

To: Ancram Town Board
From: Art Bassin
Date: 2/15/2016
Subject: Supervisor's Report



- 1. Financial Report** – Tax Collector Monica Cleveland remitted the Town's 2016 tax levy in January, so we ended the month with \$1.5 million in the bank. Favorable weather caused lower than expected highway costs in January.
- 2. Culvert Project** – Ryan Biggs and Highway Superintendent Jim Miller have narrowed the list of high priority culverts from 17 to 5, and are in the process of evaluating these 5 culverts to determine the right solution for each and what the cost of each will be. We expect to have a "plan" by the March TB meeting. .
- 3. Central Hudson** – They have "fixed" 5 of the 6 street lights that were not working in Ancram. The 6th should be fixed shortly. If anyone sees a street light that is out, please let me know.
- 4. Climate Smart Community** – We will consider the Climate Smart Community resolution at the 2/18 TB meeting. Before we vote on this resolution, we should probably solicit comments from the Town Agriculture Advisory Council and others from the County and NYS State agricultural communities on the agricultural implications of the CSC. This suggests we may want to defer any vote on this proposal until April or May.
- 5. Right to Farm law** – Suggest we schedule a public hearing on this prior to the April TB meeting. This will give the Agricultural Advisory Council time to review the proposed law and solicit feedback from various agricultural groups around the county.
- 6. Highway Garage Drain** – Highway Superintendent Jim Miller has discovered that the containment tank attached to the garage inside drain has been leaking. He has plugged the drain, plans to pump out whatever is in the tank, and check for contamination. In addition, he has proposed that we install an oil-water separator system to allow us to reopen the drain and properly dispose of the water resulting from rinsing off the equipment inside the garage.
- 7. Upcoming events:**
 - a) February 21, 2 pm – "Field Notes" - Grand opening presentation of the new display at the Town Hall vestibule, focused on Ancram's natural resources**
 - b) February 27, 4-7 pm – Chicken BBQ at Fire House**
 - c) March 5, 5.30 pm – Corn Beef Dinner at Ancramdale Presbyterian Church**
 - d) March 12, 10-12 - Rabies Clinic at Town Garage**
 - e) May 7, 9-1 – Community Cleanup Day; details to follow**
- 8. County Issues** – Nothing new to report.