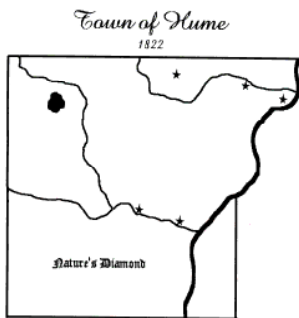


The Bee

Town of Hume Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Town of Hume Museum, 10842 Claybed Rd. Hume, at 7PM. Town Board meetings are open to the public. Complete copies of the minutes may also be obtained at the Town Clerk's office.



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“Our Town” Word From Supervisor Ricketts

Four months at the helm as Town of Hume Supervisor has been an eye opening experience. Our Town may be small compared to some but there are many irons in the fire, so to speak. Town government regulations and mandates grow continually making the duties of this office an interesting and challenging experience.

With that said, I would like to take this opportunity to keep you up to date on some of the things that are happening and to write some thank you's.

On behalf of the Town of Hume, I would like to express condolences to the family of Mable Howden. In addition, thank you to Mable posthumously for her twenty years of service to the Town. She helped to pave the way for the women in this community to take part in town government.

I would like to take this time to thank Highway Superintendent Kevin Peet and his crew for the excellent job they performed this winter. Our highway crew gets up early in the morning to make our roads

safe for travel to work and for the bus drivers to transport schoolchildren safely to school. Great Job!

A thank you goes to FABAs for purchasing flags for display on the electric poles in the Town of Hume. In addition, I cannot forget to thank the highway crew again for their assistance in putting the flags up. This job would not have been performed as easily if were not for the new bucket truck.

Grants have been applied for numerous times in the past several years for help with erosion in Cold Creek and denied each of those times. This office received word this past month that FEMA has accepted our grant application and we are now waiting to see if we will be awarded any help.

The comprehensive plan for the Town is finalized. A public hearing is the next step in this process. In the near future, a notice of a date and time for the public hearing to take place will be posted.

The Town has also applied for a NY State Main Street grant.

This type of grant is a matching grant with business owners and the State of NY. Applicants will be notified of approval or denial in August 2010.

Lastly, I have rescheduled my business hours to accommodate my duties here at the Town Hall. I will be in my office Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 1 PM. Please let me know about concerns or questions you may have. If these times do not fit into your schedule, you can always call 567-2666 and leave a message or email me at

humesupr@rochester.rr.com

Remember my door is always open.

Dennis Ricketts,
Town of Hume Supervisor

Save the Date!

8th Annual

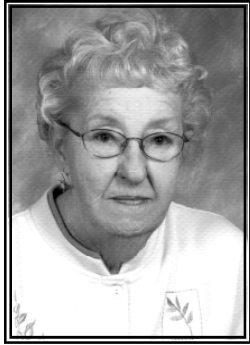
Fillmore Fest

Memorial Day

Weekend

May 28-30, 2010

Mable M. Howden



The Town of Hume lost a very special friend on Friday, April 23, 2010, with the passing of Mable M. Howden.

Mabel and her husband Wendell (deceased) bought the hardware store on West Main Street in Fillmore in 1975 from Walter & Kathleen Hackett. They took up residence in the front apartment above the store and raised their children

there. The convenience of living above the store was not only for the Howdens but also for anyone who may have called after hours for a piece of water pipe, pipe-fitting, or any other type of emergency. Wendell and Mable were always very accommodating to their community in situations like these.

Soon after making Fillmore her family's home, Mable was very instrumental in campaigning and raising money for new Christmas decorations for the electric poles on West Main, North and South Genesee Streets in Fillmore.

In 1981 Mable ran for and was elected to the Town of Hume Town Board; her first term started in 1982. She was the first woman elected as a councilwoman to the

Town of Hume Town Board and she held that post until 2001.

Christmas lights and Town Board meetings were only two interests she had in her new home. Mable also belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary and Eastern Stars. She sold many fistfuls of poppies on Memorial Day weekend and took part in the parade and the Memorial Service at the park afterwards.

These are only a few accomplishments on Mable's life list; there surely are more. However, she would never reveal those accomplishments in a boasting or bragging way.

