

Town of Greenville

TOWN BOARD MEETING

TENTATIVE AGENDA

December 19, 2016

7:00 pm

Bill Paying audit at 7:00 pm

Approval of minutes: 11/21/16

OLD BUSINESS

- a) Rescue Squad
- b) Highway
- c) Buildings and Grounds
- d) Code Enforcement
- e) Sewer
- f) Water
- g) Recycling
- h) Assessor
- i) Planning Board
- j) Dog Control Officer
- k) Beautification Committee

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Resolution to remove tax exemption for solar, wind or farm waste
- b) Approve escrow accounts for Freehold Solar LLC and Amberjack Solar LLC
- c) Approve Inter-municipal Agreement between Town of Greenville, Greenville Water District, and Greenville Fire District
- d) Change Order American Evergreen
- e) Misc.

Open Meeting

Supervisors Report

Upcoming scheduled Town Board meetings:

Organizational meeting: January 3, 2017 at _____ pm

Regular Town Board meeting: January 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm

November 21, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Greenville was held on Monday, November 21, 2016, at 7:00 pm at Pioneer Hall. Three board members were present, as well as attorney Tal Rappleyea. Councilmen Bensen and Stern were absent. There were 13 guests in attendance. Supervisor Macko opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no sealed bids received for work on Prevost Hall.

The Greenville Rescue Squad report was received. It was noted that commencing December 1, 2016, the 'fly car' will be stationed in Greenville ~ allowing a paramedic to be dispatched from Greenville. The Ambulance Contract has been prepared and the GRS, Inc. is prepared for 24 hour service as of 1/1/2017.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Davis, to adopt the Ambulance Contract for Services; attached. Carried 3 ayes; 2 absent

The audit of bills occurred. There were seven guests present for the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Davis moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of Oct. 17, 2016, seconded by Mr. Macko. Carried 3 ayes

Mr. Davis moved to accept the Clerk's minutes of Nov. 9, 2016, seconded by Mr. Bear. Carried 3 ayes

Oral and/or written reports were received from the Highway, Buildings and Grounds, Code, Assessing, Clerk/Tax, Sewer and Water departments, and Planning and Zoning Boards. No motions were made during this portion of the meeting.

New business discussed at 7:30 pm: Supervisor Macko reminded those present of the 67th annual Old Timer's Christmas party, occurring on December 4, 2016 at 12:00 noon in the Greenville High School. Also discussed was a new Town Justice class to be offered in Castleton this December.

Mr. Bear moved, seconded by Mr. Davis, to approve this training opportunity and associated costs for Justice-elect Alois Kraker. Carried 3 ayes

Supervisor Macko opened the meeting for public comments and questions at 7:32 pm: none received.

Mr. Davis moved to enter executive session at 7:33 pm to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation, seconded by Mr. Bear. Carried 3 ayes

Mr. Davis moved to return to regular session at 8:03 pm, seconded by Mr. Bear. Carried 3 ayes

No motions were made in executive session.

The 2017 Columbia Greene Humane Society contract was discussed, as well as a letter received from them about an outstanding bill. A shared-service agreement between the maintenance department and the Greenville fire department was also provided to the Board. Both will be reviewed/discussed at the December meeting.

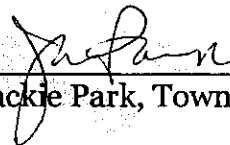
After audit, Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Bear, to pay the following bills:

- Bills 440 - 480 on General abstract #11 for \$19,225.90
- Bills 180 - 199 on Highway abstract #11 for \$42,216.56
- Bills 121 - 138 on Sewer abstract #11 for \$257,494.12
- Bills 82 - 91 on Water abstract #11 for \$4,091.57

Carried 3 ayes

After review, Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the Supervisor's report for October, seconded by Mr. Bear. Carried 3 ayes

There being no further business, Mr. Macko moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm.


 Jackie Park, Town Clerk-Collector

SUPERVISOR MACKO

MR. BEAR

MR. DAVIS

TOWN OF GREENVILLE
RESOLUTION TO REMOVE THE TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR, WIND, OR FARM WASTE ENERGY SYSTEMS AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 487 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW.

WHEREAS, it is the purpose and intent of this Resolution is to remove the real property tax exemption provided solar, wind and farm waste energy systems as provided for in §487 of the Real Property Tax Law so that the Town of Greenville may tax the increase in value resulting from the installation of a qualifying solar, wind or farm waste energy system.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 8 of §487 of the Real Property Tax Law, the Town of Greenville hereby provides that no exemption for property taxes shall be applicable within its jurisdiction with respect to any solar or wind energy system or farm waste energy system, as those terms are defined in §487 of the Real Property Tax Law, which began construction subsequent to the effective date of this local law, and it is further

RESOLVED THAT pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 9 of §487 of the Real Property Tax Law, the Town of Greenville hereby provides that any solar or wind energy system, or any farm waste energy system that has begun construction prior to the effective date of this resolution shall be required to enter into a PILOT contract with the Town of Greenville. Such contract shall provide for annual payments to the town in an amount that does not exceed but would be equal to the amount of property tax otherwise payable but for the exemption granted under §487 of the Real Property Tax Law. Such payments shall continue for 15 years, commencing from the date on which the tax exemption benefits first become available and effective, and it is further

RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall become effective immediately.

