

## Supervisors May Report 2020

**Greenwich 2020/21 Budget:** Washington County sale tax revenues for 2020 will not be impacted by the current pandemic. Greenwich will receive \$96,597 in sales tax revenue for the 2020 budget. The sales tax shortfall will moderately impact the 2021 budget. The projected sales tax shortfall for 2022 may be significant. The delayed impact of sale tax revenues is due to the sale tax distribution cycle:

Sales tax distribution cycle for **2020** was 8/1/2018 to 7/31/19.

Sales tax distribution cycle for **2021** is 8/1/19 to 7/31/2020.

Sales tax distribution cycle for **2022** is 8/1/20 to 7/31/2021.

The sales tax impact on the **2021** is expected to be minimal because the budget cycle has approximately 3 months of impacted sales tax revenues.

The sales tax impact for **2022** is expected to be significant because the duration of the pandemic and the impact it will have on the sales tax budget cycle.

**Mortgage Tax Revenue:** The first cycle for mortgage tax is October 2019 to March 2020 with the first distribution in May. The second cycle for distribution is April 2020 to September 2020 with distribution in November. Greenwich received the first distribution of mortgage tax \$39,043.00 in May. The budget allocated \$75,000 for mortgage tax revenue.

**Potential Budget Impact:** The 2021 budget will be impacted by the shortfall in sale and mortgage tax revenues. It is anticipated that the impact will not be significant. The greatest impact will be on the 2022 budget. Increasing reserve funds may help lessen the revenue shortfall in 2022. The greatest impact will be on discretionary spending. We will have tough choices to make over the next several budget cycles.

If there is a federal stimulus package for county and local governments to replace lost revenue, that will reduce the effect of lost revenue on our budget.

**COVID-19 Essential Services and Scheduling:** Although the Town Hall has limited public access essential work is being done. Town Clerk Kimberly Whelan and I are in the office from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Supervisor's Clerk Joanna Messina is processing vouchers and employee payroll. Joanna is tracking expenses for possible reimbursement with the pandemic ends. Stan Mattison has the highway workers on split shifts. The highway staff is split into two groups rotating two days on two days off. Social distancing is being observed and sanitizing of equipment is being done frequently. All employees are being compensated when not working due to COVID-19 related issues. Town Court Clerk Barbara Perkins is processing essential court papers on a weekly basis. Town Justice Flynn is working with Barbara and getting familiar with court procedures. The State of Emergency has been extended to June 1, 2020.

**Youth Summer Camp Program:** Applications have been placed on the Town website and Greenwich School has sent information and applications to students. We have selected counselors and met with Food for Kids. We continue to prepare for summer camp and hope to have a few weeks of summer camp at the minimum.

**Mask Distribution:** We handed out approximately 1000 masks at our mask distribution event. Two hundred cars, bikers and walkers came to the Town Hall. The Town mailed 2 masks and our contact information flyer to 330 seniors. Working with Greenwich Fire Department, we have distributed 3000 masks. I would like to thank Boards members Steve Patrick and Jeff Duxbury, Town Clerk Kim Whelan, Clerk Joanna Messina, and Mal Lambert from GFD, for their help in distributing the masks.

**Assessor:** Assessment questions will be addressed by the Assessor by telephone on May 12,16,19,21. Board of Assessment Review will [BOAR] meet on Wednesday May 27 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. BOAR will meet in the courtroom and with those filing grievances. Social distancing can be maintained, and face masks will be required. Contact the Assessor for an appointment.

**Washington County:** The County will start opening the Code Enforcement Office and DPW on May 18, 2020. DPW will start with 50% of the work force for one week and bring in the reminder of the staff the following week. The implementation process will include training for protection measures to prevent the spread among the work force. After the 2-week start up period, the full DPW work force will return to work. Washington County is supporting a proposal from Senator Betty Little and Assemblyman Dan Stec to consider Washington County a sub region rather than inclusion in the Capital Region. Plans to reopen DMV has not been finalized as of this report.

Why are we in the Capital Region [CR]? When NYS created economic zones for economic development Washington County was placed in the CR. NYS is keeping the same regions for re-opening during the pandemic. WC is supporting a request by Senator Betty Little and Assemblyman Dan Stec [to the Governor] requesting that WC become a sub region. For now, we are in the CR for re-opening metrics. Currently we fluctuate between one and two metrics for entering phase one. WC has a committee that has began planning for re-opening. As plans emerge the information will available to the business community and public.

Washington County has developed a safety plan for re-opening and Greenwich will adapt the plan when we re-open.