

**AGENDA
TOWN OF FORT EDWARD
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2025 –7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order.
Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Supervisor Fisher
Councilman Suprenant
Councilwoman Mullen
Councilman Middleton
Councilwoman Collier

OTHERS PRESENT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the organizational & regular meeting of January 13, 2025

APPROVAL OF REPORTS: Town Clerk Monthly, Dog Control Officer, Town Justice, Building Inspector, Highway and Supervisor's Report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

ABSTRACT #2

GENERAL A –	\$24,424.20
GENERAL B –	\$10,474.50
HIGHWAY –	\$12,457.40
MUNICIPAL –	\$ 3,541.32
SPECIAL WATER –	\$ 2,597.24
SPECIAL WATER 2 –	\$ 210.26

TOTAL: \$53,704.92

BUSINESS:

- CS Energy – Solar Project Updates

RESOLUTIONS:

RES #11 – Audit Town Clerk, Tax Collector & Town Justice

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 2024 Town Historian Report

ADJOURNMENT:

Account Description	Fee Description	Account#	Qty	Local Share
Conservation	Conservation	A1255	4	5.52
			Sub-Total:	\$5.52
Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	A2544	14	154.00
Dog Licensing	Female, Unspayed	A2544	2	34.00
Dog Licensing	Male, Neutered	A2544	9	99.00
			Sub-Total:	\$287.00
MARRIAGE LIC.	MARRIAGE LICENSE FEE	A 1255	2	35.00
			Sub-Total:	\$35.00
MISC. FEES	Certified Copies	A 1603	88	890.00
MISC. FEES	Interest	A 2401	1	0.10
MISC. FEES	Red Landfill Stickers	A 2130	2890	5,780.00
			Sub-Total:	\$6,670.10
Mobile Home Licenses	Mobile Home Licenses	A 2545	1	100.00
			Sub-Total:	\$100.00
PERMIT FEES	Building Permits	B 2590	8	470.00
			Sub-Total:	\$470.00
Total Local Shares Remitted:				\$7,567.62
Amount paid to:	Animal Population Control			29.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation			94.48
Amount paid to:	State Health Dept. for Marriage Licenses			45.00
Total State, County & Local Revenues:		\$7,736.10	Total Non-Local Revenues:	
			\$168.48	

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Aimee Mahoney, Town Clerk, Town of Fort Edward during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Supervisor

Date

Aimee Trues

Town Clerk

2/3/2025

Date

LICENSE TYPES

	Dogs	Trs	Seniors	Unspay	Unspayed Statutory Fee (B)	Spayed Statutory Fee (C)	Local Fee (D)	Late Penalty (E)	Spayed Fee (F)	Unspayed Fee (G)
1. Spay/Neuter	23	23	0	0	NO FEE	@ 0.00	@ 11.00	@ 0.00	@ 1.00	NO FEE
2. Unspay/Unneut	2	2	0	2	@ 0.00	NO FEE	@ 17.00	@ 0.00	NO FEE	@ 3.00
3. Exemption	0	0	0	0	NO FEE	NO FEE	NO FEE	NO FEE	@ 0.00	@ 0.00
4. Purebred(1-10)	0	0	0	0	@ 0.00	@ 0.00	@ 0.00	@ 0.00	@ 0.00	@ 0.00
5. Purebred(11-25)	0	0	0	0	@ 0.00	@ 0.00	@ 0.00	@ 0.00	@ 0.00	@ 0.00
6. Purebred(26+)	0	0	0	0	@ 0.00	@ 0.00	@ 0.00	@ 0.00	@ 0.00	@ 0.00
7. TOTALS	25	25	0	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$287.00	\$0.00	\$23.00	\$6.00

REPLACEMENT AND PUREBRED TAG ORDERS PROCESSED

Column H	Column I (Local)	Column J (Statutory)
8. Replacement Tags	# Each	Tag Fees
9. Purebred Tags	0	0.00
10. TOTALS	0	\$0.00

DISBURSEMENTS (to T.C.V.)