RESOLUTION MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMAN _____
SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON _____.

ROLL CALL:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT/OTHER</u>
Supervisor Macko			
Councilperson Benson			
Councilperson Davis			
Councilperson Stern			
Councilperson Bear			

CARRIED.

Jackie Park, Town Clerk

DATED: December 19, 2016

**AGREEMENT FOR THE PAYMENT OF
MUNICIPAL REVIEW EXPENSES
FREEHOLD SOLAR, LLC SITE PLAN REVIEW AND SPECIAL USE
PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

This Agreement dated December , 2016 by and between the Town of Greenville, a municipal corporation with its principal office located at Pioneer Building, Route 81, Greenville, NY (the "Town") and Freehold solar, LLC, with its primary place of business located at 3250 Ocean Park Blvd. Suite 355, Santa Monica, CA 90305 ("Applicant").

WHEREAS, Applicant has submitted an application to the Town of Greenville Planning Board for the approval of a Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit located on lands leased by Applicant located at 9775-9873 State Route 32, Town of Greenville, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Town Zoning Law requires the deposit of an escrow in a sum determined to reasonably cover the cost of fees including but not limited to engineering and legal cost for the review of this project; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant recognizes that the Town will be required to engage engineering, legal and other professional services to conduct a timely and thorough review of the project;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, the Town and Applicant agree that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are the following:

1. The Applicant shall reimburse the Town in full for all engineering, legal and other professional fees incurred in connection with the review of this project, including but not limited to compliance with SEQRA and all other approvals required from the Town of Greenville. The Applicant shall not be required to reimburse the Town for any legal, engineering or other professional fees associated with any litigation related to the project.
2. Upon execution of this Agreement, the Applicant shall deposit the sum of \$5,000.00 with the Greenville Town Clerk whom shall hold the funds in escrow to be used to pay the engineering, legal and other professional fees incurred in the review of the project.
3. The Town shall submit an itemized bill to The Applicant, through its representative, Cypress Creek Renewables, at least 5 days prior to any deduction of such amount billed from the escrow account.

4. The Town shall notify Applicant in writing if the escrow account balance shall drop below \$500 and PRIMAX shall replenish the escrow account balance to \$5,000 within 20 days of such notification. The parties agree that failure by Applicant to replenish same within 20 days of such a request by the Town shall result in a suspension of the review of any application before any of the Town Boards and any such suspension shall not be counted against any time frame for action by such Board(s).

5. Upon completion of the application and review process, any balance remaining in the escrow account shall be refunded to Applicant within 30 days of the submission and payment of the final bill by the Town and payment in full of all application and approval fees.

TOWN OF GREENVILLE

FREEHOLD SOLAR, LLC

By _____

By _____

Print Name PAUL MACKO

Print Name _____

Title SUPERVISOR

Title _____

STATE OF NEW YORK:
 COUNTY OF GREENE

: ss.

On the _____ day of December in the year 2016 before me came, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said State, personally appeared Paul Macko, Supervisor, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

 Notary Public

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 COUNTY OF _____ : ss.

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TOWN OF GREENVILLE

AMBERJACK SOLAR, LLC

By _____

By _____

Print Name PAUL MACKO

Print Name _____

Title SUPERVISOR

Title _____

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COUNTY OF GREENE

: ss.

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**INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT
TOWN OF GREENVILLE, GREENVILLE WATER DISTRICT AND GREENVILLE
FIRE DISTRICT**

This Agreement is made by and between the Town of Greenville (hereinafter referred to as the "Town"), Greenville Water District (hereinafter referred to as "District") and the Greenville Fire District (hereinafter referred to as the "FD"), each being municipal corporations or agencies located within Greene County, New York.

Whereas, this agreement is made pursuant to General Obligation Law §119-0 and,

Whereas, it is in the interest of the taxpayers of the Town, District and the FD to share resources in the undertaking of firefighting, snow plowing, public works and other municipal improvement projects and services; and

Whereas, each party hereto has certain equipment and/or skilled personnel (including equipment operators) which the other does not have; and

Whereas, it is more cost effective and efficient for the parties to assist one another in the performance of their respective duties and not be required to obtain such equipment, personnel or services from outside vendors, and

Whereas, flexibility in operating local governments and municipal agencies is necessary to insure efficiency and maximum benefits; and

Whereas, general oversight by appropriate municipal officials will be accomplished through regular, periodic and at a minimum, annual reports by the appropriate department heads and/or officers of the respective parties; and

Whereas, it is determined that while liability risks are inherent when undertaking such, no substantial additional risk is occasioned when the respective parties may be assisting each; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Town of Greenville shall perform the necessary snow and ice removal from the areas designated as necessary by the District and the FD and additional obligations required hereunder in the attached Schedule "A". In consideration of such snow and ice removal services and additional obligations the FD shall provide each and every service listed in Schedule "B" to the Town and the District where appropriate. Also, in consideration

of such snow and ice removal services and additional obligations the District shall provide each and every service listed in Schedule "C" to the Town or FD, were appropriate. Based upon the determination that it shall be in the best interest of the taxpayers of the respective parties, the Supervisor of the Town, the District Administrator and the Chairman of the FD are hereby authorized to enter into this inter-municipal agreement upon the following conditions:

1. Each party shall be solely and exclusively responsible for all salary, overtime and/or benefits associated with any work performed by its' respective employee(s) under this agreement, as well the costs of use, maintenance and/or repair of its' equipment when used in conjunction herewith.

