

Supervisor's Report

August 14, 2019

Correspondence of Note

Received a letter from Monika Roth, Ag educator with Tompkins County Cooperative Extension that Ag District #1 in the Towns of Lansing, Groton, Dryden, Caroline, and parts of Ithaca and Danby is under required 8-year review. Municipalities and landowners may propose a modification of the district boundaries by filing a proposal with Monika by the last day of August. A map of the district is available at CCE and at the County Planning website.

The NYS Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance (the Town's W/C provider) performed a loss control evaluation at the Town Hall and Highway Barns in July. They had no recommendations to report.

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Having received a complete application, the Town's Review Board held a Public Hearing yesterday, August 13, on a proposed AT&T cell tower at 340 Bald Hill Road. The documents for that project can be found on the Town's website under the "Current Topic" tab. The Review Board will hold their next meeting on this proposal next Tuesday, August 20, at 8 pm at the Old Town Hall.

We are working with the NYSDEC to get permits and an approved plan for completion of the culvert work on Boyer Creek at Ekroos Road. Permitting is required on this protected part of the stream. We understand the urgency to protect the good work completed last fall and to finish the culvert and stream stabilization work and are doing our part to keep the process moving forward. Thanks especially to local residents for their patience. We are looking forward to making this a lasting, robust project that will protect the stream and road. This project is being supported by a Water Quality Improvement Grant from the NYSDEC to promote stream stability and passage for aquatic organisms.

You may have noticed some excavation on the town hall grounds. We have clean fill material available for the taking. The front lawn area along Route 79 was excavated to place a geothermal loop field that will circulate fluid that will enable heat transfer between the Old Town Hall and the earth. The excavators discovered a lot of past building materials in the ground. Halco is working to complete the project by September 1st. It will provide renewable heating and cooling for the Old Town Hall. We will be installing the Bioretention project once the geothermal is complete, as well as making parking improvements.