



Budget Analysis Town						
Year	Budget	Rev/Unexp balance	Raised by taxes	Assessed value	\$/1,000	Cap
2015	716,550	334,750	381,800	298,197,867	1.28	U
2016	809,756	364,675	445,081	302,087,392	1.47	O
2017	872,695	337,650	535,045	309,183,979	1.73	O
2018	931,425	397,400	534,025	321,006,499	1.66	U
2019	1,020,805	428,775	592,030	330,217,395	1.79	U
2020	1,066,678	444,425	622,253	343,370,461	1.80	O
%Inc/ Dec	+49%	+ 33%	+63%	+15%	+41%	

- 6 Year Trend Shows Annual Increase In All Categories:
  - Budget;
  - Amount to be raised by taxes;
  - Tax rate; & ultimately
  - Property taxes.

As you see, if this rate increase continues the Town's homeowners, who pay over 75% of the Town's property tax, can look forward to more and more taxes.

I believe that there is much that can be done to gain control of this trend and ease what has become an increasing property tax burden on the residential homeowner.

My Goals for the future are:

- Stabilize budget to reduce property tax rate
- Encourage economic development to reduce tax burden on home owners
- Prioritize grant applications
- Maximize use of current assets and property.

To accomplish these goals I have the following plan:

First: Create Two Working Committees:

- A Grant Application & Review Committee to search for and/or review grants to pay or offset cost of budget items, e.g., highway equipment, infrastructure repair.
  - With Minimal or no cost sharing to Town &
  - With no unplanned or unpredictable future year costs &
  - Review current grants for possible amendments/ repurpose or discontinuance to counteract budget costs.
- A Real Property Management Committee to:
  - create and maintain an inventory Town's real property and current use
  - identify property eligible for leasing
  - ascertain fair or potential public benefit use
  - ascertain market value or rent for parcels deemed eligible private use

Second:

- Promote Economic Development (fn.2) To mitigate home owner tax burden (Home owners pay 75% of Town Property Taxes)
  - Create business friendly environment
    - Modest expansion of commercial zone
    - Extend waterline (need grant funds)
    - Review Zoning Regulations
    - Update Comprehensive Plan

Third: Encourage New Rental Housing (fn2):

- Clear lack of rental housing for seniors, graduates and employees looking to reside in our Town

- Review zoning & infrastructure to encourage rental housing within reasonable distance from shopping and services.

As you can see there are no easy or quick fixes to the problem of increasing property taxes. Unfortunately, municipal budgets in New York rely heavily on property taxes. Controlling property taxes is primarily a matter of choices; choosing where to spend our limited revenue, maximizing outside resources such as grants, that help to minimize operational and capital expenses and promoting business growth which has the two fold effect of reducing the property tax burden on residential home owners and bringing in more tax revenue.

Notes:

Fn. 1: Town wide (i.e., including village) Tax Rates are somewhat lower because of budget exclusions primarily relating to the Highway operations outside the Village.

Budget Analysis Town Wide						
Year	Budget	Rev/Unexp balance	Raised by taxes	Assessed value	\$/1,000	Cap
2015	659,185	208,350	450,835	382,777,076	1.21	U
2016	595,865	165,450	430,415	386,691,665	1.13	O
2017	560,695	183,805	376,890	393,757,320	0.99	O
2018	591,905	193,875	398,030	406,081,098	1.01	U
2019	570,715	187,300	383,415	417,587,527	0.94	U
2020	589,871	187,590	402,281	433,969,362	0.94	O
%Inc/Dec	-11%	-10%	-11%	+13%		

Fn. 2 These issues were raised in the 2004 Comprehensive Plan, pps 46 & 47 and are still present with us today.

## **CHALLENGES FACING THE TOWN OF GREEWICH AND OUR SOLUTIONS**

We face many budget challenges as New York State decreases its financial support and increases its unfunded mandates. In order to meet these challenges and still provide Greenwich with the quality services it needs without substantially increasing the tax burden on our homeowners, we must increase our commercial tax base and promote a business friendly environment.

I have met with many of Greenwich's business people and their enthusiasm and desire to help make Greenwich a better place to live is inspiring. Every business owner I spoke with has offered to assist in the planning and promotion of business opportunities in Greenwich.

And many of our citizens have volunteered their time and expertise to tackle many of the other challenges that we face such as increasing our available and affordable housing and improving our infrastructure. Their desire to work with us to better life in Greenwich is inspiring.

True our challenges are many and difficult, but we have many things working in our favor. We have room to grow commercially and room to build affordable housing without affecting our rural character. We have exceptional business owners who work hard to be responsible partners with the government and people of Greenwich, and our citizens are energized and prepared to meet the difficult challenges we face.

God bless our citizens and the great Town of Greenwich!

Don Ward  
Town of Greenwich  
Supervisor

## Assessments Vs. Taxes: What's the Difference?

Your assessment could increase,  
and your tax bill could decrease

	Last Year	➔	This Year	
<b>Your Assessment</b>	\$100,000		<b>Your Assessment:</b> (5% increase)	\$105,000
<b>Total Value of the Town:</b>	\$50,000,000		<b>Total Value of the Town:</b> (8% avg. increase)	\$54,000,000
<b>Tax Levy:</b>	\$1,500,000		<b>Tax Levy:</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>Tax Rate:</b>	\$30 per \$1000		<b>Tax Rate:</b>	\$27.78 per \$1,000
<b>Your Property Tax Bill:</b>	\$3,000		<b>Your Property Tax Bill:</b> <u>(decrease \$83)</u>	\$2,917

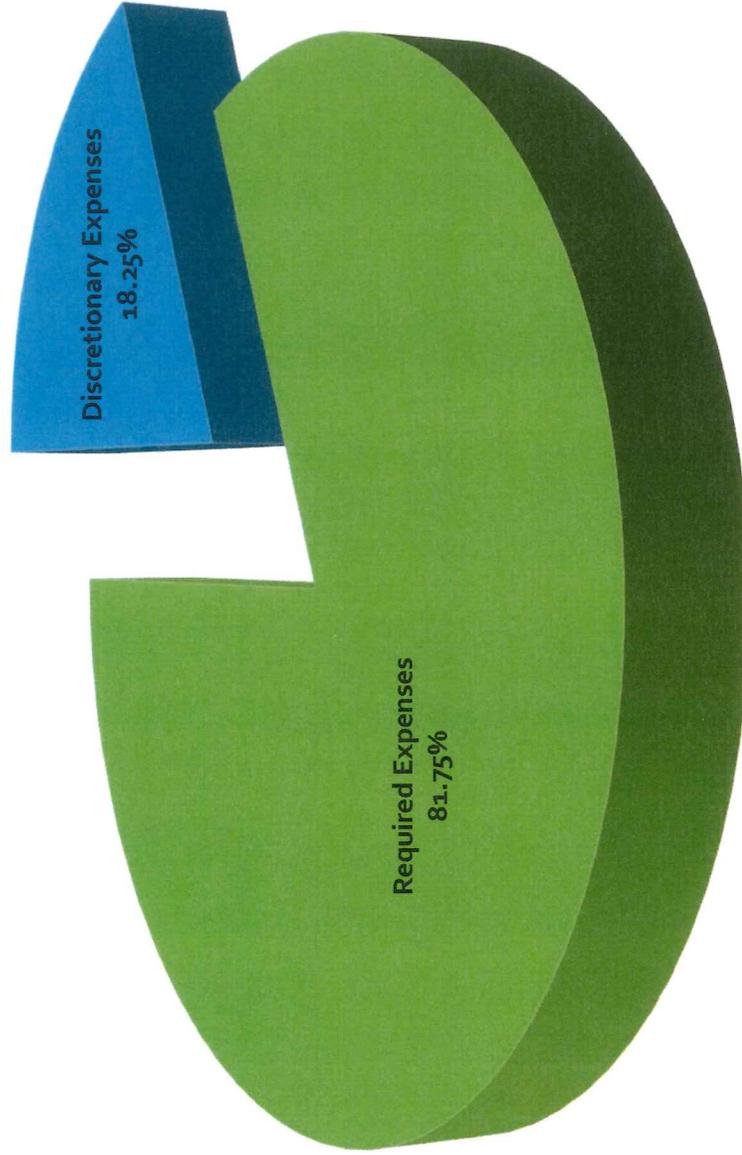
Your assessment could increase,  
and your tax bill could stay the same

	Last Year	➔	This Year	
<b>Your Assessment</b>	\$100,000		<b>Your Assessment:</b> (5% increase)	\$105,000
<b>Total Value of the Town:</b>	\$50,000,000		<b>Total Value of the Town:</b> (8% avg. increase)	\$54,000,000
<b>Tax Levy:</b>	\$1,500,000		<b>Tax Levy:</b> (2.86% increase)	\$1,542,855
<b>Tax Rate:</b>	\$30 per \$1000		<b>Tax Rate:</b>	\$28.57 per \$1,000
<b>Your Property Tax Bill:</b>	\$3,000		<b>Your Property Tax Bill:</b> <u>(no change)</u>	\$3,000

