



## Town of Fowler Directory

### Assessment Review Board

Chair: Donna Brown ..... 315-287-2949  
George Erdman, Jr. ..... 315-287-3451  
Candace Brown ..... 315-287-2144

### Assessors

Chair: Sherry Geer ..... 315-286-0298  
Phyllis Shaw ..... 315-955-5853  
Andrew Miller ..... 315-323-4250  
Assessors Office ..... 315-287-9792

### Code Enforcement

Glen Besaw ..... 315-286-2360  
Code Enforcement Office ..... 315-287-9792

### Custodian

Tami Gale ..... 315-287-0045

### Dog Warden

Dan Moyer ..... 315-528-7988

### Ethics Board

Chair: Lillith Griffith ..... 315-287-4542  
Vicky Cappellino ..... 315-287-3503  
Alex Mackinnon ..... 315-778-1287  
Phyllis Shaw ..... 315-955-5853  
Karen Simmons ..... 315-287-4753

### Health Officer

Dr. William Twining ..... 315-287-2192

### Highway Superintendent

Randy Durham ..... 315-286-8664 (C)  
..... 315-222-6797 (H)  
Highway Department Office ..... 315-287-2907

## Town of Fowler, NY

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### Historian

Karen Simmons ..... 315-287-4753

### Justice Department

Justice Ryan Young ..... 315-287-9996  
Fax # ..... 315-535-4300

### Town Supervisor

Michael Cappellino ..... 315-323-7987

### Town Board Members

Karen Simmons ..... 315-287-4753  
Rick Newvine ..... 315-287-4098  
Lynn Bishop ..... 315-955-2929  
Jeffrey Andrews ..... 315-287-0587

### Town Bookkeeper

Barbara Finnie ..... 315-287-0045

### Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Kelly Harmer ..... 315-287-0045  
Fax # ..... 315-535-4094

### Town Facilities

Use of Town Hall ..... 315-287-4753  
Public Beach on Sylvia Lake ..... 315-287-4098  
Hailesboro Field ..... 315-287-4098

### Town Planning Board

Chair: Ed Siebels ..... 315-767-2202  
Art Besaw ..... 315-250-3353  
Stephen Gale ..... 315-287-1408  
Andrew Miller ..... 315-323-4250  
Glen Besaw ..... 315-323-0761



#### Assessment Review Board

There are three seats on the Board of Assessment Review. Currently, the Chairman is Donna Brown. Other members are George Erdman Jr., and Candy Brown. The Board of Assessment Review holds Grievance Day on the fourth Tuesday of May from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Fowler Town Hall.

Residents who disagree with their assessment are urged to meet with the Town Assessors to discuss their assessments PRIOR to presenting their grievance to the Board of Assessment Review. To make arrangements to meet with an assessor at the Town Hall, please call the Assessors at the phone number listed in the Directory or call the Town Clerk at (315) 287-0045.

If residents wish to grieve their assessments, they may do so at the date and time previously outlined. The Board will review grievances and then make a decision to either lower the property owner's assessment or leave the assessment the same. Residents who have filed a grievance are notified of the outcome by U.S. Mail.

#### Justice Department

In November of 2017, Ryan Young was elected as Fowler Town Justice. Court is held every Wednesday at 6 PM upstairs in the Town Hall. Fines may be paid at that time or sent in the mail. The Court does not accept checks.

If you need to contact the court any other time, please call (315) 287-9996 and leave a message or fax us at (315) 535-4300.

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## **Town Board**

In the year of 2018, the town board meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm except for the month of November. Special meetings will be advertised in the Gouverneur Tribune Press and/or the Watertown Daily Times newspapers and also on the town's website. [www.fowlerny.com](http://www.fowlerny.com)

The current Town Board consists of three incumbents, Deputy Supervisor and Councilman Ricky W. Newvine, council persons Karen Simmons, Lynn Bishop, as well as newly elected councilman Jeff Andrews and Supervisor Michael Cappellino.

Ms. Barbara Finnie will continue to oversee the duties as bookkeeper in 2018.