(to T.C.V.)	(to County)	(to Animal Population Control)
12. Local of 7B + 7C	\$0.00	18. 100% of 7F + 7G \$29.00
13. Local of 7D + 7E + 10I	\$237.00	16. Stat of 10J \$0.00
14. Total	\$287.00	17. Total \$0.00
Amount paid to: County Treasurer for Dog Licenses.....	\$0.00	
Amount paid to: Animal Population Control.....	\$29.00	

LICENSE SUMMARY

- Number of Original Standard Dog Licenses: 0
- Number of Original Purebred Dog Licenses: 0
- Number of Standard Renewals (including New Owner Licenses): 25
- Number of Purebred License Renewals: 0
- Total of Lines 1-3: 25

February 17, 2025

The Town of Fort Edward Highway employees completed the following tasks for the month January 2025.

- Garbage
- Water Test
- Water Report
- Worked on Trucks
- Plowed Snow
- Salt is in Short Supply
- Cleaned Side Walks
- Cleaned Highway Barn and Waxed Floors
- Highway Meeting
- Turned Water off To Old Agway Building
- Met with Hour Electric

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Brockway
Town of Fort Edward
Highway Superintendant

Fort Edward Town Court
Summary Report of Cases Closed
Judge Joseph M Malvuccio

Report date: 02/03/2025

01/01/2025 to 01/31/2025

All Judges

<u>STATUTE</u>	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>FINE</u>	<u>SURCHG</u>	<u>CIVIL FEE</u>
PL	2	400.00	0.00	0.00
VTL	18	1579.00	993.00	0.00
CIV	1	0.00	0.00	15.00
FEV	1	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	22	1979.00	993.00	15.00

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Number of DWIs - 1192:	0	Fines/Fees: \$0.00
Number of AUOs - 511:	1	Fines/Fees: \$500.00
Number of Speeds - 1180:	4	Fines/Fees: \$933.00
Number of Defendants:	19	
Total Number Charges:	22	
Average Charges/Defendant:	1.16	
Number of Small Claims:	1	

NOTE: Dollars are calculated for fines assessed, not amount collected.



Town of Fort Edward, NY Dog Control
DCO Report January 2025

I do not contract with WCPH to handle 10 day QT bite reports. I do keep track of all reported bites in the town.

1/2- I was sent a message that 2 huskies were running loose on Seminary St. I posted the information on the local FB pages and the owner found his dogs.

1/4- I received a call from a woman who was concerned about animals belonging to a person who passed away in the Drifting Ridge neighborhood. She was worried about 2 dogs and a cat. I directed her to rescues who might be able to assist her if the animals needed placement.

1/7- I received a call from WCS looking for assistance with a dog locked inside a car and the owner on the run from being picked up under an arrest warrant. After speaking with the deputy and a friend of the party in question, the dog was safely removed and returned to its home by friends.

1/10- I received a call from a man on River St looking for help with cats using his yard as a litter box. He purchased the house last year and moved her from NJ. The previous owner had a trampoline in the backyard on a bed of sand and the cats were using the sand as a litter box. I let him know there was no one associated with the town who could clean it up and assist him and directed him to check out local landscape companies who could remove the sand for him.

1/16- I received a call from a woman on Notre Dame who found a small black dog. She had tried to find a shelter to take the dog and there was some confusion as to where the dog was found originally. I confirmed with the WCS that the dog was found in Fort Edward on Center St and I picked the dog up the following day and transported it to the kennel.

1/22- I received another call about the Seminary St huskies on the run. The owner was searching for them and found them.

1/22- I received a call from the manager of the Village Apartments. A person seemed to have left their apartment and abandoned their dog. I spoke with her about her options as the person in charge of the apartments and what to do with the dog.

