

**Grants & Funding Committee Meeting 3/19/09**  
**Minutes**

Attending

Suzanne Bressler (Chair)  
Michael Cawley  
Thomas Dias  
Libby McKee  
Jim Miller  
John MacArthur  
Bob Murphy

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:03PM. She stated that the purpose of the meeting was twofold:

1. To agree upon the criteria for prioritization of Ancram's Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects;
2. To consolidate and prioritize the list of projects submitted by the Town to the county and state for funding consideration.

The committee agreed that the criteria for evaluating the projects on the overall list should be:

1. Town need;
2. "shovel readiness";
3. likelihood of getting approval; and
4. its ability to provide jobs for Town residents.

The committee then reviewed the 14 projects submitted by the Town. The 14 were distilled into eight distinct projects. In no particular order they were:

- A 2000 sq ft addition to Town Hall - \$600,000
- Upgrading of 15 miles of Town roads - \$15,000,000
- Alternative (solar) energy for Town Hall and the Fire House - \$300,000
- Town Highway Facility, Salt Shed and Equipment (truck, grader, loader) - \$1,700,000
- Current Highway Garage cleanup/development - \$1,000,000
- Improvement of traffic/safety at the intersections of Rtes. 7 & 82 (Ancram hamlet) and Rtes. 82/8/3 (Ancramdale hamlet) - \$500,000
- Handicap accessibility ramp and other improvements for the Fellowship Hall (also a poll site) at the Ancramdale Presbyterian Church - \$10,000
- Ancram (hamlet) Revitalization - \$10,500,000

Eliminated from the list at this time was a line item for \$600,000 for a 2000 sq ft community center and swimming pool renovation at Blass Memorial Field.

The Committee then voted to rank the eight consolidated projects based on the agreed-upon criteria.

The resulting list is:

1. Upgrading of 15 miles of Town roads - \$15,000,000
2. Town Highway Facility, Salt Shed and Equipment (truck, grader, loader) - \$1,700,000
3. Alternative (solar) energy for Town Hall & Fire House - \$300,000
4. Improvement of traffic/safety at the intersections of Rtes. 7 & 82 (Ancram hamlet) and Rtes. 82/8/3 (Ancramdale hamlet) - \$500,000
5. Handicap ramp and other improvements for the Fellowship Hall at the Ancramdale Presbyterian Church - \$10,000
6. A 2000 sq ft addition to Town Hall - \$600,000
7. Ancram (hamlet) Revitalization - \$10,500,000
8. Current Highway Garage cleanup/development - \$1,000,000

Libby McKee made a motion that the new prioritized list be the working list to be used in lobbying for stimulus funding. The motion was seconded by Jim Miller and passed unanimously.

Mr. Cawley and Ms. McKee then suggested that the committee identify a contact/liaison at the NYS ARRA central operations office to help chaperone Ancram through the process. The Chair agreed to try to identify that contact before the next meeting.

Town Board member Donna Hoyt stopped in to provide the committee with a contact that could be instrumental in securing \$32,000 in grants to help establish agriculturally-friendly zoning.

Bob Murphy asked the committee's permission to pursue estimates, benefits and feasibility of installing solar panels at Town Hall and the Fire House prior to the next meeting. Permission was granted provided no expense is involved.

The committee set the next meeting for Thursday, April 2 at 6PM.

Libby McKee made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 7PM. Jim Miller seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

- Submitted by Bob Murphy.