Mable will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Town of Hume Park

The Town of Hume Park and Ball Field are tucked into a pocket behind the William P. Brooks Fire Hall. There are fanciful bouncers, a slide and swings for youngsters. There are tables and grills for friends and families. There is a Flag Pole garden, a clean and useful Pavilion, restrooms, and a ball field now being upgraded and improved.

The Park is a community focal point, a very busy place from June until October.

Fillmore Central School and some of the more senior leagues use the Ball Field for their events. When not scheduled for a game, however, it is available for residents to enjoy.

The annual Memorial Day Parade ends at the Park where the Veterans honor their country and comrades. Fillmore Fest holds some of its annual activities in and

about the Park grounds on Memorial weekend too.

Churches use the Park for Vacation Bible Schools and community Movie Nites.

The Wide Awake Club Library books the Pavilion for its Summer Concert series, and invites the community to attend. Although the artists have not been confirmed, concert dates have been set for July 14, 21, 18, and August 4th. Watch for posters.

The Pavilion is open by reservation. Bookings go fast; in fact, dates are often scheduled a year in advance. See the Town Clerk early if you'd like to book the Pavilion. There is a \$50.00 reservation fee, and a \$50.00 key deposit required. The key deposit is refundable after your event when a successful inspection is reported.

S. MacEwan, Hume Town Clerk



Records Storage Room

Sometimes, wishes do come true.

An overload of records has been stored in the 2nd floor of the Town Office building for many years. Records filled every nook and cranny of the Town Hall. Some overflowed to the 2nd floor of the Museum. They piled up, and up, and up – it's a government regulated retention nightmare when old floors, old buildings, makeshift shelving, and substandard boxing are thrown into the mixture. It had been a desire for some time to make a special place for records; it had also become a necessity.

This year, the Town of Hume was awarded

a grant through the New York State Records and Archives Administration to build a records storage room.

The climate-controlled room is located at the Town Museum. It has modern security measures, brand new shelving, and adequate lighting. There is work space! It will meet the records storage needs of the Town for many years. A new inventory of records will be conducted, and an organized system of retrieval will be generated.

Thank you to Jean O'Connell & Associates, Inc. for helping to pull the grant application together in time to meet the

deadline; to Dan Miller, Councilman, for running the maze to make the project a reality; to Dana Arnold and crew for the great and speedy construction; and also to Robert Dudley and his installation crew for the shelving and shelving installation.

S. MacEwan, Hume Town Clerk



Vandalism in Town Park

The Town of Hume Town Board has become aware of vandalism to the Pavilion at the Town Park.

This is a very disturbing situation for the Town. What can be done by the citizens of this community to dissuade the actions of the few who are damaging the pavilion?

This topic was discussed at the April Board meeting. There were suggestions of what could be done and the implementation of such.

The present Pavilion and Flag Pole site is the result of accumulative Eagle Scout Projects. In 1958 the former pavilion was constructed by the Fillmore Boy Scout Troop 748. That structure was dismantled to make way for the new pavilion in 2006.

The Town Board is asking anyone who witnesses vandalism to any Town property to please contact the NY State Troopers or the Town of Hume Supervisor.



Dog Control

Warmer weather has arrived. People are out on the byways of the Town of Hume working, walking, jogging, biking, or just meandering to enjoy this fresh time of year.

If you have a dog, you might be taking your pet for a stroll, too, or allowing your pet the freedom of the yard. If you do, please take note: there is a leash law in the Town of Hume that requires the leashing and control of any dog.

There are also State and local laws requiring dog licensing. Any dog over the age of 4 months must be licensed in the municipality where they are harbored. Your local Town Clerk will assist you in licensing your dog according to the fees required by the State and local governments. Take your dog's rabies vaccination certificate and spay/neuter papers with you if licensing your pet for the first time.

The licensing and laws are for the protection of your pet, your neighbors, you and your family.

The Town Clerk and Dog Control Officer are available to answer questions and respond to your calls.

