

**Town of Walton  
129 North Street  
Walton, NY 13856**

**Call to Order          6:00 PM**

**4 March 2024**

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance – Len Govern**
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Floor time -**
- 4. Approval of Minutes – 12 February 2024**
- 5. Highway Report:**
- 6. Assessor, Code, Dog Control**
- 7. Town Clerk Report:**
- 8. Supervisor Report:**

**NYSDEC Fisheries request**

**Bridge sign**

**Committee/Council Reports**

<b>Public Works</b>	<b>Armstrong/Govern</b>
<b>Finance &amp; Insurance</b>	<b>Wood/Govern</b>
<b>Legal &amp; Ordinance</b>	<b>Govern/Wood</b>
<b>Land Use &amp; Village Liaison</b>	<b>Rodriguez/Wood</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Govern/Armstrong</b>
<b>Union Negotiations</b>	<b>Cetta/Armstrong</b>
<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	<b>Cetta/Armstrong</b>
<b>Technology</b>	<b>Wood/Rodriguez</b>
<b>Emergency Disaster</b>	<b>Cetta/Govern</b>
<b>Historical</b>	<b>Rodriquez/Armstrong</b>

- 9. Approval of Abstracts:**

**Martin J. Way, Jr.**  
**Dog Control Officer, Town of Walton**  
**129 North Street Walton,**  
**New York 13856**  
**February 2024**  
**Dog Control Activity Summary**

<b>Complaints</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Dogs Seized</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Returned to Owner</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Humane Society</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Dangerous Dogs</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Tickets Issued</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total Redemption Fees</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Assistance</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Mileage</b>	<b>61 Miles</b>

**TOWN OF WALTON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**  
**25091 STATE HIGHWAY 10**  
**WALTON, NY 13856**  
**607-865-5120**

**TO: WALTON TOWN BOARD**  
**FROM: JEFF OFFNICK, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**  
**DATE: 3/4 /2024**  
**RE: REPORT**

- ✓ The crew has been plowing and sanding as needed, repairing the fleet and cutting brush.
- ✓
- ✓
- ✓

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129 North Street  
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607-865-5766

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b> ____ APPROVED ____ DENIED  _____ Signature
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APPLICATION FOR USE OF FACILITIES

I, Walton Chamber of Commerce request permission to use:

Veterans Plaza (\$25.00 fee required)  More Park (\$25.00 fee required)  
 Town Hall Board Room  Highway Garage Parking Lot

Beginning Date 6/7, 7/5, 8/2, 9/6 Time: From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Ending Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time: From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Est. Number of People 100 Type of Activity Market place on the green

Request use of Water  Yes  No Request use of Electric  Yes  No

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name PATTY WOOD Amanda Coulter

Address 308 S. RIVER RD. WALTON \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL RULES

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ must be in attendance and is responsible for any damage to Town property as a result of the use of the premises. pw
2. The applicant/undersigned is responsible for leaving the premises in the same condition as when he or she found the premises on the beginning date as listed above. This includes, but not limited to picking up garbage and replacing furniture.
3. There shall be no gambling, smoking, illegal narcotics, or intoxicating beverages on Town property. pw
4. I understand that there is no liability or accident insurance provided by the Town for non-town functions. The applicant hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Walton from any liability, including attorney's fees in the cost of defense that might occur as a result of the use of the town's premises by the applicant and those individuals using the premises as a result of this application. pw
5. I understand Liability Insurance may be required for certain functions at the discretion of the Walton Town Board. pw
6. I understand there is no parking in the green area of Veterans Plaza, a municipal parking lot is available adjacent to the green space area. pw

2/28/24  
Date

Patty Wood  
Signature of Applicant

# NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Division of Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Fisheries, Region 4  
65561 State Highway 10, Suite 1, Stamford, NY 12167-9503  
P: (607) 652-7366 | F: (607) 652-2342  
[www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov)

Town of Walton  
129 North Street  
Walton, NY 13856

February 16, 2024

Dear Supervisor, Cetta:

My name is Joshua Choquette, and I am the Region 4 Fisheries Access Coordinator. I am reaching out regarding any interest you may have in allowing angler access along the portion of (West Branch Delaware River) on tax parcel ID# (273.7-6-8, 273.7-6-9). Basically, we are trying to follow up on former permissions that we have acquired and are trying to acquire some new ones if possible. The more permissions we get, the more trout we will be able to stock in (West Branch Delaware River). There are 3 options if you are interested:

- 1) Simple consent - This is our most basic option that most landowners decide to go with. We would need your consent either written or verbally for us to put up fishing permitted signs along the stream. If you choose this option, you can opt out and/or cancel at any time, it would be as simple as getting ahold of me to let me know.
- 2) Cooperative agreement - the only difference between this and option #1 is that this would be a more formal agreement, stating that the said agreement would stay in effect for a minimum of five years. This can also be cancelled, but only within the first 60 days of the written agreement.
- 3) Public fishing rights easement - This involves the sale to the state, of a permanent easement which allows anglers to walk along a narrow corridor of streambank and in the stream on your property for the sole purpose of fishing. PFR is permanent and cannot be bought back from the state once the deal is finalized. If you would like additional info on this, it can be found on our website at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/9922.html>

A common question I have been getting is, "if someone gets injured on my property, am I liable?" There is a law that protects you, as the landowner. It is part 9-103 of the NYS Obligations Law, allowing anglers to fish on your property does not expose landowners to any additional liability.

If you are interested, please indicate your intent on the back of this page. If you would like further information on this my contact information is provided below.

Sincerely,



Joshua Choquette  
NYSDEC Fisheries Access Coordinator  
607-652-8208  
[Josh.choquette@dec.ny.gov](mailto:Josh.choquette@dec.ny.gov)

## **TOWN OF WALTON SOCIAL MEDIA POLICIES**

### **Purpose:**

The Town of Walton (the “Town”) maintains social media accounts for the purpose of communicating with the public. Social media refers to the creation and exchange of information through internet sites. Examples of social media sites include, but are not limited to: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

The Town shall establish an “official” town-wide social media site(s) and the Site Administrator, as designated by the Town Board, shall be the communications manager who shall oversee and manage social media accounts.

The Town has an overriding interest and expectation in what is published on behalf of the Town through social media and in establishing guidelines for the use of Town social media by Town officials. The Town has established the following Social Media Policies (“Policies”) for the creation and use of the Town’s social media sites.

### **Content:**

The overall goal of the Town’s social media channel is to serve as an online information outsource focused on Town issues, projects, news and events, and is not intended as public fora. The Town assumes no liability for any inaccuracies these Social Media sites may contain and does not guarantee that the Social Media sites will be uninterrupted, permanent or error-free.

The Town does not endorse any website, link, public comment or advertisement on its social media sites placed by the public or vendors and/or partners. The Town reserves the right to remove any content from its social media sites at any time.

Any individual accessing, browsing or using a Town Social Media site accepts without limitation the Town’s Policies. The Town of Walton reserves the right to modify these Policies without notice. Any modification is effective immediately upon its posting on the Social Media Policy page unless otherwise stated. Continued use of a Town Social Media site following the posting of any modification shall constitute an acceptance of such modification.

All users of a Town Social Media site are also subject to the site’s host’s policies. The Town has no control over third-party site’s policies or their modifications. The Town also has no control over content, commercial advertisements or any other postings produced by the host that appear on the Town’s Social Media site as part of the site’s environment.

The Town social media channels will serve to outsource news of the Town of Walton only. Any comments and/or questions or additional information on content posted to social media sites can contact the Town’s Administrators located in the Town’s directory at [www.townofwalton.org](http://www.townofwalton.org).

The content of Town of Walton social media sites shall only pertain to Town of Walton – sponsored or Town of Walton endorsed programs, services, and events. Content includes, but is not limited to information, photographs, videos, and hyperlinks.

All information and materials generated by the Town and provided on Town Social Media sites are the property of the Town. The Town retains copyright on all text, graphic images and other content produced by the Town and found on the page.

Any person or department who is not a Site Administrator wishing to post content to any official social media site, shall submit a request to the communications manager with all necessary information and media, including text, photos/videos and links. The communications manager has the right to approve or deny the request based on the guidelines contained herein. Only content approved by the communications manager shall be posted.

**Conduct:**

Employees representing the Town via its social media sites shall conduct themselves at all times as representatives of the Town and in accordance with the Employee Handbook and other applicable policies.

Postings may not contain any personal information, except for the names of employees whose job duties include being available for contact by the public.

Postings must contain information that is freely available to the public and not be confidential as defined by any Town policy or state or federal law.

Any employee authorized to submit items to for posting on any of the Towns's social media sites shall not express his or her own personal views or concerns through such postings. Instead, postings on any of the Town's social media sites shall only set forth facts (e.g., history of subject matter to provide access; providing relevant factual data).

The Town reserves the right to implement or remove any functionality of its social media site, when deemed appropriate by the administrators. This includes, but is not limited to, information, articles, pictures, videos or any other form of communication that is posted on the Town of Walton's social media site.