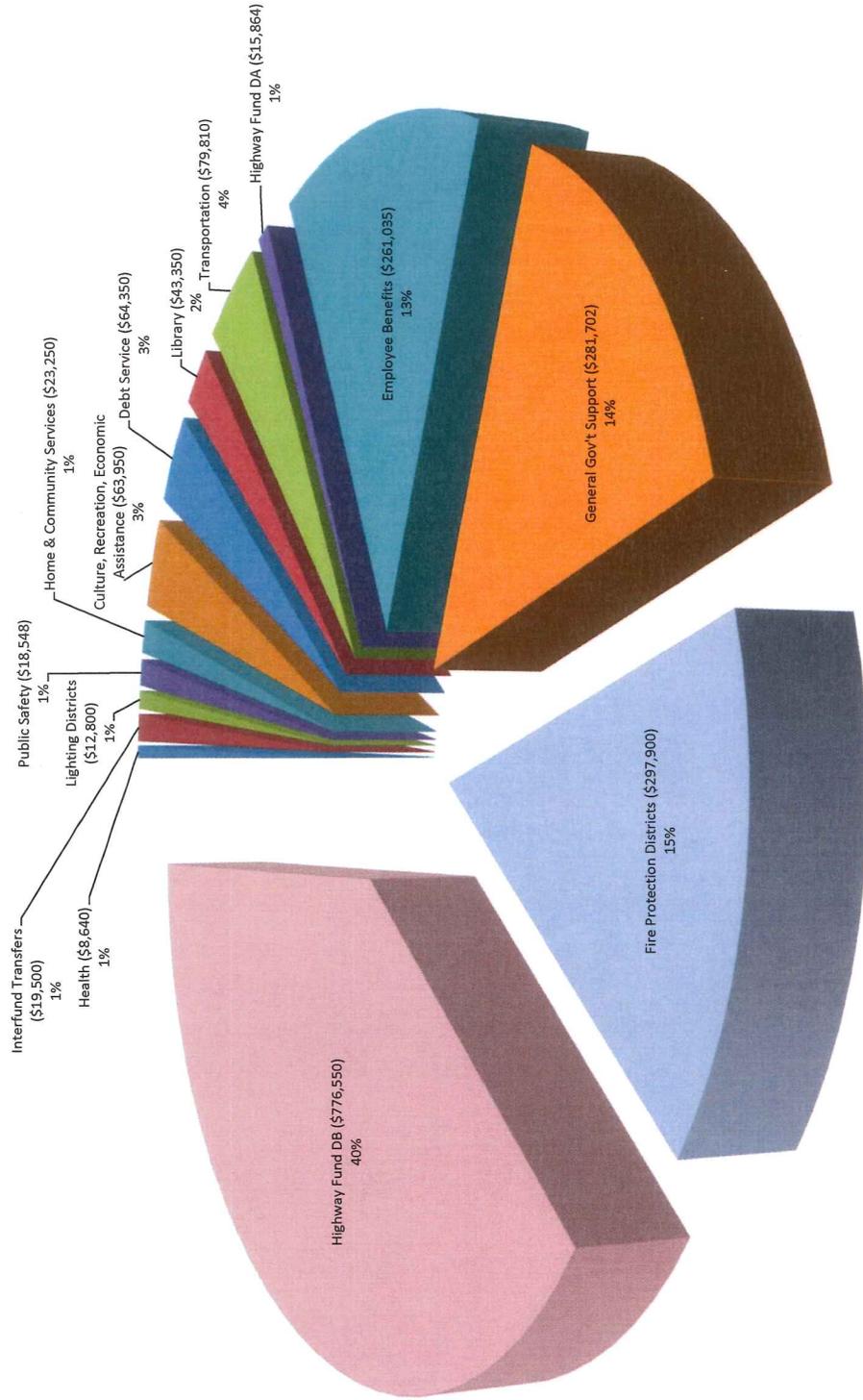
Your assessment could decrease,  
and your tax bill could increase

	Last Year	➔	This Year	
<b>Your Assessment</b>	\$100,000		<b>Your Assessment:</b> (5% decrease)	\$95,000
<b>Total Value of the Town:</b>	\$50,000,000		<b>Total Value of the Town:</b> (5% avg. decrease)	\$47,500,000
<b>Tax Levy:</b>	\$1,500,000		<b>Tax Levy:</b> (2.86% increase)	\$1,542,855
<b>Tax Rate:</b>	\$30 per \$1000		<b>Tax Rate:</b>	\$32.48 per \$1,000
<b>Your Property Tax Bill:</b>	\$3,000		<b>Your Property Tax Bill:</b> <u>(increase \$85.60)</u>	\$3,085.60

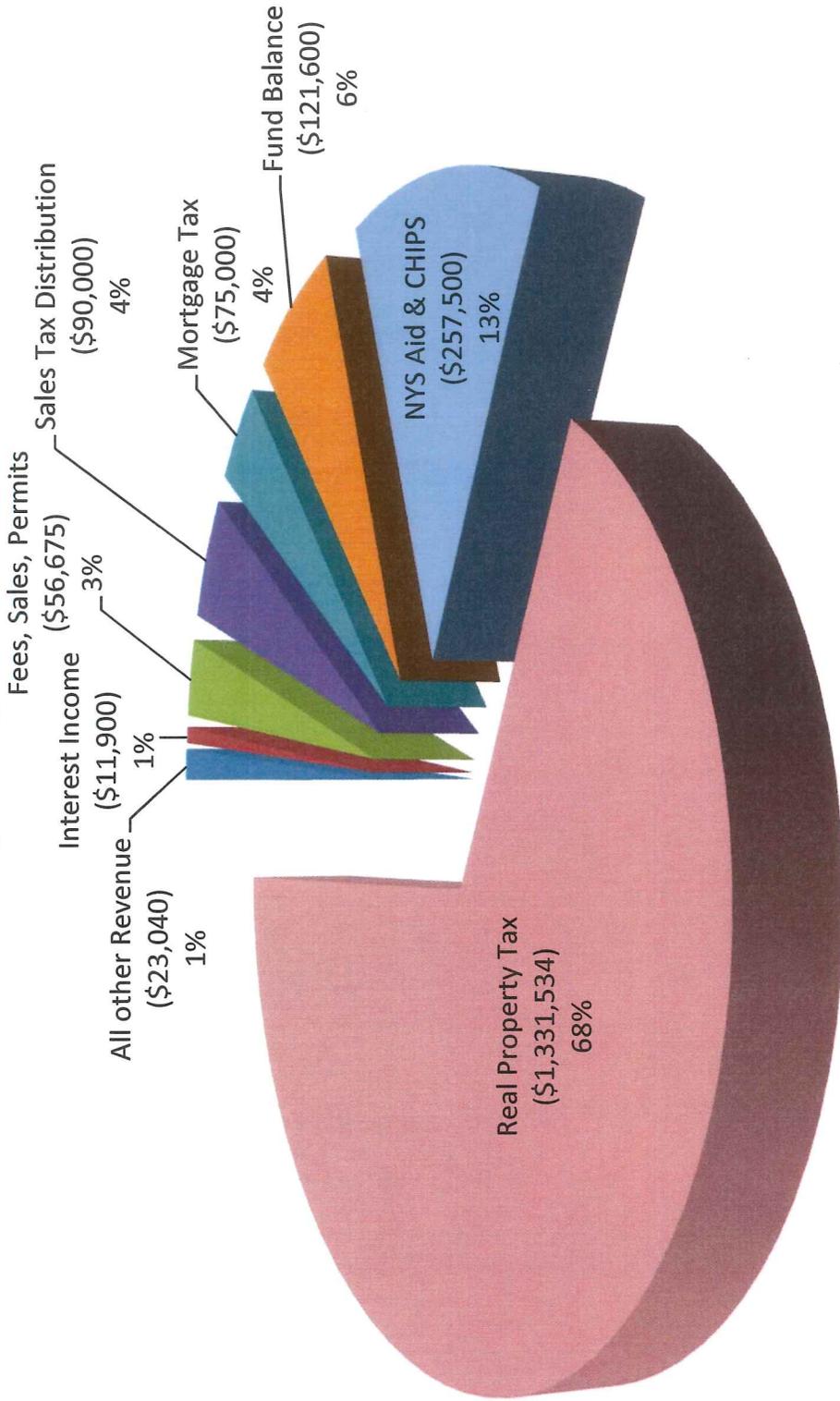
2020 Budget Expenditures



### 2020 Adopted Budget Expenditures



# 2020 Preliminary Budget Anticipated Revenues



## SUPERVISORS MARCH REPORT 2020

**COVID-19 Virus:** I have attended several meetings at the local and county levels. Planning and preparation for the COVID-19 virus are ongoing. The Washington County Public Safety and Public Health Departments have emergency plans in place that can be activated if the need arises. Washington County and Greenwich has dedicated and well-trained professionals and volunteers that are prepared to meet this challenge and serve the citizens of Greenwich to the best of their ability. EMT Clayton Wren will do a presentation at the March Town Board meeting about "Common Sense" precautions for COVID-19.

**NYMIR Risk Assessment:** NYMIR risk assessment manager [RAM] reviewed the Highway Department, Town properties and programs for risk factors. The RAM reviewed forms for the summer camp and complimented our registration process and forms. Some minor areas of concern were raised and can be corrected with minimal cost or expenditure of time.

**Susan B. Anthony Event:** Over 50 people attended the event. Congresswoman Elise Stefanik had a Congressional Resolution done for the event honoring Susan B. Anthony's birthday, her time in Greenwich and her efforts promoting women's suffrage. Historian Sandy McReynolds assisted by Jeannie Pemrick and Evelyn Rybaltowski put together an outstanding program honoring "Our Hometown Heroine". The Town is assisting in sponsoring an event on 8/18/2020 at Mowry Park with a musical event "Only the Message Matters" presented by Bob Warren honoring SBA and the suffragette movement.

**Summer Youth Program:** Working with the county, I secured 5 lifeguard certification training course positions for camp counselors at no cost to the Town. Having trained lifeguards will enable us to restore the swimming program at Lauderdale Lake, at least twice per week. We received the funding from the Greenwich School District.

**New Lighting District:** Meeting with National Grid on March 13 to discuss the installation of lights and National Grids time frame.

**Code Enforcement:** I have been working with Washington County Code Enforcement regarding issues with the gas station [old Mobil] on the circle.

**Boralex Solar Project:** Boralex is having an "Open House" concerning their project at "The Gathering" on Main Street, March 26, Thursday from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Light refreshments provided. It will be a good opportunity meet with the Boralex people and ask questions.

