

To: Ancram Town Board  
From: Art Bassin  
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**1) Financial Report** – April financial results were as expected, but we received a 1Q sales tax check in early May of \$100,000, which was about \$15,000 better than we expected. While this is good news, we are already seeing significant increases in the cost of highway materials, and given the likely continuation of a combination of high inflation, rising interest rates, supply chain uncertainties, oil price spikes, potential oil shortages and the situation in Ukraine, the economic environment is still unpredictable and is likely to negatively impact our costs and revenues. We should plan to be cautious and conservative in our financial planning until we see how things evolve, and what happens with sales tax and mortgage tax revenues over the balance of the year.

**2) Respectful Behavior Next Steps** - Bonnie Hundt and Amy Gold have been working on a policy dealing with respectful behavior and a code of conduct for all Town officials, employees and volunteers which we will review and discuss at our 5/19 meeting.

**3) Ancram Water Issues** – James Kennedy has asked to address the Board about his concerns related to the water supply in the Ancram Hamlet and Town-wide.

**4) Kids Camp & Pool** – Planning continues to open the town pool and Kids Camp this summer, as long as the Covid-19 situation does not force us to reconsider. Camp will be open from July 5 to August 12, and the pool will be open from July 1 to the end of August.

**6) EEP Contract/Traffic Control** – We have scheduled two EEP shifts per week from Memorial Day through Labor day – one shift on Saturdays and the other on either Monday's or Fridays.

**7) Solar Inverters** – The inverters are scheduled to be replaced on 5/18.

**8) Public Hearings** – We will schedule public hearings at our June meeting on two local laws – Local Law #4 of 2022 providing support for ANHNA's food delivery program, and Local Law #5 of 2022 allowing the town to continue to use virtual meetings.

**9) ANHNA Van** – We expect to open bids received for the ANHNA van that the Town Plans to purchase with ARPA funds later this year and allow ANHNA to use for their food delivery program.

**10) CAC Appointment** – CAC has recommended that we appoint Jay Lorenz as a member of CAC. Jay has an M.S. Zoology from University of Massachusetts and a Ph.D. in Resource Geography from Oregon State University. He is a retired environmental consultant with experience in wetlands and wildlife ecology; large-scale biological surveys, environmental permitting, and biological and environmental assessments. His experience will deepen and widen the Ancram CAC's knowledge and talent.