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Greene IDA Proposes Environmental Review of Thruway Exchange

The Greene County Industrial Development Agency has announced plans to conduct an environmental review in the area of the New York State Thruway Exit 21B interchange in New Baltimore. The IDA intends to invest over \$700,000 in expert research and analysis to make this area of New Baltimore, which is zoned for commercial development, "shovel-ready" for future development.

The development area will include a triangular section of the town, with its southern boundary at the New Baltimore-Coxsackie Town Line, the eastern boundary being the CSX rail tracks, the western boundary being the NYS Thruway, and the northern boundary being the intersection of the NYS Thruway and the CSX rail tracks. This area includes the Exit 21B interchange loop. The study area will be a larger area, going as far north as County Route 51, as far west as Route 9W and as far east as County Route 61. The study area is larger so that any impacts from development that may spill over to the surrounding area will be properly analyzed.

The proposed environmental study will be based upon a conceptual plan of development to include destination retail development of the highest caliber and business park development. The future of this kind of development will require that the Thruway interchange be redesigned to minimize traffic overflow on to Route 9W; traffic to and from the site will primarily come from the Thruway. At this time, there are no commitments from any businesses to locate in the development area. The impacts will be analyzed based on the maximum development of the site; it is currently anticipated that of the approximately 400 acres of property in the development area, less than 1/3 would be suitable for develop-

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Van Slyke Farm after the Valentines Day Storm

Water District Update

Following the defeat of the referendum, the town sent a letter to the State Comptroller seeking an opinion on matters related to the establishment of Water District 4 in the hamlet of New Baltimore. Attorney for the Town, David Wukitsch, advised the Town Board that the State Comptroller would not issue an opinion in response to the Town's letter, but Mr. Wukitsch, based on his discussions with the State Comptroller's Office, responded to the points raised in the Town's letter as follows:

The Town cannot proceed with the construction of the improvements for Water District No. 4 as set forth in the proposed plans because the cost increase (from \$3.048 million to \$4.99 million) was rejected by the voters at the referendum in November.

Water District No. 4 continues to be legally formed unless action is taken to dissolve it.

The Town could modify (make smaller) Water District No. 4 to bring the district construction costs within

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Community News and Issues

Town Board Reorganizes for 2007

Each year, the first Town Board meeting of the year is set aside as an Organizational Meeting at which dozens of Resolutions are adopted to shape the Town's administration for the coming year. On January 2nd, the Town Board held its Organizational Meeting.

Below is a summary of the major actions taken at the Town Board's 2007 Organizational Meeting:

- Arlene McKeon was reappointed by Supervisor Louis as Deputy Town Supervisor.
 - The Greenville Press was designated as the Official Town Newspaper.
 - Greene County Commercial Bank and the National Bank of Coxsackie were designated as banks where town funds may be deposited (NOTE: Town Justices use Key Bank, which does not require Town Board authorization)
- Salaries for elected and appointed officials are as follows:

Town Supervisor	\$8,500
Town Board Member	\$3,900
Town Justice	\$10,100
Town Supt. of Highways	\$46,500
Town Clerk	\$25,125
Tax Collector	\$6,100
Town Assessor	\$18,400
Planning Board Vice Chair	\$800
Planning Board Member	\$700
Zoning Board of Appeals Member	\$300
Board of Assessment Review Chair	\$250
Board of Assessment Review Member	\$200

Additional salaries for appointed officials:		
Deputy Superintendent of Highways	Alan Van Wormer	\$16.55/hour
Deputy Town Clerk	Claudia Kuder	\$11/hour
Deputy Town Clerk	Marjorie Loux	\$11/hour
Justice Clerk	Lynn Taylor	\$28,000
Deputy Justice Clerk	Sherri Jourdin	\$21,203
Assessor's Clerk	Carol McBride	\$15,200
Attorney for the Town	David Wukitsch	\$14,214
Bookkeeper/Accountant	Brian Fitzgerald, CPA	\$9,900
Supervisor's Confidential Secretary	Diane Louis	No Salary
Town Hall Laborer	Jennifer Kuder	\$10.60/hour
Planning Board Clerk	Marjorie Loux	\$11/hour
Zoning Board Clerk	Marjorie Loux	\$11/hour
Deputy Tax Collector	Janet Brooks	No Salary
Chair, Planning Board	Lee Davis	\$2,200
Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals		\$700
Assessor's Data Collector		\$10/hour
Building Inspector	Robert Foley	\$18,900
Senior Code Enforcement Officer	Donald Tanner	\$4,575
Code Enforcement Officer	John Cashin	\$3,325
Animal Control Officer	Joseph Tanner	\$3,580
Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator	James Polverelli	\$6,860
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator	Robert Foley	\$21,110
Wastewater Treatment Plant Laborer	Harriet Miller	\$9.67/hour
Recycling Center Operator	Spencer Sebert	\$10.25/hour
Town Historian	Clesson Bush	\$1,415
Registrar of Vital Statistics	Janet Brooks	\$25/year
Records Management Officer	Janet Brooks	No Salary
Greene County Planning Board Member	Jeffrey Flack	No Salary

Highway Department salaries are as follows:	
Heavy Machine Operator	\$15.41
Laborer	\$12.11
Part time Laborer	\$11.50

Appointed officials who use their vehicles on town business are reimbursed for mileage at the rate of \$0.485 per mile, which is equivalent to the federal government reimbursement rate

<u>Highway</u> Chair: David Louis Member: Lisa Benway	<u>Building and Grounds/ Recycling</u> Chair: Richard Guthrie Member: Kevin Kuenster	<u>Assessment</u> Chair: Arlene McKeon Member: Kevin Kuenster
<u>Building Inspector/Code Enforcement</u> Chair: David Louis Member: Lisa Benway	<u>Insurance</u> Chair: Lisa Benway Member: David Louis	<u>Personnel</u> Chair: David Louis Member: Arlene McKeon
<u>Wastewater Treatment</u> Chair: Richard Guthrie Member: David Louis	<u>Zoning and Planning</u> Chair: Arlene McKeon Member: David Louis	<u>Grants</u> Chair: Kevin Kuenster Member: Richard Guthrie
<u>Promotion and Economic Development</u> Chair: Kevin Kuenster Member: David Louis	<u>Technology/Website</u> Chair: Arlene McKeon Member: Lisa Benway	<u>Parks</u> Chair: Arlene McKeon Member: Lisa Benway
<u>Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement</u> Chair: Richard Guthrie Member: Lisa Benway	<u>Animal Control</u> Chair: Arlene McKeon Member: Richard Guthrie	

County Government Report

County Legislator Jim Van Slyke reports the following from the Greene County Legislature:

- The 2007 Budget was adopted; the County Tax Rate in New Baltimore was reduced by 14%.
- Additional county funding for paramedic services will result in more tax savings for New Baltimore taxpayers, as the Town's cost for paramedic services will be reduced.
- The maximum income level for County Real Property tax exemptions (50%) was increased to \$18,000, and a lower percentage tax exemption will be offered for incomes to \$26,400. [Local Law 3]
- Property tax exemptions were extended to Gold Star Parents [Local Law 4]
- New Baltimore filmmaker Jonathan Donald will be making a film entitled, "A History of Greene County." Funding for this project is provided by Greene County; the film will be aired on public television (WMHT) when completed.
- Creighton Manning has been designated to design a bridge replacement for the New Baltimore Road Bridge.
- Legislator Van Slyke has been assigned to the following committees: Finance, Highway, Government Operations, Public Safety and the Committee to oversee the Court House renovation.

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ment. There is additional property adjacent to the development area that will also be reviewed for use to mitigate impacts from development.

Under the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the Greene County IDA has declared itself as Lead Agency for the environmental review. The Town of New Baltimore will retain all control over any development of this property under its current zoning and site plan laws.

