**Supervisor Gustafson Financial / Business Report / Committee Reports**

**Committee Meeting Notes April 05, 2019**

**Town of Roseboom Committee Meeting Date: April 05, 2019 Loc: Town Office**

Present: Supervisor Patti Gustafson, Council Person Allegra Schecter, Council Person Charles Diamond,

Excused/Absent: Deputy Supervisor Curtis VanDewerker, Council Person Dan Gage, Code Officer Pam Dyn-Gohde

Other Present: Hwy Supt HEO/Asst Mitchell Vanburen, Code Officer Lloyd Stannard

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION --**

**HIGHWAY --- CONTRACTS, ROADS, EQUIPMENT, BUILDING, CHIPS**

* **NYS DOT SIR 11 Cost Report (2017/2018 & 2018/2019 Seasons):** Hwy Supt will track monthly Snow & Ice costs on the SIR 11 form. Hwy Supt Vanburen met with NYS DOT J Murello to review the sand & salt portion of the SIR 11 Report for both seasons/reporting periods. Report completed by Supt Vanburen and submitted to Town Supervisor for reconciliation. . **Update:** Supervisor reconciling report/data.
* **NYS DOT Snow & Ice Contract 2018/2019 Season ($82,513.92):**. **Update:** Contract on file. Completed.
* **County Snow & Ice Contract 2018/2019 Season:** Hwy Superintendent VanBuren reported that Salt costs have increased 20%. Further, the contract does not specify the tons of salt allowed for season; but the Town has had to use 251 tons of salt for County Roads. Town has paid for Salt material; noting that the County owes to the Town for Salt. Superintendent met & discussed with Otsego Co DPW. Otsego Co DPW, Rich Brimmer will ship some salt to the Town. Supervisor received Report of Snow & Ice Plowing for County Roads and will reconcile data. Note: Supervisor received and deposited (04/05) check ($9794.60) for the period of 08/01/18 – 12/31/18. Completed 4/5/19
* **Storage Shed Building (Rte 165): Phase I completed (Door replacements & Wall repairs).**  Weather has impeded progress. Deferred until Spring 2019. Insurance Company indicate they would not be able to cover building at the current replacement value rate. Board discussed and Hwy Superintendent VanBuren and his Crew will address/contact insurance representative @ Tokyo Marine to discuss Insurance requirements in order to repair building. Thank you, Mitchel & Crew, for addressing these repairs asap!
* **Qualified Abandoned Road Proposal (Bob Rich Road): deferred**
* **Edwards Road Culvert Replacement via DHSES & FEMA 4204-0005:** Supervisor received confirmation that FEMA has approved the Budget ($47,121.50) at a ratio of 75% -FEMA /25% Town. Extension of August 30, 2019 pending. Supervisor received e-mail from Tom Cowin regarding extension to complete the project. Supervisor completed (on 10/30/18) another Budget Report, sent formal letter of request for the extension, and submitted schedule when work will be completed; COB 08/30/19. **Update:** approval of extension request pending. The Qtr Report (Oct 01 – Dec 31) completed & filed by Hwy Supt Vanburen & Supervisor Gustafson. Completed 4/5/19
* **LP Portable Generator:** Board approved purchase of Generac LP Portable Generator. Generator received.
* **Highway Building –** **Electric Panel Box upgrade:** Hwy Superintendent to get estimate to install a compatible panel box for a LP generator, salamander. Council Person Gage contacted Thompson Electric to inquire which Generator would be the most compatible. Update: Board approved (Oct 2018 Board Meeting) to have panel box installed. Councilperson Gage reported Thompson Electric expected to complete within the next 2-3 weeks. Councilperson Diamond to follow up installation of panel box with Thompson Electric Co. (Exploring a Generac) **Update:** Thompson Electric delayed. Deputy Supervisor VanDewerker to ask Council person Gage to discuss time frame for implementing the upgrade.