2. All parties to this Agreement do hereby agree to obtain and thereafter continue to keep in full force and effect their general liability insurance, public liability insurance, and automotive insurance relative to the various services to be performed herein with limits of not less than \$500,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 annual aggregate.

3. Each party hereto does hereby covenant and agree to indemnify and keep indemnified and save harmless the other party against claim for any loss, injury, death and/or damage and against any claim for compensation for which the municipality may or shall be liable by reason of its participation in the services to be rendered pursuant to this agreement.

4. In accordance with the provisions of section 109 of the General Municipal Law, both parties hereto are hereby prohibited from assigning, transferring, conveying, subletting or otherwise disposing of this agreement, or of its right, title or interest in this agreement to any other person or corporation without the previous consent in writing of the other party.

5. No waiver of any breach of any condition of the agreement shall be binding unless in writing and signed by the party waiving said breach. No such waiver shall in any way affect any other term or condition of this agreement or constitute a cause or excuse for a repetition of such or any other breach unless the waiver shall include the same.

6. A participating employee(s) shall be considered a shared employee(s) with the other participating party. However, nothing in this Agreement alters the employment relationship between a participating party and its' respective employee(s).

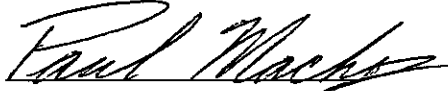
7. This Agreement shall be in force for the period of November 21, 2016 to December 31, 2017 and shall automatically be extended each year for another one year period unless one of the parties notifies the others on or before December 1 that said municipality wishes to withdraw from this agreement for the ensuing year.

8. The Board of each participating party has authorized its respective Supervisor and President to execute this Intermunicipal Agreement.

9. This agreement may be signed in counterpart by the respective municipal officials.

10. This agreement constitutes the complete understanding of the parties. No modification of any provisions thereof shall be valid unless in writing and signed by both parties.

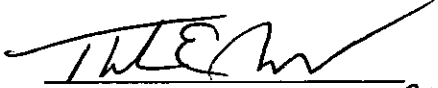
TOWN OF GREENVILLE



By: Paul Macko, Supervisor

Dated: 11-22-, 2016


GREENVILLE FIRE DISTRICT



By: Theodore E. Nugent, Chairman

Dated: 11-22-, 2016

GREENVILLE WATER DISTRICT



By:

Dated: 11/22-, 2016

SCHEDULE "A"
AREAS TO BE PLOWED BY THE TOWN AND ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS

Following each weather event where three (3) inches or more of snow accumulation occurs or significant icing occurs whereby de-icing is appropriate, at the discretion of the Town Highway Superintendent, the following areas shall be plowed and/or de-iced by the Town:

- The Greenville Firehouse located at Routes 32 and 81
- The Norton Hill Firehouse located on Elliott Place
- Major maintenance and repairs

SCHEDULE "B"
SERVICES PROVIDED BY FIRE DISTRICT

- Clear snow and ice accumulations from all fire hydrants
- On a twice-annual basis, perform a hydrant check on all hydrants and provide a written report thereof to the Town Board
- On a twice-annual basis, perform routine maintenance on all hydrants, including but not limited lubrication of caps, etc. Materials/supplies for such maintenance shall be provided by the Water District.
- Reimburse the Town for the cost of sand and salt utilized for the plowing and de-icing on FD property and required hereunder

SCHEDULE "C"
SERVICES PROVIDED BY WATER DISTRICT

- Waive water rents for the following locations:
 - The Pioneer Building
 - Town Library
 - Cultural Center
 - Boy Scout Building
 - Vanderbilt Park
 - Town Highway Garage



2016 Governmental Annual Report

The mission of Cornell Cooperative Extension is to put "knowledge to work in pursuit of economic vitality, ecological sustainability and social well-being. We bring local experience and research based solutions together, helping New York State families and communities thrive in our rapidly changing world."

The Vision Statement of Cornell Cooperative Extension is that we are "a national leader in creating positive change on behalf of families and communities through rigorously-tested extension programs. We create measurable change in five priority areas by aligning local needs with the resources and priorities of the land grant system and its state and federal partners."

