

Supervisors June Report 2021

COVID-19: The Greenwich May 13 “Pop Up” clinic served approximately 85 people. The second clinic was held on June 3 for those that required a second dose of the vaccine. As a reminder NYS has a walk-in clinic at the Aviation Mall and the J&J vaccine is available. The County is still conducting home bound vaccinations. If you are aware of a homebound person needing a COVID-19 vaccination contact Washington County Health Department.

Greenwich Budget: TOG received \$371,797.70 from NYS for road repair. This is a significant increase from last year. TOG will have two projects which will require TOG to “front” the expenses before getting reimbursed. Our cash flow projections and the reimbursement schedule will be reviewed and reported at the next Board Meeting. This could impact the pace of the projects. In July, I will provide a six-month review of the budget. TOG has not received a breakdown of the stimulus funding between the Town and Village. The allocation of stimulus funding is to the TOG with a percent [to be determined by Federal Gov] going to the Village. There are restrictions on how the funding can be spent. The clearest areas where funding can be spent are lost revenue and infrastructure. Use of stimulus funding will be discussed in the normal budget process. TOG has not received any funding at this time. MVP is proposing to raise health care premiums approximately 8.8%. We will review the increase with Yaeger and Flynn and discuss any options, that may reduce costs, and still maintain our current coverage.

Board of Assessment Review: I attended several of the presentations to the Board for reduction in property assessments. The petitioners were respectful in their presentations. BAR members were diligent in their questions and attentive to the petitioners. The BAR will meet this week to review the requests and make their decisions regarding the assessments.

NYS Senator Dan Stec Visit: Senator Stec visited Greenwich and spoke with several business owners regarding the current business challenges from COVID-19 and the effects on small businesses. I discussed the need for infrastructure to get more businesses and housing into Greenwich.

Forward Into Light: The TOG is co-sponsoring with the Washington County Historical Society “Forward Into Light” music of the Women’s Suffrage Movement this Saturday June 12, 3:00 pm at the “The Commons” Greenwich Town Hall. Information is available at the Historical Society’s website www.wchs-ny.org or call 518-747-9108.

Summer Camp: I attended training with our camp counselors on Saturday. Julie Mosher, Greenwich Town Health Officer and Mal Lambert, GFD EMT, instructed the counselors in CPR, AED, Choking, Epi-Pen and Narcan. Also, NYS summer camp protocols were reviewed, and a plan was developed to meet NYS requirements. Washington County Youth Bureau is providing a Progressive Swim Instructor to evaluate swimmers as required by NYS BOH. TOG has one certified lifeguard and will have a second certified in June or July. Food for Kids will prepare lunches for the campers. We are looking forward to having a safe and fun summer for our campers.

Highway Department: TOG received our new International truck. I got the truck registered and insured last week. The truck is ready to be placed into service. Ken McPhail will discuss roads proposed for paving and repair in his monthly report.

Barton & Loguiduce Water Line Study / Comprehensive Plan Update: Both projects were started last year and delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions. B&L advised that the first draft is completed and under review. B&L will provide a draft of the report in 2 to 4 weeks. Once the report is completed a presentation of the report will be held at a Town Board meeting.

The comprehensive grant application is almost completed. B&L requested that TOG request letters of support to update the 2004 comprehensive plan. The new comprehensive plan will be the foundation for planning housing, business development and land use. Also, quality of life is an important element to be considered in the updated comprehensive plan. TOG will request letters of support for the grant application. Information concerning letters of support will be posted on our website.

Hudson Riverside Park: Barton and Loguidice [B&L] met TOG officials, at the HRP, to go over bid requirements for the outside of the classroom building. While B&L were at the site, we requested they survey the grounds and inside of building and make a proposal to the Board on bid requirements for both areas. Council Jeff Duxbury will discuss the Four Phase Plan to renovate the buildings and grounds.

Washington County: Slow moving vehicles were discussed at the May Public Safety Meeting. Sheriff Murphy has introduced a safety campaign on Sheriff's Facebook to educate and remind drivers about slow moving vehicles, such as, horse drawn carriages. Sheriff Murphy plans on reaching out to the Amish to discuss the need to adequately put reflectors on the rear of the carriages.

The Sheriff's Annual Report is posted on the TOG Facebook Page. The report is broken down by Town. TOG had 973 calls for service, 57 traffic accidents, total of 14 arrests and 84 traffic stops. The report contains a breakdown by various demographics.

The Sheriff's Office welcomes you to new series which we are calling the Month in Review, where we look at the things you may or may not have heard about. We start with what was the month of May 2021. The May video is posted on the Town Facebook page and on the Sheriff Office's YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_Ml9wWhI9c.

Washington County Broadband Survey: The County is conducting a broad band survey to identify broad band speeds, areas in need of service. The survey information will be used to advocate for grants and funding where service is needed most. The information flyer is on TOG website and hard copies are available at the Greenwich Town Hall.