* **Otsego County Soil & Water (Stream Management Program; Excavator Grant):**. Resolution No 3 – 2018 was approved to financially support the $1400 annual fee for five years for a total of $7000. Resolution was signed & sealed and sent to Mr. Clements**. Update:** J Clements spoke with DS VanDewerker indicating he is continuing presentations/ meetings with municipalities to gain support for his efforts to secure grant funds for this Three-Relay Partnership (Otsego County, Towns & Villages, District) to secure grant funds for an Excavator and Bulldozer. project. Currently, 20% of municipalities have approved financial support.
* **Gage School House Road (Speed Control)** **& Honey Hill Road (Speed Control):** Supervisor Gustafson & Superintendent Vanburen completed the requested NYS DOT data (i.e. terminus descriptions, segment lengths, and ownership status; including road numbers. The data and resolution 4 & 4a were sent (02/21/19) to Rich Brimmer, Otsego Co DPW for review; he will forward to NYS DOT. Status: no update
* **Security Camera Installation:** Prior discuss had been heard regarding the need to install a Security Camera at the Town Garage/Town Office Building. Supervisor Gustafson asked Highway Superintendent Vanburen to explore options/costs for a basic model that would be appropriate to cover the area to be viewed. Hwy Supt Vanburen to explore options. Update: Hwy Supt Vanburen to explore, purchase, and install security cameras.
* **BSROE Reports:** Superintendent Vanburen, Deputy Supervisor VanDewerker, and Supervisor Gustafson met on 02/06/19 to review and discuss the 2018 year end net profit/loss and the 2019 budget goals regarding sand, salt, and diesel fuel usage. Upon discuss and budget constraints, the Highway Superintendent has decided to utilize less salt and more 1B sand during the winter season for snow removal services on all Roads (NYS, County, and Town roads).
* **Clean-up Day for Town Garage:**. The Town Board expressed their appreciation for the hard work and efforts of the Highway Employees who have been working to clean up inside and outside of the Town Building/Garage. They are scrapping items, and discarding others, painting the walls and trim, etc.. Hwy Supt secured a dumpster for this project.
* **Highway Superintendent Vacancy:** Town Clerk posted a notice of vacancy for the Hwy Supt position. The Town Board will accept applications for the position. **Update:** Former Hwy Supt Mitchel Vanburen expressed to the Town Board that he would be interested in being appointed back to the Hwy Supt position. Town Board discussed with Mr. Vanburen.
* **New Temporary Position for HEO & Admin Assistant:** at the 02/18/2019 Special Board meeting, the Town Board approved to hire Mitchel Vanburen to fill a temporary position as HEO & Admin Assistant to assist the incoming new Highway Superintendent. The temporary position will run from Mar 15 – Oct 15, 2019. This position will address the heavy work schedule of the Highway Department this Spring & Summer, as well as assist the new Hwy Supt. (i.e. New Salt Shed, Tues Replacement on Gage Road & Middlefield Center Roads, Edwards Road Tube Replacement Project -FEMA, Trimming & Mowing Town Roads, Excavation of Garage Parking area, planting of Breen Property adjacent to sand pile, ect).
* **Scrap Metal ($2392.90**): M Vanburen & the Hwy Department received $2392.90, so far, for scrap metal from private bid and Auto Crushers. They will be taking the dump truck (# ) anticipating over $1000. Note: Dump Truck was totaled, and the Town received payment from Insurance Company. GREAT JOB Highway Department; thank you!!!

