

Saratoga County Council Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2025 Meeting

Clubs Present= Galway, Clifton Park, Fish House and Foot Hills Trappers, Kayaderosseras

Next Meeting= May 20, Same Place, Same Time

This Council sponsored 6 kids to Camp Colby and Pack Forest this year.

While on the subject of kids!

The Annual 4H Kids Fishing Contest Sponsored by Saratoga County and the Town of Milton will be held on May 10 at the 4H training Center on Middle Line Rd. **Poster hung on Bulletin Board.**

Great Breakfast cooked by the 4H Senior Conservationists 6:30 am-11am (Scrambled eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Pancakes and toast. All you can eat. Coffee and hot chocolate free. Chow is \$8 bucks for adults, \$5 bucks for Senior Citizens. Kids 4 to 12 is \$5 bucks. Kids under 4 are free. Kids entering the fishing contest must be from Saratoga County.

Welcome Club Members to help. WE NEED HELP ALL ARE WELCOME !!! and a big thanks to Barbara Kerr from the town.

DEC=Brush Ban still in effect till May 14.

Governor Hochul appointed a new DEC commissioner. Her name is Amanda Lefton, She is known to lean towards environmental issues with her mission is to deliver clean air and water for us. We all need this.

Federal carry bill. Supports constitutional carry of a firearm. Reciprocity Bill. If passed, would apply to New Yorkers going to other states. New York will not allow for others travelling to New York.

2024 Bear Harvest: A 564 pound bear was taken in Wilton (5J)

Total State wide 1685 bears taken. 657 taken in Northern zone and 1028 taken in Southern zone. Oldest bear shot was 21 years old in town of Ebb in Herkimer County.

Our ECOs ticketed 2 people on Lake George with no license and too many perch. !9 over the 50 limit.

Conservation Fund Advisory Board (CFAB): (February Minutes) Discussed the 12 and 13 year old deer hunter program (DEC would like to see it be made permanent) Also a regulatory proposal to allow kids who were successful to get a deer during the youth hunt can get a additional tag to continue to hunt during the regular season. They talked about the bill to close the pheasant farm. Hopefully it will die in committee. There is no companion bill.

They are trying to figure out how to spend the 4 billion from the bond act, So far they are proposing fixing up stream restoration and are looking for anyone out there with ideas for a project. Funding is now available.

Youth hunt for spring gobbler season on 4/26 and 4/27. 12 to 15 year olds with license and permit and escorted by an adult. Adult must have a license and a permit as well.

NYS Outdoor news= Don't forget the safe boating course that you must have when operating any kind of a boat with a motor.

Pistol Permit holder must renew every 3 years now, (DONT FORGET) to check your status go on <https://firearms.troopers.ny.gov/pprecert/welcome.faces> and put in your certification number.

Bill before our legislators (A01229/S05402) to protect migrating wolves that are coming in from Canada. All coyotes and wolves are to be tagged by a DEC ECO. Next any animal weighting over 50 pounds will have to be DNA tested by the DEC to see if it's a wolf and if it is, they might just ban all trapping and hunting of them in the area where it was taken. How big and how long will this area be closed and where is the money going to come from. This bill has too many unknowns so oppose this bill through your state senator and assemblyman.

Another bill (A5611/S5974) will force all gun owners to have 1 million dollar liability insurance if you own a firearm and possibly for each gun you own. It is not expected that there will be to many insurance companies out there that can write this type of coverage and at what cost. Contact your state senator and assemblyman to oppose this bill.

Another bill (S-00362) would require a 10 day wait after paying for a firearm before we can take possession of it. Tell your state Senator that you oppose this bill.

Henry Firearms is leaving New Jersey for a more friendly gun state. They are moving to northern Wisconsin.

Youth Spring Turkey Hunt is this coming April 26-27. Lot of rules apply for the kids so be aware.

Word is out that the DEC might be shutting down or at least refuse to participate in the Region 5 Fish and Wildlife Management Board (FWMB). We do not think they can legally shut it down as the FWMB act was created by the NYS Legislators--not the DEC. It is thought that the FWMB is not taking enough action on access for sportsmen. Examples include the situation in Vischers Ferry where hunters are locked out of hunting on STATE OWNED LANDS. Also why are we in Saratoga County being held responsible in finding land owners along the Kayaderoseras Creek to give written permission to walk on their land to fish or the DEC will not stock that part of the creek. What land owner is going to give signed permission for the public to use their land.