

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



1. Financial Report – March was another normal month. Cash on hand at month end was \$1,522,000. The attached full year cash projection indicates we will have about \$940,000 in cash on hand at year-end, slightly over the \$927,000 budget for year-end cash. The full year cash projection outlines a few unbudgeted capital spending projects (truck body, side mower) offset by a variety of cost saves, unbudgeted sales and mortgage tax revenue opportunities, possible additional highway revenues from CHIPS and FEMA and the contingent account.

2. Planning/Zoning Alternates law – County Planning Board will review this local law on 4/18, so we may be able to adopt it on 4/20.

3. Colleen Lutz –Colleen recently accepted a full time job with the NYS Natural Heritage Program, and has resigned as Planning Board and ZBA Secretary and as the assistant Building department Secretary and Deputy Court Clerk. She will continue to manage the culvert grant through the installation of the Hall Hill culvert this summer. We have two candidates who are being interviewed by the chairs of the PB and ZBA and the Building Inspector, and we hope to have a recommendation on someone to hire to replace Colleen in these roles by 4/20. The Court has decided not to replace Colleen as a deputy court clerk for now, and Colleen has volunteered to assist the Court on DA nights. I am hoping Colleen will continue to stay active in CAC and on the Camp/Pool Board. She has agreed to represent Ancram on the County Environmental Management Council, and I will be recommending that the Board nominate Colleen as the Town's representative to the County Environmental Management Council to replace Ann Rader.

4. BAR Appointment – Bob Roth has resigned from the BAR. **Recommend** that we appoint BAR alternate Robert Mathers to the BAR to replace Bob Roth.

5. FAC Audit – FAC completed its audit of 2016 town books and records in March, and will give us their report on 4/20.

6. CSCTF – Doug Brenner has asked to step down as Chair. Suzan Flamm has agreed to chair this Task Force. We will consider on 4/20 adopting the NYS unified solar permit process and authorizing energy code training for the Building Department and Planning Board & ZBA staff & members. Doug Brenner scheduled two solar presentations over the past month – one proposing that the town buy solar power at a discount from the Central Hudson rate, and one proposing the town organize meetings for residents to learn about solar panel installation opportunities. CSCTF will continue to interview solar development firms to learn more about solar options for the town government and residents.

7. Summer Job Opportunities – Both the County Summer Intern Program for college students, and the Greenagers Program for high school age kids are looking for summer employees. Information on both programs has been circulated to the email list.

8. Disability Insurance – FAC discussed the disability insurance issue, and concluded we should continue to provide disability insurance to full time employees and to part time salaried and hourly employees. Employees will be eligible after 90 days of employment. Elected officials would not be covered. Annual premium will be about \$500.

9. County – Sales tax is running about 11% ahead of 2016. We budgeted \$255,000 in 2017. The NY State Budget has established a requirement for counties to develop a county-wide shared services plan by August 2017. The plan requires all municipalities to participate, and for the County CEO to lead the effort. There do not appear to be any targets for savings or any consequences for not developing a viable plan. This month we have for TB consideration a shared services agreement with the County IT department to provide computer and network support services.