**JUSTICE COURT**

* **Justice Court 2019 Reports & Fees (A.2610):** Jan, Feb, Mar Fees received from Justice Donna Yerdon.
* **Town Court Internet Access:** Justice Yerdon has acquired a new computer from NYS and reports she is able to access the web sites needed to complete her reports. Note: Spectrum indicates they would be able to give the Town access but at an exorbitant cost to the tax payers. **Update:** Deputy Supervisor VanDewerker and Justice Yerdon have worked together to resolve the internet issues. OEC will be terminated and Hughes Net will be installed April 8th, 2019 by George Hess, Satellite Central,, Laurens, NY. Thank you both!!!!
* **Court Hours:** Justice Yerdon holds court the 1st Wednesday each month.

**FINANCIAL**

* **Financial Reports –** Supervisor’s Financial Reports on file; e-mailed to Board members.
* **County Sales Tax received- (A.1120)** Supervisor received & deposited $3804.59 for distribution dates 3/5 & 3/12..
* **NYMIR:** at the 11/9/17 Town Board Meeting County **\_**Rep. Bliss commented on the Insurance Health Consortium (Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield). He indicated the Town Supervisor may contact Dan Crowell, Health Administrator or Len Carson, Lead Rep. Supervisor Gustafson reported that the NYMIR is a group of businesses or organizations that join together to provide [insurance coverage](https://www.investopedia.com/terms/i/insurance-coverage.asp). Insurance consortiums allow for [economies of scale](https://www.investopedia.com/terms/e/economiesofscale.asp) and increased [efficiencies](https://www.investopedia.com/terms/e/efficiency.asp), since the groups that are part of the [consortium](https://www.investopedia.com/terms/c/consortium.asp) can spread out the cost of administration and can obtain better [discounts](https://www.investopedia.com/terms/d/discount.asp) through volume. Further, she will discuss with Gates & Cole Rep. Maggie S. **Update:** Supervisor Gustafson received and commented on an e-mail from Len Carson that indicates they are currently looking at an Article 47 or another path with BOCES to allow our county municipalities an opportunity to join and lower their health care insurance costs. The Health Consortium are still gathering information on the second option and will be sharing with every community as soon as they have confirmed its ability to save. **Update: Supervisor & Deputy Supervisor to head up Health Care Insurance Project.**
* **NBT Credit Card**: Town Board supported & approved Hwy Superintendent Vanburen’s request to obtain a Town Credit Card for emergency purchases with a cap of $3000. Currently, the Town has an NBT Visa Debit Card which is used for large purchases (i.e. Auction Item) as needed. See Board motion from July 12th Board meeting. **Update:** Supervisor to set up credit card and review with Accountant.
* **Retirement System:** monthly report for 03/31/2019 has passed all validations and is scheduled for posting to the members' accounts. Completed 04/10/19
* **AIM –** Aid & Incentives for Municipalities (aka NYS Aid): Supervisor Gustafson sent an e-mail to Hon Senator James Seward and Hon Assemblyman Brian Miller requesting their legislative support to “stop the plan to eliminate *Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM)*. Specifically, calling for the Legislature to:  Stop the plan to eliminate state-funded *Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM)*;  Restore AIM to be fully state-funded;  Adopt common-sense modifications to the Tax Cap;   Increase the base CHIPS amount; and   Restore Extreme Winter Recovery assistance. Further, we simply cannot allow the Governor to neglect and ignore local governments and their residents. Please know that the items listed above are critical to local government and well within the state’s ability to grant. We would like to remind the state Legislature and Governor of the importance and value of towns and home rule. Completed 03/28/19.
* Single Audit Certification Report (2018): Supervisor received, completed, submitted the Single Audit Certification Report (2018) to DHSES for the 2018 period. Completed 03/28/19.

**SALT SHED**

* **Salt Shed-excavation of land for new site:** Hwy Superintendent spoke with Dave Bassler who indicated the Town may excavate the bank area and only will need a building permit. As the Town will not have to have the site surveyed & engineer approval, this is a cost savings for the Town. Town Board received three estimates and approved quote (S Gridley) via motion at the Nov 8th Board meeting. Project was postponed due to weather; expect to commence work Spring 2019.
* **Salt Shed design:** Council Person Diamond and Gage have been working on design/plan option for the new Salt Shed. Discussion heard regarding having 2 bays instead of 1 bay, size needed, materials for walls and roofing. **Update:** Board to review, submit Plans to Code Officer L Stannard for his input and approval. Estimated cost $13,00 excavation & concrete work, and $12,000 Materials/Supplies w/Town Hwy Dept to build salt shed. Supervisor to explore funding options.
* **Salt Shed – Otsego County:** Dave Bliss, Otsego Co Board Chair & Town Representative was asked to clarify if Otsego County could assist the Town financially under the Shared Services Plan; and if there is an existing appropriation line that could be accessed to assist the Town. Thank you DAVE!! **Update:** pending
* **TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR**
* **Web-Site for the Town of Roseboom**: To see the new web page go to: Town of Roseboom.com. **COMPLETE.**

**TOWN ASSESSOR – Pam Dyn-Gohde**

* **Re-Assessment concerns remaining; local resident and Board members expressed their concerns regarding the remaining re-assessment concerns brought to their attention.** Assessor will be addressing approximately (10) more parcels in the fall of 2018. Update: the new appointed Assessor will be expected to address these items.
* **Assessor Appointed**: on 01/10/19 the Town Board appointed Pam Dyn Gohde to fill the term (Expiration date of 09/30/19) of former Assessor,Doug Gohde. Mrs. Gohde accepted the appointment.
* **Assessor Vacancy effective 10/01/2019:** Supervisor has received resume(s) and letters of interest in serving as the Town Assessor. Board will review all potential candidates and appoint Sole Assessor at the August or September Town Board Meeting.

