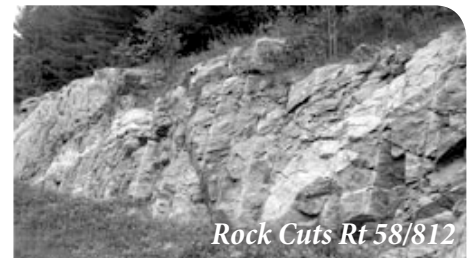




Town Beach at Sylvia Lake



Rock Cuts Rt 58/812

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### Town of Fowler Directory

#### Assessment Review Board

Chair: Grant Mitchell .....315-287-0475  
George Erdman, Jr. ....315-287-3451  
Donna Brown .....315-287-2949

#### Assessors

Chair: Robert Fuller .....315-287-0118  
Robert Andrews Jr. ....315-287-4189  
Assessors Office .....315-287-9792 / Opt. 1

#### Board of Appeals

Randy Durham .....315-276-9431  
Jeff Andrews .....315-287-0587  
Dustin Fayette .....  
Tony Woodward .....315-287-4656  
Mike Macaulay .....315-287-4287

#### Code Enforcement

Rick Whitford .....315-286-2360  
Code Enforcement Office .....315-287-9792 / Opt. 3

#### Custodian

Rick Whitford .....315-286-2360

**Dog Warden** .....315-528-7988

#### Health Officer

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

#### Highway Superintendent

Michael Sweeney ... 315-286-8664 (C) 287-4526 (H)  
Highway Department Office .....315-287-2907

#### Historian

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

#### Justice Department

Paul Lamson .....315-287-9996

#### Town Board Members

Karen Simmons .....315-287-4753  
Rick Newvine .....315-287-2708  
Lynn Bishop .....315-287-2728  
Natalie Spilman .....315-323-3315

#### Town Bookkeeper

Gary Higgins .....315-287-9792 / Opt. 2

#### Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Kelly Harmer .....315-287-0045

#### Town Facilities

Town Hall .....315-287-4753  
Sylvia Lake Public Beach .....315-287-2918  
Hailesboro Field .....315-287-2708

#### Town Planning Board

Chair: Rick Whitford .....315-286-2360  
Jeff Andrews .....315-287-0587  
Ed Siebels .....315-767-2202  
Art Besaw .....315-287-2995  
Stephen Gale .....315-287-1408  
Andrew Miller .....315-323-4250

#### Town Supervisor

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

### Use of Town Facilities

The upstairs in 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 mid June to Labor Day. For groups, parties or for more information call Natalie Spilman at 315-323-3315. Groups interested in using the Hailesboro ball field during the summer may contact Rick Newvine at 315-287-2708.



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### Assessment Review Board

There are three seats on the Board of Assessment Review. The Board currently is comprised of: Chairman Grant Mitchell, George Erdman Jr., and Donna Brown. The Board of Assessment Review meets once a year on the fourth Tuesday of May from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Fowler Town Hall.

Residents who have tax grievances are urged to meet with the Town Assessors to discuss their issues PRIOR to presenting their claims 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 on Page 1 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 griever's assessment or let it stand. Residents who have appeared are notified of the outcome by U.S. Mail.

### Town Clerk and Tax Collector

The Town Clerk and Tax Collector 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 licenses, disabled permits, has voter registration forms, absentee ballots, building permit applications and Star Program forms available for the public along with notarizing paperwork for everyone.

The Tax Collector started collecting taxes on January 2, 2015. If you have any questions feel free to call the Town Office at 315-287-0045. NOTE: There is a convenient Drop Box at Town Hall. It is checked twice a day on business days.



### Assessor's Office

If you have bought or built a new home in the Town of Fowler in the past few years and **do not** have a Star Exemption on the home, you may be eligible for the Star Exemption.



To determine if you are eligible, procure a Star Application Form from one of your Assessors or the Town Clerk's Office. Residents who have the BASIC STAR have got to contact the State to re-register for the star even if they have filled out a Star form with the Assessors Department this year.