The town has worked closely in 2017 with the St. Lawrence Co. Housing Authority. Fowler housing rehabilitation using the grant monies from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was completed in Fowler in 2017.

The town board would like to invite all town residents and visitors to attend our monthly meetings and visit our website to view and download newsletters and minutes from the meetings.

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## **Sylvia Lake Public Beach - 29 Old Beach Road, Gouverneur NY 13642**

The Public Beach is owned and operated by the Town of Fowler. The beach is open seven days a week from the end of June to the end of August. Certified lifeguards are on duty during the posted hours of operations. (10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.) Handicapped and public parking is located near the beach entrance. The beach has a picnic area with tables and charcoal grills for public use. Changing rooms and rest rooms are also available.

If you have special needs, or are planning for a large group to visit, please contact Rick Newvine at (315) 287-4098 or the Town Clerk at (315) 287-0045.

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## **Historian's Office**

The Historian's Office is located upstairs in the Fowler Town Hall. Historian Karen Simmons is in the office on Thursdays from 1-4PM or any time by appointment by calling (315) 287-4753 or the Town Clerk at (315) 287-0045.

There are scrapbooks with articles about people and happenings in and around Fowler, articles on the zinc and talc industries, and pictures of some of the students that attended Fowler Elementary School. Come browse and check it out.



## Highway Department

The Town of Fowler maintains 56.25 Miles of Town Roads. In the winter months the town plows 73.75 road miles including County Route 22 and 24.

We appreciate everyone's patience this past year during our busy 2017 construction season. During this period, we resurfaced 6.5 miles of Town Roads. These roads consisted of the Hull Road, Main Street-Hailesboro Road, Jones Road, Bay Road, and the Island Branch Road.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Steven Fuller who stepped in to help us out during the construction period to replace one of our permanent employees who was off work on Compensation. I would also like to welcome Sid Harmer Jr. to the team. He replaced Lyle Bishop who had 24 years of faithful service to the town.

In 2018, we are planning on resurfacing another 6 miles of town roads and have many roads prepared now. The number of road miles resurfaced in 2018 will depend solely upon the price of asphalt at that time.



In a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for your support this year. It was your support that made our team so successful. Please check out my Town of Fowler Highway Department Facebook Page to get current road conditions for our area and updates on what your Highway Department is doing for you. Best wishes for a happy and safe new year in 2018 from the Highway Crew: Randy Durham, Nelson Bice, Francis Cole, Jeffery Hill, Larry Allen, John Walsh and Sid Harmer Jr.

## Fowler Family Day

Fowler Family Day is a fun and exciting event held in July at the town of Fowler. There are displays, vendors, classic cars, activities for children and a chicken BBQ. There is something for all members of the family. From the profits of this event and a \$50,000 grant from Senator Pattie Ritchie we were able to purchase and install a Playground for the children in Fowler and the surrounding areas. The third annual Fowler Family Day will be Saturday, July 14, 2018. Come out and join the fun. The Town would like to thank Patrick Brown for making and donating a bench for the families to use at the Playground.

## Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Our office is open from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. This office issues dog licenses, hunting and fishing licenses, marriage licenses and disabled parking permits. Voter registration forms, absentee ballot applications and building permit applications, are available at this office.

Town Clerk Kelly Harmer and Deputy Town Clerk Tami Gale are Notary Publics. The Tax Collector will start collecting taxes on January 2, 2018. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Town Clerk's Office at (315) 287-0045.



## Town of Fowler Online

A local Fowler business, Rainbowtech Designs, created and manages the Town of Fowler's website. You can find minutes of meetings, a business directory and other information about Fowler. Everything on the site is searchable. [www.fowlerny.com](http://www.fowlerny.com)

## Town Planning Board

The Planning Board is made up of five Fowler residents. The members are Chairman Ed Siebels, James Besaw, Glen Besaw, Andrew Miller and Stephen Gale. Since there are no zoning laws in the Town of Fowler the Planning Board makes its decisions and submits them to the Town Board according to the Town's Land Use Policy.