**Employee Training:** Washington County is providing mandatory Sexual Harassment Training on March 27 at 7:00 PM. This is a NYS requirement.

**Assessment Trends:** Preliminary review of assessments reveals that approximately 11.2 % or 282 properties will have their assessments change [up or down]. New construction has not been reviewed. The net effect is tax revenues will remain relatively flat. Thus, Town discretionary spending will be impacted. This review is very early in the cycle, but I believe it's important keep the public abreast of the assessment trends. I will provide updates as the as the assessment process becomes sharper.

**At the County:** Assigned to the following committees: Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, assigned to Finance, Health and Human Services and Personnel. Sponsored a resolution supporting Assemblyman Dan Stec's resolution giving First Responders the same confidentiality as Police. This resolution was in response to requirements in the Bail Reform legislation. Also, worked with Sheriff Murphy to pass a resolution to requesting changes to the Bail Reform Bill. Both resolutions were passed by the full Board of Supervisors. Attended a meeting with the County EMS working group discussing funding and recruitment. The challenges facing the EMS units will have to be addressed in order [for them]to continue providing timely services to Washington County Communities.

## SUPERVISOR APRIL REPORT 2020

**Greenwich 2020 Budget:** Efforts to stop the spread COVID-19 virus is going to impact the revenues for the current budget. Washington County predicts a shortfall of sales tax revenues in the range of \$600,000 to \$1.2 million depending on the duration of the pandemic. Also, some local revenues were overestimated in the budget: e.g. Court fees were estimated to be \$20,000 with changes in bail reform and less activity due to COVID-19 expected revenues will be about \$12,500. The NYS budget has a caveat that for every \$1 billion dollars in lost revenue aid programs will be reduced by 1%. I estimate the total shortfall for the 2020 budget to be in the neighborhood of \$35,500. See the attached 2020 budget projections.

**Greenwich 2021 Budget:** The 2021 budget projection is based on assuming a moderate 2% salary increase, and minimum wage required adjustments; 5% increase in health benefits; 9.4% NYS pension contribution [per Comptroller's prediction for 2021]. *The unknown factor is the increase in the NYS pension fund due to stock market losses due to COVID-19. Comptroller estimates range from 5% to 30%.* The unexpended fund balance of \$120,000 [from 2019] was applied to the 2020 budget. The unexpended fund balance from the 2020 budget for 2021 will be significantly less due to decreased revenues. One BAN [of \$9995] will be paid off in 2020 helping to decrease 2021 expenses. The potential shortfall in revenues for in 2021 and personnel expenses could be in the area of \$131,994. *There is some discussion to delay the minimum wage increases and keeping the 2021 rate at \$11.80.*

**Potential Budget Impact:** The 2021 budget will be impacted by decreased revenue from outside sources such as, sale and mortgage taxes along with cuts in New York State programs. In order to limit property tax increases discretionary spending will have to be curtailed to balance the budget.

**COVID-19 Essential Services and Scheduling:** Although the Town Hall is closed to the public essential work is being done. Town Clerk Kimberly Whelan and I are in the office from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Kim has completed the 2019 tax collections rolls and turned the roll over the Washington County. 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.

**Youth Summer Camp Program:** We are planning on getting the applications out to the public via website and communication through Greenwich Schools. Applications will be mailed back to the Town Hall without payment. The goal is to get the process started and to be able to ramp up as quickly as possible when normalcy returns. Dates are unknown currently. The County advised that [they] are still planning on conducting lifeguard training.

**Senior Flyer:** In conjunction with the Village, a flyer was mailed to Seniors with contact telephone numbers to assist seniors. See attachment.

**Personnel Administration:** I'm working on updating the employee handbook and position descriptions. It's important that our current policies are updated, and position descriptions are reflective of the duties being performed. Also, a performance evaluation policy and procedures are being updated.

**Washington County:** County services are severely curtailed with only essential services being provided. I attend several COVID-19 briefings every week. Washington County Public Safety and Public Health Departments are working every day to keep our residents safe. Every day the Washington County COVID website provides up to date information. Public Health advises that, if you had contact with a diagnosed corona patient you will be personally contacted. It is County policy not to release locations of COVID positive patients. Social distancing, frequent hand washing, and assume everyone may have the COVID virus.

**Happy Trails Upon Retirement:** Kelli Blake's last day was 3/31/2020. After 17 years of service to Town of Greenwich Kelli has retired and we wish Kelli a "Carefree" and enjoyable retirement. Because of COVID-19 we could not give Kelli the sendoff we planned. We plan on giving Kelli a proper "Thank You" when things return to normal. THANK YOU, KELLI, FOR YOUR SERVICE TO GREENWICH!

On the same day Town Judge Bill Blake retired. Bill served the community as a respected and fair-minded arbiter of Justice. Bill received a grant to modernize the court room and an elevator for handicap access to the court room. Bill's vision and hard work helped to make our Court one of the best Town courts in Washington County. THANK YOU, BILL, FOR DEDICATION AND PROFESSIONALISM.

## Stepping Up to the Coronavirus Pandemic

Americans step up to a challenge. It's in our DNA. We volunteer to help our neighbors... we help people we don't know very well... we help people we don't know at all. We meet the challenges we face head on. It's what Americans do! And now we must step up and face another great challenge: The Coronavirus Pandemic.

Our doctors, nurses... all of our healthcare workers and officials... are stepping up to keep us safe from COVID-19.

Our first responders... police, Fire and Emergency services... are stepping up to protect our lives and property.

Our Town and Village Highway workers are stepping up to make sure our roads are safe, and our water and sewer treatment operations continue.

The workers at Hannaford are stepping up to keep the supermarket shelves stocked so we can continue to shop for our needs.

Our local businesses are stepping up to provide the services and products we need... everything from emergency home repairs to takeout meals.

Individual citizens and our community organizations are stepping up to assist seniors, to make protective masks for first responders, to do whatever is necessary in this time of crisis.

Rainbow placards are popping up on homes to remind us that there is hope and that this too shall pass. We even had a real live fake Dragon step up this weekend to put a smile on our faces.

As a community, we must all step up:

- Follow health officials' recommendations to "STOP THE SPREAD"
- Show respect for each other
- Be courteous, patient... and smile
- DO NOT OVER BUY

And with clear eyes and full hearts, Greenwich will prevail.

May God protect our citizens and our Great Town of Greenwich!

Don Ward Supervisor

## THE CORONA VIRUS AND THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US

True, the Corona virus is upon us, but it is not a time to panic. Step back, take a deep breath and count to 10, for we have faced many difficult challenges throughout our history and have always overcome them. And we shall overcome this challenge!

And we will do it as a country and a community. Not with fear but with “commonsense” and American GRIT! Kindness, Grace, Generosity and Civility... basic to our American character... will win the day and carry us through our current difficulties. We will come out on the other side of this challenge stronger and smarter.

Here's a few things you can do:

- First, don't over react
- Help the most vulnerable
- Calm the fears of our younger citizens and explain to them how we've been through challenges like this many times
- Be patient with others
- Follow the recommendations of medical experts to protect your family and community from the further spread of the virus
- Stay informed and ask questions for ignorance is our enemy.

Working together we will come through these difficult times and return to our normal routines of daily life and have stories of the Corona virus to tell future generations.

May God bless and protect our citizens and our Great Town of Greenwich!

Don Ward  
Supervisor

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE.**  
**THE VILLAGE AND TOWN OF GREENWICH**  
**ARE HERE TO HELP.**

- ◆ Live in the Town of Greenwich and know a senior citizen who may need to be checked on?

Call Town Supervisor Don Ward 518-788-0472,

[donald.ward@greenwichny.org](mailto:donald.ward@greenwichny.org)

The Town Highway Department will conduct safety checks on seniors during their normal work day.

- ◆ Live in the Village and need help to grocery shop or get to medical places?

Call Mayor Pam Fuller, 518-321-4395 or

Call The Village Clerk, 518-692-2755 or

Call the Village DPW, 518-692-7909.

The Village DPW will assist in transportation needs for seniors.

- ◆ Live in the Village or Town and need help with shopping or other necessities?

Contact the Lions Club: call Sara Idleman, 518-727-1269,

[sidleman47@gmail.com](mailto:sidleman47@gmail.com)

- ◆ Need the food pantry?

Call Comfort Foods 518-692-3082,

[info@comfortfoodcommunity.org](mailto:info@comfortfoodcommunity.org)

## 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.

## 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.

## Supervisors July Report 2020

**Greenwich 2020 Budget:** The following local revenue categories are down at more than 50%: NYCLASS Interest; Dog Licenses; Property Tax interest; Town Clerk fees; Court Fines. At this time expenses are similar to 2019. A more detailed analysis of expenditures and revenues will be prepared for the August Board meeting.

**Youth Summer Program:** I have observed camp activities over the last 2 weeks. The camp is running smoothly, and all the COVID-19 guidelines are being followed. On July 9 -10 campers went swimming at Lauderdale Park. The plan is to go a half day on Tuesday and a full day on Fridays. The counselors are doing an excellent job and are keeping the campers busy doing games and arts and crafts.

**Constituency Contact Information:** We are gathering basic contact information via email In-person contacts and Phone Calls to better serve our residents. In June, the Town Offices had 356 In-Person Contacts; 510 Phone Calls; 919 E-mails = **1785 contacts**.

**Prime Link:** Attorney for the Town [AFT] David Klingebiel sent a letter to Prime Link advising [them] the TOG considered the contract null and void pursuant to Town Law 117. Prime Link agreed to renegotiate the contract with TOG. I met with Prime Link and negotiated a savings of a minimum of \$70 per month. Also, Prime Link agreed to guarantee the pricing for 5 years with a series of one-year contract renewals.

