm on Tuesday, September 12, 2016 at the Ulysses Town Hall, 10 Elm Street, Trumansburg, New York.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on a proposed local law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-C.

To review the full text of the proposed Local Law, please visit [www.ulysses.ny.us](http://www.ulysses.ny.us) or contact the Town Clerk's office at [clerk@ulysses.ny.us](mailto:clerk@ulysses.ny.us) or (607)387-5767 ext. 2.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Financing for Solar Project**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing pursuant to §859-a of the New York General Municipal Law will be held by the Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency (the "IDA") on the 11th day of September, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at the Ulysses Town Hall, 10 Elm Street, Trumansburg, New York, in connection with the following

matter:

Ulysses Solar III LLC (the "Company"), a New York State limited liability company, its successors or designees, has requested that the IDA provide financial assistance for the following project: to construct and equip on approximately 10 acres of real property to be leased by the Company at 1574 Trumansburg Road (part of tax parcel number 33.-4-3.2) in the Town of Ulysses, County of Tompkins ("the Property") a 2-megawatt community solar array to be used to generate electricity that will allow residential subscribers to receive renewable energy that will offset traditional power sources for the equivalent of 200-300 homes ("the Improvements"); the Property and Improvements are collectively referred to as "the Facility."

The financial assistance contemplated by the IDA will consist generally of exemption from taxation expected to be claimed by the Company as a result of the IDA taking title to, possession or control (by lease, license or otherwise) of the Facility, or of the Company acting as an agent of the IDA, consisting of: (a) exemption from real estate transfer tax with respect to the transfer of the Facility or a portion thereof to the IDA;

and (b) exemption from general real property taxation with respect to the Facility, which exemption shall be offset, in whole or in part, by contractual payments in lieu of taxes ("PILOT" payments) by the Company for the benefit of tax affected jurisdictions.

There is no proposed exemption from state and local sales and use tax.

The proposed PILOT Agreement deviates from the standard property tax abatement schedule of the IDA.

Members of the public are invited to review the project application containing an analysis of the costs and benefits of the proposed project at the IDA's office (401 East State/MLK Jr. Street, Suite 402B, Ithaca, New York) during regular business hours.

The IDA will, at the above-stated time and place, hear all persons with views in favor of or opposed to either the location or nature of the Project, or the proposed financial assistance being contemplated by the IDA. In addition, at, or prior to, such hearing, interested parties may submit to the IDA written materials pertaining to such matters.

A report of the hearing will be made available to the Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors. Approval of the financing by the IDA through its Board of Directors is necessary.

### **2017 ELECTION INFORMATION**

- **August 18-** Last day to register if you want to vote in the primary. Find Voter Registration forms at Town Hall or at [http://tompkinscountyny.gov/files2/boe/Forms/voteform\\_08\\_08\\_2016\\_Web.pdf](http://tompkinscountyny.gov/files2/boe/Forms/voteform_08_08_2016_Web.pdf)
- **September 10-** The **Democratic caucus** will be held at 3 p.m. at the Trumansburg Fire Hall, 74 West Main Street Trumansburg. **Only registered Democrats who live in Ulysses can participate.**
- **September 12-** **Republican primary** election for Highway Superintendent. Noon to 9:00 at the normal polling

locations. Republicans Dave Reynolds and Rick Everts are seeking the nomination for Town of Ulysses Highway Superintendent. **Only registered Republicans who live in Ulysses may vote.**

· **October 13th** - Last day to register by mail for the November 7, 2017. Also the last day to turn in Change of Enrollment applications.

· **November 7-** General Election 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

-Ulysses Town Supervisor

-Ulysses Town Board (2)

-Ulysses Highway Superintendent

-Ulysses Town Clerk

-Tompkins County Representative for District 5: All of Ulysses (including Trumansburg), part of Enfield and part of Ithaca.

-Residents vote on whether the state should hold a Constitutional Convention.

-Possibly other ballot measures – see the Board of Elections website.

For more information, visit the Tompkins County Board of Elections website at <http://tompkinscountyny.gov/boe>. Find your polling place here.

## **TOMPKINS COUNTY**

### **Reimagining Local Policing - Public Meetings**

Law enforcement is an essential government service that touches the lives of every resident and visitor in Tompkins County. The professionals that provide this valuable service have dedicated their lives to keeping the community safe. However, the increased costs associated with the service and the changing demands of the community are forcing changes to the provision of law enforcement. This reality has led Tompkins County, the City of Ithaca, and the Villages of Cayuga Heights, Dryden and Groton to undertake a thorough evaluation to determine the best option for providing the highest levels of service in the future.

Consultants have been hired to do a comprehensive review of law enforcement operations in the county and participating municipalities. As part of the project we will gather public input through a survey and at several public meetings.

Monday, August 28 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Tompkins County Public Library BorgWarner Room101 E. Green St., Ithaca

Wednesday, August 30, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Tompkins Cortland Community College, Forum, Room 163

170 North Street, Dryden, NY

Thursday, August 31, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, BOCES Smith School Gymnasium

555 Warren Road, Ithaca, NY

**STATE NEWS affecting Town of Ulysses**

**DEC Approves Mine Shaft for Salt Mine**

The DEC has reviewed the Cargill Shaft 4 project and concluded the action meets their standards to issue a permit and they have issued the applicable permits. Many residents are concerned about this action and how it may affect the lake. More to come as more information is available.

Enjoy the weekend,

-Your public servants at the Town of Ulysses