Please find below highlights of our activities in 2016:

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES (ENR)

- CCE received 18 grants and contracts this year totaling nearly \$250,000: many which are multiyear.
- CCE is currently part of two NYS Farm Viability Institute (NYSFVI) contracts that illustrate the link between agroforestry and agriculture. One focuses on the production of Chinese medicinal plants, and included a demonstration garden on the Siuslaw Model Forest (SMF), and the other for farmers looking to grow Shiitake mushrooms to diversify their crops.
- Through a special grant through the NYS Workforce Development Institute (WDI), CCE sponsored a "Healthy Veterans, Healthy Forests" feasibility meeting, to connect veterans to the logging profession. Participants included NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, U.S. Forest Service, SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry, NYS Veterans Affairs, Empire State Forest Products Association, and others.
- Sponsored a public program "The Introduction of a Viable American Chestnut Tree," which included plantings on CCE's Siuslaw Model Forest.
- Completed a feasibility study meeting on a Bowery Creek Training Facility – working on engaging partners, collecting baseline information about the history of instability of the stream reach and we will be reaching out to neighbors as well.
- New Siuslaw Model Forest Demonstrations including the installation of several Deer Enclosure/Impact Demonstrations, one supported by New York Forest Owners Association CDC chapter, Chinese Medicinal Plants as part of a New York State Farm Viability Institute funding, and a pollinator garden subsidized by the Hudson-Mohawk Resource Conservation and Development Council.
- Worked with communities to help them adapt to climate change including:
 - Collaborated with the Cornell Landscape Architecture Program on their Climate Adaptive Design (CAD) studio, in which students create designs for riverfront towns that increase resilience to flooding due to sea level rise and heavy precipitation events. In 2016, CCE staff assisted with CAD in Hudson, focusing on the South Bay and waterfront park as a study area. We also worked with the Village of Catskill to pursue design elements that were envisioned during the 2015 CAD. We are also supporting CAD in the City of Kingston.
 - Staff members worked with the NYS DEC Hudson River Estuary Program to assist communities in prioritizing replacement roadway culverts that are undersized to handle flood events and/or creating a barrier to the movement of fish and other aquatic organisms. Currently, CCE is assisting the Columbia County towns of Ancram, Gallatin and Taghkanic.

ENR Staff include Marilyn Wyman, Liz LoGiudice, Audrey Kropp, Tracy Testo, Ron Frisbee as well as intern, Austin Winegard, and program assistant, Shane Stevens.

4-H AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- The goal of 4-H and Youth Development is to have 4-H programs reach all towns in both counties as we continue to build our partnerships. We currently serve approximately 3,500 youth in both Columbia County and Greene County through various 4-H clubs and community programs. 430 are 4-H club members.

Building Strong & Vibrant New York Communities

Cornell Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities. NYS College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, NYS College of Human Ecology, NYS College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University, Cooperative Extension associations, county governing bodies, & U.S. Department of Agriculture, cooperating.

- The Athens Community Foundation grant supported a STEM Day at Athens Elementary school. Three staff and two volunteers spent an hour with every classroom – with small groups of 6 students moving through 5 hands-on stations. There was also a family night where children brought in their families to show them what they learned.
- With support from the Friends of Lindenwald, the Environmental Awareness Day Program expanded from its two days at the Siuslaw Model Forest to an additional two days at the Martin Van Buren Nature Trails. This program reaches sixth grade students from six schools in the two counties.
- CCE's highly successful Public Presentation Program for 4-H members – with participants at district and state events – grew to include an event called Produced in NY! which is meant to promote using locally produced ingredients. Eight members of the Medway Mountaineers 4-H club tried this silent demonstration out at the Coxsackie Farmers Market and two went on to the NYS Fair event.
- Dairy cattle judging has made a return with our local team participating in several events including the NYS fair judging contest.
- Local 4-H members have excelled in the State including Zaia Ivan who tested into the top four to be a member of the NYS Forestry Team and participated in the Forestry Invitational in West Virginia. Emily Ooms' dairy bowl expertise garnered her a place on the NYS Dairy Bowl Team which just won first in the nation and she placed second in the nation on the written test. Zaia Ivan placed so well in the NYS Poultry Bowl competition that she is a member of our NYS team – and completed in the national competition in Louisville, Kentucky.

4-H and Youth Development staff include Linda Tripp, Maggie Smith, and Andrew Randazzo.

PARENTING, NUTRITION, AND WELLNESS

- We continue our contract with the Greene County Department of Social Services to deliver their in-home parenting education, as well as a 16-week parenting education program at the Department of Social Services. Often times, this program is an important step in reunification of children with their parents after they have been removed or in preventing removal.
- For the second year we received a grant from the Dyson Foundation for our Parenting with Confidence Program, which provides parenting education to families in both counties, either in-home or at community-based organizations. This program is considered a child abuse/neglect prevention program and is available to any family in either county.
- We finished the first year of a five year grant with St. Peters Health Partners to work on creating a healthy community for the Hudson City School District. With this grant, we are working on three areas: complete streets, healthy food retail (corner store initiatives, mobile farmer's markets), and healthy food standards in businesses (worksite wellness).
- Finally, we have a small grant to deliver information on the safety of consuming fish and crabs from the Hudson River. In addition to providing the fish guidance, we can pair the lesson with another nutrition topic to deliver a nutrition lesson to community partners throughout Columbia and Greene Counties. As always, all programs are free of cost to participants.