Sondra MacEwan, Hume Town Clerk:
567-2666

Joan Wagner, Dog Control Officer:
567-8430

Museum

April marks the tenth anniversary of our Town's museum. There is an old saying, "time flies when you are having fun," and that saying holds true for these past ten years. Having fun does not begin to describe what happens at the museum. The pleasure of meeting a descendant of a Town of Hume pioneer, seeing the excitement on someone's face when they find a story or obituary of an ancestor, hearing someone say, "I sat right here when I went to school," are only a few of the gratifications of being Town historian. Also the delight felt when a visitor compliments the success of the museum is indescribable.

There are over 4,000 items loaned and donated to the museum from local and out of state loaners/donors. A collection of scrapbooks, obituaries, and a large collection of Northern Allegany Observer newspapers were passed on from Margaret Hodnett, who had received them from her predecessor, Archie Eldridge. Photographs of past and present streets, businesses and residences are also on file. However the collection of Northern Allegany Observer is without a doubt one of the most valued resources housed in the museum.

The Northern Allegany Observer began publication in May 1888 and was printed in Fillmore until the late 1960's, when it was sold and then printed under the name of The Castilian, Belfast Blaze, Nunda News. We are very fortunate to have original papers dating from 1888 to the 1990's. Although some years are "sparser" than others, we are not going to complain about what we don't have but rather what we do have! Some of the papers are in excellent condition and

others are in a jigsaw puzzle condition. Either way they are too precious to allow the general public to handle them and risk further damage.

Three years ago, Nancy Gillette volunteered to copy the papers, thus allowing anyone to be able to read the "old news" and at the same time preserving the history. For the last three years, she has faithfully come to the museum three times a week to fulfill this worthwhile task. Two copies are made; one is bound and retained on site along with the originals, which are stored in archival boxes, and one copy is stored off site. She would tell you that she does this project to glean information for the New Enterprise, but I think it is not her only objective, as she loves the history of her town.

A "hand me down" copy machine from the Town Clerk's office has preformed very well the last three years, but last fall it started to protest a little. Knowing how important the newspaper project is, the Town Board agreed to purchase a new copy machine for the museum. The new copier also has the capability to scan the copies already made and saves them in a searchable PDF file. What an asset for our Town and researchers. Now a person has the option of holding a book of copied newspapers, read the same on the computer, or search for specific dates, names, or other pertinent words. This project will probably take another three to four years to complete; however there are many scrapbooks, obituaries, photographs and additional documents to be saved in digital format too.

In addition to the newspaper project, there is another major project going on at

the museum. More than a year ago, Don Barber, a member of the Hume Baptist church, inquired if there was a written history of the church filed at the museum. There was very little information about the church and nothing in particular about its history. When Don saw all of the newspaper books, he dug in. Don is writing the history of the church and probably knows more about its pastors and their families than the congregation did. Don, like Nancy, has come to love the history of our Town and can tell you where people lived and who they were related to. The Hume Baptist church is very lucky to have a new member take such an interest in its history. The church will celebrate its 165th anniversary in September; Don hopes to have a published history for that celebration. Until then he has been revealing tidbits of history every Sunday during the church service.

The Town of Hume residents have a tremendous resource in the museum. Hume has the distinct honor of being the first and only Town owned museum in Allegany County! Visitors coming from neighboring towns and counties are very impressed by the museum. If you love history and haven't visited the museum, please do so. You never know what you may see or learn that you didn't know about the Town of Hume.

R. Miller, Town of Hume Historian



Highway Department

Good weather is here early and this means our highway department can start yearly maintenance on Town roads. In the next several weeks Highway Superintendent Peet plans to gravel Purdy Hill, cut shoulders on Weaver and Dutch Hill Roads and hot mix patch various places in the Town of Hume.

Please use caution when approaching and driving through work zones, as workers and drivers can both be easily distracted. REMEMBER these workers

are your friends and neighbors. Give 'em a brake!

K. Peet, Highway Sup't.



Work on Purdy Road.

Water & Sewer

Water & Sewer Superintendent Dana Potter would like to remind Town of Hume residents about the annual hydrant flushing.

A regularly scheduled flushing procedure will take place beginning June 6 through the 12th 2010. Some discoloration and disturbance to water may be experienced, and pressure may be temporarily reduced.

Thanks for your cooperation.

D. Potter, Water & Sewer Sup't.

Town Board Minutes Summary - *complete minutes on www.humetown.org*

February 10, 2010

Parking concerns on Town streets making snow removal and traffic flow hazardous were discussed. The Board agreed to ask NY State Troopers to enforce the local no parking law.