The first step in this environmental review process, which is expected to take approximately 6-7 months to complete, is for a Scoping Document to be finalized. The Scoping Document will list the impacts that can be anticipated from development, and so must be analyzed during the environmental review process. These impacts will include traffic, noise, visual impacts, habitat, archaeological, wetlands, light pollution, etc. *

The public will have many opportunities to participate in the environmental review process. The first public meeting regarding this project will be held on Wednesday, February 28th, at 7 pm, at the Cornell Hook and Ladder Firehouse on Gill Road. At this meeting, the Scoping Document will be discussed, and the public will be able to ask questions and offer comments

regarding the impacts to be evaluated in the environmental review process. This this Scoping Document will be available from the New Baltimore Town Clerk's Office after February 15th, and copies should be available at the February 28th meeting.

Water district (cont from page 1)

the \$3.048 million previously approved for the District; this modification would either require the approval of the State Legislature or would require the Town to adopt a Resolution to modify the district, with the Town's Resolution being subject to a referendum. It was noted that the increased homeowner costs associated with a modified (smaller) district make these options unrealistic.

The Town could seek additional funding to reduce the increased cost of construction and return the average homeowner cost back to the original amount approved by the Town Board. This action would still require another referendum, and given that the loan funding is scheduled to expire in June, 2008, funding would have to be obtained as soon as possible.

In response to Mr. Wukitsch's letter, Supervisor Louis stated that in the absence of additional funding, which did not seem likely at this time, no further action would be taken by the Town Board.

Town Board News and Issues

Town Board Report

The Town Board has met in regular monthly meetings held on December 11th, January 8th and February 12th, and a work meeting held on January 22nd. Here is a summary of the actions taken at these meetings:

December 11th

- The Town Board scheduled a Public Hearing for January 8th on a proposed Local Law to increase in the maximum income limits for property tax exemptions for senior citizens and persons with disabilities, and a second Public Hearing to consider a Local Law to grant property tax exemptions to Gold Star Parents (parents of a child who is killed while serving in the armed services during a period of war).
- The posting of assessment information on the internet was discussed; the Town Board asked Assessor Gordon Bennett to return with a proposal that would address concerns raised regarding risks of identity theft.
- A letter from residents of Swezey Road was discussed in which concerns were raised regarding ambulance and fire coverage provided by Coxsackie Ambulance and Coxsackie Hose 3, given their proximity to Swezey Road. Efforts are underway to secure the necessary agreements to honor this request.
- The Leave Policy for the Highway Department was amended to allow for the use of sick leave for non-emergency medical procedures.
- The Town Board authorized amendments to the 2006 Budget, transfers of funds from the General Fund to the Highway Fund, and the updated Sewer District Tax Roll for 2007.

January 8th

- Following a Public Hearing, the Town Board adopted Local Law 1 of 2007, providing for an increase in the maximum income limit for property tax exemptions for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. With the passage of this Local Law, those senior citizens and persons with disabilities with income of

less than \$18,000 will now be eligible for a 50% tax exemption, and the exemption percentage decreases as income increases, and phases out at an income of \$26,400. Contact the Assessors' Office (756-7888) for more information.

- Following a Public Hearing, the Town Board adopted Local Law 2 of 2007, providing for a property tax exemption for Gold Star Parents, who are defined as parents of a child who is killed while serving in the armed forces during a period of war.

- The Town Board authorized Supervisor Louis and Deputy Supervisor Arlene McKeon to attend the Association of Towns of the State of New York Annual Meeting in New York City in February.

- Supervisor Louis was authorized to execute a contractual agreement with the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society for the sheltering of stray dogs.

- The Special Use Permit issued to JB Car Services on Route 9W for the processing of junk vehicles was authorized for renewal, based on favorable inspection by the Code Enforcement Officer.

- The Town Board authorized renewal of the contract with Triple L Landscaping for the mowing of town parks.

- The Town Board authorized a transfer of \$500 from the General Fund to the Parks Reserve Fund

- Supervisor Louis reported on a presentation made by the Greene County IDA relating to a Generic Environmental Impact Statement to be prepared by the Greene County IDA for the developmental zone of New Baltimore in the area of the Exit 21B Interchange (see page one for article).

