

## Supervisors June Report 2020

**Greenwich 2020 Budget:** Finalizing a budget summary report that will provide monthly updates of expenses and revenues. The report is designed to provide current status of budget expenditures and revenues. The budget summary report will be presented to the Board for review on a monthly basis. The budget summary will be utilizing the broad budget categories. NYS is paying the salary of the Temporary Town Justice pending Town Justice Leo Flynn attending required training delayed due to COVID -19.

**COVID-19** expenses for employee safety and information and masks mailed to Senior citizens is \$39235.63. The expenditures were already in the budget, thus not impacting the budget but effecting productivity in some areas. Washington County Safety Officer Phil Spiezio provided training to the office staff about the use of masks, cleaning workstations and precautions when dealing with the public.

**Budget Impact:** Local revenues are lagging behind projections for 2020. It is not significant [at this time] but maybe an indicator of things to come. The effect of decreasing County revenues will impact our budget to an unknown degree but will become more evident in upcoming months.

**Town Hall and Highway Department Re-Opening:** The Town Hall has resumed normal operating hours and is fully staffed. Highway Department is fully staff and functioning normally. The Battenkill Park will open on June 13.

**Board of Assessment Review:** The Board of Assessment Review [BOAR] heard grievances from 12 property owners. I attended each hearing and was impressed with the Board's attentiveness, questions and fairness to all property owners. The BOAR gave everyone ample time to present their facts and allowed some, additional time to submit paperwork. Special thanks to Board members Ralph Vecchio, Marge Irwin, Tom Rybaltowski, Steve Wright, and Tom Butler for their dedication and service to the Town and citizens of Greenwich.

**Youth Summer Camp:** NYS is allowing summer day camps to open on June 29. We are waiting for guidelines from NYS to finalize our program. Joanna Messina is working with Food for Kids for the lunch program. We have extended the application deadline to June 19. Also, the new application information is in the Town website and Facebook page. The County is hoping to provide lifeguard training, but no decision has been made.

**US Census Bureau:** The USCB requested space to conduct training of Census takers. I offered USCB the Board room for training advising that they had to follow NYS guidelines for meetings. USCB was advised the space is suitable for approximately 10 to 12 people. The **U.S. census** counts every resident **in the United States**. ... The data collected by the **census** determine the number of seats each **state** has **in the U.S.** House of Representatives (a process called apportionment) and is also **used** to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities. **I encourage all residents to complete the census form. On-line it will take around 5 minutes.**

**Constituency Contact Information:** We are gathering basic contact information via email In-person contacts and Phone Calls to better serve our residents. See attached sheet.

**Washington County:** The Board of Supervisors appointed a new Budget Officer. Brian Campbell, Town of Hebron, is appointed the Budget Officer. The County office building will open

by appointment starting June 8<sup>th</sup>. This starts the full re-opening process. Al Nolette advised on June 5, 2020 that the County sales tax revenue is down \$660,811.00 so far this year.