1/25- I was made aware of 2 GSD who escaped their yard on Leavy Hollow. I reached out to the owners and to Alfie's Rescue for help tracking them. A WCS spotted the dogs and was able to close them in a gated area. The dogs went home with their owners.

1/30- I received a call from a woman on Burgoyne with concerns about a neighbor's dog getting loose when the babysitter is at the dog's home. I have sent her the complaint and I am awaiting its return.

Shannon Celeste NACI Fort Edward DCO

CEO report 1/25

1/2 Durling framing insp. With Tim. Chained off. We walked in and did the inspection. No one there. Bushey framing also ok. Drove to Schulze . Still a mess.

1/3 Manuchia final .ok

1/6 Typed c of c for Manuchia. Sportsplex rough drain insp. Ok. Typed supporting deposition for Schulze.

1/7 Typed Discovery for Schulze.

1/8 Typed c of c for Boire. Signed up for 2025 classes.

1/9 Issued sign permit for Arrow bank, 1 message. Assesor stuff.

1/10 Codes school on line.

1/13 Sent more expired letters.

1/14 Same.

1/15 2 messages. Checked 590 Lwr. Oak. Front storm windows are now smashed out. Spoke to owner who has been cooperating and told him we are getting close to condemn. Rough plumb water at sportsplex.

1/16 2 messages. US census on line survey doesn't work. What the.....

1/17 Visited trailer at 1266 Burgoyne. Will address

1/21 Typed letter tp owner of trailer. Tested some electrical outlets in the basement.

1/22 Bushey rough plumb insp. Ok.

1/23 2 messages. Expiring letters.

1/24 Met with lebig. RE: garage. More exp. Letters.

1/27 Went to Schulze and took more Pics for complaint.

1/28 Finished putting together court ppwk for Schulze and delivered to Nikas.

1/29 Hafner final ok. Durling insulation. Ok.

1/30 Typed Hafner c of c.

Treasurer's Summary Report

Town of Fort Edward

GENERAL FUND

January 2025

Cash Account Balances As Follows:

Account No	GENERAL FUND	Prev Month	Current Per
A00.0200.000	Cash in Checking	542,006.17	993,844.33
Total Balance of Cash Accts:		542,006.17	993,844.33

Account No	Disbursements		Amount
A00.1410.400	Clerk/Contractual		25.00
A00.1420.400	Attorney/Contract.Exp.		2,000.00
A00.1620.400	Buildings/Contract.Exp.		1,575.91
A00.1910.400	Special Items-Insurance		39,445.90
A00.1940.400	Right of Way-Contractual		75.00
A00.1990.400	Contingent/Contract.Exp.		4,947.74
A00.3510.400	Control of Dogs-Contract.		287.00
A00.5010.400	Superintend/Hwy-Contract.		100.00
A00.5132.400	Garage/Contract Exp.		3,172.61
A00.5182.400	St.Light-Contractual		30.68
A00.6510.400	Veteran Serv/Contractual		8.61
A00.7180.400	Beach & Pool-Contractual		298.48
A00.7550.400	Celebrations/Contract.Exp		5,000.00
A00.7989.400	Roger Is.-Contractual		20,453.69
A00.8160.400	Refuse/Garb-Contract.Exp.		3,314.17
A00.8810.400	Cemeteries/Contract.Exp.		9,008.61
Total Disbursements from Fund:			89,743.40