January 22nd

- The Town Board appointed Donald Daoust, Richard Marino and Christopher Norris as Data Collectors to work in the New Baltimore Assessor's Office, at a salary of \$10.00. (see page 7)

February 12th

- The Town Board approved a Resolution accepting the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the

Town of New Baltimore Comprehensive Plan Update.

- Attorney for the Town David Wukitsch reviewed his letter to the Town Board in response to the Town's letter to the State Comptroller seeking an opinion on matters related to the establishment of Water District 4 in the hamlet of New Baltimore. An article about this issue appears on Page 1.

- The Town Board, based on a referral by the Planning Board pursuant to the provisions of the Site Plan Review Law, authorized the Attorney for the Town to commence enforcement proceedings against the Boat and RV Warehouse for outstanding violations of their approved Site Plan.

- Supervisor Louis read correspondence from the Greene County IDA in which the IDA announced their intent to conduct an environmental review of an area which included the Exit 21B corridor, and declaring the IDA as Lead Agency for the environmental review process. The Town Board did not object to the IDA request to be the Lead Agency.

- Attorney Michael Biscione, appearing on behalf of property owner William Brandt, provided the Town Board with information regarding the proposed development of property owned by Mr. Brandt to the south of the Best Western Motel for use as an Assisted Living Facility, a Professional Office Building, and a Fast Food Restaurant. The Planning Board will be responsible for the review of these projects.

- Supervisor Louis presented a draft copy of proposed Local Law 3 of 2007 which provides for a change in the jurisdiction for the review and approval of applications for Special Use Permits under the Town's Zoning Ordinance from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Planning Board, to eliminate duplication and provide applicants with a more efficient review process. A Public Hearing to hear comments and questions is scheduled for March 12th at 7:15 pm.

- The Town Board approved a proposal from Elan Planning and Design for the initial phase of a project to assist the

Town Board in implementation of the Town Comprehensive Plan Update by preparing updates to the Town's major subdivision, site plan and zoning laws.

- Howard Goldson, a town resident who lives in the vicinity of County Route 61, was appointed to the Planning Board for a three year term.

- The Town Board recommended the reappointment of Jeffrey Flack as the Town's representative to the Greene County Planning Board.

- The Town Board approved amendments to close out the 2006 budget year; Supervisor Louis reported that the Town realized a surplus in the General Fund of \$80,090; and a surplus of \$59,348 in the Highway Fund. As of 12/31/06, the Town has an accumulated fund balance of \$352,487 in the General Fund, and \$76,773 in the Highway Fund; a portion of both surpluses was pledged towards the 2007 budget to reduce taxes.

- Councilwoman Lisa Benway briefed the Town Board on changes being made in the health insurance program for Town full time employees and retirees; the Town is changing its insurance from Blue Shield of Northeastern New York to Empire Blue Cross, after being advised that Blue Shield would cap prescription coverage at \$2,500 per year per family.

- The Town Board reviewed and discussed signage being provided free of charge to the Town by the Greene County IDA.

- Highway Superintendent Denis Jordan advised the Town Board that the Highway Garage furnace will need to be replaced, but recommended the installation of insulation at the Highway Garage prior to investing in a new furnace.

Planning Board Report December 14th

- Public hearings held on 2-lot minor subdivision application for Roberto Ponce (recessed until January 11, 2007) and 7-lot major subdivision application of Bruce Ackerman.

In the regular monthly meeting:

- Approved the Bruce Ackerman major subdivision preliminary plan.

- Received from Renee Gazella minor subdivision application for the 3-lot subdivision of her property located on Route 51. Required public hearing

scheduled for January 11, 2007.

- Continued pre-site plan discussion with a Route 9W property owner for the siting of a fast food restaurant on his property. The restaurant franchise still to be finalized.

- Received from Kevin Schultz minor subdivision application for the 4-lot subdivision of his property located on Old Kings Road.

- Held preliminary discussion with Gill Road property owner's surveyor regarding a 2-lot subdivision.

January 11th

- Public hearing held on minor subdivision application for Renee Gazella.

- The Roberto Ponce Public Hearing recessed on December 14 was not continued as application was withdrawn.

In the regular monthly meeting:

- Approved the Renee Gazella three-lot minor subdivision.

