

**TOWN OF ALDEN  
WORK SESSION  
March 25, 2024  
7:00 P.M.**

**A G E N D A**

- 1. Ahl property, E. Laray per DS/GW**
- 2. CAWTILE No wind turbines per CW/GW**
- 3. Art club request to use Community Center per TA/JS**
- 4. Erie County Water Auth. Letter per CW/GW**
- 5. Men's softball – park use per RD/MG**
- 6. Women's softball – park use per RD/MG**
- 7. Refuse contract per TA/JS**
- 8. AYBS – park use per RD/MG**
- 9. Farmer's Market Cruise Night per TA/JS**
- 10. Dan Q Site Plan per TA/JS**
- 11. Crittenden VFD new member request per TA/JS**
- 12. Building Dept. Clerk per TA/JS**
- 13. Townline Water per TA/JS**
- 14. AYB gym use – expanded hours per TA/JS**
- 15. Weber refuse collection per TA/JS**
- 16. Park Use forms per TA/JS**
- 17. NYS Retirement reporting per TA/JS**

March 18, 2024

We have been addressing the board with concerns regarding water issues for over a year now. Now I would like to address the board with the change in water table issues that I have experienced, thus making the board aware of this situation.

The attached letter from an environmental consultant will explain.

I bought my house in 2019. A radon unit was needed to be installed before the sale of the house. For those of you who know nothing about radon, radon is a gas that comes out of the ground. It is colorless, odorless and a health hazard. I had my system rechecked in February of this year by the same man who installed it in 2019 - the radon levels were elevated. After weeks of testing with elevated levels he determined to deconstruct the system to see why the levels were so elevated (I have a video of what he saw if anyone would like to see it). What he saw was water below my basement floor - my sub-slab that was not there in 2019. He determined that he needed to find another suction point that wasn't saturated with water. He installed two more suction points in my 1500 sq. ft. house making it have three suction points. This additional work cost me \$850 and now he will not guarantee his work based on the existing ground water table.

Based on the recommendations of the environmental consultant and Frank's Basement Systems, we have decided to upgrade our sump pump system (at a cost of over \$2,700) to help alleviate the increased water levels under our house.

Again, these are not problems that I'm trying to prevent, these problems already exist.

In my opinion this shows that the water table around and under my house has changed significantly causing new problems that I had to fix. This along with the increased water issues that we have been experiencing over the last few years seems like this is becoming a water nuisance in our neighborhood. Is there anything that the town board can do for us?

Thank you for your time.

Holly Ahl

Alden Town Board  
Alden, NY 14004



March 14, 2024

To the Members of the Board:

Since 1958 the Alden Art Club has held an annual art show in September in Firemen's Memorial Park, including after its merger with the Twin Villages art club several years ago. In fact, the only time there was no Fall Show was the Covid year 2020.

Like every other outdoor art show, the weather can disrupt the show. There have been plenty of occasions in which rain has intervened, art work has had to be covered up, and the public stays away. Also like every other show, the artists and craftspeople do not get their application money back; the weather risks are theirs to bear.

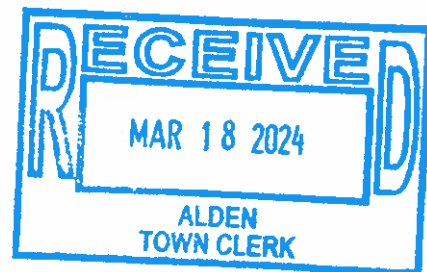
The completion of the Community Center Annex gives us a chance to change that dynamic. It presents the opportunity to guarantee to prospective exhibitors and to the public that there will be a full show even if the weather does not cooperate and requires that we move the show inside.

The Art Club respectfully requests that the Community Center Annex be open to artists and the public on the day of our next show, from 8am to 5pm on Sunday, September 8, 2024. The Club undertakes to put the premises in order after the show concludes. Thank you for your consideration,

*Paul Rickard*  
Paul Rickard

President

Alden Lancaster Art Club



CAWTILE President Patti Meckes (716) 598-9721

## **URGENT! LAKE ERIE NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Stop the Placement of Wind Turbines in Lake Erie!

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JOIN US! WE ARE: Citizens Against Wind Turbines in Lake Erie

 Visit our Web Site: **CAWTILE.COM**

*In recent years, there has been a push by Big Wind Industry and Activists to place Industrial Wind Turbines in Lake Erie. Here are our concerns:*

### Massive Industrial Project

- Placement of up to 100 Industrial Wind Turbines from Buffalo to Dunkirk
- 460' Tall (or higher), as close as 2 miles from shore, 0.6 miles apart
- Possible 3,200' exclusion zone around each turbine. No Fishing, No Recreation
- Increased energy cost from \$20/MWH to \$135/MWH
- Turbine bases and High voltage cables to be buried in sediment

### NYSERDA

- Two separate reports – Advise no further development!
- High Costs, Contamination, Grid won't support it, Interconnect, Ice, Viewshed!

### Environmental Disaster

- Pollution in our drinking water!
- Construction will disturb and suspend polluted bottom sediments
- Lubricants leak onto our surface water
- Could contaminate drinking water for over 11 million people around Lake Erie
- Leading Edge Erosion releasing micro plastics into water
- Significant bird and bat mortality
- Winter Ice and storms may leak lubricants polluting our beaches and drinking water
- Underwater archeological sites may be harmed

### Safety and Aesthetics

- Border patrol RADAR effectiveness may be reduced
- Possible placement near shipping lanes is dangerous
- Our famous sunsets and lake views will be ruined
- Property values and tourism values may decline

*Lake Erie has suffered immensely at the hands of industrialization for over 100 years. Now is the time to protect Lake Erie from further damage. Demand Lake Erie stay free from development!*

**Say NO to wind turbines in Lake Erie!**



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