Parenting, Nutrition, and Wellness staff include Rebecca Polmateer, Peggy Henne, Eileen West, Megan Gardner.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC VITALITY

- CCE continues to work with local agencies providing consumer education programs to their clientele and/or staff; these include Columbia County Office for Aging; Columbia Opportunities/Head Start; Community Action of Greene County; Greene County Human Services; and the Mental Health Association of Columbia & Greene Counties.
- Terri Mayhew serves as chair of the Columbia County Housing Advisory Board working in close proximity with the Fair Housing Officer on housing/landlord/tenant calls; sponsored a Landlord/Tenants Rights Forum in March; and the Fair Housing Poster Contest in April.
- Thanks to a Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc. grant, several Preventing Elder Financial Abuse educational outreach displays were created that reached over 23,000 consumers in both counties and developed a local resource directory geared to helping prevent and/or mitigate the impacts of elder financial exploitation. This effort fits nicely with our Aging in Place work initiative; Terri Mayhew's Aging in Place ad hoc committee met in June. We are currently looking into having AARP Albany offer some universal design training in our service area.
- Over 70 individuals representing six lake associations in Columbia and Greene Counties attended a Lakes Coalition meeting on August 13 at Sleepy Hollow Lake in Athens. Speakers from DEC, CCE, lake management companies, and aquatic engineering firms spoke at the day-long meeting. Terri serves on the board of the NYS Federation of Lakes Association which boasts half a dozen lake members from Columbia and Greene Counties. She also represents CCE Columbia Greene at Capital-Mohawk PRISM meetings.

- Terri co-chairs CCE's statewide Family Economics & Resource Management or FERM Program Work Team which sponsored a Scams/Fraud webinar with the Cornell Law School in March and held a "Money Matters and More Summit" for Extension Educators on campus in late June. She is editor of the PWT's quarterly e-newsletter called "The Balance Sheet."

Theresa Mayhew provides staff leadership to this program area.

AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE

- Completed 489 contacts with local farmers and agri-business contacts from one-on-one meetings, programs, and events as well as referring individuals to the Eastern New York Commercial Horticulture Program and the Capital Area Agriculture and Horticultural Program for more information and individual assistance.
- Discussions with Cornell University on the possible management of the Valatie Research Farm by our association.
- Helped with the initial start of the Hudson Valley Goat Milk Dairy Industry Program.
- Over 3,000 contacts were made through the Master Gardener Volunteer Program.
- Master Gardener Volunteers created two special educational exhibits "Microbes in Soil" at the Greene County Youth Fair and "Gardening in a Changing Climate" at the Columbia County Fair.

Agriculture and Horticultural program staff include Mick Bessire and Donna Peterson.

PROGRAM SUPPORT

While our association's primary focus is on providing strong, high quality programs and services, we know that we also have to provide the resources to support our program areas. Some of these include –

Human Resources - The association, in cooperation with CCE Administration, has been working to meet the changes in the rules and policies of the Fair Labor and Standards U.S. Department of Labor. In addition, position descriptions and job classifications have been reviewed, revised, and, in most cases, rewritten.

Volunteers – CCE sponsored a Recognition Program this spring acknowledging the contributions of all volunteers of the association.

Fundraising - CCE sponsored the famous Potato and Juice Bar and 4-H Milk Bar at the Columbia County Fair. Staff and volunteers coordinated the association's 10th annual fall fundraising dinner at the Agroforestry Resource Center, featuring local food, music and a silent auction. Funds raised support the association's programs and services.

Finances - While CCE anticipates a positive end to 2016 for its budget, our association, like others, continues to be challenged to find funding to support the programs and services we provide in our communities.

Marketing – Our outreach continues to expand, particularly via social media. Several thousand email subscribers receive program announcements and a great deal of information is shared via our Facebook page and website.

Facilities – The association continues to make physical improvements in its two offices.

- In Hudson, a bathroom renovation took place along with the installation of exit signs and LED emergency lighting. Roadside signage was also upgraded. Working with Lotus Energy, a retrofit to LED lighting took place in the offices and meeting hall. Extensive repairs were made to the building's second floor fire escape staircase.
- In Acra, exit signs and LED emergency lights were installed as well. Interior and exterior painting was done and plans continue to improve signage on the Eastbound side of Route 23.
- The association pick-up truck and plow were replaced to support the maintenance of the association.

Administrative & support staff include Chuck Brooks, Evon Antonio, Angela Tallarico, Eileen Simpson, Emily Warrington, Donna Garafalo and A.J. Melino.

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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE – 2017

As 2016 winds down, we look forward to 2017 as a year of celebration and enthusiasm for our local association. 2017 is the centennial of the two associations in each county. In addition, we not only celebrate 100 years of CCE, but also the 10-year anniversary of the Agroforestry Resource Center in Acra, and the 5-year celebration of the consolidation of the two associations to form Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties. We have much to be thankful for in the coming year. Here are the plans for celebrating these important milestones:

10th Anniversary Celebration of the Agroforestry Resource Center

Friday, May 19

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Agroforestry Resource Center, Acra

In addition to key partners who were instrumental in the establishment of the Center, we hope you will join us as well. The program will include an overview of the Center, what has been accomplished, and where we are going.

