

To: Ancram Town Board  
From: Art Bassin  
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**1) Financial Report** – May financial results were as expected. We continue to see 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, food and fuel cost increases, 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 continue to be cautious and conservative in our financial management until we see how things evolve, and what happens with costs, sales tax and mortgage tax revenues over the balance of the year.

**2) Respectful Behavior Committee (CRB) Next Steps** – We have received three applications for membership on the CRB. We will review the applications at our 6/16 Town Board meeting, schedule interviews with the three current applicants, and consider extending the deadline for applications to the end of June. As the next step, the CRB and the Town Board will review and finalize the proposed Respectful Behavior Policy and Code of Conduct for consideration by the Town Board for adoption at our July TB meeting.

**3) Local Law Public Hearings & Adoption** – We will be holding public hearings on Local Law #4 of 2022 (financial support for ANHNA food delivery) and Local Law #5 of 2022 (virtual meetings) and will consider both local laws for adoption during our Town Board meeting.

**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.

**5) Tax Collector Compensation** - I will be recommending that we increase the annual pay of our Tax Collector from \$2,175 to \$5,000 to recognize the complexity of this job and the pay of other tax collectors in our area.

**6) PT Bookkeeper Position** - I will also be recommending that we establish the position of part time bookkeeper to handle voucher processing, purchasing, payroll processing and personnel records management at an annual salary of \$5,000. These jobs are currently done without compensation by the Town Clerk, who would continue to do these jobs but would be compensated for them.

**7) ANHNA Van** – We have put in an order for the van to support the ANHNA food delivery program. Cost is about \$48,000. ANHNA has offered to pay the additional cost over the \$40,00 of ARPA money we had allocated. Delivery date is not yet set, but is expected to be before year-end