

To: Ancram Town Board
From: Art Bassin
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1) Financial Report – June financial results were as expected. We continue to see significant increases in the cost of highway materials, with 2022 fuel costs likely to be about \$20,000 over a \$40,000 budget. 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 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 seven applications for membership on the CRB. We will consider appointing all 7 at our 7/21 meeting and will leave the application window open going forward for additional applicants. In addition, I am recommending that we ask Bonnie Hundt and Amy Gold to serve as Town Board liaisons to the CRB until CRB can identify and designate a chair or co-chairs. Once the CRB has been appointed, it will review and finalize the proposed Respectful Behavior Policy and Code of Conduct for consideration by the Town Board for adoption.

3) Strategic Investments Committee – SIC will report on their work over the past 6 months to identify \$500,000 of strategic investment projects that can have a material beneficial impact on the Town. The SIC has been looking into housing, a pavilion at TH or Blass Field, expanding solar and water issues in Ancram.

4) Kids Camp & Pool – Camp and Pool are off to a good start, with about 60 kids signed up and about 45 attending on a daily basis.

5) Climate Smart Bronze Certification – Congratulations and thanks go to Suzan Flamm, Colleen Lutz, Jamie Purinton and the members of the Climate Smart Community Task Force for leading the way to Ancram's bronze certification as a Climate Smart Community AND to the members of the Conservation Advisory Council for their leadership and hard work over the years to protect Ancram's environment. Among the 1590 NYS municipalities eligible for Climate Smart certification, there are now 94 total certified Climate Smart Communities in New York State - 9 silver and 85 bronze.

6) Clean Air, Clean Water and Green Jobs Bond Act – We will consider a resolution of support for this bond act, which has the support of CAC and CSCTF.

7) Local Law Public Hearings & Adoption – We will be holding a public hearing on Local Law #6 of 2022 (zoning revisions) and will consider this local law for adoption if we have received Town and County Planning board comments by our 7/21 Town Board meeting.