- Re-register by phone at 518-457-2036
- by Internet - <[www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star13](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star13)>

If you need any help or have any questions, call or see Robert Fuller 315-287-0118 or Robert Andrews 315-287-4189.

### Town of Fowler Board of Appeals

Five Fowler residents volunteer their time for this board: Randy Durham, Jeff Andrews, Dustin Fayette, Tony Woodward, and Mike Macaulay.

The function of this board is to receive and consider Building Permits which the Code Enforcement Officer has denied when some aspect of the construction does not comply with the Local Building Codes. After examination of the site and review of the submitted plans, the Board considers, discusses, and then either grants or denies the Building Permit.

The Board meets only when necessary at 7 PM in the Fowler Town Hall. Meetings are advertised and all interested persons are invited to attend.



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### Town Planning Board

The Planning Board is made up of six Fowler residents. The members are Chairman, Rick Whitford, Jeff Andrews, James Besaw, Ed Siebels, Andrew Miller and Stephen Gale. The purpose of the Planning Board is to recommend appropriate land use that will be to the betterment of the Town and submit their recommendations to the Town Board. They also review Building Permits and do special projects that the Town Board assigns.

The Planning Board meets the last Tuesday of the month as needed, as well as other times when necessary at 7:00 PM in the Fowler Town Hall. Meetings are advertised in the local paper and on the Town of Fowler website. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

On December 6, 2014, the Town Board Adopted the "Town of Fowler Land Use Site Plan Review and Subdivision Local Law." You may obtain a hard copy of the Land Use document by calling the Town Clerk at 315-287-0045. You may also view and/or print the document from the Town of Fowler's website: [www.fowlerny.com](http://www.fowlerny.com)

### Code Enforcement Office

Fowler has had another busy and growing year with 74 Building Permits issued. Code Enforcement Officer Rick Whitford would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and patience.



Building permits are required for any structure 144 sq. ft. and over, any structural changes on your home or buildings, and for all roofing projects. If anyone has any questions, call Rick Whitford at 315-286-2360 or call the Town Clerk's Office at 315-287-0045.

Fowler is also trying to address the Maintenance and Junk Laws for the safety and health of our residents. We would like to ask your help in maintaining your property free of trash and junk cars.

The Property Maintenance Code of NYS/Sec.303 (F) requires premises identification and that buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road-fronting the property. Numbers should be 4 inches tall.

### Fowler Dog Control

This year has seen its share of complaints, lost dogs and dog bites. Again we would like to stress that there are dog laws in the Town of Fowler. Also, dogs 4 months of age or older must have a rabies shot and be licensed in N.Y.S.



Reminder: May is the month of our free rabies clinic. Watch our website for information on the Spay/Neuter Now Clinics. Our number is 315-528-7988.

Also check our website for available adoptions through Friends 4 Pound Paws.

### Justice Department

The Town of Fowler Justice Court, the Hon. Paul M. Lamson, Town Justice, holds court every Wednesday at 6:00 PM. Court is held upstairs in the town hall building.

If you need to contact the court during off times, please call 315-287-9996 and leave a message.







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### Town Board

Town Board meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in 2015, with the exception of the month of November. Special meetings will be advertised in the Gouverneur Tribune Press and/or the Watertown Daily Times newspapers. Information will also be listed on the Town's website <[www.fowlerny.com](http://www.fowlerny.com)>

With the retirements of Highway Superintendent Gary Williams and Town Clerk Sherrie Williams in November 2014, the Town Board appointed Michael Sweeney to the Highway Superintendent position and Kelly Harmer to the Town Clerk position for the year of 2015. The Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk positions will be up for election in November, 2015.

The Town of Fowler was awarded a \$400,000.00 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the rehabilitation of homes located in the Town of Fowler. Throughout the year, the Town Board worked closely with the St. Lawrence County Housing Authority <[nocohousing.org](http://nocohousing.org)> in regards to the CDBG rehabilitation program.