Account No	General Journal Adjustments		Amount
A00.0200.000	Cash in Checking		541,581.56
A00.0210.000	Petty Cash		33.30
A00.0250.000	Taxes Receivable/Current		0.00
A00.0630.000	Due to Other Funds		0.00
A00.0690.000	OVERPAYMENTS AND CLEARING ACCOUNT		8,820.00
A00.1001.000	Real Property Tax		-582,722.00
A00.1010.100	Board/Pers.Services		1,776.68
A00.1110.100	JUSTICE PERSONNEL		1,507.50
A00.1220.100	Supervisor/Pers.Serv.		3,102.50
A00.1255.000	Clerk Fees		-84.14
A00.1355.100	Assessors/Pers.Serv.		3,846.16
A00.1410.100	Clerk/Pers.Serv.		7,436.16
A00.1603.000	Registrar Fees		-300.00
A00.1620.400	Buildings/Contract.Exp.		1,000.00
A00.2130.000	Landfill Tickets		-5,368.00
A00.2401.000	Interest & Earnings		-15.13
A00.2410.800	REAL PROPERTY RENT		-1,100.00
A00.2544.000	Dog Licenses		-227.00
A00.2610.000	Fines/Fees & Forfeits		-6,864.70
A00.3510.100	Control of Dogs-Pers Serv		1,176.00
A00.4010.400	Bd.of Health/Contractual		2,000.00
A00.4020.100	Regis/Vit.Stat-Pers.Serv.		312.00
A00.5010.100	Supt.of Hwy Personnel		5,663.00
A00.7510.100	Historian/Pers.Serv.		133.33
A00.8160.100	Refuse/Garbage-Pers.Serv.		4,028.80
A00.9030.800	Social Security		2,217.12
A00.9055.800	Disability		40.32
A00.9060.800	Health Ins.		12,006.54
Total Adjustments to Fund:			0.00

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Cash Account Balances As Follows:

Account No	TOWN OUTSIDE VILLAGE	Prev Month	Current Per
B00.0200.000	CASH ACCOUNT	21,378.85	78,320.58
	Total Balance of Cash Accts:	21,378.85	78,320.58
Account No	Disbursements		Amount
B00.1910.400	Special Unallocated Ins.		8,970.00
B00.3620.400	Bldg Inspect-Contractual		48.50
B00.8020.400	Planning/Contract.Exp.		385.00
	Total Disbursements from Fund:		9,403.50
Account No	General Journal Adjustments		Amount
B00.0200.000	CASH ACCOUNT		66,345.23
B00.0250.000	TAXES REC/ CURRENT		0.00
B00.0630.000	Due to Other Funds		0.00
B00.1001.000	Real Property Tax		-70,585.00
B00.2401.000	Interest		-0.93
B00.2590.000	Permits		-60.00
B00.3620.100	Bldg Inspect-Personnel		2,306.00
B00.8010.100	Zoning/Pers.Serv.		1,289.08
B00.8020.100	Planning/Pers.Serv.		400.00
B00.9030.800	Social Security		305.62
	Total Adjustments to Fund:		0.00

HIGHWAY FUND - OUTSIDE VILLAGE

Cash Account Balances As Follows:

Account No	HIGHWAY FUND - OUTSIDE VILLAGE	Prev Month	Current Per
DB0.0200.000	Cash Account	37,945.69	561,796.94
	Total Balance of Cash Accts:	37,945.69	561,796.94
Account No	Disbursements		Amount
DB0.1910.400	UNALLOCATED INSURANCE		16,951.00
DB0.5130.400	Machinery-Contractual		2,492.73
DB0.5142.400	Snow Removal-Contractual		3,958.03
	Total Disbursements from Fund:		23,401.76
Account No	General Journal Adjustments		Amount
DB0.0200.000	Cash Account		545,431.34
DB0.0250.000	TAXES REC/ CURRENT		0.00
DB0.0630.000	Due to Other Funds		0.00
DB0.1001.000	Real Property Tax		-570,093.00
DB0.1120.000	SALES TAX REVENUE		-22,523.00
DB0.2401.000	Interest		-8.37
DB0.5110.100	Gen.Repairs/Personnel		24,529.20
DB0.5142.100	Snow Removal-Pers Service		5,810.21
DB0.9030.800	Social Security		2,320.97
DB0.9055.800	Disability		49.50
DB0.9060.800	Health Insurance		14,483.15
	Total Adjustments to Fund:		0.00