**DOG CONTROL**

* **Dog Control Officer:** no report for March 2019.
* **Susquehanna Animal Shelter Inspection Report:** NYS Agriculture & Markets completed the Municipal Shelter Inspection on 03/14/2019. The report indicates the dog shelter services were rates as “satisfactory”. Completed 04/04/19.

**TOWN SIGNS CEMETERY ASSOCIATIONS TOWN HISTORIAN IT/COMPUTER ITEMS**

* **SIGNS --Town of Roseboom Sign(s):** Board moving forward with the placement of three (3) new WELCOME TO ROSEBOOM SIGNS (the Rte 165 Schoharie/Otsego County Line, Rte 166 Middlefield Town/Roseboom Town Line, and Rte 166 the Cherry Valley Town/Roseboom Town Line). Supervisor discussed with Vendor who will e-mail her three (3) design samples. . Supervisor & Council Person Gage to work on Sign Project.

**Chery Valley Joint Fire District/ EMS Squad Cell Tower/Service AED Unit Internet/Broadband Service**

**SOLAR INITIATIVE(S) LED STREET LIGHTING PIPELINE SAFETY PUBLIC SERVICE**

* **National Grid Street Light Agreement:** Supervisor Gustafson asked Councilperson Schecter t(11/28/18) to contact National Grid to obtain the new Street Light Agreement that includes the two (2) new lights. **Update:** Supervisor received National Grid Agreement. Agreement will be signed, notarized and submitted to National Grid in April 2019.
* **NYS DEC: Adopt the Climate Smart Communities Pledge (Resolution):** Councilperson Schecter discussed and presented a model resolution for the Town Board to consider regarding “steps needed to qualify for a DEC Clean Energy Community. Resolution #6 was approved. This allows the Town of Roseboom to be designated as a Clean Energy Community and will help with grant opportunities. Councilperson Allegra Schecter has been working diligently-- received letter from Office of the NYS Commissioner ***congratulating the Town of Roseboom on adopting the Climate Smart Communities Pledge.***
* **NYSERDA: Clean Energy Community Grant Initiative:** Allegra attended the MVEDD meeting in Little Falls (10/29). She spoke with Amy Wyant who will meet with Allegra on Friday (11/02) @ 11:30 to go over the solar items the Town has completed. Once the Town has completed four (4) actions (which we have already done for the Cleaner Energy Communities) and they are certified, the Town may be eligible for a $5000 general grant that may be used as the Town deems necessary. The process is complicated, and Ms. Wyant will assist in the tabulation of data to be entered. Again, thank you Allegra for a great job!!! Councilperson Allegra Schecter has been working diligently on this Grant Initiative as follows: 1) ***adopting the Climate Smart Communities Pledge,*** 2) ***First Impact Action approved***--- documentation demonstrating completion of LED Street Lights conversion, 3) ***Second Impact Action approved*** --- documentation demonstrating completion of the Unified Solar Permit, 4) ***opened an EPA Portfolio Manager Account*** ---registering the Roseboom Town Barn/Garage as a multi-use building. 5) further, Allegra ***obtained usage history for National Grid (electric usage) and Mirabito ( Fuel usage***); however, this did not support a decrease in usage. 6) Lloyd Stannard’s certificate of trainings did not meet the High Impact Item needed for the grant, 7) the Town will pursue the urchase of a Charging Station as the last High Impact Item in order to qualify for the NYSERDA grant ($5000). Allegra reported that the grants are going fast; with only 12 remaining. Charlie was asked to explore which Charging Station should be purchased. **Update:**
* **Southern Tier 8 Regional-** the Southern Tier 8 Regional Board will be providing information sessions on funding through the Appalachian Regional Commission’s Area Development Program. The sessions are designed for municipal governments and non-profit organizations that are seeking funding for projects slated to begin in 2020. Council person Schecter was asked to contact Meghan Johnston at Otsego Co Planning to see if the Town of Roseboom could benefit from this funding opportunity. 607.547.4225
* **Hughes Net:** the Town Board authorized to terminate OEC Blue and install Hughes Net for internet service at the Town Building/Office. This change is a result from slow service for the Justice Court reporting on-line to NYS. Completed 04/08.

