

**VILLAGE OF TARRYTOWN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORK SESSION 6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014
Tarrytown Village Hall
One Depot Plaza, Tarrytown, New York**

6:00 p.m. – Presentation – Westchester County Force Main (Village Board Room)

Board of Trustees Concerns

Open Session

1. Proposed New Tree Law
2. National Geographic Channel – “Diggers”
3. Development of Specifications – Consolidated Engine
4. Town Reassessment
5. Arbor Day Resolution
6. Affordable Housing Legislation
7. Sykes Park
8. Agreement for Third Friday

Mayor Fixell and the Board of Trustees,

The National Geographic Channel television series *Diggers*, created by Half Yard Productions and currently developing its third season, is interested in the idea of coming to Tarrytown to do metal detecting and filming for an upcoming episode on *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and the Revolutionary War.

The series follows our two hosts, Tim Saylor and George Wyant, as they team up with historians and archeologists around the country to unearth hidden pieces of American history. The series, which currently airs on the National Geographic channel, routinely reaches hundreds of thousands of people with each episode. While the show is focused on metal detecting and the discovery of artifacts, our on-set production archeologist carefully documents each find including GPS location and depth for future archeological use. At the end of our shoot, all the artifacts we find are taken back to a professional archeology lab to be cleaned, logged and documented before being returned with a full catalogue to the local landowner or historical society. Neither the show, nor the guys themselves ever keep any of the artifacts they find on the program, regardless of value.

For the episode currently being designed for Tarrytown, we were hoping to use the famous *Legend of Sleepy Hollow* as a gateway to exploring the Revolutionary War history of the area. While we are in contact with local landowners who have potential sites, we also were hoping to detect in and film at Patriot's Park. Because the episodes are based on what we discover in the ground, we cannot guarantee that any given site will make the show, however, sites like Patriot's Park will almost always have artifacts to be discovered..

To that end we would like to ask the City of Tarrytown for a permit to film and metal detect in Patriot's Park later this summer. We believe that the history of the park, and the betrayal of Benedict Arnold, would be a great contribution to our show and hope for your support. Please let us know if there are any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Bradley Hague
Half Yard Productions



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**TESTIMONIALS FROM HISTORIC SITE OWNERS
ABOUT NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL'S "DIGGERS"**



KG and Ringy on the job

“We very much enjoyed our experience with the *Diggers* crew. They were respectful of our property and took the time to answer questions and explain the process. This ended up being a history lesson for us to better understand what happened on our property almost 140 years ago! We would be happy to cooperate if "Diggers" chose to return and would confidently expect any other site to be treated with the same respect.”

*John and Nancy Gausman
Owners
Custer's "Permanent Camp Site"
Custer, SD*

“As a historian, it is my job not only to tell the history of a region, but to help preserve historic sites and artifacts. Working with *Diggers* has allowed me to do that in ways I never thought I could. They have been able to add to the history of the Whiskey Rebellion and American Revolution by saving objects that had been lost, and if not for them, they may have never been found. I am always impressed with KG and Ringy's respect for the history of the sites on which they detect. On several different occasions I have seen *Diggers* preserve history.”

*Clay Kilgore
Executive Director,
Washington County Historical Society
Washington County, PA*

More testimonials on the following pages!

"The emphasis (of *Diggers*) is on the historic value and museum quality of the artifacts discovered... and the excitement of discovery. The public has an obvious interest in this type of show and metal detecting specifically. The show attempts to keep it within the legal bounds and at the same time work with the archaeological community."

*Don Southworth
Archaeologist,
Sagebrush Consultants, LLC
Ogden, Utah*

"You did a great job of balancing the entertainment value of your mission with explaining the historical context and background. And by the way, you were not unkind to an old grey bearded historian!"

*Timothy G. Hart
Division Director,
Ocean County Heritage Commission
Toms River, NJ*

"I have never enjoyed working with a television crew more than I did with *Diggers*. K.G., Ringy, and the entire team were highly professional and a ton of fun to work with."

*Brent Harris
Boot Hill Museum,
Dodge City, Kansas*

"The show's editing and style was great! We loved how you mapped it, loved those little informational boxes at the bottom; love how you tied all the sites together in the story. Awesome! Awesome! Awesome!"

*Kathy and Jeff Quigley
Blackjack Battlefield Site
Wellsville, Kansas*

"Working with *Diggers* was such an enjoyable experience all around. The hunt was so much fun, shining the spotlight on the John Wayne birthplace. Everything they promised came to be. The property was left in perfect shape. The follow-up was fantastic. I was sorry to see them go. It was a gang I would have liked to have gone out for a beer with afterwards!"

*Brian Downes
John Wayne Birthplace
Winterset, IA*

"I permitted *Diggers* to visit our site because I knew it would benefit our entire community. KG and Ringy found artifacts linked to a shootout between the Al Capone and Bugs Moran gangs, an important piece of local history. I was very happy with the condition of the property after they were finished. It was a very worthwhile endeavor!"

*Bob Jensen
Owner,
Manning Hotel Site
Fox Lake, IL*

"The Town of Holly Grove very much enjoyed the experience of working with the *Diggers* crew. This ended up being a history lesson for all Americans to better understand the horrid conditions coal miners lived and worked under. If it had not been for KG and Ringy, this important chapter in American labor history would have been forever buried and forgotten."

*Dwight Siemiaczko
Historian, "Mine Wars"
Holly Grove, WV*

"What a fun time it was having the *Diggers* crew visit our property! They were friendly and very respectful - and downright funny. From the first point of contact to the show's taping, everything was well explained and respectfully followed through. It was a true delight to have them visit."