**Mine Closure:** I met with John Irwin and negotiated terms for payment over 4 years, pending contracts transferring the mine to and closing responsibilities from TOG to John Irwin.

**AMSURE Insurance:** As directed by Board resolution an insurance policy for the summer camp and swimming activities was obtained.

**DEC Project Notification:** I attended the Planning Board meeting on 7/9/20 and an issue of notification was raised regarding a permit to open a gravel mine on Christie Road. The process has been going on for approximately one year. A resident raised the issue that they just received notification. A certified letter from the TOG and the process has been on-going for almost a year. The Planning Board advised that TOG met its obligation for notifying residents of adjoining properties. Additionally, the Board added that NYS DEC is the controlling agency over mining permits and TOG has little input into the process. NYS DEC does hold public hearings for these projects but does not send out notifications to adjoining property owners. DEC posts notifications of public hearings on their web site. In order to keep the public informed of DEC public hearings effecting TOG, the Town will monitor the DEC website and post any DEC notifications on the Town website. The responsibility to find out about DEC public hearings still resides with the individual but the TOG will make every effort to keep residents informed.

**Battenkill Riverside Park:** Contracts for the playground equipment have been signed and equipment ordered. The plan is to have the equipment installed by the middle of August.

**Paycheck Protection Program:** Washington County Local Development Corp released information regarding loans to local businesses:

Ninety-six [96] businesses in the Greenwich Zip Code received \$3,235,577 under the Federal program.

- One [1] companies received \$2 to \$5 million.
- Six [6] companies received \$350,000 to \$1 million.
- Three [3] companies received \$150,000 to \$350,000.

**Washington County:** County Treasurer Al Nolette advised that the last sales tax deposit by NYS is encouraging. Due to increased internet sales the county sale tax revenues are down only 3.86%. There is one more sales tax deposit remaining for this cycle. The County will announce the 2021 sales tax revenues for Towns in August.

## Supervisors August Report 2020

**Greenwich 2020 Budget:** Seven-month review of the budget was completed with the objective of attempting to project revenues and expenses through December 2020. This is a snapshot of the current budget situation. Payroll and health care benefits are within 2020 budget projections.

**Revenues:** The review indicates that the revenue loss for 2020 is approximately \$22,652.58. Several of the largest revenue declines are Fines and Forfeited Bail [\$8000], AIM funding [20% reduction \$5260], Interest and Earnings [\$3000], and Mortgage Tax [\$5000].

**Expenditures:** The potential savings from expenditures is approximately \$36,310.00. Current expenditures were compared to the last 3 years, to project savings for 2020. Town personnel are always conscious of budget restraints and make every effort to ensure that taxpayer dollars are expended sensibly.

**In Closing:** The projected loss in revenue stream will be offset by savings in Town expenditures. Finally, the revenue loss will be impacting the 2021 Budget. The declining revenue stream, increased costs in employee benefits, and a decrease in the fund balance will have a negative affect the 2021 budget.

**Youth Summer Program:** The program ended last Friday. The last week had pizza day, Happy Meals, Stewarts ice cream and a water slide. This year's program had swimming at Lauderdale and several events sponsored by Washington County Agencies. Considering the obstacles [we had to overcome] presented by Covid-19, the camp was able to entertain 57 campers for 6 weeks. The counselors were attentive and worked hard to ensure the safety of the campers and a great summer experience for "Our Kids."

**Special Thank you to the counselors:** George Ostrowski Director, Eliza Jordan Lifeguard, Ananna Spezio, Maddy Brophy, Derek and Aiden McPhail, Jesse Kuzmich, Christian O'Brien, Luke Pemrick, John Walsh, Rose Lantz, Olivia Snell, Jackson Vanderhoff, Carson Mosher, Mary Estramonte, Liam Neisz.

**Constituency Contact Information:** In July, the Town Offices had 345 In-person contacts; 534 Phone Calls; 807 E-mails = **1686 Contacts**

**CHIPS Funding:** All the CHIPS funding was submitted meeting the August 2, 2020 deadline for reimbursement.

**Tax Map ID # 198.20-1-32 Cossayuna:** There are potentially several zoning and compliance issues that are under review for legal remedies. This issue will be discussed in Executive Session.

**Sign Violation 1116 State Route 29:** One sign has been replaced and one sign is still in violation. The Code Enforcement will contact the owners to rectify the issue.

**NYS Historic Preservation:** This office received notification that the NYS Board for Historic Preservation will meet on September 10, 2020 to consider the nomination of Greenwich District School No.11 4 Ryan Road, for nomination to National and NYS registers of Historic Places. Sandy McReynolds will have additional information during the Historian's Report.

**Route 29 Lighting District:**

I met with National Grid Project Manager to review the lighting plan for the new lighting district. National Grid plans on starting the project in 6 to 8 weeks.

**Assessor Report:** There are eight taxpayers that did not pay last year's school taxes and will be removed from getting their Basic Star exemption for this year. Colleen Adamec did another study of equalization rate and submitted her analysis to NYS Real Property. In conclusion, Colleen's analysis reveals that NYS has incorrectly computed equalization rates for Towns in Washington County, thus impacting Towns that are at 100% equalization.

**Washington County:** County Treasurer Al Nolette signed a contract with Air BnB to begin occupancy tax collections on September 1, 2020. Greenwich received our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter sales tax distribution of \$24149.25. Sheriff Murphy and his staff prepared and executed an outstanding enforcement plan to ensure safety and proper use of the Battenkill River. The Towns of Jackson and Salem were having issues with crowds, drinking, illegal parking, and unruly behavior. Two weeks of increased enforcement seems to have remedied the situation.

## Supervisors September Report 2020

**Incidents of Intolerance:** There were 4 incidents of political intolerance in Greenwich. I issued a statement on behalf of the Board condemning these acts. See attached. We had almost 10,000 views on the Town Facebook page. The Town of Greenwich will always protect the Freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution and Bill of Rights for all our citizens.

**Greenwich 2020/2021 Budget:** Preparation for the 2021 will begin shortly and I have prepared salary and revenue projections for 2021. The attachments are providing a comparison between the 2020 and 2021 budgets. The comparisons are a starting point for the 2021 and provide data for review and formulation of the 2021 budget. This is a snapshot of where the budget is today and guesstimates that could change as we get closer to budget formulation. The overall picture will not change less revenues and a thinner budget.

Page 1: 2020 payroll expenditures and proposed increase for 2021. This includes the increased minimum wage and an overall 1.5% increase. The Supervisor's salary is removed from the 2021 salaries. The Supervisor's salary will be used for contractual expenses, such as, waterline study and other areas where an increase is required. The Highway Clerk salary is removed from the budget because the duties are included with the Clerk to the Supervisor. Also, the Budget Officer salary is reduced from \$6000 to \$3000 for the Deputy Budget Officer. This is a net savings of \$6752.85.

Page 2: This page has the difference from 2020 to 2021 for Social Security, Medicare and NYS Retirement. The difference from 2020 to 2021 is \$9803.38.

Page 3: The estimated increase for health insurance [6.5%] is \$7,334.15.

Page 4: 2020 projected revenue loss and gain projections. The loss in 2020 revenues is approximately \$33,435. The largest loss in revenues is court fines, mortgage tax and AIM revenue sharing.

Page 5: 2020 revenues vs 2021 projected revenues: The projected revenue loss is \$20910. This is not a large number but with the 2020 revenue losses the deficit adds up.

Page 6: Using the 2020 budgeted amount for contractual services, the columns show what savings maybe ranging from 2% to 4%.

Covid-19 is causing disruption to revenue sources and will have a negative impact on revenues for at least two budget years [2021 and 2022]. This will have an impact on discretionary funding for these budget cycles.

**John Farndell:** It is with great sadness; we announce the passing of John Farndell. John passed away after a courageous battle fighting lung cancer.

John was a great asset to the community serving as Greenwich's first only ZBA Chairman until his passing. The community will miss John's dedication to Greenwich and his ability to bring "Common Sense" to the ZBA and treat our citizens fairly and with dignity.

John will be missed! Our thoughts and prayers go out to John's family and friends. Rest in peace Mr. Farndell!

**Tax Map ID # 198.20-1-32 Cossayuna:** Attorney for the Town David Klingebiel advised that he filed papers with the Washington County Supreme Court regarding multiple and ongoing violation of the Greenwich Town Code on the parcel.

**Constituency Contact Information:** In August, the Town Offices had **314** In-person contacts  
**428** Phone Contacts; **771** Emails = **1513** Contacts

**Assessor Report:** The NYS Department of Finance has advised that Greenwich has met the requirements and standards for aid for Cyclical Reassessment for our 2019 Assessment Roll. Greenwich will receive \$7,373.26 for 2494 parcels. Thank you, Colleen, for your hard work to make full aid certification possible.

**Adirondack Architectural Heritage [AARCH]:** The Ryan Road schoolhouse will be receiving a preservation award from AARCH. A small ceremony is planned for Wednesday, October 14 at 2:00 pm at the schoolhouse. I will be attending.

**Hudson Riverside Park Property update:** I met with Eric Whitehouse at the property and discussed tackling things in phases. Eric is developing a phased plan to complete the renovations.

Phase 1 would be renovating the main building, once that is complete, move on to Phase 2 (TBD).

Attached is a rough draft of potential changes to the main building at the Riverfront property. Vinyl siding with a rock accent on the bottom.

New windows and doors.

New roof.

Extend the eaves out 3 or 4 feet to get weather away from the foundation.

LED exterior lighting.

Interior renovation is basically removing as many walls as we can to open up a large conference/community room. Preserve one office. Keep the kitchen and bathrooms where they are and put a door in to separate the areas. All new ceiling throughout and sound dampening panels in the large room to keep echo to a minimum. Also, refresh the floor with a skim coat of cement so it is uniform, or at least paint it or tile it.

