

**To: Ancram Town Board**  
**From: Art Bassin**  
**Date: July 16, 2017**  
**Subject: Supervisor's Report**



- 1. Financial Report** – June was another normal month. Cash on hand at month end was \$1,432,000. The 12/31 cash projection indicates we will have about \$942,000 in cash on hand at year-end, about \$8,000 more than we projected last month and slightly above the \$927,000 budgeted. We still have about \$50,000 of possible revenue and cost opportunities which if they materialize, could improve our year end cash position, or allow us to buy additional equipment without deteriorating our cash on hand. FAC continues to look into investing some of our cash in CDs with short term maturities, and/or prepaying our truck loan.
- 2. Highway** – The Highway Department has been working over the past month on Woods Drive, Wiltsie Bridge Rd, Poole Hill Rd, Pats Rd and 5 Roses Rd. Woods is being prepared for paving, while the other roads have been chip sealed. The Hall Hill Culvert is scheduled for late July. The Pats Rd culvert has been painted a dark gray, additional plants have been put in along the wing walls and we are looking for a crab apple tree to help block the mouth of the culvert from the house. The roadway over the culvert has been paved and chip sealed. This pretty much finishes the work on the Pats Rd culvert planned last year. Highway Superintendent Jim Miller has located two used graders. Same make and model. One for about \$60,000 with 1900 hours on it, and the other for about \$120,000 with 1400 hours on it. Our current grader has about 8000 hours on it. Jim plans to try the \$60,000 grader out and rent it for a month to see it is large enough for us. A new grader would cost over \$200,000.
- 3. Kids Camp and Pool** – The pool opened on July 1, and about 52 kids attended the first week of camp and 64 attended week two. Rain caused the kids to use TH a couple of days last week. Donations for the Pool 7 Camp total just over \$23,000.
- 4. Doodletown WMA** – Jon Shramko has FOILED information about the environmental analysis that accompanied the purchase of the Doodletown WMA, and has requested information about the process DEC used to install the parking areas on Allen Rd. We have requested the same information for the Doodletown Rd parking area. We recently received a copy of the DEC response to Mr. Shramko's email.
- 5. Unsafe building** – Code Enforcement Officer Ed Ferratto has identified 73 Cottontail Rd as an possible "unsafe building" under Local law # 2 of 2015, and plans to initiate the process to have the owner either repair the building or demolish it. We will have to conclude that the structure is a danger to the public or neighbors in order for us to apply LL #2 of 2015. Given the location of the building, this may be an issue.
- 6. CSCTF** – We held the first day of energy code training, and reviewed LED street light options late in June. CSCTF is working on energy benchmarking and EV charging stations, and should have recommendations in September.
- 7. BAS cyber security** – Town Clerk Monica Cleveland and I met with Dave Vitti from BAS, a software company that provides the town clerk, tax collection and building department/planning board software which we currently use. BAS will come in a do a review of our internet interface security and device security, and propose ways to strengthen our overall cyber security.
- 8. Trout Unlimited Culvert Grant** - Trout Unlimited has submitted a grant request to review the 18 culverts we identified as part of the Cornell-DEC culvert study to further narrow down the list to the top 3 or 4 to work on next. This is a planning grant, not an implementation grant. Jim Miller and I will be involved, and will focus the process on replacing culverts on the list that are on roads that are on the Highway Department list to pave in the near term. We will be looking for culvert design solutions that can be done by the highway crew on its own, or by the highway crew supported by local contractors. This probably means large, flat bottomed plastic coated pipes that will meet passability and capacity goals and are significantly quicker and less expensive to install. If TU gets the grant, Town participation and "match" will be "in kind" time.
- 9. Columbia County** – Work on the shared services plan continues, and the 2018 budget process has started. County plans a series of meetings in towns around the county to talk about the opioid epidemic and what can be done to deal with it.