Bob Walker presented a new insurance package coverage with a savings in premiums near \$6,000 to the Town. The Board approved the new plan.

Highway Superintendent Peet asked the Board to declare a grader wing as surplus and for approval to sell it. He was authorized to sell it on the International Auctions Internet Site.

Superintendent Peet was also authorized to purchase a used bucket truck not to exceed \$7,000. The usefulness of a bucket truck for safety reasons and the shared use with the Water/Sewer Department was a strong point in its approval.

Mr. Peet informed the Board he had

received complaints about the maintenance/snow removal of sidewalks in the hamlet of Hume. Attorney Pullen was asked to research the issues of sidewalk districting and the establishment under State and local law.

Water/Sewer Superintendent Potter thanked the Highway Crew for help in the demolition of the "old village" barn.

Plans for sidewalk rehabilitation and replacement will be identified in an upcoming meeting.

Fillmore Central School approached the Town about a possible shared fuel storage facility grant. This "fuel farm" could service the school, Town and Fire Companies. Under the application the Town would be eligible for up to \$26,000 for the study with a 10% fund match. The Board moved that a Resolution to apply for a NY State Local Government Efficiency Grant (Res 2-A-10) be adopted.

Supervisor Ricketts brought a complaint about unlicensed vehicles on a Town property to the Board's attention, the matter was turned over to Code Enforcement Officer Clair Beeman.

Councilman McKurth informed the Board about the Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control 2010 grant. It is a 75-25 matching grant and applications are due March 2, 2010. These monies, if awarded, could be used for erosion control in Cold Creek. A motion was made and approved for the pre-proposal application.

Councilman Miller moved that the Town request a grant extension from HUD for the Town's comprehensive plan.

Supervisor Ricketts informed the Board of a request from the family of Almond Fisher, WWII Medal of Honor recipient, to dedicate a portion of State Route 19 in his honor. Along with the family's request, a letter from Assemblyman

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Daniel Burling requesting the same and to identify a potential section of highway. After Assemblyman Burling receives the information he would take the appropriate steps required for such a dedication to take place. The Board tabled a decision until more information could be gathered as to what portion of highway would be dedicated.

Town Clerk MacEwan reported the collection of taxes had been slow with only 62% collected to date.

Town Historian Miller reported on the draft of "The Bee" and asked for additional information from employees. The newsletter will be available for "pick up" only at local merchants in the Town of Hume.

March 10, 2010

Four members of Brooks Hose Fire Company were present to clarify their non-participation in the proposed Shared Fuel Storage Grant application and to rectify any misunderstandings about the subject.

A hamlet of Hume resident expressed concern about snowmobilers using the sidewalks, unleashed dogs and dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs. It was also suggested for trees to be planted between Hume and Fillmore. Councilman McKurth stated planting trees is part of the comprehensive plan.

Superintendent Peet will look for possible placement of signs directing snowmobiles to stay off sidewalks.

Councilman McKurth moved the authorization of Superintendent Peet to advertise for asphalt and construction

materials for 2010.

Sealed bids were opened for the sale of the Dodge Truck; all bids were rejected. The Board agreed to send the truck to auction with a reserve of \$3,000. The Board also approved the removal of the surplus grader wing from the Internet Auction due to non-interest.

Brian Miller was awarded the low bid of \$7,525 for remodeling of garage doors at the Highway Department.

Previously the Board had requested support from Senator Young's and Assemblyman Burling's office for the purchase of a bucket truck. Both offices felt the bucket truck were important to the Town but there is not funding available at this time.

Supervisor Ricketts introduced a Resolution (Res 3-A-10) asking NY State to dedicate the portion of State Route 19 from the Wyoming County Line to the intersection of Allegany County Road 3 in the Town of Hume in honor of WWII Veteran and Medal of Honor Recipient Lt. Col. Almond E. Fisher. The resolution was adopted and passed.

A new fence line at the Town Park will be staked out and specifications for proposed work will be handled by the building committee.

