

Town of Amherst Government News

Submitted by Chris Kadow

Reminder of Important Upcoming Meetings: Open Book for the Town of Amherst will be held on Thursday, July 13, 2017 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday July 15, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On Tuesday, July 18, 2017 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. the Amherst Town Board will conduct a Board of Review. The Assessor Jeremy Kurtzwell will be at the Town Hall for the Open Book dates to meet with property owners regarding their assessments. Individuals who believe their property is not fairly assessed must meet with the assessor to file an objection prior to appearing before the Board of Review on July 18, 2017.

The Board of Review, consisting of the members of the Amherst Town Board, will hear constituents in the order of first come, first served. Taxpayers should be aware that the assessor's values are presumed to be correct unless proven otherwise. It is the duty of the taxpayer to show with facts the true fair market value of the property. If one's property was recently purchased or sold, the sale price is the best evidence; the next best evidence is the sale of comparable properties in one's neighborhood, area or municipality. Owners may also locate properties similar to their own.

Condolences to the Chris Cirimo Family: The Amherst Town Board was honored to have Chris Cirimo serve as its' Citizens Groundwater Committee Representative for the Town of Amherst. Among his many other endeavors, Chris took the time to attend meetings on Amherst's behalf, sharing his expertise at the County level and reporting that information at our Town Hall meetings. Chris will be sorely missed.

Burn Permits Help Protect Against Wildfire: If burning is the only option for yard waste, burning permits may be required to burn yard debris piles or for broadcast burning anytime the ground is not completely snow covered. In DNR protection areas, permit holders are authorized to burn vegetative materials such as leaves, brush and pine needles. Permits are designed so that people burn safely when and where the risk of wildfire is minimal. You can obtain DNR burning permits online or by calling 1-888-WIS-BURN(947-2876). You may also visit an Emergency Fire Warden or DNR office to get a permit in person. For more information on burning permits and the current fire danger in Wisconsin, visit the DNR website dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestfire/permits.html. Click on "Get a Permit".

Signs alongside the town roads: Please be mindful of the road right of way which is 33 feet from the center of the road when placing rummage sale signs, For Sale signs, etc. Any signs placed within the road right of way interfere with grass cutting, shoulderering, etc. Your adherence to this issue will be appreciated.

Upcoming meetings: The Town Board meets on the second Thursday of the month, July 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Amherst Town Hall. You may wish to visit the Town website at www.townofamherst.org for detailed agendas, calendars and other important information.

The Plan Commission will meet on the first Thursday of the month, July 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. also at the Town Hall. Please contact Chairperson Chris Kadow at 715-340-7360 or chriskadow@gmail.com if you would like to be placed on the Plan Commission Meeting agenda.