Ag Day Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Columbia-Greene Community College

Saturday, June 3

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Columbia-Greene Community College

There will be information displays, workshops, and demonstrations in a variety of agricultural areas. We look forward to learning more about the college's interest in the area of agriculture and its future plans.

Master Gardener Volunteer Pollinator Open House

Saturday, June 17

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Extension Education Center, Hudson

This event will feature programs, workshops, and demonstrations about Pollinators and the Master Gardener Volunteer Program.

Dinner Cruise

Saturday, August 19

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Board the "Marika" yacht from Hudson as we celebrate our 100th anniversary with a dinner cruise on the Hudson River. This dinner will take the place of our annual fall fundraising dinner. We anticipate this fund raising event will feature a program similar to past dinners including fabulous food, music, and lots of fun! We plan to start selling tickets in early 2017. We hope you will join us.

Annual Meeting

Scheduled to take place in November but the exact date and location is yet to be determined. We are tentatively planning to host a dinner or luncheon this year and we will feature a special guest speaker for this 100th Anniversary event. More details to come!

We are also looking at plans for a **Centennial Walking Trail** at the Extension Center in Hudson, a series of **CCE historical articles in the newspaper**, and **historical booklet** featuring stories and pictures of our history, sponsored by local businesses and individuals.

CCE of Columbia and Greene Counties will continue to expand and provide high quality programs that you expect with your continued support! Once again, thank you for your continued interest and support! If you would like to volunteer and assist with any of the events, please give us a call at the Hudson or Acra office. We hope you will plan to attend these special events to celebrate the importance of CCE and our programs in Columbia and Greene Counties.

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CGM file photo

This 2012 CGM file photo shows a surveyor taking readings in preparation for the recovery effort of county Route 17 that was washed out during Tropical Storm Irene. U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer suggested the infrastructure money he's calling for could fund the project to make Route 17 a three-lane highway.

By Rosa Acheson and Greg Hudson
Columbia-Greene Media | Updated 17 hours ago

New York state is in need of significant infrastructure funding, U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer said during a press conference Wednesday, calling for a real, trillion-dollar infrastructure deal in the first 100 days of the Trump administration.

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"For the average family living in New York, having adequate roads, bridges, high-speed internet and sewers is something the state, and all of America, desperately need. Looking at the ways we can work together in bipartisan ways, to improve our country, we should start first with ailing infrastructure."

"In New York alone, the result of minimal infrastructure investments has become increasingly apparent. Airports, roads, bridges, sewer systems — now is the time to turn things around, to repair the infrastructure we need, to get the economy going and create jobs," Schumer said.

According to Schumer, experts have said that four road and bridge repairs in New York cost the average home approximately \$1,000 per year in maintenance.

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"Upstate New York transit systems are going to require about a \$1 billion in capital over the next few years, just to maintain basic repair. The average taxpayer can't afford these costs. There is a desperate need for federal help," he said.

Direct investments and federal funding are necessary in order to develop the level of infrastructure state officials and residents have been asking for, Schumer said.

"This kind of money could be used both on a state and local level — it would include everything — local roads and bridges - but it needs direct investment and funding, not just tax credits. It has got to be large and has got to require new funding, not cutting from other places. Residents in New York need massive infrastructure built and they need it now," Schumer said.

"This includes rural broadband, which is a critical part of our infrastructure and one that affects our ability to attract residents and businesses. In December 2014, 2.4 million houses in upstate New York did not have access to 100 mbps [million bits per second]. From a municipal standpoint, water and sewer repairs are needed as well," he said.

"The first 100 days of new administration could provide us with a real shot to fixing New York roads and bridges and I am urging my colleagues to work with the White House, urging everyone to come together for a large infrastructure bill, over \$1 trillion. I have spoken to the president-elect and he agrees the bill needs to be stronger and bolder than ever before. It needs to include real federal investment, not just tax breaks."

"Town officials, mayors, executives, come to me frequently with infrastructure concerns and a trillion-dollar plan could fund the kind of projects that are always out of reach — a new Amtrak station in Buffalo, or, in the Hudson Valley, making Route 17 a three-lane highway, making it larger and wider as it goes through the Catskills," Schumer said.

Passing a large infrastructure bill would be worth a potential increase in the national deficit, Schumer said.

"This is one of the highest priorities we have and our deficit has gone down in the last few years, so this kind of spending it would be worth it to do, even if it will increase the deficit by a certain amount. We will get it back," he said.

"The political landscape has changed a bit, but some things have not changed. This is not dependent on political party. We need to be looking at ways we can work together. On issues where the president-elect agrees with our values, we will be with him," Schumer said.

Twin County officials said a trillion-dollar plan would prove beneficial to local infrastructure.

"Proposed infrastructure investment in upstate New York is welcome news to economic development, to businesses and economic developers across the state," Columbia Economic Development Corporation President and CEO F. Michael Tucker said.

"The ability to grow and attract businesses is highly dependent on infrastructure such as broadband, water, sewer, gas and electric. Further, as communities continue to focus on sustainable development, having new money to invest in clustered infrastructure enables smart growth, planning and development."

