

## **Town Supervisor's Report**

**May 10, 2022**

### **Veterans Banners**

The Town and Village received 37 applications for Veteran's Banners during our first cycle. These 37 banners will be created and installed by Memorial Day. Our next cycle of applications has started and will end on May 25 at 2 PM. These banners will be installed by July 4.

### **Town of Greenwich Spring Clean Up**

The Town of Greenwich Spring Clean Up will be held on Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15 from 7 AM till 4 PM each day. Items NOT accepted are paint or paint cans, liquids, tires, household waste, or hazardous waste. Drop off is at the Town of Greenwich Highway Garage, 650 County Route 77, Bald Mountain Road.

### **Town of Greenwich Summer Youth Program**

The Town of Greenwich hosts a NYS Department of Health certified Youth Program which consists of two separate programs – a half-day and a full-day program. The program is for TOWN OF GREENWICH RESIDENTS at a discounted cost and Non-Residents located within the GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT at an additional cost. The program is for children who have completed Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. The dates for this year's summer youth program are Friday, July 5 through Monday, August 5. Please see the Town's website for registration information.

### **Battenkill Town Park**

The Battenkill Town Park has typically opened Memorial Day weekend. We have had inquiries for use of the park so we have arranged for bathroom openings and

cleaning services to be completed in time to open the park the weekend of May 21.

### **Engineering Study of Town Hall**

At the Town Board's direction, I contacted the two lowest of the four firms who gave us quotes for an engineering study of Town Hall. In addition to heating, electrical, and ADA compliance, the Town Board asked for additional quotes for the examination of our septic system as well as several second floor windows. The two quotes are B & L, \$9800 and LaBella, \$10,000. We will discuss how to move forward later in this meeting.

### **Village/Town Comprehensive Plan**

The Town has identified the need to update the Town of Greenwich 2004 Comprehensive Plan. The Town and the Village went through a rather comprehensive study of a portion of the Village and Town with the BOA study. One result of this study was the realization of how important Town/Village cooperation is for furthering the goals of each. I would like to propose we discuss combining the results of the BOA study with the development of a joint Town/Village Comprehensive Plan. This not only makes sense since the Town and Village are so intricately entwined as far as our residential and economic future is concerned but grant funding opportunities are enhanced when there is demonstrated municipality cooperation.

### **Assessment Inquiries and Review Board**

The Town of Greenwich reassesses properties each year at 100% of value. The assessments you received recently are based on house sales data from July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2021. The average increase for homes under 5 acres was 14%. Houses with larger tracks of land and lakefront houses had higher increases in assessed value.

If you would like to speak with the Town Assessor, you can visit Town Hall on Tuesdays or Thursdays, 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 4 PM. If you would like to grieve your assessment, Grievance Day is May 25th. Call one week ahead of time to make an appointment.

Town-wide assessment values can be viewed online through the Washington County website. Additionally, there is a hardcopy available for examination at the Greenwich Town Hall.

### **Road Paving and Repair for 2022**

After a catastrophic winter consisting of several freeze/thaw cycles, several Town roads are in dire need of repair and improvement. As discussed earlier in this meeting, we are prioritizing these needed repairs and improvements and starting this work earlier than in past years. The Town is dedicating close to a half million dollars to this effort and is marshalling resources to develop a comprehensive database and longer range plans for repair and improvement of our Town roads.

### **Information Technology – Cybersecurity**

At the Town Board's behest, I contacted two IT service companies – Tech Monkeys and Symmetric Group. Symmetric is a national IT firm with several clients in Upstate New York. Tech Monkeys did not respond in a timely manner. Symmetric Group representatives responded immediately. After a Microsoft Teams meeting with two of their representatives, they sent us an extensive questionnaire to fill out. This information will give them a better idea about our current IT infrastructure, data protection, and possible cybersecurity threats.

After the questionnaire is returned, we will have another Microsoft Teams meeting followed by an onsite visit. The information gained from this process will enable the Town Board to make informed decisions regarding the Town's IT infrastructure, data backup and recovery, and cybersecurity vulnerabilities.