

SUPERVISOR'S NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS:

Brianna Dolan, a ninth grade student at Clifton-Fine Central School, is a winner of the annual Congressional Art Competition. Brianna was the only selection from the 23rd Congressional District. Her piece "Brain Tree" will be on display in the U.S. Capital for one year beginning in June.

AATV:

Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages traveled to Albany to meet with the Governor's Office, Senators and Assembly members to discuss Adirondack Park Issues. We met with the Adirondack Caucus and several other Representatives.

The next meeting will be held June 6th and 7th in Lake Placid. Scott Travers, president of the Newton Falls Paper Mill will be the Guest Speaker.

ADK REVIEW BOARD:

The Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board has identified numerous achievements of the past year.

1. Meeting with Governor to persuade him to drop his Tax Cap proposal on State Lands
2. Mobilized lawsuit against APA on new regulations involving shoreline setbacks, hunting and fishing cabins & subdivisions.
3. Persuaded Governor and his APA Staff to reverse APA decision to classify the bed and waters of Lows Lake as Wilderness.
4. Testified before joint Senate and Assembly Committee considering the Governor's moratorium proposal.
5. Produced several widely published OpEd pieces calling for APA reform.

The Review Board is asking each Town to contribute \$ 250.00 per year so this critical work can be continued.

CELL TOWER (Star Lake):

Nothing new to report.

J&L:

There was a meeting on May 7th at the County Offices in Canton to discuss the project. In attendance were DEC Officials, County Officials, IDA Official, Chris Westbrook and Myself. It was a very frustrating meeting where further investigation was the topic. There is no money to do further investigation at this time. We are stuck. United States Congressman Bill Owens will be visiting our area on Friday May 14th. I will be riding with him from the Ranger School to the Paper Mill, so I will have time to discuss J&L.

HOSPITAL:

The new Clinic addition has begun. A new 4" water service line has been installed off the Oswegatchie Trail line. We switched over to that line at 2:30 am on May 10th.

NY State Senator Griffo's Office informed me that they are giving us a \$ 5,000 member item towards the new clinic addition for the hospital.

WANAKENA SEWER:

GYMO has sent us an email with additional work for us to look at. We have unused money left in the Grant. Bat-Con will complete clean up and paving when we decide if we want more work done.

WATER DISTRICT:

One new high lift pump was installed on May 11th. The second pump should have been a right hand pump and it was a left hand pump. The manufacturer's representative took the pump back to have it changed. They hope to be back next week to complete the second pump.

The benchtop Turbidimeter was damaged on April 28th when the power went off. I purchased a new portable unit to use while the benchtop unit is being repaired. I like to portable unit better, so I cannot see spending money having the other repaired.

While searching for the main water line along the Oswegatchie Trail, we discovered the map showed the line on the wrong side of the road. If I mark a line improperly and somebody damages it, it could be a costly. I have a quote from Rural Water to upgrade our maps to the following:

1. Locate geographic coordinates for hydrants, valves, curb stops and other features.
2. Map the distribution system for GPS coordinates.
3. Prepare three sets of 24" x 36" maps
4. Prepare MS Excell table of attributes for mapped features.
5. Create custom ArcReader GIS data on CD-ROM
6. Install ArcReader and custom project on two town computers. This software will allow staff to pan and zoom through different map layers and the imagery, identify & query map layers, measure distances on the digital map and print custom maps.

The estimated cost for this project is \$ 6,807.00 it would be billed on actual cost based on unit prices submitted. This project will take a lot of extra work for the water district also. We have to identify each valve. I would recommend having this map upgrade performed.