**PLANNING BOARD……………2nd Monday each Month @ 7pm**

* **Comprehensive Plan Comparison:**Supervisor, Councilperson and Planning Board members obtained various documents to be included with the Comprehensive Plan. Comprehensive Plan, Supporting Documents, and SEQR are required for Town Board to finalize and submit to the Otsego County Planning for their review. Councilperson Schecter updated the Appendix with new maps and submitted them to Karen Sullivan, Director Otsego County Planning. Board expresses its utmost appreciation to all the Planning Board members!!

**Comprehensive Plan –***Otsego County Planning Findings:* The county planning agency, under GML 239, has reviewed the Town of Roseboom's referral, Comprehensive Plan Update. Via e-mail; attached is their notice of action, summary and template for the town to return once a decision is made. Their 3 recommendations are only binding to the point the Town need only override the agencies recommendations by a majority plus one vote. #1 – Reference County’s updated Ag. Farmland Protection Plan #2- Include Action Items for each strategy #3 – Reference consolidation of Ag. Districts and include updated ag map. **Update:** L Lamb, Planning Board Chairman adjourned the Planning Board until April 2019. The Planning Board deferred final changes to the Comprehensive Plan until the May 13, 2019 meeting.

**SERQ Document:** The Town Board approved the following action at the Nov 8th Board meeting: to declare the Revised Comprehensive Plan as a Type 1 action, then the Board declares it has completed the FEAF (parts 1,2,3), then the Board declares there are “no negative impacts to the environment”. The Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to submit the revised Comprehensive Plan to Otsego County Planning for their review, approval, and comments. Supervisor delivered Comprehensive Plan to Otsego County Planning on 11/23/18. Once Otsego County Planning send their finding the Board may move forward at the Jan. 10th, 2019 to adopt/approve the revised Comprehensive Plan. Approval/Findings from Otsego County Planning pending. **Update:** Otsego County Planning sent the Town a notice (12/07) indicating they had received the Comprehensive Plan, Referral form, and SEQR parts 1-4 They will remit their findings within 30 days.

* **Land Use Regulation Document:** pending discussion & revisions.
* **Otsego Co Planning -*Training on Comprehensive Plans:*** the Otsego County Planning Department is holding a training on April 22, 2019 from 5- 8:15 pm on Comprehensive Planning and Community Design Tools.
* **GMVLB:**Bob Albrecht from gave a brief presentation regarding blighted properties within the community. Planning Board agreed to be a “Worthy Partner” as the Town Board moves forward with the GMVLB. ACTION NEEDED: Motion re MOU.
* **GMVLB:**Councilperson Diamond expressed his concerns regarding the “power/authority afforded to the GMVLB”. He will research and report findings to the Board.

**ORGANIZATIONAL CHART / TOWN Bi-LAWS**

* **Organizational Chart / Bi-Laws** – Assessor Pam Dyn Gohde requested a date change for the Assessment Review Board. As such, the Town Board to approve an amendment to the Organizational Chart & Bi-Laws to reflect the ***Assessment Review Board will meet on the 4th Thursday in May 2019.***  Further, Assessor Dyn-Gohde was asked to remind the assessment review board members of the date change (Board members: Richard Hansen, Norma VanBuren, Everett Yerdon)
* **Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank (GMVLB):** Council Person Allegra Schecter submitted newspaper notice regarding ‘resolutions” passed by another Town(s) to partner with Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank (GMVLB). By collaborating with mutual government and community volunteers, “blighted properties” would be addressed; with the goal to rehabilitate vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties and return them to the tax rolls. The resolution refers to property’s rehabilitation by the land bank which are then sold and returned to the tax roll. Board to review with Code Officer and before passing “resolution”. Council Person Schecter contacted Mr. Rob Albrecht (GMVLB), he will do a presentation at the Town’s Committee Meeting (08/03) at 9:00 am at the Historical Society Building in Roseboom. Other Town Supervisors were asked to join the presentation. Board passed resolution to enter communication with the GMVLB. Mr. Albrecht received the resolution of engagement; and attended the October 2018 Board Meeting to discuss the Town’s next step in the process. The Town Board will discuss three (3) potential properties that could qualify. Also, Deputy Supervisor VanDewerker & Councilperson Allegra Schecter will contact Otsego County to clarify if the County has special regulations before moving forward with identifying three properties (aka: properties that may be in arrears).Town Board’s next step is to consider a 50/50 Resolution with GMVLB. Board discussed & approve Resolution # 11 at 12/13/18 meeting. Supervisor e-mailed Resolution #11 to GMVLB. **Update:** Councilperson Schecter reported that the Women’s Club could not take on the role of “Worthy Partner” under one of GMVLB requirement. As such, the GMVLB informed Council Person Schecter that the Town can move forward by having “public input” (i.e. Roseboom Historical Society) then no Worthy Partner is needed. Council Person Schecter will contact and set up a meeting with the RHS to see if they are interested as we explore blighted property’s that could be consider for rehabilitation. **Update:**
* **GMVL & Otsego County:**  The Town Board was informed that Meg Kennedy from Otsego County Planning Department is on the GMVLB Board. Completed 03/01/19