Fourteen homes in the Town of Fowler were rehabilitated in 2014 through the dedication and hard work of those involved. We plan to apply for another Community Development Block Grant in 2015. It is very important for all interested parties to fill out an application as soon as possible. You can get an application by calling the Town Clerk at 315-287-0045 or print one from the website

The Town Board would like to invite all town residents and visitors to attend our monthly meetings and encourages you to visit our website to view meeting minutes, newsletters, and up to date information.

### Sylvia Lake Public Beach

29 Old Beach Road, Gouverneur NY 13642

The Sylvia Lake Public Beach is located at 29 Old Beach Road in the Town of Fowler. The Public Beach is owned and operated by the Town of Fowler. The beach is open seven days a week from mid June to Labor Day. Certified lifeguards are on duty during the posted hours of operations. (10:30 a.m. to 7:00 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.



Gale Ferguson's "A His-story of Sylvia Lake"

We look forward to having more presentations like Gale Ferguson's well received, "His-story of Sylvia Lake" (8/11/14). Programs will be advertised in the Gouverneur Tribune Press, and on both the Sylvia Lake and Town of Fowler websites.

Contact Natalie Spilman (315-323-3315) for any matters pertaining to the Sylvia Lake Beach. If you plan a large group visit or if you have special needs, call either Natalie or the lifeguard on duty at the beach (315-287-2918.)

### Smoke Detector Safety

Rick Whitford, our Code Enforcement Officer, would like to remind everyone to check the batteries in their smoke detectors. Be sure to test them monthly!





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### Historian's Office

The big news in the Historian's Office this year was the retirement of our Historian, Connie Bishop. She has done a wonderful job for the past 33 years. We will miss her dearly.

Among the donations that we received this year were pictures, yearbooks and a flag from Fowler Elementary School, donated by the Fowler School History Preservation Committee. The Historian's Office is still open on Thursdays from 1-4PM or any time by appointment by calling Historian Karen Simmons at 315-287-4753.



### Highway Department

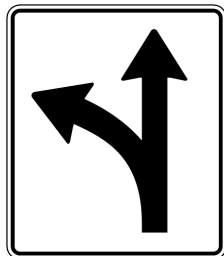
The town maintains 56.25 miles of roads. In the winter months the town maintains 73.74 miles of road including 17.49 miles of county roads.

The summer of 2014 saw the completion of the paving project on the Smith Rd. It included approximately three miles of new hot mix surface and new shoulders.

There are tentative plans to do a rebuild on the Chub Lake Rd. in the summer of 2015.

We appreciate your patience during the construction season and ask everyone to drive slowly as they pass through the construction zones.

The highway department saw a change in department superintendent with Michael Sweeney being appointed to oversee the highway operations for 2015. The Highway Superintendent's 4 year term is up for election on the November 2015 ballot.

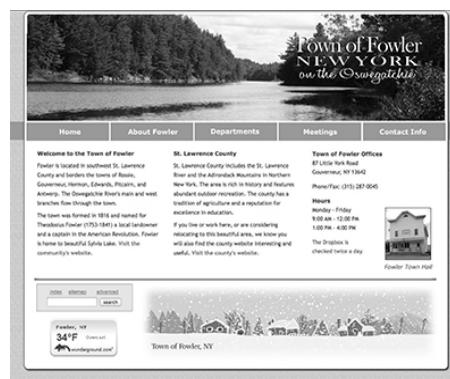


Best wishes for a happy and safe new year in 2015 – From the Highway Crew: Mike Sweeney, Lyle Bishop, Nelson Bice, Francis Cole, Jeff Hill, Larry Allen, John Walsh.

### Website

The Town of Fowler's website is managed by a Fowler business, Rainbowtech Designs. It is regularly updated with meeting information and announcements. You can find minutes of meetings, a business directory and other documents. They are all searchable on the site.