- Continued discussion on the Ackerman Major Subdivision. Public Hearing on the final plat for this subdivision was scheduled for February 8.

- Continued discussion with Gill Road property owner's surveyor regarding a two-lot subdivision. As a result of additional information gathered since December meeting, it was determined due to setback issues, drainage issues and sewer right-of-way on property, it would be difficult for the lot proposed for subdivision to be a buildable lot.

- Received from Paul and Patricia Schiller minor subdivision application for the three-lot subdivision of their property located on Route 144 adjacent to the NYS Thruway. Required Public Hearing was scheduled for February 8.

- Began preliminary Site Plan discussion with representatives from Jyoti SAI Hospitality LLC for the proposed Holiday Inn Express Motel to be constructed just north of Coxsackie Thruway Exit.

February 8th

- Public hearings held for 3-lot minor subdivision application for Paul & Patricia Schiller and final plan for the Bruce Ackerman Major Subdivision.

- Approved the Paul & Patricia Schiller three-lot minor subdivision.

- Approved Ackerman subdivision.

- Continued Site Plan discussion with

representatives from Jyoti SAI Hospitality LLC for the proposed Holiday Inn Express Motel to be constructed just north of Coxsackie Thruway Exit.

Began preliminary Site Plan discussion with Dr. Marvin Gertzberg's authorized representative regarding construction of a professional building to house his dental practice on parcel of land currently owned by William Brandt on east side of Route 9W.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in January or February.

Assessor Report

- Aged Exemption Renewals: renewal applications are being filed in the office. March 1 is the last date of filing for all exemptions.

- The Governor has proposed a three-year, \$6 billion expanded property tax relief plan for middle income homeowners. The centerpiece of the plan is the creation of a new Middle Class STAR program providing benefits to taxpayers on a sliding scale based on income, with benefits declining as income exceeds \$60,000 for upstate homeowners. Upstate residents with incomes of \$60,000 or less will receive an 80% additional benefit in 2007-08, a 90% additional benefit in 2008-09 and a 100% additional benefit in 2009-10. By 2009-10 the value of the STAR benefit will be double the basic STAR benefit received in 2006-07. The average Basic STAR savings upstate was \$640 in 2006-07. As a result of the Governor's Middle Class STAR program, for a family with income of \$60,000 or less, this benefit would grow to \$1,152 in 2007-08, \$1,220 in 2008-09 and \$1,280 in 2009-10. In addition to the Basic Star increases, the enhanced STAR exempt amount would increase by 30%. The Department of Taxation and Finance would verify the income requirement. This information would not be subject to disclosure for FOIL requests. The proposal will make permanent the cost of living adjustment for the Senior STAR and replace the Star rebate program.

Historical Notes

Town History Resources

New Baltimore has a rich and often colorful history and as more and more citizens become interested in various aspects of it, I've compiled a list of resources. There are relatively few volumes dedicated solely to New Baltimore. However, publications about Greene County history and surrounding communities are informative.

The Vedder Research Library of the Greene County Historical Society has hundreds of useful documents, many of which have information about our Town. You can call 731-1033 for hours of operation and membership information. Many local history books may be available through the public libraries in Cocksackie, Greenville, or Ravena.

This issue, I will review a few books. Next time, I will summarize a few of the collections of personal papers at the Vedder Library. The Heritage and Gambino books mentioned below are for sale at our Town Hall.

The Heritage of New Baltimore. Privately printed, 1976. This is the New Baltimore history, written by numerous Town residents for the United States Bicentennial. There also were later supplements to the Heritage book:

- Site of New Baltimore's First Town Meeting, 1811

- Edward Buff, The Hannacroix Wood-carver

- Under the Care of Friends, New Baltimore's 18th and 19th Century Quaker Meetings

- Baldwin-Johnson Poetry, A Tribute to EmmaLou Johnson Baldwin and her Father, L.E.W. Johnson

The Houghtalings: A Dutch-American Family By Raymond Beecher. Privately printed, 1994. The Houghtalings were a pioneer family in the area that was to become New Baltimore.