**SHARED SERVICES with OTSEGO COUNT.**

* **County-Wide Shared Services Plan:** meeting scheduled for March 21st @ 5:30 @ ONC Boces, Milford,NY Supervisor and others will attend.**.**

**HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN with OTSEGO COUNTY**

* **HMP:** Supervisor & Deputy Supervisor met (9/19/18) to discuss, prepare, and submit (via e-mail 9/20) the Town’s chapter of the HMP to Tetra-Tech representative Ms. Duckworth. Tetra-Tech is the contract consultant working with Otsego County Planning & Solid Waste to update the County’s current Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). If the Town of Roseboom does not participate in the HMP, our municipality ***will not*** be eligible for FEMA or NYS DHSES funding!! The next update is not until CY 2013. Upon review, the HMP was submitted to Otsego County Planning, Karen Sullivan; meeting the deadline of 09/28, 2018. Supervisor Gustafson contacted (via e-mail) Tetra Tech to follow up on the progress with the HMP. Tetra Tech indicates they received the Town’s Report and they are working on the County HMP. Town Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor VanDewerker & Tetra Tech revised worksheet of the updated draft annex in January 2019. The “drafted Annex” will be used at the 02/19/19 HMP Meeting. Supervisor to discuss with Deputy Supervisor & Hwy Superintendent; then contact Tetra Tech to update the “Drafted Annex”.
* **HMP Meeting (01/29/19):** Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor and Hwy Supt attended the HMP Meeting (02/19/19) from 5-8 pm. Met with DHSES, Steve Bornt, Project Manager for Mitigation Projects. Mr. Steven Bornt, Project Manager, DESHS assisted in completing two (2) Mitigation Items and expressed he would be available for consultation if needed. The Town Board has completed some of the Mitigation Items that were originally identified in prior years. Most of the new Mitigation Items will revolve around Tube / Culvert Replacement. (i.e. Stannard Hill Intersection, Morton Road, Adair Road, Honey Hill Road, Turpenings Road). Supervisor, Deputty Supervisor will work on completing the HMP Worksheet with Tetra Tech.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

* **NYS Annual Report 2018**: Supervisor Gustafson received a notice that the town of Roseboom is responsible for administration and enforcement of the Uniform Code and Energy Code in its jurisdiction.  The notice is a reminder that NYCRR Title 19 Part 1203 requires every city, village, town, and county, charged with administration and enforcement of the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (Uniform Code) to annually submit a report of its activities to the Secretary of State.  Supervisor forwarded the e-mail notice to Code Officer, Lloyd Stannard for completion by April 1st.
* **GMVLB Survey Monkey**: Supervisor completed survey from GMVLB regarding shared services and Code Enforcement Officer data.

NYS Senator James Seward:

* NYS Budget Falls on Several Fronts: NYS Senator James Seward’s response to the 2020 NYS Budget: the budget, which he **opposed**, increases taxes by more than $1.4 billion this year and $4.5 billion next year (so far). The plan does nothing to help struggling small businesses, ignores upstate needs, and slaps more **unfunded mandates on local government**. The budget is also loaded with policies that do not reflect the concerns heard from people every day! A recent poll revealed some disturbing trends----more than a third of New Yorkers cannot afford to live here, and nearly half of our young people are planning to leave NYS. Senator Seward expresses we need to take action to make our state more affordable and get our economy back on track. He will continue to fight to lower our cost of living while advancing policies that will grow the economy. A few of his ideas are available at his website, and he appreciates our feedback. www.nysenate.gov/senators/james-L-seward

**TOWN BOARD AGENDA- requests for Agenda Items.**

**Respectfully submitted by - Patti Gustafson, Town Supervisor END**