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Dubois hits the ground running as new SGF DPW superintendent

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SOUTH GLENS FALLS – Since Sept. 29 the South Glens Falls Department of Public Works has been under the supervision of Alan Dubois, who stepped into the role following the resignation of T.J. Chagnon.

“It’s been great, it’s been positive. Everybody downstairs [at the DPW garage] is happy,” Dubois said in an interview with The Post-Star Friday.

Dubois joined the South Glens Falls DPW in 2018 as the assistant water plant operator and part-time laborer. By 2020, he was certified and moved into the position of full-time water plant operator.

He has two kids who have graduated from South High, one who’s a junior, and one just starting her final year at Oliver Winch Middle School. His wife works as an assistant office manager at Gastroenterology Associates of Northern New York in Glens Falls.

“If I have free time I enjoy bowling,” he said with a laugh.

Dubois grew up in Fall River, Mass., (the hometown of Lizzie Borden, as he pointed out) but moved to Queensbury in 1996 during his senior year of high school when his mother was transferred to work at the Traveler’s Insurance office in Glens Falls.

After graduation, Dubois went right into the workforce starting at Quad Graphics and eventually getting his foot in the door at General Electric in Fort Edward.

“It was a good job, I was planning on retiring from there,” he said. “I managed to get 10 years out of it.”

When GE closed, Dubois decided to take the civil service exam and try his hand working in the public sector. He first took a job working third shift in the wastewater plant for the City of Glens Falls.

“Everybody can see, and everybody is watching,” he said of municipal work. “They want to know your every move, they want to know what you’re doing.”



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WARREN COUNTY RAISES ALARM ON STATEWIDE ALL-ELECTRIC MANDATES



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Then-Governor Andrew Cuomo signing the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act into law, July 18, 2019.

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WARREN COUNTY – County officials are leaning toward a vote that would give local authority to municipalities to opt-out of state mandates that would require electrification across several sectors, as well as bans on natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups for new residential and commercial buildings, arguing that residents would face a heavy financial burden to rapidly transition to all-electric.

The mandates are directly related to the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which was passed by the New York State legislature back in 2019 with the ambitious goal to achieve at least 70% statewide electric generation by 2030 and zero emissions from the

statewide electrical system in 2040, according to the law.

The legislation has been met with pushback from state residents and county officials, as well as natural gas companies, for its “aggression” in requiring universal electrification of energy, housing, and transportation sectors. There are also affordability concerns for the more rural parts of the state. “While the goals of reducing carbon emissions and expanding renewable energy are laudable, the one-size-fits-all mandates arising from the CLCPA have created an alarming crisis in energy affordability, reliability, and local economic stability,” the opt-out amendment states.

“Some of the reasoning and rationales that I have heard — we’re not ready. Electric prices are high.

This is going to put an additional burden on new buildings. We have natural gas, it’s very efficient,” Queensbury Town Supervisor John Strough said during a Legislative and Rules Committee meeting on October 30.

“As to [natural gas] role in climate change, I think there are probably other things that are more concerning,” Strough explained. “Natural gas is a good utility, and many people would share their thoughts with me on this matter, and that going electric right now may further burden the electrical system which is already burdened, especially now with the efforts in New York State to add AI, which are heavy energy users.”

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Local resources highlight hope at annual ‘Homelessness Awareness’ event

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GLENS FALLS – WAIT House and The Open Door Mission highlighted hope at their second Homelessness Awareness evening in Glens Falls, which spotlighted the work happening in the community and some of success stories from formerly homeless individuals.

This year, more than 50 people were in attendance at the now annual event at Park Theater: Homelessness Awareness Evening: Voices of Hope.

Jason McGlaughlin, executive director of WAIT House, and Jamie Munyon executive director of The Open Door Mission, hosted Thursday’s event.

Hearing real stories from real people is something Munyon said he hopes will help to provide hope for us all as a community so that the community is able to grow and become more connected.

Homelessness in this area is not unique to our region, McGlaughlin said.

“This is happening all over our nation, all of our cities all of our communities, all of our rural communities,” McGlaughlin continued. “There are so many different reasons why were seeing these increases.”

Today is about building hope, building awareness and compassion for those who are struggling being unhoused in our community and what we can do to help, McGlaughlin said.

“It’s always amazing to me the passion that the individuals who work with the homeless population have,” McGlaughlin said. “This is not a job for us, and I say this a lot, this is a calling.”

Munyon recently spend 24 hours on a park bench in City Park Glens Falls talking with homeless people int he community and people working to help homeless individuals about the issue of homelessness. An excerpt from the video created from those conversations titled, “Conversations on a Bench” was played at Thursday’s event.

“It was really an incredible experience,” Munyon said. “I got to talk with leaders like Jason, and others that work at The Mission. Some of those conversations were just incredible. Abundant

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