

Lewiston sets public hearing on solar project at Sanborn Historical Society

BY TERRY DUFFY
Editor-in-Chief

The Town of Lewiston had a relatively low-key work session Monday evening with a handful of smaller news items of note.

•The Town Board announced it would hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. Monday, May 23, for a solar array being considered on the grounds of Sanborn Historical Society at 2660 Saunders Settlement Road.

“The Planning Board is recommending a site plan special use permit for 2660 Saunders Settlement Road for Borrego Solar,” Councilman Rob Morreale said.

According to the Planning Board, the project calls for a 5-megawatt, ground-mounted community solar system on a 59.5-acre parcel on Saunders Settlement at Bridgeman roads – what is currently used as farmland. The solar project itself would occupy roughly 42.7 acres in the central southern portions of the property and feature two fenced-in solar arrays occupying 23.35 acres.

The project is being pursued by officials of the Sanborn Historical Society as a revenue producer for operations.

•The board approved a resolution by Councilman Bill Geiben for the hire of five part-time leaders and three part-time aides for the Recreation Department as summer activities begin.

For more on the town’s recreation programs for 2022, visit www.lewportsports.com or www.townoflewiston.us.

•Town Finance/Budget Director Jacqueline Agnello announced town auditors Dresher and Malecki LLC would visit Town Hall on May 23 to begin a yearly review of town financials.

Agnello also requested and received approval for a budget transfer to cover \$60,000 in paving needs for the Highway Department over coming months.

On a related note, the board said highway crews would begin striping work at the Senior Center parking lot over coming days.

Lewiston VFW provides update on Memorial Day ceremony

SUBMITTED BY VFW DOWNRIVER POST 7487 CMDR. GORDON SPENCER

This year, the Memorial Day Remembrance Committee has decided to forgo the parade and luncheon because of the Lewiston bicentennial parade and celebration.

VFW Post 7487 will conduct a celebration and a ceremony on Memorial Day beginning at 11 a.m. Our program will include a guest speaker along with a short program. This year, we will take time to remember three prominent members of our community who were VFW members and volunteers within Lewiston.

Those who plan to attend would be asked to adhere to the current COVID-19 restrictions as per the state on Memorial Day.

Since VFW Post 7487 dedicated the “Circle of Honor” monument in Academy Park on 11 November 2019, names have been added. We are again scheduled to add names before Veterans Day. We would ask those that have submitted names that are not on the monument to please be patient.

During the Memorial Day weekend, VFW Post 7487 will again be distributing poppies at DiMino Tops Market of Lewiston on Friday through Sunday before

Memorial Day. All contributions collected will go into our VFW Post 7487 Bruce Sutherland/Larry Stephens Scholarship Fund. We will be distributing two \$750 scholarships: one to a student from Lew-Port, and one to a student from Niagara Wheatfield. Please stop by Tops and receive a poppy to wear during Memorial Day.

In June, for Flag Day, VFW Post 7487, along with Lew-Port Middle School, will be conducting our annual flag retirement ceremony

Thank you for your continued support.

Obituaries

John R. ‘Jake’ Dunn

John R. “Jake” Dunn of Lewiston passed away on May 4, 2022, at his home under the care of his family and Niagara Hospice.

He was born in Niagara Falls, New York, on Nov. 7, 1937, a son of the late William and Mary Mae (McGrath) Dunn.

Jake graduated from Bishop Duffy High School and served with the U.S. Army. He was employed with the City of Niagara Falls for over 25 years, retiring as the supervisor of the wastewater plant in 1998.

Jake was proud of his Irish heritage. As a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, he served



as the grand marshal of the St. Patrick’s Day parade. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, walking the village and golfing.

Jake was an avid Bills and Notre Dame fan. He is survived by his children: Scott A. (Julia), Kathleen S. and Patrick W. (Jennifer) Dunn; seven grandchildren: Connor (Brittany), Collin, Braden, Shane, Liam, Madison and Jack; his former wife: Kathryn (Swing-

onski) Dunn; and several nieces and nephews.

Jake was the brother of the late Andrew L. Dunn.

A gathering took place with his family on Sunday, May 8, at the Rhoney Funeral Home in Lewiston, followed by funeral services with the Rev. Stewart M. Lindsay, OSFS, officiating. Interment in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lewiston.

Memorials may be made in his name to Niagara Hospice.

Visit www.rhoneyfuneralhome.com for guest register.

Shuttered boat storage/repair business owner in the wind

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With warm weather finally here, boaters throughout the River Region are busy getting a jumpstart on those preparations prior to the big seasonal launch. However, the Tribune/Sentinel has learned of a problem going on at a boat storage/repair facility on Blairville Road in the Town of Porter.

Seems the most recent operator of the Boat Works business is nowhere to be found. Josh Stack of Youngstown, a marine mechanic who is active in marine rescue activities in Buffalo-Niagara owns the Blairville Road property. Stack reported this week he has unable to locate Derrick Kent, who has operated the Boat Works business over the past several years. He said Kent has apparently left the area, leaving a number of owners with boats and various personal property at the business in a bind.

In a Facebook post, Stack in an attempt to offer an explanation stated, “Please share – This post is to clear the air regarding my old Shop (Boat Works) at

786 Blairville Road. I have been contacted quite a few times regarding if I knew where the current owner of the business is and the answer is I do NOT know where he is or what his plans are moving forward I am however in possession of the land and the building again.

“That being said I need to start cleaning up the property due to the towns codes that were violated and agreed terms. If you or anyone you know has a boat stored on the property please let them know that it MUST be removed from the property no later than June 1 2022.

“As for any information regarding Boat Works, work being done or jobs incomplete I don’t have any answers for what you should do moving forward ... I have been left in the dark as well and unfortunately I don’t have any answers and can’t speak on the owners behalf. I also wanted to mention that I will not be taking on any marine repairs. I have a lot going on with other projects and unfortunately don’t have the time. Thank you for your understanding. Josh Stack.”

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