"In Columbia County, there are certainly roads and bridges throughout the county in need of investment. We're always in the position of upgrading, repairing and replacing roads and bridges in rural communities and Columbia County is no exception, as we have seen state funding over the last few years focusing on that effort."

"I think this is great news. The state and local governments can't do this alone. It requires collaborative effort at all levels of government," Tucker said.

State Department of Transportation Director of Communications Gary Holmes agreed.

"Making smart investments to strengthen our infrastructure has been a hallmark of Gov. Cuomo's administration, and that commitment will continue in the coming years. Sen. Schumer has been a strong leader for New York State and we welcome his support for our critical transportation projects," Holmes said.

Columbia County Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Murell said despite some concern about the deficit, he was generally in support of larger funding for infrastructure.

"I think it would be good for New York, we do have infrastructure issues — a lot of the bridges, water and sewer systems are very old and it's been a long time since the last time any repair was done. I do have a concern about what it will do for the deficit but overall I think it's a good plan," Murell said.

"We've been working hard on our county bridges, as well as roads, to try and keep them updated, but it's been a battle because we're doing a lot of it through local resources and taxpayer funds. There is some federal and state money involved but probably not as much as there should be," he said.

According to Murell, water and sewer systems specifically are in need of repair in New York State.

"It's more of a town and city issue but these systems are very old. If you go to some areas of the state they are actually wood. I think the system in Rensselaer is wood, for example. Our infrastructure in Stockport goes back to the '60s," Murell said.

Hudson City Mayor Tiffany Martin Hamilton also expressed a need to repair the local sewer systems.

"There are several projects that spring to mind — which ones the city pursued would be dependent on the amount of funding we could potentially receive.

"The most costly and long overdue project is our sewer system. Our system includes areas of very old pipes that were laid under roads that at the time didn't have to accommodate vehicles that weighed more than a ton. Now, those pipes sit under roads that support heavy truck traffic — something they were never designed to do. From time to time, we see failures and the resulting sinkholes. While what we have in place has served the city well, we would welcome the opportunity to implement a more efficient, environmentally friendly system. At \$250 a foot, the cost of a total system replacement is astronomical," she said.

"Beyond that, we would certainly benefit from improvements to our pedestrian infrastructure and handicap accessibility, increased broadband access, and the implementation of climate resilience and adaptation strategies. We also have our closed Ferry Street Bridge; however, funding was secured this year and the project is slated for 2020," Hamilton added.

It's clear that there are major infrastructure issues in Hudson and all throughout New York state, and Hudson would welcome the assistance. Overall, this initiative has the potential to increase safety, create jobs, and drive economic development — it's win-win," she said.

Assemblyman Pete Lopez, R-102, whose district includes Greene County, said he has long called for infrastructure investments in Greene County, and said he would work with local officials to plan out possible projects and secure necessary funding.

"I will be working with communities to identify needs, identify project scopes and work together to obtain funding for important projects," Lopez said.

Lopez said he would also work with various agencies at the local, state and federal level to supplement any project costs for projects not fully funded by the grant.

"My office will routinely bring together state and federal officials to bring sponsors to the table to identify where the best position might be to assist by getting multiple agencies together," he said.

For Lopez, while the state will be administering the \$1 trillion, identifying and organizing infrastructure investments in Greene County is a grassroots process.

"Without having conversations at the local level we can't identify what the needs are," he said, "so we will be in regular communication with our local communities to identify those needs and obtain the funding for much-needed infrastructure improvements."

Greene County Administrator Shaun Groden said road and bridge improvements would be at the fore of the county's plans to use funding available from the award.

"We have 263 miles of roads and according to the American Public Works Association you should be doing 10 percent of that per year, so the roads should be having some form a repave application which can be used to extend their useful life," Groden said. "Based on the APWA we should be doing about 27 miles a year, and our budget only allows us to do between 12 and 14 miles, so we're coming up short by around 50 percent of the recommendation."

Groden said funding could also be used to upgrade aging bridge infrastructure.

"We have over 100 bridges, and they have a useful life and then obsolescence issues begin," he said.

For Groden, combining road and bridge projects under a single umbrella would be an effective way to apply for funding for projects in the county.

"We could put together a capital improvement plan to put together all our road and bridge projects identified as needing work," he said.

Residents in the Twin Counties thought high-speed internet and other digital infrastructure investments should be the top priority.

"Up in the mountains in Windham, Jewett and Hunter, the internet is terrible," Jewett resident Sheila Trautman said.

Town of Catskill resident Lenora Freese agreed.

"I would say broadband internet should be the first thing they do," Freese said.

Casey Devine, of Valatie, said internet access where he lives is nearly nonexistent. Where internet is available, users have connected to the web using a digital subscriber line, a technology antiquated by the advent of broadband and wireless fiber optic internet connections.

"We've had DSL but where I live the internet is terrible," Devine said. "We can't even get cable where we live."

Devine works as a general contractor. He said access to high-speed internet would make it possible for him and business partner Kevin Haberland to build a website and expand their business.

"It would be a huge help if we could use the internet for business," Devine said.