Planning Board meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month as needed or when necessary at 7 PM in the Fowler Town Hall. Meetings are advertised in the local newspaper and on the Town of Fowler website.

You may obtain a hard copy of the Land Use Policy at the Town Clerk's Office, or you may view and print the policy from our website.

### 2018 Town Board Meeting Dates

*Meetings are at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.*

**January 2, 2018**

**July 3, 2018**

**February 6, 2018**

**August 7, 2018**

**March 6, 2018**

**September 4, 2018**

**April 3, 2018**

**October 2, 2018**

**May 1, 2018**

**November- (TBD)**

**June 5, 2018**

**December 4, 2018**

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## Ethics Board

The Fowler Board of Ethics Committee consists of five members: Lillith Griffith- Chairperson, Vicky Cappellino, Karen Simmons, Alex Mackinnon and Phyllis Shaw. Each member serves a four-year term.

Any person may file a concern or complaint in writing to the chairperson who in turn will set up a meeting with the other committee members to address the issue. The committee may request an interview with the party or parties involved to discuss the situation further to reach a decision or solution. After the discussion, the committee notifies the party or parties of their decision in writing.

## From the Assessors

Our newly elected assessors are Phyllis Shaw and Andrew Miller. They will be working with Chairperson Sherry Geer. If you are a Veteran with an honorable discharge you may be eligible for one of the following exemptions:

**Alternative Veterans Exemption** (form RP-458-a)- available only on residential property of a veteran who has served during a designated time of war or received an expeditionary medal.

**Cold War Veterans Exemption** (form RP-458-b) – available only on residential property of a veteran who served during the Cold War period.

**Eligible Funds Exemption** (form RP-458) – provides a partial exemption. Applies to property that a veteran or certain other designated person purchase. Such owners must purchase the property with pension, bonus, or insurance monies.



#### The 3rd Annual Fowler Family Day Saturday, July 14, 2018

#### How to Request an Exemption:

Eligible Veterans must submit the initial exemption application form with all necessary documentation to the assessors. The deadline for filing for a Veterans' Exemption is March 1st, 2018 for the 2018-2019 Assessment Roll. For additional details, including filing deadlines and applications, please contact your local tax assessor's office.

Please reference the following link for a listing of documents that may be used to prove discharge under honorable conditions and necessary exemption applications.

[www.tax.ny.gov/property/exemption/vetexemptproof.htm](http://www.tax.ny.gov/property/exemption/vetexemptproof.htm)

Data collectors are currently working on updating property record cards for Town of Fowler as mandated by NYS Office of Real Property. Any questions or concerns please call the Assessor's Office at (315)287-9792.

#### Dog Control

Dan Moyer, Dog Control Officer, would like to remind all dog owners there are laws in the Town of Fowler governing your dogs. The leash law and licensing any dog 4 months of age or older are just a couple of those laws. Mr. Moyer can be reached at (315)528-7988 or (315)771-8103.

We had a very successful Rabies Clinic in August. Watch for our free rabies clinic in August, 2018.

#### Code Enforcement Office

As of November 1, 2017, 62 building permits had been issued. Building permits are required for demolition of buildings, renovations, structural changes on your home or buildings, roof replacement, pools, and buildings over 144 sq. ft. The Town also received two written complaints that were resolved.

There are changes to the Building Code effective as of October, 2017. If you have any questions about code regulations or concerns about unsafe or unsanitary conditions within the Town, please call Glen Besaw (Code Enforcement Officer) at (315) 323-0761.

#### Use of Town Facilities

The **Town Hall** is available for use by Fowler residents. Arrangements to use the Hall may be made by calling Karen Simmons at (315) 287-4753.

The **Sylvia Lake Beach** is open to the public seven days a week from the end of June to the end of August. For groups, parties or for more information call Rick Newvine at (315) 287-4098 or the Town Clerk at (315) 287-0045.

Groups interested in using the **Hailesboro ball field** during the summer should contact Rick Newvine at (315) 287-4098.

NOTE: There is a Drop box located by the back entrance to the Town Hall that is checked twice a day on business days.