

## Draft Resolutions Ancram Town Board Meeting – 5/17/12

**20. 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.

### **21. SEQRA Lead Agency Declaration:**

#### **Resolution of the Town of Ancram Town Board**

#### **Intent to be Lead Agency and Identification of a Type I Action**

#### **Action: Adoption of Updated Town of Ancram Telecommunication Towers**

Date: May 17, 2012

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed Local Law #1 of 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board found this local law needed to be amended to meet the needs of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Zoning Review Commission developed and reviewed an updated Telecommunications Law in draft; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has referred the draft to the Town of Ancram Planning Board for an advisory opinion; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action has been determined to be a Type I action, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) 6 NYCRR Part 617.4, and

WHEREAS, the proposed action will not require permits and approvals from any other local, regional and State agencies prior to adoption of the law; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Planning Board is required to review and approve the draft law pursuant to the applicable standards of New York State General Municipal Law 239-m but this approval is considered an advisory opinion under SEQRA and the agency is not considered to be eligible for lead agency status in this action.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the applicable standards of SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Town of Ancram Town Board concludes that it is the appropriate agency to serve as, and declares itself lead agency for the environmental review of the proposed Type I action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Ancram Town Board hereby authorizes development and circulation of a copy of the EAF pursuant to the requirements set forth in SEQR 6 NYCRR Part 617.

**22. Cell Tower Public Hearing: Resolved,** that the Ancram Town Clerk posts public notices in the Town's official papers announcing a public hearing to be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, June 21 at the Ancram Town Hall, to solicit public comments on the proposed adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2012, the Ancram Telecommunications Tower Law.