

Supervisors February Report 2021

COVID-19: Getting the vaccine has been frustrating and difficult for many of our citizens. Washington County BOH of health is making every effort to get the vaccine to first responders and those over 65 years old. The vaccine can only be distributed to those in the categories approved by NYS. On the Town website the latest information is posted. For future vaccine PODs the county will post a notice 24 hours in advance of the on-line appointment process. See below.

We are instituting a few changes to our open Point of Dispensing (POD) events and how the announcement and registration process will work, moving forward. For public POD events, we will announce the POD event and the eligible category the day prior to the registration opening on our Coronavirus Information site (at washingtoncountyny.gov/coronavirus), our Vaccine Information Hotline, in our daily e-newsletter (which is free and available for [sign-up](#) on our site above) and on our Public Health & Public Safety social media outlets – we'll also continue sending e-notifications to our local officials and media partners too! Announcing the POD event registration notice the day prior will allow those in the eligible groups for the event, more time to prepare to access the registration link, knowing when registration will open a bit ahead of time. Also, when registration for new events open, we will open the county's Vaccination Information Help Line (during business hours) to assist those without internet access to have the ability to register for open appointments as well (based on availability of accessible appointments).

Greenwich Budget 2021: TOG received a letter from NYS Comptrollers Office advising that OSC is confiscating [my word] \$126,990 from sales tax distribution to Washington County on February 4, 2022. The budget impact caused by NYS OCS is significant because NYS is confiscating two years of distressed hospital funding [2020 and 2021] in the same budget year for a total of \$253,980.00. Also, NYS is making the counties responsible for all AIM funding \$195,676.00 another sales tax hit! This confiscation will impact the sale tax distribution, thus impacting TOG budget. Hopefully, the confiscation will cease if NYS gets a federal bailout.

Constituency Contact Information: In January, The Town Office had In-person contacts **767**; Phone contacts **617**; Emails **862** = **2246 Contacts**

Greenwich School House Ryan Road: On December 30, 2020, the schoolhouse has been placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Listing on the National Registry recognizes the importance of these properties to the history of our country and provides them with a measure of protection.

Highway Department: NYS announced funding for bridge and culvert replacement and repair. Ken McPhail identified two culverts that need work. The culverts are located on Spraguetown Road and Mill Roads. Several years ago, the Spraguetown culvert project was submitted but was not selected by NYS for funding. We are working on submitting the two projects to NYS for consideration.

Dog Park: TOG is forming a committee to look into the feasibility of a dog park at the HRP. Jeannie Pemrick and Lorraine Ballard are Co-Chairing the committee. Those interested can email dog.park@greenwichny.org

Washington County: The Public Safety Committee held a public hearing concerning the Sheriff Murphy plan pursuant to EO 203. The presentation was detailed [over 100 slides]. Sheriff Murphy responded to several questions from the public. Sheriff held 5 stake holder meetings and conducted a survey to gather input from the public. The plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisor's for approval at the February 19 meeting.

Post Star Teen Excellence Awards: The **2021 Teen Excellence Awards** identify those young persons who demonstrate individual growth, leadership development, and serve as exceptional role models in their communities and beyond. Plus, these individuals embody a significant level of innovation, leadership and achievement that goes beyond academics and athletics.

Greenwich had two students receive this honor: David Gabriel and Elizabeth O'Konski. Congratulations on being chosen for this honor. Greenwich is proud of you!