Eric will work on a formal spec list so a bid package can be formulated.

Using earth tones and anything that hides dirt and is low to no maintenance.

**Battenkill Park:** The old playground equipment has been removed. The new equipment will be delivered and installed within the next 2 weeks.

**Washington County:** County Treasurer Al Nolette advised that sales tax revenues are down approximately 3.5%. Al Nolette added that considering where sale tax revenues were a few months ago we have recovered some of the losses. Mortgage tax revenues will be down for 2020. The County attributes this to periods where real estate sales were delayed due to Covid-19. Currently there is a backlog of closings pushing revenues to the 2021 budget. Possibly boosting mortgage tax revenues in 2022.

**Census 2020:** Friendly reminder to complete your 2020 census form. The census information will impact program funding and representation.

**BHSN:** Officials from BHSN has toured our space twice. BHSN is looking to expand into Greenwich to provided counseling services. BHSN will decide in the next few weeks regarding leasing our office space.

Our Country has a long tradition of the peaceful transition of political power through an open and free electoral process. Part of that electoral process involves the freedom to openly and without fear of intimidation express our support for the ideas and candidates of our choice. A few individuals, through their intolerant and even dangerous actions, are undermining these basic freedoms... freedoms that are guaranteed to all of us by our Constitution and Bill of Rights!

There have been four acts of intolerance in Greenwich and we must condemn these despicable acts in the strongest of terms:

- 1) A family who displayed a Trump Flag before their home received an intimidating post card addressed to "a traitor" and warning that family not to support President Trump.
- 2) Someone defaced one of the signs supporting Democrat candidate for the House of Representatives Tedra Cobb.
- 3) Someone supporting Blues Lives Matter across from Mowry Park was almost hit by a car that drove onto the sidewalk. Individuals exited the car, yelled curses, made an obscene gesture and called the supporter of Blue Lives Matter a "white racist" before driving away.
- 4) Someone painted a vicious racial slur on the side of a home displaying a Black Lives Matter sign.

Republicans, Democrats, Independents... all Voters... must "Stand Tall" and condemn these acts of intolerance regardless of our political affiliations.

Americans are a fair and forgiving people. We have a long tradition of honoring our long held Freedoms, of engaging in debate and not hate, and of treating each other with grace, tolerance and dignity.

We in Greenwich must honor these traditions and spearhead the fight against political bigotry. We must work together as a community to stop these hateful acts and to allow our fellow citizens to express their views without intimidation and fear of retribution.

Code	Name	2020 Salary	2020 Salary w/ Hourly	1.5 % Increase	2021 Salary w/ Increase	Adjusted 2021 Salary	Notes
	<b>MONTHLY PAID SALARY</b>						
A1220.101	Supervisor	\$ 13,100.00	\$ 13,100.00		\$ -	\$ -	
A1010.101	Councilman	\$ 2,705.00	\$ 2,705.00		\$ 2,705.00	\$ 2,705.00	
A1010.101	Councilman	\$ 2,705.00	\$ 2,705.00		\$ 2,705.00	\$ 2,705.00	
A1010.101	Councilman	\$ 2,705.00	\$ 2,705.00		\$ 2,705.00	\$ 2,705.00	
A1010.101	Councilman	\$ 2,705.00	\$ 2,705.00		\$ 2,705.00	\$ 2,705.00	
A1110.101	Justice	\$ 9,360.00	\$ 9,360.00		\$ 9,360.00	\$ 9,360.00	
B3620.1	Code Enforcement	\$ 6,448.00	\$ 6,448.00	\$ 96.72	\$ 6,544.72	\$ 7,000.00	
A7510.1	Historian	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 56.25	\$ 3,806.25	\$ 3,806.25	
				\$ -			
	<b>BI-WEEKLY PAID SALARY</b>			\$ -			
A1410.101	Town Clerk	\$ 36,400.00	\$ 36,400.00		\$ 36,400.00	\$ 37,000.00	
B4020.1	Registrar	\$ 1,030.00	\$ 1,030.00	\$ 15.45	\$ 1,045.45	\$ 1,030.00	
A5010.101	Highway Superintendent	\$ 53,560.00	\$ 53,560.00	\$ 803.40	\$ 54,363.40	\$ 54,363.40	
A1220.102	Clerk to the Supervisor	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 34,510.00	\$ 34,000.00	
A5010.102	Highway Clerk	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 56.25	\$ 3,806.25	\$ -	
A1355.1	Assessor	\$ 30,560.00	\$ 30,560.00	\$ 458.40	\$ 31,018.40	\$ 31,018.40	
A1340.1	Budget Officer	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 88.50	\$ 5,988.50	\$ 3,000.00	
				\$ -	\$ -		
	<b>YEARLY PAID SALARY</b>			\$ -	\$ -		
B4010.1	Health Officer	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 507.50	\$ 500.00	
				\$ -	\$ -		
	<b>HOURLY PAID EMPLOYEES</b>			\$ -	\$ -		
	<b>HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES</b>			\$ -	\$ -		
	MEO-Foreman	\$ 21.21	\$ 44,116.80	\$ 0.32	\$ 21.53	\$ 44,778.55	1 Foreman
	OT Rate	\$ 31.81	\$ 4,771.50	\$ 0.48	\$ 32.29	\$ 4,843.07	150 Hours Each
	MEO	\$ 20.58	\$ 171,225.60	\$ 0.31	\$ 20.89	\$ 173,793.98	4 MEO
	OT Rate	\$ 30.87	\$ 18,522.00	\$ 0.46	\$ 31.33	\$ 18,799.83	150 Hours Each * 4 MEO
	MEO-Trainee	\$ 18.93	\$ -	\$ 0.28	\$ 19.21	\$ -	
	OT Rate	\$ 28.39	\$ -	\$ 0.43	\$ 28.82	\$ -	
	Laborer	\$ 17.27	\$ 35,921.60	\$ 0.26	\$ 17.53	\$ 36,460.42	1 Laborer
	OT Rate	\$ 25.91	\$ -	\$ 0.39	\$ 26.30	\$ -	
	Non-CDL Laborer	\$ 11.70	\$ -	\$ 0.18	\$ 12.50	\$ -	*Increase to \$12.50
				\$ -	\$ -		
	<b>OTHER HOURLY EMPLOYEES</b>			\$ -	\$ -		
A1410.103	Deputy Town Clerk-Chase	\$ 12.65	\$ 14,471.60	\$ 0.19	\$ 14.25	\$ 16,302.00	\$ 14.25
A1410.102	Deputy Town Clerk-Irwin	\$ 12.50	\$ 6,987.50	\$ 0.19	\$ 14.00	\$ 7,826.00	\$ 14.00
A1110.104	Justice Clerk	\$ 12.50	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 0.19	\$ 14.00	\$ 8,736.00	\$ 14.00
A1355.103	Assessor Clerk	\$ 14.02	\$ -	\$ 0.21	\$ 14.23	\$ -	
B8010.102	ZBA Clerk	\$ 14.02	\$ 2,916.16	\$ 0.21	\$ 15.00	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 15.00
B8020.102	Planning Board Clerk	\$ 13.00	\$ 2,704.00	\$ 0.20	\$ 15.00	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 15.00
	<b>YOUTH STAFF</b>						
A7310.1	<b>Non-Salary Counselors</b>	\$ 11.80	\$ 33,984.00	\$ 0.18	\$ 12.50	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 12.50
	Lifeguard-PSI	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Lifeguard	\$ 13.00	\$ 468.00	\$ 0.20	\$ 13.50	\$ 486.00	\$ 13.50
				\$ -	\$ -		
	<b>Salary Employees</b>			\$ -	\$ -		
	Director	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 5,075.00	\$ 5,100.00	
	Arts and Crafts Director	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 27.90	\$ 1,887.90	\$ 1,900.00	
	Health Director	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 9.75	\$ 659.75	\$ 660.00	
		\$ 216,998.16	\$ 560,576.76	\$ 2,209.77	\$ 206,115.99	\$ 553,823.91	\$ (6,752.85)

CODE	TITLE	2021 Adjusted Salary
<b>MONTHLY PAID SALARY</b>		
A1220.101	Supervisor	\$ -
A1010.101	Councilman	\$ 2,705.00
A1110.101	Justice	\$ 9,360.00
B3620.1	Code Enforcement	\$ 7,000.00
A7510.1	Historian	\$ 3,806.25
<b>BI-WEEKLY PAID SALARY</b>		
A1410.101	Town Clerk	\$ 37,000.00
B4020.1	Registrar	\$ 1,030.00
A5010.101	Highway Superintendent	\$ 54,363.40
A1220.102	Clerk to the Supervisor	\$ 34,000.00
A5010.102	Highway Clerk	\$ -
A1355.1	Assessor	\$ 31,018.40
A1340.1	Budget Officer	\$ 3,000.00
<b>YEARLY PAID SALARY</b>		
B4010.1	Health Officer	\$ 500.00
<b>HOURLY PAID EMPLOYEES</b>		
<b>HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES</b>		
	MEO-Foreman	\$ 44,778.55
	OT Rate	\$ 4,843.07
	MEO	\$ 173,793.98
	OT Rate	\$ 18,799.83
	MEO-Trainee	\$ -
	OT Rate	
	Laborer	\$ 36,460.42
	OT Rate	
	Non-CDL Laborer	\$ -
<b>OTHER HOURLY EMPLOYEES</b>		
A1410.103	Deputy Town Clerk-Chase	\$ 16,302.00
A1410.102	Deputy Town Clerk-Irwin	\$ 7,826.00
A1110.104	Justice Clerk	\$ 8,736.00
A1355.103	Assessor Clerk	
B8010.102	ZBA Clerk	\$ 3,120.00
B8020.102	Planning Board Clerk	\$ 3,120.00
<b>YOUTH STAFF</b>		
A7310.1	<b>Non-Salary Counselors</b>	\$ 36,000.00
	Lifeguard-PSI	
	Lifeguard	\$ 486.00
<b>Salary Employees</b>		
	Director	\$ 5,100.00
	Arts and Crafts Director	\$ 1,900.00
	Health Director	\$ 660.00
	<b>GROSS SALARY</b>	\$ 553,823.91
	<b>Social Security</b>	\$ 42,367.53
	<b>Medicare</b>	\$ 8,030.45
	<b>NYS Retirement</b>	\$ 54,274.74
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 658,496.63

