

From the Desk of the Supervisor:

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Workshop- The Town Board continued its discussion about the ZRC and the need to rethink zoning to address affordability in Ancram. The ZRC created a remit about how they viewed their priorities and where they received their guidance from. Both the Town Board and ZRC agreed that communication between the committee and town board was very important. A new workgroup was proposed, which would be comprised of members from the ZRC, ZBA, Planning Board, Town Board, and ZEO/CEO

The Town Assessor and Columbia County Director of Real Property gave an overview of the trending methodology and answered questions from the public. They explained that the State Department of Taxation and Office of Real Property produces a CAMA report, each year, which give a snapshot of the sales in a market area. This is used to create the tentative role. According to the assessor, the average assessment value increase was 18% in the town. By increasing the assessed value of the town, the tentative role was calculated to be 100% equalization.

Regular Meeting-

Mark Taylor remained in attendance for the first part of the regular meeting. He directed people where to find information on the County Real Property Website. The public explained that they would like the process to be more transparent.

The supervisor gave a brief report about the county Public Safety and Public Works Committees. She also discussed the Pine Plains Central School Building Utilization Committee meetings.

Highway Superintendent Jim Miller gave the report for the highway department.

The Town Clerk and Tax Collector Monica Cleveland gave the report for the town clerk's office. She reported fees collected and that the tax collecting season is coming to the end. Any outstanding taxes must be postmarked by May 31st.

Councilmember Jennifer Boice reported that she was working on having a town CPR class, perhaps on a Saturday. She also indicated that she had continued to interview for additional lifeguards and would like to have at least one older guard WSI certified. She noted that she was looking for at least one lifeguard to be over 18 to serve as the head lifeguard.

Councilmember Amy Gold reported that she was continuing to coordinate a Senior's Day with the CC Office for the Aging to help connect seniors and caregivers with programs offered in the county. It was tentatively scheduled for July 11th, and open to the towns of Ancram, Copake, Gallatin, Hillsdale, Taghkanic. There was to be speakers and booths for senior and caregiver information. Lunch will be provided.

Council member David Boice shared that he continued to look at state bids and information regarding the door locks on and in the Town Hall. He also reported on the Fire Company Open House and reminded everyone that the Memorial Day parade was scheduled to be hosted in Ancram. The parade started at 11 am, and the route was to begin on Route 7 near the town hall and continue on to the

Veteran's Memorial in the center of town. In the event of inclement weather and parade cancellation, the ceremony was to be held in the Fire House.

Old Business items were discussed, including the 250th celebration, Flag Day Parade, Town-Wide Yard Sale, and ZRC membership.

New business items were discussed, including the Planning and Zoning Board membership updates, and data center issues in New York State.