Parks + Rec Grant

Cash Account Balances As Follows:

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Account No	BOA DOWNTOWN	Prev Month	Current Per
H21.0200.000	CASH	35,050.00	35,050.00
Total Balance of Cash Accts:		35,050.00	35,050.00

CDPHP High Deductible

Cash Account Balances As Follows:

Account No	BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA	Prev Month	Current Per
H90.0200.000	CASH	8,008.06	25,401.53
Total Balance of Cash Accts:		8,008.06	25,401.53

Account No	General Journal Adjustments	Amount
H90.0020.400	CDPHP CHARGES	-17,393.47
H90.0200.000	CASH	17,393.47
Total Adjustments to Fund:		0.00

MUNICIPAL

Cash Account Balances As Follows:

Account No	MUNICIPAL	Prev Month	Current Per
J00.0200.000	Cash Account	21,495.02	13,402.65
Total Balance of Cash Accts:		21,495.02	13,402.65

Account No	Disbursements	Amount
J00.1620.400	Buildings Contractual	8,092.86
Total Disbursements from Fund:		8,092.86

Account No	General Journal Adjustments	Amount
J00.0200.000	Cash Account	0.49
J00.2401.000	Interest and Earnings	-0.49
Total Adjustments to Fund:		0.00

SPECIAL LIGHTING

Cash Account Balances As Follows:

Account No	SPECIAL LIGHTING	Prev Month	Current Per
SL0.0200.000	Cash Account	18,740.52	49,794.07
Total Balance of Cash Accts:		18,740.52	49,794.07

Account No	Disbursements	Amount
SL0.5182.400	Street Lighting-Cont.	3,947.16
Total Disbursements from Fund:		3,947.16

Account No	General Journal Adjustments	Amount
SL0.0200.000	Cash Account	35,000.71
SL0.0250.000	TAXES REC/ CURRENT	0.00
SL0.1001.000	Property Tax	-35,000.00
SL0.2401.000	Interest Earnings	-0.71
Total Adjustments to Fund:		0.00

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SPECIAL WATER

Cash Account Balances As Follows:

Account No	SPECIAL WATER	Prev Month	Current Per
SW0.0200.000	Cash Account	168,755.31	216,200.42
	Total Balance of Cash Accts:	168,755.31	216,200.42
Account No	Disbursements		Amount
SW0.8320.400	Water-Contractual		1,874.68
	Total Disbursements from Fund:		1,874.68
Account No	General Journal Adjustments		Amount
SW0.0200.000	Cash Account		49,319.79
SW0.0630.000	Due to Other Funds		0.00
SW0.2140.000	METERED SALES		-40,378.48
SW0.2148.000	PENALTIES		-5,483.50
SW0.2401.000	Interest Earnings		-4.74
SW0.2410.000	REAL PROPERTY RENT		-3,870.43
SW0.8320.100	Water Personnel		387.70
SW0.9030.800	Social Security		29.66
	Total Adjustments to Fund:		0.00

SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT 2

Cash Account Balances As Follows:

Account No	SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT 2	Prev Month	Current Per
SW2.0200.000	CASH	49,335.83	77,800.76
	Total Balance of Cash Accts:	49,335.83	77,800.76
Account No	Disbursements		Amount
SW2.8320.400	WATER- CONTRACTUAL		33.94
	Total Disbursements from Fund:		33.94
Account No	General Journal Adjustments		Amount
SW2.0200.000	CASH		28,498.87
SW2.0250.000	TAXES REC./ CURRENT		0.00
SW2.0630.000	DUE TO OTHER FUNDS		0.00
SW2.1001.000	PROPERTY TAXES		-22,154.00
SW2.2140.000	METERED SALES		-2,378.11
SW2.2142.000	UNMETERED SALES		-3,480.00
SW2.2148.000	PENALTIES		-650.90
SW2.2401.000	INTEREST AND PENALTIES		-1.48
SW2.8320.100	WATER- PERSONNEL		153.84
SW2.9030.800	SOCIAL SECURITY		11.78
	Total Adjustments to Fund:		0.00