Under Three Flags: A Hudson River History, Cocksackie, Earlton and Climax Settlements By Raymond Beecher. Hensonville, N.Y.: Black Dome Press,, 1991.

History of Greene County, by J.W. Beers and Co. Saugerties, N.Y.: Hope Farm Press and Bookshop, 1987. Beers' 1884 volume, reprinted 1987, is the definitive version to date of the County's history.

Climax Recollections. Edited by Anne G. Foster. Privately printed, 1992. Anne G. Foster was the Climax postmaster. Many of the reminiscences are from Medway, Grapeville, and nearby areas.

Town of New Baltimore and Vicinity, A Historical Atlas. By Anthony J. Gambino. Privately printed, 1976.

Coeymans and the Past. By Edward D. Giddings, Astoria, N.Y.: J.C. & A.L. Fawcett, Inc., 1990. There is a separate section on New Baltimore, and many local residents are mentioned elsewhere. This volume is a reprint of 1973 original.

Greene County Historical Society Journal. Greene County Historical Society, Cocksackie, N.Y.: GCHS, 1977-date. This quarterly publication has had numerous articles about New Baltimore over the years. It is available with membership in the Society. The issues from 1977 through 1996 are bound in two volumes. Check with the Society for availability.

The Greene County Catskills, A History. By Field Horne, Hensonville, N.Y.: Black Dome Press, 1994. Conceived as an update of Beers, this book provides a cursory overview of the County and its communities.

History of Greene County, 1651-1800. By Jessie Van Vechten Vedder, Cornwallville, N.Y.: Hope Farm Press, 1985. The author was County Historian and the namesake of the Greene County Historical Society library. Reprint of 1927 original. Despite the title, the volume covers events later than 1800.

—Cless Bush, Town Historian.

Business Spotlight

David Rundell, CPA

David Rundell's New Baltimore roots stretch deeper than most. He grew up on the farm his family has inhabited since the late 1700's and when it came time to settle down and open his accounting business, there was little question about where it would be.

Rundell attended Greenville High School and graduated from Sienna College near Albany. For years, he worked for various accounting firms in Hudson and Albany, before realizing he was better suited to running his own business, where he would be able to give his clients individual attention.

"I knew I wouldn't be happy unless I could work to my strengths," Rundell said. "Whether I'm working with indi-

viduals or small businesses, it is important to me to let my clients know that I am always here for them without always being forced to think about billing and the bottom line."

To put clients at ease, Rundell prefers to charge by the project rather than the hour, working more like a lawyer on retainer, he said.

Rundell works with individuals as well as small to medium-sized businesses handling everything from tax preparation to payroll to financial statements.

"I don't want to be just the guy you call when trouble arises; I'd prefer that clients use my expertise to avoid problems," Rundell said.

David Rundell's office is on 2638 Route 26; he can be reached at 810-3804.



Events & Announcements

Nominations Needed for Citizen of the Year

The Greene County Department for the Aging has announced that nominations are being accepted for Greene County Outstanding Senior Citizen of the year awards for 2007. This award was established to recognize the outstanding contributions and achievements of older volunteers who have contributed their time and energy to help other people, their communities, or special projects. The dedication of those volunteers helps to make Greene County a better place for all. The individuals chosen as Greene County Outstanding Senior Citizens will be nominated for recognition for New York State awards.

Any Greene County resident over the age of 60 can be nominated for this award. If you know someone who deserves this recognition, describe his or her accomplishments and contributions concisely and completely in one page or less and send your nomination to:

Greene County Department
for the Aging

Greene County Office Building
411 Main Street

Catskill, New York 12414

Deadline is March 30, 2007

Data Collectors Appointed

At the January 24th Town Board meeting, the Board appointed three data collectors for the Town of New Baltimore for 2007. Upon recommendation by the Assessor, Gordon Bennett and Councilwoman Ariene McKeon, the Board appointed Donald Daoust, Richard Marino and Christopher Norris.

