

Draft Resolutions Ancram Town Board Meeting – 4/19/12

15. 2011 Town Financial Review: Whereas the members of the Town Board and the Financial Advisory Council have reviewed the 2011 financial books and records of the Town Supervisor, the Town Court, the Town Clerk, the Town Tax Collector and the Building Department, and whereas the Town's books and records for 2011 appear to be in good order, and whereas the FAC has recommended several improvements to the Town's financial control process as a result of the review of the Town's books, which will be adopted, and whereas the Town's Financial Control Policy and Process Manual has been reviewed and adopted, and whereas the Town Board has concluded that the level of town reserves should be maintained at 1.5x the amount of state and county aid, or approximately \$525,000, therefore it is resolved that the Town of Ancram financial books and records and management and control processes are in good order, provide adequate financial controls over town assets, and are approved.

16. Carson Road Speed Limit: Whereas Carson Rd is narrow and winding, and whereas there is no posted speed limit, which makes the speed limit 55 mph, and whereas 55 mph is too fast for this road, and whereas the Town Board has received a petition signed by residents of Carson Rd to lower the speed limit to 35 mph, therefore it is resolved that the Ancram Town Supervisor and Town Clerk take the necessary steps to secure the support and approval of the County and the State to reduce the speed limit on Carson Rd to 35 mph, rather than to 40 mph as was resolved at the March 16 Town Board meeting.

17. Prospect Hill Road Speed Limit: Whereas Prospect Hill Road residents have petitioned to have the speed limit on this road be reduced to 30 mph, and whereas there is currently no posted speed limit, which makes the speed limit 55 mph, and whereas there have been several speed related accidents on this road which have damaged fences and driveways, and whereas a dog was recently run over and killed on this road, and whereas commercial traffic can be heavy on this road, therefore it is resolved that the Ancram Town Supervisor and Town Clerk take the necessary steps to secure the support and approval of the County and the State to reduce the speed limit on Prospect Hill Rd to 30 mph, from the beginning of Prospect Hill Rd at the Chase Rd fork to the Columbia County line.

18. Ancram Dog Census: Whereas the Town of Ancram has not held a dog census for over 10 years, and whereas a dog census will encourage Ancram residents to license their dogs, and whereas a licensed dog will be required to have its rabies shots up to date, and whereas a licensed dog will be easier to return to its owner if lost, therefore it is resolved that the Ancram Town Supervisor and the Ancram Town Clerk are authorized to develop and publically notice a RFP to solicit bids from qualified individuals and firms for a proposal to conduct a dog census to begin on or about September 1, 2012 and end on or about October 31, 2012.

19. Adopt County Roadside Tree Cutting Policy: Whereas it is sometimes necessary remove trees from along roadsides to facilitate the widening of roads, improving roadside ditches or eliminating dead or dying trees which may fall on Town roads, and whereas landowners of property adjacent to Town roads should be aware of when the Town plans to cut roadside trees on their land, and whereas the Town should have a policy regarding communicating to landowners about which trees will be cut and when, and how cut wood will be handled and disposed of, **therefore it is resolved**, that the Ancram Highway Department will follow the Columbia County roadside tree cutting policy, which is as follows, and it is further resolved that this policy will be communicated to residents of the Town of Ancram:

1. Trees to be cut will be marked in September of each year while the leaves are still on the trees so dead or dying trees can be clearly identified. Tree cutting will be done in the fall and winter, as time permits.
2. Once trees have been marked, the owners of the land, even in County and Town right of ways, will be notified so any issues can be discussed. If it is not possible to contact the property owners, the trees to be cut will be photographed so there is a visual record of the condition the tree is in, in case there is a discussion later about the need to have cut the trees that were cut.
3. If the owners of the land want the wood, the Town will cut the wood into lengths that the property owners can handle, and will leave the wood for the property owner. Brush will be chipped, and the stumps will be ground up the next spring.
4. If the property owners do not want the wood, Town highway crew members and others in Town who burn wood may take the wood.

20. County Hazmat Plan Adoption: WHEREAS, the County of Columbia Emergency Management Office has gathered information and prepared the Columbia County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 C.F.R. 201.6; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Ancram Town Board and the Ancram Fire District Commissioners and Ancram Fire Chief have reviewed the Plan; and

Whereas the County Emergency Management Office affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Ancram that the Columbia County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is adopted as this jurisdiction's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

ADOPTED this 19th day of April, 2012 at the meeting of the Ancram Town Board

Supervisor

Town Clerk