TRUST AND AGENCY

Cash Account Balances As Follows:

Account No	TRUST AND AGENCY	Prev Month	Current Per
T00.0200.000	Cash Account	52,080.54	51,565.77
	Total Balance of Cash Accts:	52,080.54	51,565.77

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Account No	General Journal Adjustments	Amount
T00.0017.000	DEFFERRED COMPENSATION	0.00
T00.0018.000	State Retirement	0.00
T00.0019.000	Disability Insurance	0.00
T00.0020.000	CDPHP	173.59
T00.0020.100	AFLAC	0.00
T00.0021.000	State Income Tax	0.00
T00.0022.000	Federal Income Tax	0.00
T00.0026.000	Social Security	342.56
T00.0051.000	Fire District Money	-513,476.40
T00.0085.000	Payroll Savings	0.00
T00.0200.000	Cash Account	-514.77
T00.0250.000	TAXES REC/ CURRENT	513,476.40
T00.0391.000	Due from Other Funds	0.00
T00.2401.000	INTEREST	-1.38
	Total Adjustments to Fund:	0.00

RESOLUTION NUMBER 11 OF 2025

MOTION BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

WHEREAS, Town Boards are required by Town Law to audit the financial records of the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Town Justice.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Edward Town Board audited the financial records of the Town Justice, Town Clerk and Tax Collector for the fiscal year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at a special meeting held on January 24, 2025.

DATED: February 18, 2025

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Middleton -
 Councilwoman Mullen -
 Councilwoman Collier -
 Councilman Suprenant -
 Supervisor Fisher -

Aimee Ives, Town Clerk
Town of Fort Edward

Historians Report for 2024

Name:

R. Paul McCarty Historian of the Town and Village of Fort Edward, appointed in January of 1975

Address:

My office is officially located at the John P. Burke Research Center at 22 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY 12828. However, I work mostly from 31 Broadway. Since the Pandemic, the volunteer group of my assistance has been reduced to two volunteers.

R. Paul McCarty, Historian

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Office hours:

Tuesdays 9:30-12:00 John P. Burke Research Center, Thursdays 9:00-11:00 ACC

During the month of May, we received many visitors and participants in our *Living History Weekend*. During the course of this weekend, we hosted a Civil War group of reenactors from Troy and two groups of Revolutionary War (Patriots and British) reenactors, who treated our visitors to an encampment and many demonstrations over the course of the weekend. We are currently planning to host a second *Living History Weekend* in 2025 during the May 17th – 18th weekend as preparation for our celebrations of the 250th Anniversary of our Country. I was appointed as co-Chair of the overall Washington County Committee for this Anniversary Planning.

During the summer months, we have many visitors looking for genealogical information. Usually at least 20 or so people. Telephone inquiries come from the general public, developers, and the curious! Many requests for information come via the internet. Usually, we can give some information or tell folks where to go to pursue their quests.

Since my last report, we have been able to digitize several thousand more negatives from the Stone Studio Collection, with the help of volunteers and several summer interns. We are currently in the range of 8000, which corresponds to about the letter "M". We are currently working on a group of 5" x 7" negatives. We have many other groups to go, including a group of 8" x 10" Wedding negatives.

Last year, we were able to install an 18 in x 24 in plaque for Dr. Byron Tillotson, a local practitioner and former supervisor of the Town of Fort Edward. One of his notable accomplishments was the assistance in the delivery of more than 13,000 babies. His family was in attendance, which consisted of all grandchildren and subsequent generations. The funding for the sign was provided by the former Fort Edward Lions Club and can be found on the Tillotson-Post family plot in Union Cemetery.

The Walking Tours that I am able to host through ACC are some of my favorites. In the Spring of 2024, I was able to conduct a tour of Roger's Island, including the Visitor's Center and some sites on the Island. I followed it up with a tour of Baker's Falls, showing all of the industrial sites, Sandy Hill, General Electric, Union Bag, Halm Art Pottery, Arkell and Smith Paper Bags, and Standard Wall and Paper Manufacturing. These industries provided employment for the area. In October, I was able to give a walking tour around Juckett Park in Hudson Falls.

In October of 2024, we were asked by Judge Kate Hogan to present a display about Solomon Northup and Henry B. Northup in the Washington County Equal Justice Building.

For the Fall of 2025, I have been asked to speak about Fort Edward Pottery to the Bennington Stoneware Collectors Group. My great-great grandfather was John Hilfinger, who is noted for his cobalt blue designs or decorations. My great-grandfather was Rupert Hilfinger, who was one of the four Hilfinger brothers.

I continue to be supportive of the Village of Fort Edwards Farmers Market project. In the Fall of 2024, we again presented our display about the Champlain Canal during Locktoberfest at the Canal Street Marketplace.

I am a member of many local historical groups and organizations.

1. Rogers Island Visitor Center, Board Member
2. Fort Edward Historical Association, Director
3. Washington County Historical Society, Chair of the Cronkhite Award Committee
4. Washington County 250th Committee, Co-Chair
5. Hill Collection SUNY ACC, Historian
6. Sandy Hill and Fort Edward Union Cemetery, Vice President
7. Fort Miller Meeting House Committee Member
8. St. Andrews Society of the City of Albany, Member
9. Warren County Historical Society, Member
10. Association of Public Historians of New York State
 - a recipient of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Professional Achievement Award
 - Certified Pubic Historian

Our Education Program has been able to operate at pre-pandemic levels this year and we were able to give presentations to around 3000 students. In 2024, we were able to participate in Colonial Day at Hudson Falls Intermediate School once again, this time with more presentations than before. I gave a presentation on Historic Sandy Hill, while our Education Director spoke

about medicinal plants and the president of the association gave the Solomon Northup presentation. Since that time, we have been able to give presentations to many other schools and youth groups and we have had a number of inquiries for programs to be done for this Winter and Spring.

We continue to use the Rogers Island Visitor Center as part of our tour for local school groups who visit us during the Spring. The day spent in Fort Edward often begins with a presentation at the Visitor Center, followed by a tour of the Old Fort House Campus, and a trip to the Champlain Canal Lock 7. Also, during the day, the students generally have a picnic lunch at the Old Fort House, utilizing our picnic grove. The teachers thoroughly enjoy themselves and enjoy giving their students a hands-on approach to local history using our Collection and artifacts.

During 2024, the Village was in negotiation with the Fort Edward Union Free School District for the use of the Old Annex Building used by the district since the early 1950's. The crux of the problem was parking spaces. Finally, this was resolved and the building came into the hands of the Town and Village of Fort Edward for an archive. The Town Highway department has removed some brush around the Garage building. We were also able to remove several temporary partitions which were put up by a group from BOCES over twenty years ago. These intrusions came down without leaving any residual marks. The "great Room" still retains it's original faux beamed ceiling.

This year will mark the return of the Knox Trail reenactment which took place through Fort Edward in 1975. In that year, we decorated the Fort House with a large Christmas tree and a few wreaths and found that the public wanted more! This year also marks the 100th anniversary of the founding Fort Edward Historical Association, which we look forward to celebrating along with our many planned events of the season!

One of my major concerns is the fact that the Jane McCrea pyramid monument on the Hill is being used as a site for a private playground as the adjacent neighbors have placed substantial playground equipment on the site, almost making the monument unrecognizable. The Jane McCrea Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, gave the deed for the property to the Town of Fort Edward many years ago.

Respectfully Submitted

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