

SUPERVISOR's NEWSLETTER

APRIL 14, 2010

AATV:

Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages has scheduled a trip to Albany on April 19th & 20th for lobbying State Representatives about:

1. APA Reform:
 - a. Statute of Limitation on APA Violations
 - b. Transfer of Development Rights from State Land acquisitions to local Towns
 - c. Local Gov't approval for the five resident APA Commissioners
 - d. Limit requests for additional information on project applications
 - e. Provide funding for local communities to adopt comprehensive local plans
2. Designating the Adirondack Park as a Special Economic Zone
3. Develop a strategy to transform from a Public Sector Economy to a Private Sector Economy

We will have dinner on Monday night with representatives from the "Adirondack Caucus" and will be lobbying numerous representatives on Tuesday.

Adirondack Caucus:

Senators:

Joe Griffo (Utica), Betty Little (Glens Falls), James Seward (Herkimer), Hugh Farley (Johnstown)

Assembly:

Dede Scozzafava (Gouverneur), Teresa Sayward (Glens Falls), Marc Butler (Herkimer), Janet Duprey (Plattsburg)

ADK REVIEW BOARD:

The Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board met on March 31st. Discussion was held about supporting three Bills before the State Legislature. The three bills are:

1. APA Permit procedural improvements to increase initial review of a permit application from 15 to 30 days, allowing an opportunity for field visits by Agency Staff prior to a notice of incomplete permit application. This should speed up permit approval.
2. Establish fees for certain applications (not single-family dwellings). Fees and penalties to go to a community planning assistance fund to be used for comprehensive plans, infrastructure planning etc.
3. Special community housing projects allowing for 4 dwelling units on one principal building lot within 3 miles of a Hamlet or within 1 mile of special designated post offices including Wanakena. Must be in Moderate or Low Intensity Classified areas.

CELL TOWER (Star Lake):

Verizon has not resubmitted permit application to the APA. The Town of Fine Planning Board, for Site Plan Review, has approved the change of use for the property. The balloon test was completed and APA Staff thought that approval of this application could be accomplished without going to the commissioners. Verizon representatives stated that construction of this tower probably would not occur until 2011.

J&L:

In the DEC process of writing and approving the Record of Decision (ROD), additional contamination was identified and further investigation is required before the ROD can be completed. The DEC has no funding to do the additional investigation at this time. Because of this, we have no timeline for the ROD. A meeting to discuss this with the DEC and the County is scheduled for early May. I am working with CFEDC to develop a strategy to keep this moving forward.

Kenny Dolan has created a Facebook "Cause" (Cleanup J&L) page to promote attention to the site.

WANAKENA SEWER:

GYMO has been back to create "As Built" drawings. Bat-Con needs to complete clean up and paving.

WATER DISTRICT:

The project to install new high lift pumps is still waiting for the manufacturer's representative. I contact them every couple of weeks for updates. We will be doing hydrant flushing in May, before high use season begins. I will be attending a Lab Training Class as part of my required continuing education on April 21 in Canton.

The Clinic addition at the Hospital requires that a new 4" line to be tapped into our 8" main supply line. I will watch this closely.

HOSPITAL:

The Clinic addition has begun. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday April 28, 2010 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm.