

**FEDERATION OF HULETT'S ASSOCIATIONS (FHA)
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2009**

The meeting was called to order in the new Huletts Landing firehouse at 8:15 am by FHA President, Anne Harriman Berry.

Attendees

The attendees' sign in sheets will be attached which will include all names of those who chose to sign.

Minutes Approved

The Secretary, Fred Sistarenik presented the minutes of the last meeting held on August 23, 2008, which had been previously distributed to the FHA e-mail list, and on the Huletts Current Blog (<http://blog.hulettsonlakegeorge.com/>). The minutes were approved with no changes.

Treasurer's Report

Helenmarie Sunkenberg, FHA Treasurer stated that the FHA had a balance of \$606.65. Since the last meeting, approximately \$59.00 had been spent on additional laminated copies of Huletts Rules, Safety Information, and Common Courtesies. **A motion was presented and passed to increase the dues for each Association from \$25 to \$50 per year.**

General Business

FHA News moved to Huletts Current Blog

Fred Sistarenik indicated that the FHA news, minutes and meeting agendas will now be available on the Huletts Current Blog (<http://blog.hulettsonlakegeorge.com/>). FHA information can be found by typing FHA in the search area. At this time, we do not anticipate that there will any more mailings to the distribution list. The distribution list has become less effective as increased spam protection has limited the people that were reached. George Kaposinski is the Huletts Current Blog creator and has allowed FHA to use the blog. This will improve the distribution of FHA news and we thank George.

The Huletts Post Office

The Huletts Post Office is a valuable asset to our community. Although there have been no specific indications that it will not remain here, we are aware of government cutbacks being made in this economy and we need to do all that we can to keep the Post Office in Huletts. The best way to do that is to do as much business with the Huletts Post Office as possible. Fred distributed handouts (postage paid ordering forms) which make purchasing your stamps by mail from the Huletts Post Office fast, easy and convenient when you are away from the area... and there is no additional cost. These postage paid ordering forms can also be obtained at the Huletts Post Office. Be sure to take them to

your home away from Huletts and encourage your friends to order their stamps from the Huletts Post Office.

One Home, One Vote...increasing elected representation for Huletts Landing

Helenmarie described the need for Huletts Landing to increase its representation in the Town of Dresden. If you are a New York State resident, you will not lose your Star exemption if you or a member of your household registers to vote in Huletts. If Huletts gets 100 or more voters, it can have its own voting district. A realistic goal is to get at least one vote from each household. If there is someone 18 or older in your household, have them register in Huletts. They may vote in person or use an absentee ballot. The need for responsive elected officials is necessary to address the needs of our area. A case in point is the need to protect zoning in Huletts Landing.

Community Calendar

Helenmarie explained the current progress and need for a community calendar to be posted on the Community Bulletin board. A Community Calendar listing scheduled events will make planning meetings easier by reducing conflicts and keep everyone informed. The summer 2009 calendar is attached.

Welcome Packets

A sample welcome packet which includes information for new residents of Huletts Landing was described by Helenmarie. If you are aware of a new neighbor, contact Helenmarie so that they can receive a welcome packet.

Huletts Landing Zoning - Status of Brooks Property, 5108 Bluff Head Road

Fred reported on the status of the Brooks property as per the Washington County Building Department. Building inspector, Russ Kiggins indicated that there is a stop-work order on the building. He indicated that Brian Brooks is not seeking a variance on the property. Mr. Kiggins indicated that Mr. Brooks is currently attempting to comply with current residential zoning by seeking an engineered approved design for a sanitary sewage system on the property and a well. Mr. Kiggins also stated that the building has had and passed structural inspections.

Art Borin reported that Mr. Brooks has yet to secure any approved plans to comply with the sewage and potable water issues. Art stressed the need for people to attend the Town of Dresden Board meetings at Dresden Town Hall which are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. (Board Approvals at 6:30 and public meeting at 7:00pm) He indicated that Board Chairman Bob Banks had not followed the law in removing the stop work order from the property, which has since been reinstated. Art stressed that the Board and Chairman actions must be made knowing that the residents are watching and concerned. Art also mentioned that the building was constructed without complying with the 3 ft property setback zoning. The building is 2 feet from the property line.

Art stressed the need to fund anticipated future legal expenses and remaining balances of approximately \$100 for past legal expenses regarding the Brooks property.

In order to prepare for continued legal costs associated with preserving and protecting Huletts Landing zoning, a motion was passed to request a minimum of \$200 from each association. Additional individual donations in any amount are

encouraged. Checks should be made out to FHA with a designation for zoning protection legal costs or Brooks property legal costs and given to Helenmarie.

Friends of Historic Huletts Landing Report

Jim McMaster made the following presentation regarding the FHHL.

FHHL has leased the old Huletts firehouse building for \$1. and made some improvements to serve as a better home for our collection, as well as to keep the Mountain Grove Memorial Church Ladies Guild Free Library in operation.

Jim described the many improvements which have been made to the building and the adjoining garden.

Needs

Jim also listed the following needs of FHHL.

Join_– just to provide added financial support

Support_– come to events and bring a friend

Participate – Volunteer some time.

Help expand the FHHL collection - Loan historic pictures, cards, notes, from your own collections for scanning or photographing so we can use these for theme display in the future, as well as add to the FHHL website (www.historichuletts.org).

Help extend hours of operation (now Tues. and Thurs. 10 to 12) for Huletts Gallery and Library (volunteers needed). Access at other times can possibly be arranged. We hope to install a book drop in the overhead door.

Donate used paperback books – we have roughly doubled the space.

Be sure those who have renters mention the availability of the gallery and library.

Jim also provided a calendar of FHHL 2009 summer events which is attached.

Association News

There was a discussion encouraging donations for the Washington County Park in Huletts. Donations may be made by cash or check at the park.

Carol Putman provided copies of NY State ATV (all terrain vehicles) Rules and expressed a concern that we all be informed regarding their legal operation.

Fred reported that Meadow Point is still getting used to the loss of a small swimming cove due to the construction of a large boathouse which dominates the space. It has visually monopolized the once picturesque cove and limited its use as a safe swimming area.

New Business

Anne Berry requested that someone volunteer to accept the post of FHA secretary when Fred's 2 year term ends after the August meeting.

The next FHA meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 29, 2009 at 8:30am in the new firehouse. Included on the agenda will be the topic of newly proposed rules for Lake George upland development. **A representative from the Lake George Park Commission will describe the proposed regulations for development and buffers along upland streams in the Lake George watershed.** For approximately 4 years, the

Commission has been working with all interested parties to develop the new regulations. The Lake George watershed is the source of approximately 80% of Lake George water.

The formal portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am followed by the following presentation.

Lake Friendly Landscaping

At 9:15am Emily DeBolt, Education and Outreach Coordinator of the Lake George Association gave a comprehensive presentation entitled Lake Friendly Landscaping. She covered many aspects of lake shore landscaping which included reducing potential harmful runoff, native plants, invasive plants, rain gardens, shoreline buffers, fertilizers and the importance of using phosphorous-free lawn care products. Emily explained how we all can contribute to a cleaner Lake George by learning how to make our lake shore landscaping lake friendly. She answered a number of questions from the enthusiastic audience. Emily also brought the following information handouts:

Native Plants for Clay Soils

Deer Tolerant/Resistant Native Plants

Lake George Area Stores That Carry Native Plants

Lake George Area Stores That Carry Phosphorous-Free Fertilizer

Native Plants for Shoreline Buffers

Healthy Lawn Tips

A Selection of Plants for Rain Gardens

and

A Lake George Association Membership Brochure

Helenmarie has the handouts and will e-mail copies of the handouts to those who request them.

Emily DeBolt may be contacted at edebolt@lakegeorgeassociation.org .

Huletts Landing Calendar
2009 Season

Sponsored by Federation of Huletts Association (FHA)

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| July 15
Wednesday | 5-7 p.m....Historical Society
Wine & Cheese, Old Fire House |
| July 19
Sunday | 7 p.m....Historical Society
Paul Sanger, Capt. of the Carillon
On Lake Champlain |
| July 23
Thursday | Pot Luck Supper
Park Pavilion. 6 p.m. |
| July 25
Saturday | Black Mountain Morning Breakfast |
| July 25
Saturday | Celtic Music Night
Casino 7-11 p.m. \$10/\$12
Historical Society Fund Raiser |
| July 27' 28
Mon-Tues | Women's Golf Tournament
Huletts Golf course |
| July 30
Thursday | Women's Golf Pot Luck Lunch
Village Green Pavilion Noon |
| Aug. 1
Saturday | Day to Remember |
| Aug. 10
Monday | Dresden Town Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Dresden town hall |

Friends of Historic Huletts Landing

2009 Summer Events



July 15, Wednesday at “Huletts Gallery and Library” (old firehouse) Cocktail Reception from 5 to 7 pm on July 15 to introduce the changes to the community. Weather permitting, we’ll try out new backyard for part of the activity. The display and library enhancements may not be completely finished, but we hope to have enough that people can see where we are going. Of course, we’ll have a cookie jar for donations and membership forms for those interested. . Please join us if you can.

July 25th Celtic Music at the Casino from 7 to 11 pm. The Road to Galway and own Elizabeth Straton, Tickets are on sale now at the Casino and the Marina, as well as from Sylvia Lawler at 518-756-2631, \$10. (\$12 at the door) for adult (including members)s, \$5 for children 6 to 12, and children under 6 free.

July 19, 7 pm, MGM Church. Captain Paul Saenger, Captain of the Carillon cruise boat running out of Whitehall will share stories and pictures of the history of this most interesting region. As most of you know, Wood Creek provided part of the water connection between the Hudson and Lake Champlain. Early trails followed the creek, followed by the canal, subsequently widened and deepened to what you see today. Railroads also followed the route due to the easy grade. As a result, Whitehall was for many years a very important terminal for commerce.

Monday, August 3 at 9:30 AM FHHL Gallery - Annual meeting of the Friends of Historic Huletts Landing

August 21, 7 pm, MGM Church Knight Family History. A program exploring the history of the Knight family, longtime residents in Huletts will be presented by Marian Knight and Ginny Lyons. They will share family photos, stories, and memories.

July 25th, Huletts Gallery and Library - Children’s Program – Details to follow. Watch www.hulettscurrent.com and various community bulletin boards

Membership

The commitment for this activity will absorb more money that we have received form donations alone in the past, so we will necessarily have to put more emphasis on membership and fundraising, but hopefully not so much that it is an annoyance.

We are hoping to increase our current 66 paid member families (last year's total) to at least half of the 300 families listed in the Hulets Directory (a volunteer project of the Mountain Grove memorial Church ladies Guild).