

Supervisor's Report, May 10, 2017

Correspondence of Note:

- On May 8th Town of Danby held a Public Hearing on "A Local Law to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Related to Solar Energy of the Town of Danby, NY." The draft of this local law is on file.
- Code Officer's April Report: 7 building permits, 23 plan reviews, 62 total inspections.
- Comments received to-date on the South Hill Recreation Way Trail Proposal: 40 in support, 8 in opposition.

Supervisor Notes:

- Reminder: Caroline Assessment Review Board date set for Thursday, May 11, 3-6 pm at the Town Hall.
- Cornell Student Sam Coons is completing his Historic Structure Report on the Old Town Hall. We will meet on Monday, 15 May, for update and walk-through. This will inform needed work on Town Hall.
- Mowing contract with Scott & Crispell revised and sent.
- Labella (Alten Ainsley and Dave Walker) will conduct site visit to Highway Barns on Tuesday, May 16, to develop a Feasibility Study proposal. 8 am.
- Watershed Committee:
 - Monthly phone call with Tom Abbati of DHSES for Buffalo Road project update.
 - Watershed Committee visited Ann Harch property on Six Mile Creek at our April meeting to examine the historic dam and potential disintegration and erosion hazards. Will seek information from prior TC Soil & Water assessment.
- Energy Independent Caroline:
 - Work on Solarize and Energy Code Training "high-impact actions" in progress.
 - Historic Town Hall energy improvements
 - Cornell engineering students will report on their micro-hydro study of Six Mile Creek at our May 18 meeting. They also visited Ann Harch property on April 25th.
- Second negotiation meeting with Highway Bargaining Unit was on May 4th. Next meeting is May 25th.
- Attended Greater Tompkins Municipal Health Insurance Consortium Annual Retreat on 10 May at the Tompkins County legislative chambers.
- South Hill Recreation Way Trail Extension: We have heard from many people about the proposed South Hill Recreation Way Trail Extension. At our April 12 town board meeting we heard from 18 people who voiced opposition to the proposed trail and four who expressed support. Among the points raised by opponents were that Tompkins County already has an abundance of trails, ownership of the abandoned rail bed is in question, the trail would be too expensive to build and maintain, and the trail would infringe on the privacy of rural residents. Supporters were in favor of a safe, direct corridor for non-motorized transit between Brooktondale and Ithaca. A petition in support of the trail was presented to the Town Board with 296 signatures - 180 (60%) of those were Caroline residents. We have received about 48 comments about the trail proposal, 40 in support, 8 opposed. We continue to receive input.