2020 Gross Salary	Difference
\$ 549,274.56	\$ 4,549.35
\$ 42,019.50	\$ 348.03
\$ 7,964.48	\$ 65.97
\$ 49,434.71	\$ 4,840.03
\$ 648,693.26	\$ 9,803.38



**2020 REVENUE LOSS/GAIN PROJECTIONS**

Account	Name	2019 Receipts	2020 Budget	Projected Revenue	Difference
A1090	Real Property Penalties	\$ 7,795.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
A1255	Town Clerk Fees	\$ 959.93	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
A2001	Youth Program Fees	\$ 6,356.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ (3,000.00)
A2350	Youth Program- GCS	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
A2401	Interest	\$ 2,494.12	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (3,500.00)
A2410	Real Property	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ -
A2544	Dog Licenses	\$ 8,065.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)
A2610	Court Fines	\$ 15,024.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)
A2611	Dog Fines	\$ 1,323.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ (1,750.00)
A3001	AIM Revenue Sharing	\$ 16,370.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 12,800.00	\$ (3,200.00)
A3005	Mortgage Tax	\$ 89,698.79	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 69,000.00	\$ (6,000.00)
A3820	Youth Program- County	\$ 1,399.80	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 600.00	\$ (600.00)
B1120	County Sales Tax	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
B1170	Franchise Fees	\$ 23,173.89	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 24,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
B1603	Vital Statistics Fees	\$ 716.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
B2110	Zoning Board Fees	\$ 3,202.89	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
B2115	Planning Board Fees	\$ 950.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,375.00
B2189	Site Plan Fees	\$ 450.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
B2401	Interest	\$ 100.12	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (100.00)
DB1120	County Sales Tax	\$ 80,814.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ -
DB2401	Interest	\$ 1,025.31	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ (800.00)
DB3001	AIM Revenue Sharing	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 8,240.00	\$ (2,060.00)
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 255,475.00	\$ 232,040.00	\$ (33,435.00)	

<b>Total Loss</b>	\$ (33,435.00)
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2020 Revenues vs. 2021 Projected Revenues					
Account	2020 Revenues		2021 Projected Revenues		Difference
A1081- PILOT	\$	1,040.00	\$	1,040.00	\$ -
A1090- Interest on Real Property	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,000.00	\$ -
A1255 - Town Clerk Fees	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$ -
A2001- Parks and Rec Charges	\$	6,500.00	\$	5,000.00	\$ (1,500.00)
A2350 - Youth and Gov't Services	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,200.00	\$ -
A2401- Interest	\$	6,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$ (4,000.00)
A2410- Rent	\$	5,850.00	\$	850.00	\$ (5,000.00)
A2544- Dog Licenses	\$	10,000.00	\$	7,500.00	\$ (2,500.00)
A2610- Fines and Bail	\$	20,000.00	\$	12,500.00	\$ (7,500.00)
A2611- Dog Cases	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,500.00	\$ (500.00)
A3001- AIM	\$	16,000.00	\$	12,800.00	\$ (3,200.00)
A3005- Mortgage Tax	\$	75,000.00	\$	75,000.00	\$ -
A3820- County Youth Program	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,200.00	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>152,790.00</b>	\$	<b>128,590.00</b>	\$ <b>(24,200.00)</b>
B7720- Sales Tax	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,000.00	\$ -
B1170- Franchise Fees	\$	22,000.00	\$	23,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
B1603- Vital Statistics	\$	600.00	\$	600.00	\$ -
B2110- Zoning Fees	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	\$ -
B2115- Planning Fees	\$	625.00	\$	625.00	\$ -
B2189- Site Plan Fees	\$	400.00	\$	400.00	\$ -
B2401- Interest	\$	300.00	\$	100.00	\$ (200.00)
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>34,125.00</b>	\$	<b>34,925.00</b>	\$ <b>800.00</b>
SL2401- Interest	\$	100.00	\$	50.00	\$ (50.00)
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>100.00</b>	\$	<b>50.00</b>	\$ <b>(50.00)</b>
SF2401- Interest	\$	2,000.00	\$	500.00	\$ (1,500.00)
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>2,000.00</b>	\$	<b>500.00</b>	\$ <b>(1,500.00)</b>
DA2401- Interest	\$	500.00	\$	100.00	\$ (400.00)
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>500.00</b>	\$	<b>100.00</b>	\$ <b>(400.00)</b>
DB1120- Sales Tax	\$	80,000.00	\$	88,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
DB2401- Interest	\$	3,000.00	\$	1,500.00	\$ (1,500.00)
DB32001- AIM	\$	10,300.00	\$	8,240.00	\$ (2,060.00)
DB3501- CHIPS	\$	220,000.00	\$	220,000.00	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>313,300.00</b>	\$	<b>317,740.00</b>	\$ <b>4,440.00</b>
<b>Total Difference</b>	\$	<b>502,815.00</b>	\$	<b>481,905.00</b>	\$ <b>(20,910.00)</b>

