

Spring Wayne's Welcome

April – May – June 2020

The Corona Virus pandemic has now affected all of us in some way or other, the Town of Wayne included. No, it is not 'business as usual' as the town hall is effectively closed. It's not convenient, but we are doing our part and supporting the State of New York Health and the CDC guidelines by staying home and working remotely. If you have specific concerns or questions, our supervisor, clerk, and others can be contacted via phone or email. Please, do your part. Stay home. Work and socialize remotely. If you must go out wear a mask. And wash your hands frequently.

Normally this issue of Wayne's Welcome would be filled with dates for upcoming events. As of now, the Rabies Clinic and the Town Clean-Up day have been postponed. Please watch the website for further announcements regarding rescheduling these activities.

Because the weather occurs whether we are social distancing in home or not, the town is working on a way to open the compost site so winter clean up of leaves and yard detritus can be dealt with.

All board meetings are currently canceled. The Supervisor, Tom Dunbar, is working on a way to provide video information of these meetings.

In the meantime, we want to welcome Town of Wayne's new board member, John Walton.

We are also asking all interested persons to consider being part of the decision making process for our town by joining the Zoning or Planning Boards.



FROM THE SUPERVISOR – TOM DUNBAR

It has certainly been a whirlwind of events to begin the new year. Transition into the supervisor's position was much more challenging than I ever expected. It has taken quite a while to obtain some sense of order to meeting the demands of the office. Hopefully we are getting on track now and moving in a more positive direction. A special thanks to all the landowners and residents who offered their help, volunteered for open positions, and spoke out at meetings, I truly appreciate your involvement.

We have made several upgrades to the technology at the hall. Our network system has been upgraded for enhanced security and better backups for records retention. Industry standard wiring upgrades now enable us to improve our phone communications. All said, the upgrades will save us around \$5,000 annually once we finish the implementation. In addition, we are positioned to utilize an electronic file management system that will prevent any future issues in government transitions.

Our web site has also evolved to include a "document library". This is currently accessible through the supervisor's page and is just getting started. This will assist us in becoming more transparent in our town government and serve as a means for more detailed communications than in the past. I have started a "Supervisors update" email list that I plan to utilize to send out short notes on events and actions to keep everyone informed as to what's happening at the town. If you want to be included in the list simply send an email to supervisor@townofwayneny.com with Update in the title and I'll add you. It will never be used for political purposes or given out to anyone.

We have been offered an opportunity for our town. William Derrick, a soon to be resident, has offered to financially back a town acquisition of the NYSEG property. While this has been a contentious issue for many years, it is up to us to determine if we can develop a plan that will pass the test of acceptance of landowners and residents. I had planned to present this opportunity and some of the boundary criteria at a town meeting March 19th but that has been delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Pandemic is driving everything right now and for the foreseeable future. Governor Cuomo has issued directives for 100% shutdown which has us currently looking for methods to continue our town government without personal interactions. New York State Open Meeting law has been suspended to allow online meetings of town boards if the public is able to join in. Keep an eye on the town website for announcements of our meetings to be scheduled in this format soon. We are experimenting currently with options.

Watch our web site for more information as the pandemic situation evolves. Please take extreme care in protecting yourself and those you meet.

Stay Safe, Tom

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday 10 – 4 pm

Saturday 9 am - noon

Supervisor, Thomas Dunbar

292-3450

Clerk, Bill Mahr 292-3450

Highway, Doug Howard 292-6610

Code Officer, Gill Harrop 342-5847

Justice, Thomas Freeman 292-6003

Watershed Inspector,

Jeff Cedarstrand (201) 921-3549

Assessor, Dave Oliver 292-3450

Dog Control Officer

Megan Howard 368-9917

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

Open to the Public

6:30 pm at the Town Hall

2nd Tuesday of each month

April 14, May 12, June 9

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

Open to the Public

7:00 pm at the Town Hall

2nd Monday of each month

April 13, May 11, June 8

ZONING BOARD MEETINGS

Open to the public

7:00 pm at the Town Hall

1st Monday of each month – when needed

April 6, May 4, June 1

Town of Wayne Board Members

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