*Pauline Sharpe
Owner,
"Machine Gun" Jack McGurn's House
Oak Park, IL*

"We found that Ringy, K.G., and the rest of the team were responsive to our ideas and special requests. The work was very professional and the results remarkable. We set out to find evidence of the Union encampment at Ashland and the skirmish fought in and around it. That was accomplished... and in the process corrected our understanding of the location of the skirmish and its impact on the Clay family. The *Diggers* project provided a starting point for further, more intensive research and we are very grateful for that."

*Eric Brooks
Curator/Site Manager
Ashland, the Henry Clay Estate
Lexington, KY*

“What a great job you all did on every aspect. The shots of Meander Plantation were awesome and all the things you found will be a great addition to the story of this old place. Come back anytime!”

*Suzanne Thomas
Owner,
The Inn at Meander Plantation
Locust Dale, VA*



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PAUL J. FEINER
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KICKOFF MEETING TOWN REASSESSMENT WEDNESDAY EVENING APRIL 9, 2014 7 TO 8:30 pm

ASK YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT STEPS WE ARE GOING TO TAKE RE: FIRST TOWN WIDE REASSESSMENT SINCE 1956

To: Village Board of Trustees, Village Managers, Board of Assessment Review, School Board Members

Last year the Greenburgh Town Board approved funding to perform a general Town-Wide reassessment of all real property within the Town entire. The Town Board has awarded the contract to Tyler Technologies, to do the work.

Reassessment is the process of appraising all real estate in a municipality according to its full market value, to ensure that each property owner pays their fair share of taxes. The process is revenue neutral, meaning the purpose is not to raise property taxes. The purpose of the reassessment is to bring the assessed value of all properties within the Town to 100% of market value and to ensure that the property assessments are fair and equitable.

This will create greater Transparency & Equity to the assessment process for the first time on a Town-wide basis since approximately 1956. This will result in an improved understanding of the process, reduce the need for assessments to be appealed over time, and reduction in the over ten (10) million dollars a year in refunds and related costs that the Town of Greenburgh is responsible for annually pertaining to the Certiorari process. It will create more predictability and financial stability for the town. One of the reasons for recent tax hikes at the town, school, fire district levels is because revenues have gone down due to certiorari actions.

We will be holding neighborhood meetings in the coming months to discuss the process and to answer questions. I will keep you posted as to the public meeting dates and times; the progress of the project and when the company will be in your neighborhood. The Town website will have a link to the Reassessment project (on the front page) for not only the Town of Greenburgh, but also the City of Yonkers and the Town of Ossining as we are all working together on this initiative. Because Greenburgh, Ossining and Yonkers are contracting with the same company and undertaking reassessment at the same time, we anticipate a cost savings to the town of about \$500,000.


This is a kick off meeting with Tyler Technologies presenting in detail, the process, time table, notification schedules etc. Please come prepared with any questions. This will be one of many public meetings. If you cannot attend but would like our Assessor and Tyler to speak to your neighborhood or organization we will be happy to participate in a meeting convenient to you. We want everyone to be as knowledgeable with this process as possible.

Kick off meeting 7 – 8:30pm on April 9th at Town Hall before the regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting. Questions about the reassessment process, time table, who will be conducting the revaluation, what are the ramifications to residents if they don't want the inspector to come to your house, etc. will be answered at the meeting. Other questions can be asked. Hope to see you on the 9th!

Paul J. Feiner, Town Supervisor

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Money Magazine: Greenburgh - A Best Place to Live in America Winner (2008)

VILLAGE OF TARRYTOWN INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael Blau, Village Administrator
FROM: Carol A. Booth, Village Clerk 
SUBJECT: Arbor Day Resolution
DATE: April 4, 2014

Please have the following resolution adopted at the April 21, 2014 meeting. This is necessary to keep our Tree USA status.

ARBOR DAY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are renewable resources giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Tarrytown has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for 32 years and the Village desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown does hereby proclaim April 25, 2014 as "ARBOR DAY" in the Village of Tarrytown, and urges all citizens to support efforts to care for trees and woodlands in the Village and to support the Village's forestry program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees urges all citizens in the Village to plant trees to improve the community and to promote the well-being of present and future generations.

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April 8, 2014

Ms. Erin O'Neil
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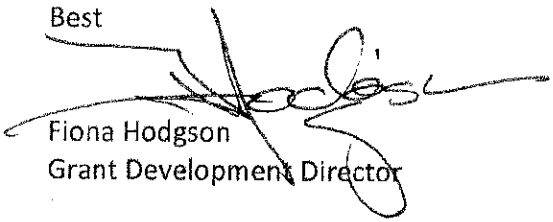
Dear Erin

Following up on our conversation, the Village of Sleepy Hollow will be adding the following project elements (with estimated costs) to the Reverend Sykes Park Improvement project, funded under application number 31425 of the 2013 New York State Consolidated Funding Application:

- Resurfacing the basketball court (\$10,000)
- Replacing the basketball court backboards and hoops (\$2,500)
- Resurfacing the playground (\$15,000)
- Replacing benches and picnic tables (\$4,000)
- Repairing or replacing the chess tables (\$2,000)
- Installing a storage bin (\$500)
- Removing heaving trees and landscaping (\$2,000)

Thank you for your support of our project. Residents of the area and other community organizers and stakeholders are excitedly anticipating the improvements to a park that is an integral part of their recreation and social life.

Best


Fiona Hodgson
Grant Development Director