Hudson resident Shawn Work said investments in digital infrastructure would be better served in areas of Columbia outside Hudson.

"Here in Hudson we have a lot of private money, a lot of money from New York City," Work said.

Work said developing high-speed internet in rural parts of the county should be at the top of the list for Columbia County.

"That's definitely got to be one of the top priorities," he said.

Others said road and bridge infrastructure should be a key focus.

"I hope that they fix the roads," Debbie Gorch, of Acra, said. "It would be nice if they could finish Route 23, because when they did it a few years ago they only went halfway to Cairo. I hope they finish it."

Trautman agreed roads were an important investment.

"The roads on the mountaintop desperately need improving," Trautman said.

Haberland, who lives in Stuyvesant Falls, said Columbia County roads were equally in need of improvement.

"The roads here are freaking awful," Haberland said. "They put a beating on my truck."

Work said bridge repairs and replacements must be made a priority as well.

"I have a friend who's a bridge inspector, and he tells me how bad some of the bridges are," he said. "I remember seeing something like 80 percent of bridges in New York are past the end of their lives."

Kingston resident Greg Gray said he thought infrastructure investment is necessary for the Twin Counties and New York in general, but said he opposed accepting the \$1 trillion from the federal government.

"I think we should not accept it, for the exact reason that we should be fixing things that need to be fixed at the state or local level," he said, "instead of taking a federal handout."



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Building Department
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Building Permits: New 10

Additions

Inspections 22

Title Searches: 5

Septic Permits:

Fire Calls:

Violations:

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REFUGE COMPLAINTS

Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A 1255	MARRIAGE LIC.	MARRIAGE LICENSE FEE	1	7.50
			Sub-Total:	\$7.50
A 2130	MISC. FEES	Recycling	12	2,401.00
			Sub-Total:	\$2,401.00
A 2545	PERMIT FEES	Sign	2	50.00
			Sub-Total:	\$50.00
A 2555	PERMIT FEES	Building	10	2,825.00
			Sub-Total:	\$2,825.00
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	14	88.36
			Sub-Total:	\$88.36
A1603	Registrar Fees	Certified Copies	16	160.00
			Sub-Total:	\$160.00
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	18	162.00
		Male, Neutered	19	171.00
		Male, Unneutered	3	51.00
		Purebred Licenses	1	50.00
		Replacement Tags	3	0.00
	Late Fee	Late Fee	5	125.00
	Seniors, 65 and older	Seniors, 65 and older	8	-24.00
			Sub-Total:	\$535.00
A2770	MISC. FEES	Misc	1	40.00
			Sub-Total:	\$40.00
xyz	Enumeration Fee	Enumeration Fee	2	10.00
			Sub-Total:	\$10.00

Total Local Shares Remitted: \$6,116.86

Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program _____ 73.00
 Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation _____ 1,515.64
 Amount paid to: State Health Dept. for Marriage Licenses _____ 22.50

Total State, County & Local Revenues: \$7,728.00

Total Non-Local Revenues: \$1,611.14

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Jackie Park, Town Clerk, Town of Greenville during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Supervisor

Date

Jackie Park
Town Clerk

12/2/2016
Date

MONTHLY STATEMENT OF SUPERVISOR

To the TOWN BOARD of the TOWN OF GREENVILLE

Pursuant to Section 119 of the Town Law, I hereby render the following detailed statement of all moneys disbursed by me, as Supervisor, during the month of November, 20 16

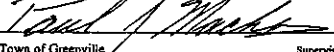
DISBURSEMENTS	
FUND OR ACCOUNT	AMOUNT EXPENDED
general fund	
payrolls 45-49m	28249.32
employee benefits	8696.28
abstract #11	21955.16

	\$58,900.76
highway fund	
payrolls 45-49	17393.57
employee benefits	7280.42
abstract #11	38042.70

	\$62,716.69
library fund	
payrolls 45-49m	6991.76
employee benefits	856.87
abstract #11	3956.64

	\$11,805.37
water fund	
payrolls 45-49	2674.84
employee benefits	524.30
abstract #11	4099.23

	\$7,298.37
sewer fund	
abstract #11	\$172,722.61
TOTAL	\$313,443.80

Dated: 11/30, 20 16 
 Town of Greenville Supervisor

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Pursuant to Section 119 of the Town Law, I hereby render the following detailed statement of all moneys received by me, as Supervisor, during the month of November, 20 16

RECEIPTS	
SOURCE	AMOUNT RECEIVED
general fund	
interest	67.49
mortgage tax	37866.09
misc. fees	540.00
clerk's deposit	8547.21
court fees	-4884.00

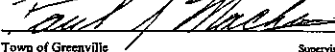
	\$42,136.79
highway fund	
interest	94.27
fuel reimbmt.	5928.91

	\$6,023.18
library fund	
interest	2.05
monthly deposit	2116.14

	\$2,118.19
water fund	
interest	22.30
metered sales	19613.40

	\$19,635.70
sewer fund	
EPC funds	171482.10
fees	22121.52

	\$193,603.62
TOTAL	\$263,517.48

Dated: Nov. 30, 20 16 
 Town of Greenville Supervisor