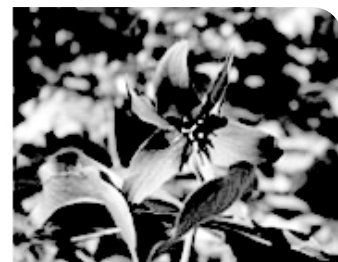
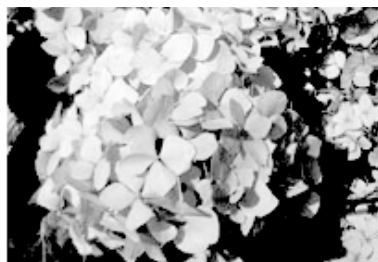
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### 2015 Town Board Meeting Dates

January 6, 2015  
February 3, 2015  
March 3, 2015  
April 7, 2015  
May 5, 2015  
June 2, 2015

July 7, 2015  
August 4, 2015  
September 1, 2015  
October 6, 2015  
November (T.B.D.)  
December 1, 2015



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### Puzzle: Some Fowler Businesses

When the name is more than one word, combine words with no space between.

(Note: Not every business was able to fit into the puzzle... our apologies to those business owners whose business does not appear.)

BickfordPaintings	C W U G O U V E R N E U R C O U N T R Y C L U B W
NettoConstruction	G O U V E R N E U R R O D & G U N C L U B H X E A
SawyerCreekStables	W M N P I T T E R P A T T E R C H I L D C A R E I
ScissorMagic	Q F A T P H I L S C A R B R E P A I R T F R G H N
Route58Raceway	W U B P I N O F E E A B W K S H B D S I A T R B W
PitterPatterChildcare	H L I Q L N W S V W V I L R P A O & C M S L E O R
D&JElectric	I L C C N E E N A J O G K M I I B J I E T E E N I
BobsMarket	T E K O C T R N K W N A S F L R S E S O P C N N G
GreenhillWellDrilling	F R F U I T O I T F Y R M Z M V M L S U O O H I H
HartleConstruction	O C O N N O U B D A U E E J A I A E O T W N I E T
Avon	R O R T D C T & F G L L R V N L R C R L E S L S S
CindysClipJoint	D N D R Y O E M U O E C L C S L K T M O R T L C P
BigarelClaimService	C S P Y S N 5 H N L T L O E R A E R A U S R W O H
ContinentalConstruction	O T A C C S 8 O U F R A A N R E T I G N P U E F O
Spilmans	N R I L L T R M N F I I P N S U E C I G O C L F T
GolfForeAll	S U N U I R A E L O P M D G D T P K C E R T L E O
BonniesCoffeeShop	T C T B P U C R I R P S P M F S R T S L T I D E G
HemlockCreekLogHomes	R T I S J C E E M E S E Q Q X R C U R T S O R S R
GouverneurRod&GunClub	U I N A O T W P I A F R S S G Z F A C U A N I H A
PhilsCarbRepair	C O G W I I A A T L U V D E R D U J P T C B L O P
CountryClubSaws	T N S S N O Y I E L E I E Y X F S U O I I K L P H
CleveGreenhillWells	I L S I T N W R D S L C H A I R H A V E N O I E Y
FastPowersports	O H E M L O C K C R E E K L O G H O M E S G N N S
TimeOutLounge	N D C L E V E G R E E N H I L L W E L L S H G S G
WhitfordConstruction	J E N K I N S H E A T I N G & C O O L I N G V O L
HairVilla	
FullerUpTrucking	
B&MHomeRepair	
FunUnlimited	
GouverneurCountryClub	
TripplsFuel	
HairHaven	
CountryClubSaws	
FullerConstruction	
WainwrightsPhotography	
MapleRidgeLandscaping	
JenkinsHeating&Cooling	

View the completed puzzle on our website—> [www.fowlerny.com/2015puzzle.html](http://www.fowlerny.com/2015puzzle.html)