

Supervisors Report April 2021

COVID-19: The PODS are open to all 16 years and over. Only the Pfizer vaccine is approved for ages 16 and over. The Washington County EMS Vaccination Team, led by the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad, Inc and their Community Paramedicine Program, is on the road administering vaccine to our homebound residents! THANK YOU to our partners at Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad, Inc and the other partnering EMS agencies who have joined forces with our Washington County, NY Public Health Department team to administer the COVID-19 Vaccine in our county and reach our homebound residents to continue to get #shotsinarms! **If you are homebound (or have a family member or friend who is) and have not signed up yet? Register here: washingtoncountyny.gov/vaccineregistry**

Vaccine Ages by Type

- Moderna - 18 & Over
- Janssen (J&J) - 18 & Over
- Pfizer - 16 & Over

Vaccination Eligibility Notes

- Beginning today (3/30), Age 30 + are eligible (our Washington County Vaccine Interest Registry was updated following the announcement)
- Beginning April 6th (next Tuesday), Age 16 + are eligible (also already included in the update to our Vaccine Interest Registry)

Greenwich Budget 2021: We have simplified the cash on hand report. The report is depicted in broad operating accounts. This is the Readers' Digest version of cash on hand. TOG has \$1,260,873.30 cash on hand in the operating accounts. A majority of one-time yearly payments has been made; Insurance, Retirement, Software and January BAN payment. The distribution and posting of the full financial report will not change.

Christie / Ferguson Roads Culverts: We have negotiated with DOT to re-bid the contracts, in hope of lowering the project costs. Also, the Christie Road project will not start until 2022. The re-bidding process will enable TOG to budget for any overage over 2 or 3 years. Thus, lessening the budget impact. This will allow TOG to use the CHIPS funding for 2-3 miles of paving this year. A detailed presentation will be made later in the meeting.

Comptroller Audit Report on Purchasing: The audit period was January 1, 2019 to February 29, 2020. All of the vouchers reviewed were from the budget year 2019. The audit period occurred during the term of the previous Supervisor and Highway Superintendent. 51% of the vouchers for 2019 did not comply with purchasing policy and diesel fuel was not purchased pursuant to policy and TOG paid \$2491 [7.55%] over state contract. A detailed presentation will be made later in the meeting.

American Rescue Plan [COVID-19 Stimulus funding]: The TOG will receive \$530,000 but a portion will be shared with the village. US Treasury will determine how the money is shared. Best guess from Association of Towns [AOT] is the split will be based on population. A very rough guesstimate because the village is located in 2 towns is: Village \$196,100; TOG \$333,900. The money will be distributed in 2 tranches. 50% of the money will be received approximately 60 days after the bill was signed. The remainder would be delivered no earlier than 12 months after the first tranche. After attending many ZOOM meetings regarding how the money can be used – The reply is wait for Treasury to offer further guidance. There are general categories, but specifics are not known at this time. All funds must be spent by Dec 31, 2024.

Cannabis Legalization: Many questions remain concerning retail and social gathering establishments. NYS will provide rules and regulations in 1 to 2 years. Currently, cannabis is legal to possess and can be smoked where cigarettes are allowed. All the Town properties are a smoke free zone.

TOWN OF GREENWICH TOBACCO/SMOKE-FREE POLICY

A. **PURPOSE:** A tobacco/smoke free policy has been developed to ensure compliance with current state laws on the use of tobacco products in places of employment, including public buildings, as well as to control smoking in areas immediately surrounding the workplace.

The New York State Clean Indoor Air (“Act”) prohibits smoking in all places of employment, which includes all Town buildings, property, and all Town vehicles. More specifically, the purpose of this policy and consistent with the Act is to protect Town employees and the general public visiting Town buildings from the dangers of secondhand smoke.

B. **DEFINITION:** Smoke and Tobacco Use: The use or presence of any tobacco product, which includes a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, hookah, smokeless tobacco (snuff, snus, dissolvables), and e-cigarettes. **Building: Any building, structure, etc. owned, leased, or maintained by the Town. Property: Any property, land, park, beach, parking lot, etc. owned, leased, or maintained by the Town. Town Vehicle: Any vehicle or equipment owned, leased, or maintained by the Town.**

Summer Camp: The Camp counselors for the upcoming camp have been identified. One counselor attended lifeguard training given by the county. Applications for the camp have been distributed by the school. The county will provide a Progressive Swim Instructor as required by BOH. The county youth bureau has offered to provide canoeing and other activities at Lauderdale Park.

Suffrage Concert “Forward into Light”: The Washington County Historical Society is sponsoring the concert. WCHS has requested to use “The Commons Park” area for the concert. I offered to Co-Sponsor the event with the approval of the Town Board. The concert is scheduled for Saturday June 12 at 3:00 pm. with a rain date of June 13. WCHS is hoping to offer concert attendees a tour of the Susan B. Anthony grounds and the Stoops Hotel in Battenville.

Constituency Contact Information: In March, The Town Office had In-person contacts **311**; Phone contacts **536**; Emails **769** = **1616 Contacts**

Total for 2021: In-person contacts **1322** Phone contacts: **1658** Emails: **2420**. Total: **5400**

Washington County: I met with Mike Gray, Washington County Alternative Sentencing, regarding clean-up of the park and painting of the bathroom building at the Battenkill Park. In May, the community service team will power wash and paint the building. In the fall they will stain the picnic tables. Park cleanup is scheduled for late April. Chairman Sam Hall has appointed me to Chair a marijuana working group for Washington County employees and grounds. The goal of the committee is formulating a policy that is consistent with the newly passed marijuana legislation and a policy that is clear to employees concerning the use of marijuana and workplace guidelines.

Washington County Code Enforcement completed their report for 2020.

Local Legislative Modifications of Uniform Code Standards

Building Permits

Write the number of building permits issued for each occupancy type listed.

New construction

Addition, alteration, or repair of existing

One-family dwellings, two-family dwellings, and townhouses

11 New Construction

12 Addition, alteration

Nonresidential buildings

2 New Construction

5 Additional, alteration

All other permits (pools, sheds, decks, plumbing,

Certificates of Occupancy or Compliance issued for

18 Other permits [pools, sheds, decks, plumbing HVAC, etc.]

26 Cert of Occupancy or Compliance issues for all occupancies.