

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

Town Issues

- 1. Financial Report** - \$63,000 in 4Q13 sales tax revenues received in February, which is about what we were expecting. Costs in February were again affected by the snow. We have about exhausted our annual sand and salt budget of \$60,000, and will probably exceed this budget by 15,000 to \$30,000. We will review with Jim McArthur on Thursday how the roads are, and how he may want to change our road spending plan for the rest of the year. We ended the month with \$1,360,000 in the bank.
- 2. DEC Culvert Study** – Kickoff is April 10. DEC has agreed to do a study of the Town's culvers as part of a statewide effort to study water management statewide. The objective is to identify culverts that are likely to be compromised depending on the severity of various weather events. This can help the Town prioritize plans to expand culvers over time to accommodate more severe weather.
- 3. Community Cleanup Day** – May 10. 9 to 1. Details to follow.
- 4. Fee Schedule** – Draft of the fee schedule is attached. We will discuss it Thursday, will incorporate your comments and will consider it for approval at the April meeting.
- 5. Town Priorities** – I have attached an updated list of Town priorities. We will discuss and update this on Thursday, and make it a part of our monthly routine.
- 6. No burning** - The annual outdoor burning ban is in effect from March 15 to May 15.

County Issues

- 1. Airport** – The Airport Committee should be ready at the next meeting on March 24 to recommend the "Porreca Plan" which will allow the /county to comply with FAA safety guidelines for the on the north end of the runway without the need for any land from the Meadowgreens.
- 2. Pine Haven** – The County has formed a committee to review the plan to build a new facility at a cost of about \$35 million. The Committee will also consider options to sell or outsource the management of Pine Haven. While it is important that we keep Pine Haven's 120 beds available in the County, there are organizations that more skilled at managing this kind of facility than the County is. We need to get Pine Haven into the strongest possible management hands we can, for the benefit of Pine Haven's residents and the County's taxpayers.