

To: Ancram Town Board
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Subject: June 2014 Supervisor's Report

Town Issues

1. Financial Report - We ended May with \$1,251,000 in the bank, and pretty much on target in terms of revenues and expenses against plan. Barring any unexpected surprises, we should end the year with between \$750,000 and 800,000 in the bank, which will be slightly better than where we were at year end 2013.

2. 2015 Budget Process – We will start the 2015 Budget Process in July. I plan to have the Tentative Budget ready for TB review at the September TB meeting. We will hold public hearings on the 2015 budget in September, October and November, and will adopt it at the November, 2015 TB meeting. I am assuming revenues and expenses in 2015 will be about the same as 2014 levels, and that we will hold property taxes flat again in 2015.

3. Proposed Ridgeline and Steep Slope Regs – We will consider the proposed ridgeline and steep slope law for adoption at the 6/19 meeting.

County Issues

1. Airport – FAA has advised us that because we have under 500 jet operations at the County airport, we can be classified as a B-I airport and will only require a 300 foot safety area, which we can do without any acquisition of land and at a very low cost. Avigation easement requirements will also be less, but we may have to use eminent domain to secure the avigation easements if we are unable to negotiate an agreement with the owner of the Meadowgreens Golf Course.

2. Pine Haven – The County BOS has voted to request proposals from private nursing home operators who may be interested in purchasing Pine Haven. The RFP will probably be ready in 60 to 90 days, and proposals are likely to be in October.