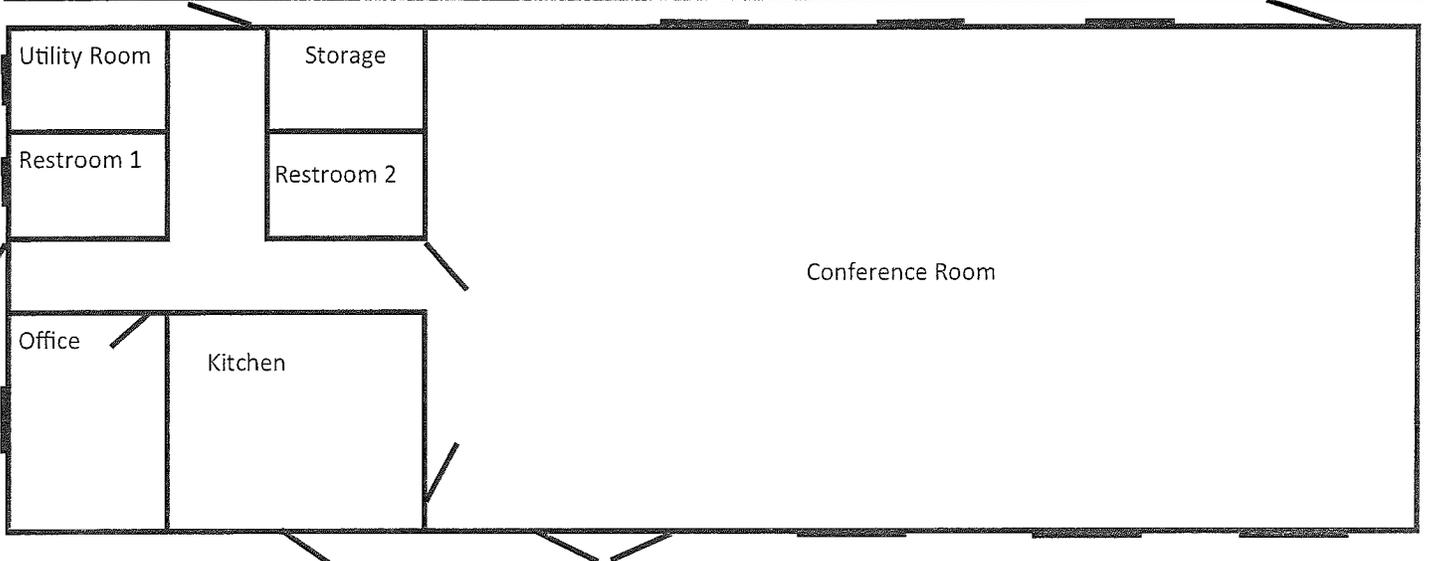
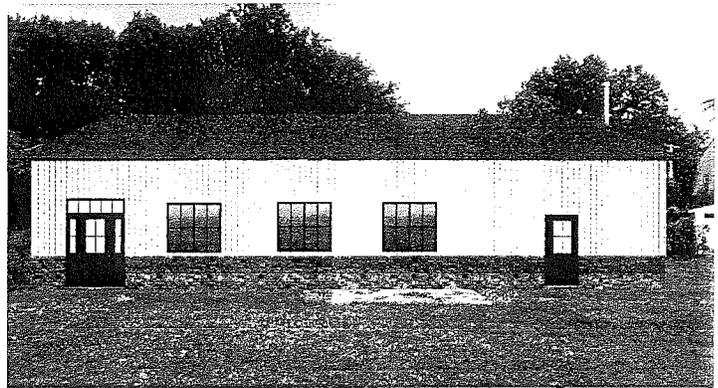
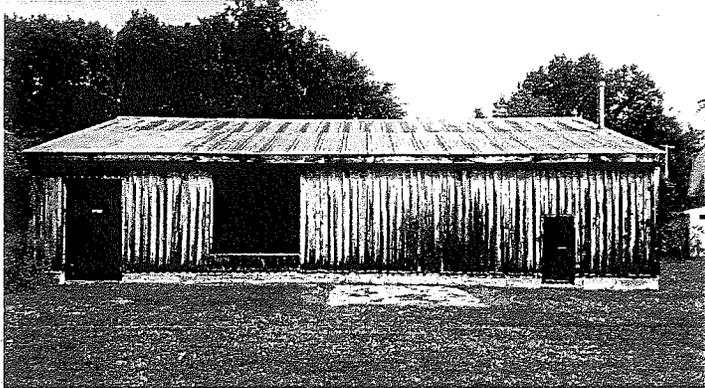
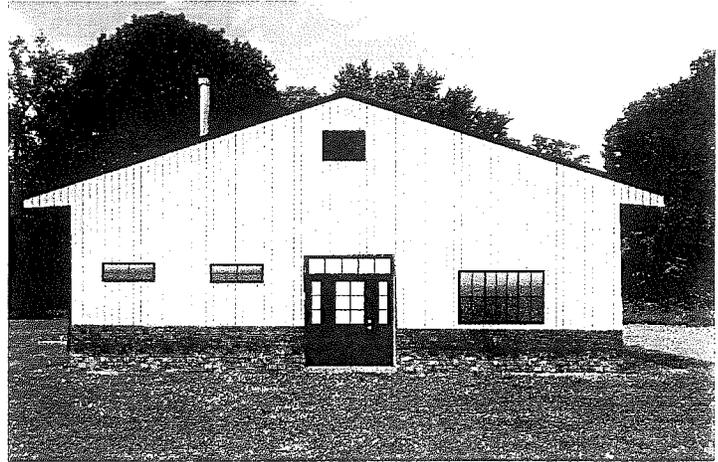
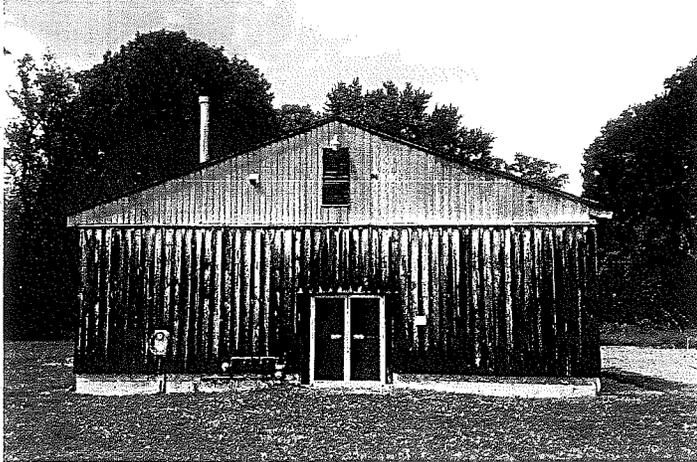
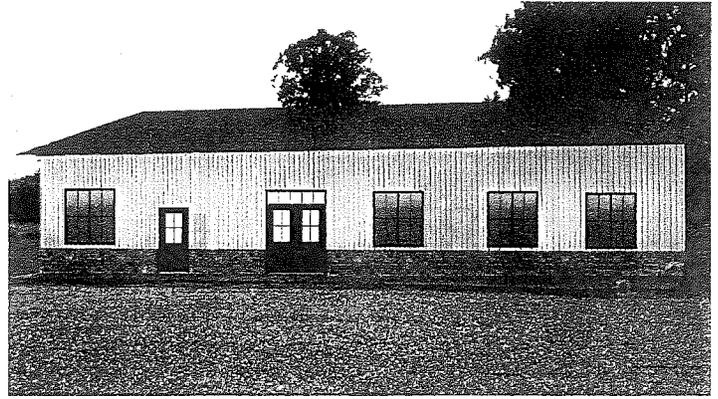
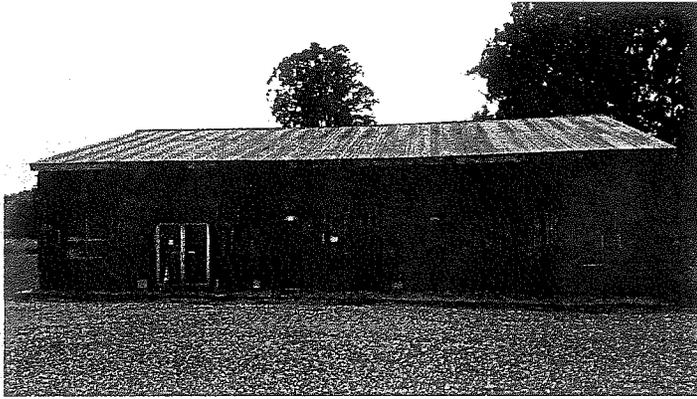
Account	2020 Budget Amount	2% Reduction	3% Reduction	4% Reduction
A1010.4- Town Board Contractual	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,056.00	\$ 6,984.00	\$ 6,912.00
A1110.4-Justices Contractual	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,430.00	\$ 3,395.00	\$ 3,360.00
A1220.4- Supervisor Contractual	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 4,800.00
A1355.4- Assessor Contractual	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 1,940.00	\$ 1,920.00
A1410.4-Town Clerk Contractual	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 4,800.00
A1620.4- Buildings Contractual	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 36,260.00	\$ 35,890.00	\$ 35,520.00
A3310.4- Traffic Control Contractual	\$ 2,509.84	\$ 2,459.64	\$ 2,434.54	\$ 2,409.45
A3510.4- Dog Control Contractual	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 10,192.00	\$ 10,088.00	\$ 9,984.00
A5010.4- Super of Highway Contractual	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,880.00	\$ 5,820.00	\$ 5,760.00
A5132.4- Garage Contractual	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,760.00	\$ 11,640.00	\$ 11,520.00
A7110.4- Parks Contractual	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 4,800.00
A7140.4- Playgrounds Contractual	\$ 9,362.98	\$ 9,175.72	\$ 9,082.09	\$ 8,988.46
A7310.4- Youth Prog Contractual	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 9,600.00
A8090.4- Env. Control Contractual	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,390.00	\$ 5,335.00	\$ 5,280.00
A8510.4- Comm Beaut Contractual	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,940.00	\$ 2,910.00	\$ 2,880.00
B3620.4- Safety Inspection Contractual	\$ 200.00	\$ 196.00	\$ 194.00	\$ 192.00
B7410.4- Library Contractual	\$ 43,350.00	\$ 42,483.00	\$ 42,049.50	\$ 41,616.00
B8010.4- Zoning Board Contractual	\$ 950.00	\$ 931.00	\$ 921.50	\$ 912.00
B8020.4- Planning Board Contractual	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,455.00	\$ 1,440.00
DA5120.4- Bridges Contractual	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 4,800.00
DA5140.4-Misc. B&W Contractual	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,176.00	\$ 1,164.00	\$ 1,152.00
DB5110.4- General Repairs Contractual	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 63,700.00	\$ 63,050.00	\$ 62,400.00
DB5130.4- Machinery Contractual	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 53,900.00	\$ 53,350.00	\$ 52,800.00
DB5142.4- Snow Removal- Contractual	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 88,200.00	\$ 87,300.00	\$ 86,400.00
	\$ 385,672.82	\$ 377,959.36	\$ 374,102.64	\$ 370,245.91

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**AUGUST OFFICE CONTACTS**

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>IN-PERSON CONTACT</b>	<b>PHONE CALLS</b>	<b>EMAILS</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR</b>	82	189	384
<b>SUPERVISOR CLERK</b>	60	103	307
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	170	88	31
<b>ASSESSOR</b>	2	10	29
<b>CODE ENFORCEMENT</b>	0	38	20
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>771</b>

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## Supervisors October Report 2020

**Greenwich Budget 2021:** Our stated objective is keeping the 2021 budget tax levy the same as 2020. A zero-increase budget. The budgetary problems for both government of families caused by COVID 19 is having a substantial economic impact on prioritizing our spending. Government has things [it] must do and that must be our first priority. Such as, public safety, plowing and fixing our roads and providing required services. Secondly, government has budgetary expenditures for things we would like to do. This is where the hard choices happen - in discretionary spending; For example: We are in dire need of new truck for snow plowing. In order to purchase necessary piece of equipment, without increasing the tax burden, discretionary spending had to be trimmed. Thus, keeping the tax rate flat for 2021 property taxes.

**Tax Map ID 198.20-1-32 Cossayuna:** The house has been removed from the property. Several legal issues remain to be resolved and the hearing in Washington County Supreme Court is scheduled for October 15, 2020.

**Battenkill Park:** The new playground equipment has been installed. This will be a great addition to the Park. The remaining older equipment will be painted in the spring with matching colors.

**Town Justice:** Leo Flynn has completed his mandatory classes and officially starts his duties on October 5, 2020.

**Washington County:** The 2021 budget process has started, and it has been a challenging budget year for the County. The uncertainty of NYS funding and increasing NYS mandates makes for a turbulent budget process. The Department Heads have been diligent in trimming their budgets and still maintaining a high level of essential services for the public.

**Town Office Space:** Currently discussing lease requirements with BHSN. If BHSN elects to move forward with leasing the 3 offices, the Attorney for the Town will be asked to finalize the lease.

**Planning Board:** I would like to thank Chairman Bill Tompkins and the Board members for a commendable job conducting meetings in the best traditions of parliamentary procedure. The hearings were emotion [at times] for all parties. The Board's duty is to apply the procedures and standards contained in the Town's Zoning Law. Planning Board members devoted countless hours to the issue both at meetings and on their own time, investigating the issues involved. For that alone they should be applauded and respected. Planning Board members are volunteers and have come forward to serve the community. They have executed their duties according to law and Common-Sense judgement in the decision-making process. The Town Board would like to express our "Thanks" for your service the community.

**Constituency Contact Information:** In September, The Town Office had In-person contacts **413**; Phone contacts **511**; Emails **745** = **1669** Contacts

**Commercial Lighting Districts:** I have made numerous contacts with National Grid regarding the installation of the lights. National Grid's response has been slow and [NG] has not given a firm date.