Mr. Daoust is an experienced data collector from the Town of Coxsackie and Richard Marino brings experience from the Town of Greeneville. Christopher Norris, a retired firefighter from the New York City area with a degree in construction technology as well as experience in construction, renovations, and carpentry, is a town resident. Chris will immediately apply for his certification testing in data collection.

The Assessor will utilize the experi-

enced data collectors to begin immediately to make up for time lost in data collection from the first of the year and will train Mr. Norris. The Assessor will work with the current amount budgeted for data collection and will divide time between the three to complete data collection for 2007. Data collection will continue through April.

Free Rabies Clinic

A free rabies clinic returns to New Baltimore on Wednesday, March 21st at the Medway-Grapeville Fire-house beginning at 6:00 p.m. **Dogs must be on a leash and cats and ferrets in carriers.** The Greene County Department of Health provides free rabies shots at clinics throughout Greene County all year. For more information on this clinic or others, contact the Greene County Department of Health at 719-3600.

Volunteers from the community will be on hand to assist the members of the Greene County Department of Health. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Town Offices.

Summer Youth Program Counselors Needed

The Town of New Baltimore's Summer Youth Program is an annual event held for four weeks beginning in July. The town is currently accepting job applications for position of Youth Counselor. Applications can be obtained at the Town Hall or by visiting the town's website. Deadline for submitting a job application is May 12th 2007.

Tax Preparation Assistance

Community Action of Greene County located on 53 South Jefferson Avenue in Catskill provides tax return preparation service at no cost for those meeting the qualifying guidelines. Contact for this service is Florence Ohle, Executive Director, by phoning 943.9205. More information can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office by calling 756.6671.

Barry Guptill Honored

On January 8th, the Town Board honored Barry Guptill as the longest serving member of the Town Planning Board. In recognizing his long and outstanding service to the Town, the Resolution noted that Barry had served for over 21 years since first being appointed in 1985. During that time, the Planning Board's workload has increased and diversified, and Barry was always able to provide common sense and good judgment to the Planning Board's work.

In addition to his service on the Planning Board, Barry served on the Citizens Planning Advisory Group and the Town of New Baltimore Comprehensive Plan Committee. Following the adoption of the Town Board's Resolution, Supervisor Louis presented a framed and sealed copy to commemorate the occasion.

Barry and his wife, Deborah, continue to operate Guptill's Greenhouse on Route 144 just to the west of the railroad tracks.

Change Bulbs and Save Money

One of the simplest and best ways to conserve energy and save money on your electric bill is to start using compact fluorescent light bulbs. Fluorescent bulbs use at least two-thirds less energy than incandescent bulbs, which translates into savings of \$30 to \$150 per bulb depending on the wattage. Also, you'll be helping the environment; if every US household changed one bulb, it would be the energy-saving equivalent of taking 3.5 million cars off the road.

Fluorescent bulbs require more of an initial investment, however you'd have to buy about 13 incandescent bulbs to match the 10,000 hour lifespan of one fluorescent bulb. Make sure you check the light output of the bulb - to generate the light equivalent to a 100 watt incandescent bulb, you'd need only 26-29 watt fluorescent bulb. There are also a variety of sizes, shapes and types of light, so you can choose the type of light you'd prefer.

Town Officials

Supervisor

David Louis

Board Members

Lisa Benway
Richard Guthrie
Kevin Kuenster
Arlene McKeon

Planning Board

Lee Davis
James Coe
Howard Goldson
Kenneth Kuder
Eric Hogland
John Murray
Alta Turner

Zoning Board

Stephen Volkheimer
Meave Tooher
Christy Jo Cone
Anthony Rago
Roger Wilson

Town Clerk

Janet Brooks

Tax Collector

Diane Stuart

Assessor

Gordon Bennett

Town Justices

Joseph Farrell
Joseph Cosenza

Superintendent of Highways

Denis Jordan

Town Board Meetings:

2nd and 4th Mondays

Planning Board Meetings

2nd Thursday*

Zoning Board Meetings

1st Wednesday*

*if no agenda, no meeting

Town Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-4

Highway Hours

Monday—Friday 7-3

Telephone

(518) 756-6671

Website

www.townofnewbaltimore.org