

# Stillwater, Beaver River on town agenda

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The Webb Town Board focused much of its regular meeting March 13 on concerns in Stillwater and Beaver River.

The hamlet of Stillwater falls just outside the Town of Webb fire district. Big Moose Fire Company has been covering the area as a courtesy, but property owners in Stillwater would like to have a formalized plan, according to Northern Lights Bed and Breakfast owner Frank Rudolph.

"We would like to eventually have some local equipment. Money has to be collected from property owners as taxes, and a budget set up.

Once we get a budget we can look into getting some equipment," Rudolph said.

Once the fire district is created, Stillwater residents will be taxed 25 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Stillwater residents say they would like to have some fire fighting equipment on site because currently it can take up to 35-40 minutes for Big Moose firefighters to reach the area, Rudolph said.

"At that point you're just doing ash control. The key in fighting a fire is getting there within the first five minutes," he said.

Rudolph said he knows of at least three Stillwater residents, including himself, who would be interested in training

to become volunteer fire fighters.

The Town Board took the first step toward expanding Webb fire district boundaries by sending a request to the state comptroller for approval. Once approval is obtained, the board can vote on expanding the district.

Also at the meeting, the Beaver River Property Owners' Association voiced its opposition to a proposed study on building an overland road to the tiny hamlet. The president of the group presented letters from the Department of Transportation, the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Residents' Committee to Protect the Adirondacks and others, expressing the belief that a road is neither feasible nor desirable.

"We have not received one letter in favor (of the proposed road)," said Carol Schoch, president of the property owners association.

The majority of Beaver River property owners said in a resolution that they were in favor of having railroad service to Beaver River. Adirondack Scenic Railroad general manager Tom Carver said plans are under way to extend rail service from Big Moose Station to Beaver River.

"It's been in the works for a while," said Carver. "The money is in place."

The money comes from a federal grant that was sponsored by Herkimer County. The track along the nine mile stretch has to be repaired.

The board passed a resolution stating it would give no further consideration to the request for a study on overland access at this time.

Other news from the March meeting:

- The board has scheduled its next meeting for April 3.
- The highway garage project is still behind schedule. There have been 11 weather related, non-work days.
- After a public hearing in which no one commented, the

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## POLICE REPORT

### Driving while intoxicated alleged

A 24-year-old Forestport woman was charged with driving while intoxicated along with several other traffic violations after she was stopped on Route 28 near McKeever on March 10, Town of Webb police said.

Amy J. Vrooman was cited for operating a vehicle without a driver's license, failing to keep right and con-

sumption of an alcoholic beverage in a vehicle, police said.

Vrooman's passenger, Amberly C. Blank, 20, of Union Springs was charged with third-degree facilitating unlicensed operation, police said.

Vrooman and Blank are scheduled to appear in Webb Town Justice Court at 7:30 p.m. March 20. The investigation was conducted by Webb Patrolman John Russell, assisted by Inlet Patrolman Trevor Tormey.



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