**Greenwich Employee Salary Increases vs Social Security:** Reviewing Town records from 2015 to 2020 employee salary increases are:

2015 3% 2016 2% 2017 3% 2018 3% 2019 3% 2020 4% **Average Increase = 3% per year**

Social Security average increases from 2015 to 2020 is **1.6%**.

## Supervisors November Report 2020

**Stan Mattison Retirement:** The Town Board thanks Stan for his years of dedicated service to the Town. Stan enjoy your retirement. The Town has a retirement plaque and a resolution honoring Stan.

**Greenwich 2020/2021 Budget:** Projected revenue loss from the 2020 and 2021 budgets is \$54,345. In order to keep the budget for 2021 and keeping the tax rate the same in 2021, several budget areas had to be trimmed. One position was eliminated, and the Budget Office salary was reduced saving \$6650. Contractual accounts were reduced by \$20,500. Totaling \$27,150. Discretionary funding was reduced \$29,700. The total reduction in spending is \$55,850. Thus, equaling our shortfall in revenue. Also, a 2004 snowplow truck has to be replaced. The capital reserve fund was supplanted with \$23,000 to maximize the down payment on the truck to reduce the BAN payment. I had a meeting with Library President Jim Nolan to discuss funding. We discussed the limitations of both budgets and the financial position burdens we are both experiencing due to COVID 19. We discussed the need to have a contract between the library and the Town for library services.

**Power Outage:** There was a power outage on Ryan Rd, Brophy Rd and Route 29 effecting 196 customers. National Grid [NG] advised that a reclosure unit locked out and blew the regulator on the line causing a voltage serge. National Grid's initial response was excellent. Within 24 hours NG had visited on the effected homes and checked the meters, electrical boxes and other areas effected by the voltage surge. NG is responsible to replace and/or repair any items damaged by the surge. The issue for many homeowners is they must pay for the repairs and request reimbursement. Working through the bureaucracy is difficult. I spoke with NG about the homeowners concerns and they would work on making the response to homeowners in a more expeditious manner.

**Mining Permit:** T&L Sand and Gravel had their permit renewed by NYS DEC to 10/14/2025.

**Greenwich School House Ryan Road:** I attended an award ceremony given by the Adirondack Architectural Heritage to Gramps old school. Jill and Rick Tefft accepted the award for their renovation of the schoolhouse. The property is available on Airbnb for rent.

**Battenkill Park:** The new playground equipment has seen a lot of use and is a popular addition to the park.

**Slic Network Solutions:** Slic Network [SN] has the franchise from NYS to provide internet services to portions of Washington County. SN provides a hard wire service to homes. SN has portions of the following roads: McClay, Hartshorn, Mill, Ferguson and Bunker Hill roads. Questions if you are in the future service area can be made to SN customer service at 877-754-2266.

**HCP DASNY Grants:** I have contacted DASNY regarding grants 8973 [outside improvements] and 7766 [building improvements. DASNY is reviewing contract 7766 to ensure funding is available to start the project. DASNY advised that new estimates are needed for grant 8973. I will work on those estimates with Councilman Whitehouse. Grant 7766 must be completed by 1/8/2022. There is no completion date for grant 8973 because the project has not been officially approved.

**Constituency Contact Information:** In September, The Town Office had In-person contacts 361; Phone contacts 489; Emails 489 = 1614 **Contacts**

**NYS Response to Speed Reduction County Route 49:** Several residents made a request to NYS DOT to reduce the speed limit on CR 49 from Mill Rd to west of Riddle Road. DOT conducted a study in 2017 and conducted a recent review and determined that the existing speed limit is appropriate for the conditions in this area. DOT recommends continued enforcement rather than a reduction in the existing 40 mph speed limit. I will contact the Washington County Sheriffs Office and NYS Police concerning additional traffic safety enforcement in that area.

**Washington County:** I have been working with Sheriff Murphy concerning Executive Order 203. Order 203 requires local law enforcement to conduct a comprehensive review of deployments, strategies, policies, procedures and practices. Washington County Sheriff's Office is an accredited agency that meets many of the Order 203 prerequisites. The plan includes outreach community stake holders to provide input into the comprehensive review. The plan must be completed by April 1, 2021.

Department of Safety advised that NYS updated disaster declaration thresholds by county for all of NYS FY 2021. Washington County has to reach \$245,910 in damages for disaster relief consideration. BUT in order for Washington County to qualify for disaster relief NYS must reach the NYS threshold of \$30,036,058.

## Supervisors December Report 2020

**Greenwich Budget 2020/2021:** As the end of the 2020 budget year approaches revenues are stabilizing but many budget lines are still less than projected revenues. We are reviewing several areas for potential savings. Currently, TOG relies on NYS contract prices for many of our items. Can TOG through the bid process find costs that are less than the NYS contract prices? Through the bidding process TOG will be able to compare price and value for potential savings. The 2021 TOG budget lower tax rates for Village and Town taxpayers:

Village Taxpayer 2020 Tax Rate 0.94    2021 Tax Rate 0.91

Town Taxpayer 2020 Tax Rate 2.75    2021 Tax Rate 2.73

**Commercial Lighting District:** National Grid has installed LED lighting along NYS Route 29. Special thank you to George Perkins and Bob Jeffords for their hard work to create the Commercial Lighting District.

**Hunting/Fishing Tags:** Town Clerk Kim Whelan provided the following data from July to November 2020 sales: 281 Hunting and 111 Fishing individuals purchased 3,290 total products.

Total Sales: \$17,793.00 TOG Commission on sales \$894.45: NYS keeps \$16,898.55 [95%]. TOG commission sales barely cover our administrative costs to process the sale. But this is a great convenience and service to the residents.

**Greenwich School House:** TOG received a letter from the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation that the School House property listed on the NYS Register of Historic Places is being nominated by NYS to the National Register of Historic Places in Washington DC.

**Greenwich Native Hal Ketchum:** Greenwich Native, country singer Hal Ketchum died at age 67. Hal was a popular performer in the area. Hal was known for his soulful ballads. Hal's debut single "Small Time Saturday Night" charted at number 2 on billboards Country Songs chart. As his wife Andrea posted on Facebook, "May his music live on forever in your hearts and bring you peace."

**Landfill Monitoring:** CT Male conducted a monitoring of TOG landfill and will file the report with NYS. CT Male advised that there are no issues regarding the monitoring of the landfill. They added that NYS requires the monitoring of landfills for 30 years. After 30 years monitoring may not be required but NYS would make that determination.

**Constituency Contact Information:** In November, The Town Office has In-person contacts 290; Phone contacts 415; Emails 694 = 1399

**Battenkill Park:** Because of the good weather and usage of the new playground, TOG will keep the park open as long as weather permits.

**ReneSola Power:** RSP has contacted TOG regarding a planned community solar project on Route 40 behind the Sunshine Inn. RSP inquired about TOG pilot law. TOG will hear more from RSP plans for community solar in the near future.

**Washington County:** Board of Supervisors adapted its budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which cuts overall spending and slightly increases the tax levy in order to fill a budget gap created by the reduction in NYS aid.

Total county spending: \$102.5 million [down from \$108.4 million]

Tax levy: \$34,827,330 [increase of 1.66% or \$567,180]

Tax Rate: \$6.88 per \$1,000 of assessed property value [ 1-cent increase]

Fund balance utilization: \$1 million.

In the 2021 budget, \$76.98 of every \$100 of taxes levied by the county will be used to fund State and Federally mandated programs. This leaves only \$23.02 of each \$100 to provide critical services to County residents.

Town	Total # of Parcels as of December 2020	Cost at \$50.54/parcel	Cost at \$3.3008/parcel	Projected Savings
Dresden	969	48,973	3,198	45,775
Easton	1,430	72,272	4,720	67,552
Fort Edward	2,881	145,606	9,511	136,095
Jackson	1,597	80,712	5,271	75,441
Salem	1,774	89,658	5,856	83,802
White Creek	1,843	93,145	6,083	87,062
<b>TOTAL</b>	10,494	530,367	34,639	495,728

**Revaluation Shared Services:** The above chart shows the 6 towns for revaluation being conducted by the County. The project will bring the Towns to 100% property assessment. The project is expected to be completed in 2021.

**Road Paving Shared Services:**

The exact nature of cooperation and Shared Services will be highly dependent upon individual projects undertaken by the County and the various towns and villages in close proximity to those projects. Because of this, it is difficult to estimate the exact savings that can be realized.

Two illustrative examples are outlined below:

1) When the County is paving a County Road in a particular town, the County will coordinate with the local Highway Superintendent to see if the town or village needs paving immediately adjacent to the project zone of the County's planned work. If the town or village has need to pave a road which intersects with the planned County project, the County will deploy its paver and paving crew to undertake that paving and the town or village will help the County in the form of trucks to haul materials and any additional manpower needed. This will decrease County costs for trucking and eliminate the mobilization fee charged by paving contractors to the local municipalities. Depending on the needs of

local municipalities adjacent to planned County projects, the savings to both the County and local municipalities could be significant.

2) The County does not currently own a functioning grader. The County is planning to undertake 7.5 miles of Full Depth Reclamation (FDR). The FDR process requires the milled pavement and base to be graded prior to the application of the first course of asphalt. In the past, the County has included these grading services in the bid for FDR. Every town in Washington County owns and operates a grader for the maintenance of their dirt and gravel roads. The County will partner with the towns in which their FDR projects are occurring and have the town provide grading services.

**Everlasting Lights:** The program was founded by former Town Clerk Elaine Kelly two decades ago. This year Judy Patrick and Jen Sharp are taking on organizational responsibilities for Ever Lasting Lights. A special thanks to all the volunteers and the Town Highway crew for installing the trees and lights. This is a great example of Community and Town collaboration, which makes Greenwich a special place to live.

May God bless our citizens during this Christmas season and our great Town of Greenwich.