Attorney Pullen passed out a sample law of assignment of responsibility for maintenance of sidewalks. The Board asked Mr. Pullen to draft a local law requiring property owners outside the established Sidewalk District responsible for maintenance and snow removal.

The Board appointed Margaret Mills

Summer Recreation Director for 2010.

Town Historian Miller requested the Board to develop and utilize an assignment of keys to all Town buildings. One proposal for insulating the museum was received. The Board asked the historian to contact the other two contractors who had been to the museum. The Board would wait until next month to approve a contractor.

March 23, 2010

A bill for electrical work in the basement of the museum outside the Records Storage Room Grant was discussed. The work was deemed necessary and well done but the procedure and authorization of the work was the concern of the Board. It was agreed to pay the bill and to also institute a procedure and management policy with stricter supervision protocols and standardization of management and policies. The bill for the electrical work was approved and authorization for payment, with a vote of 4 to 1.

Councilman Bower moved for a change order in the climate control device to service the entire museum along with the new Record Storage Room. This would eliminate the installation of two air conditioners and with the cost of \$1,273, the majority of the cost was absorbed in the Records Storage Room Grant monies.

There was discussion of a possible purchase of property on the County Tax role. An offer of \$6,044.91 was approved to be made to Allegany County for the property on Stone Spring Road #3-12. A 10% bid deposit was authorized to Allegany County for the property. The Town had an agreement with Mr.

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Tomaszewski to purchase gravel from the gravel pit on his property.

Notice was received from NY State Emergency Management Office that the Town's application for Hazard Mitigation Funds for Cold Creek had been reviewed and forwarded to FEMA.

A draft for proposed local sidewalk law was distributed to the Board for study and will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

The Dodge Pickup was sent to Mason's Auction, with a reserve of \$3,000.

FABA requested permission to hold the 8th Annual Fillmore Fest from May 28 to May 30, 2010; the Board approved.

April 14, 2010 (unofficial)

Elliott Austin and Garrett Frazier, Boy Scouts from Troop 748, attended the Board meeting, a requirement for their community/citizenship badge.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Dana Potter was authorized to advertise for bids for pumping septic tanks.

A "walking" inspection of sidewalks by the Board and Water & Sewer Supt. Potter was planned for the following evening.

Superintendent Potter reported damage to the Park Pavilion and playground equipment. It was decided to proceed with a consultation with a security firm.

A draft of Introductory Law #1-2010 regulating sidewalks was presented by Mr. Pullen. The discussion was tabled until further review by the Town Board.

District 1 Legislator Ted Hopkins was present to discuss the proposed tax sale

of property on Stone Spring Road. The Allegany County Ways and Means Committee tabled a decision on the offer from the Town. The following resolution was passed,

Be it resolved that the Town of Hume renews its previous offer to Allegany County for Tax Parcel Number 3.-1-12, for the purchase of said parcel for the sum of \$4112.87 plus the current years taxes, plus the costs of the transfer. If such offer is not accepted by Allegany County, the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to offer an amount not to exceed \$1500.00 for the purchase of 15 acres of land that shall include the existing gravel pit area and abutting and adjacent lands sufficient to permit proper closure of said gravel pit.

Supervisor Ricketts moved that the Town of Hume sign the Allegany County, NY Inter-Municipal Aid Agreement; motion passed.

Superintendent Peet presented the Board with tally results of the Asphalt and Construction bids. The bid from Midland was accepted to finish work on North and Merwin Roads, Suit-Kote bids were accepted for potential work. The bid from Vestal was rejected for incomplete and incorrect paperwork.

The Board accepted an offer of \$4,000 by the Town of Arkwright for the surplus grader wing.

A white goods clean up day for May 8th was approved.

The Board declined an offer of a Senior Services Training program due to supervisory constraints.

The Friends in Christ United Methodist Church tentatively agreed to allow Town

Officials to use the church parking lot. The decision was tabled for further review by the Board.

The Board authorized Supervisor Ricketts to apply for a New York Main Street grant to the NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal for the purpose of improving the hamlet of Fillmore.

Town Clerk Sondra MacEwan reported that 85% of the tax bills were collected and reconciled for 2010.

Board members were reminded to register for Southern Tier West Local Government Conference ASAP. The conference is May 5th at Houghton College.

