

To: Ancram Town Board
From: Art Bassin
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Subject: Supervisor's Report – May 2016



Town Issues

1. Financial Report – May was another “normal” financial month. For the five months ending May 2016, we have spent about \$100,000 less than through May of 2015. The Highway Department accounted for the entire \$100,000 “savings”, caused by underruns in fuel, snow removal, machinery repairs and overtime.

2. Full Year Cash Projection - I have updated the attached 2016 Cash Projection chart. All incremental spending has been previously approved by the TB. We have \$435,000 of revenue risks and unbudgeted projects, including the \$275,000 culvert project, offset by \$384,000 of unbudgeted savings and revenues. Net, net, our cash at year end 2016 is projected to come in at \$760,000, \$51,000 under the \$811,000 originally budgeted amount. As a point of reference, the TB has established a policy that requires the Town to maintain about \$800,000 of cash reserves at year end, so we are “in the ballpark”.

3. Culvert Project – We are waiting for delivery of the culverts. We expect them to be ready by the end of July.

4. Right to Farm law SEQRA – We will review the SEQRA analysis related to the RTF law at our TB meeting next week. Adoption of the RTF law will be done after the County Planning Board reviews and approves it, which will probably be after our 6/16 meeting, so we will consider the RTF law for adoption at the July TB meeting.

6. Highway Garage Drain & Oil/Water Separator – Still waiting for DEC approval.

7. Parcel adjacent to Town Garage – This .6 acre parcel has been taken over by the County in a tax foreclosure. We have offered \$1000 for the parcel. Will update you on the status at the TB meeting.

8. TH Wireless Smoke, Gas, Carbon Monoxide Detectors – We have a proposal to install wireless smoke, gas and carbon monoxide detectors in Town Hall for \$1000. I will be recommending we accept this proposal.

County Issues

1. Pine Haven - Sale should be completed by the end of June. County expects to net about \$6 million from the sale, and avoid annual losses of between \$3 million and \$4 million.

2. Broadband - County has appointed a broadband committee to work on improving broadband around the County.