Town Clerk office hours may be variable during April and May. It is suggested to call ahead.

The Town Historian, Rondus Miller, discovered an inscription on a stair riser which read *George Paynter Builder and Contractor, built in 1905*. The museum is the former Hume schoolhouse.

Copies of newspaper articles were passed to Town officials present connecting them with an ancestor. This demonstration proved the value of the newspaper copying project and the searchable newspaper files.

The Belfast Historical Society will visit the museum on May 22 at 10 AM.

Two proposals for insulating the museum were received:

Attic Attack Insulation \$8,760

Home Insulation & Supply \$7,040

The work was awarded to Home Insulation & Supply.

Visit the Town of Hume on the web to find complete Board minutes, links to Town departments and general information.

www.humetown.org

Town Clerk hours: Monday to Friday 9-12 & 1-5

585-567-2666 email: humetown@rochester.rr.com

Posting places: Town Hall, Community Bank, Library, Brooks Hose Company Fire Hall, Wiscoy-Rosburg Fire Hall, Speicher's Groceries, & Jubilee.

Newspaper: [Olean Times Herald](#)

We would like to hear from you about the new venture we have with the publication of *The Bee*.

It is our intention to publish our newsletter quarterly. We do realize we are slightly late with this issue. (Hey we are new at this, there must be a learning curve!)

If you would like to contribute an article please contact Supervisor Dennis Ricketts or Historian Rondus Miller. Please note that all articles are subject to approval and can be edited or rejected before publication.

The Bee is published by the Town of Hume and is available for "pick up" only at local merchants in the Town of Hume.



Wendland's Service

In the first issue there was a picture of the Durkee Blacksmithing Shop in the above space. This issue will bring back many memories of the 1950's when Gardie Wendland owned and operated a service station and grocery store where Speicher's Grocery is today. Now do you recognize the site of the Durkee Blacksmithing Shop?

The Town of Hume Museum is located on the corner of Claybed Road and School Street in Hume

Hours: Monday 1-4, Thursday 3-6, Saturday 9-12

During the months of July & August, Monday hours: 9-12 & 1-4.

Phone 585-567-8399

email: humehistorian@rochester.rr.com

A Glance Back...

The January 1905 *Northern Allegany Observer* printed a new telephone directory and included some phone etiquette:

Don't drag your ring. Give quick, strong ones.

You know your ring. Answer it. Let other rings alone.

Be patient with central stations. They are sometimes busy. A wait of ten seconds at a 'phone seems like ten minutes. Be patient.

Outsiders will not be permitted to "run in and use the 'phone a minute," without first calling up central.

Don't expect perfection in a telephone service. Telephones, like people, have their weaknesses.

Three minutes is a goodly time to talk business. Five minutes should satisfy those socially inclined.

The Company reserves the right to withdraw service from any subscriber allowing his

phone to be used by non-subscribers.

From the March 3rd, 1905, *Observer*:

Fourteen families will move into Fillmore this spring or have recently moved here. Already the supply of empty houses is very scarce.

From March 31st, 1905, the Wiscoy news column reported:

Several of the young men and boys had a wrestling match at Wiscoy on Saturday evening. Geo Rease and Chas. Smith, Roy Rork and Nathan Wood, Danforth Bowen and Elbert Chapman were the contestants. Another match will be held at the same place (Mrs. Johnson's barn) on Saturday evening Apr. 1st, wrestling to commence at 8 p.m. sharp.

Chas. Smith had the misfortune to severely sprain his ankle Saturday evening last while wrestling with Geo. Rease.

From April 28th, 1905, the Mills Mills reporter noted:

Fred Gleason set up a new windmill at the Hamer place last Tuesday.

In the issues of May 19 & 26, 1905, a notice to contractors for a new schoolhouse in Hume (Village) was published. The following was printed under Hume Village Items in the June 23rd, 1905, *Observer*.

Geo. Paynter has the contract for building the new schoolhouse in Hume village, and has begun work.

The November 1905 issue of the *Northern Allegany Observer*, in the Hume news column, reported that the Hume schoolchildren were preparing to move into the new schoolhouse. In less than five months the building we know as the Town of Hume Museum was built! Could that happen in today's world?

R. Miller, Historian