

Bi-monthly Report from the Supervisor – March/April 2006

## Spring Brings Many Projects

After working for over two decades for the town, Park Manager Bob Davidson has retired. His dedication, workmanship, dependability and overall knowledge will be missed. I visited with Bob in his living room last month and thoroughly enjoyed a conversation with a gentleman. **On behalf of the town, Bob – thank you.**

Residents have asked me to encourage public providers to review their ability to provide faster internet service to areas which now only have access to dial up. Many people throughout the town do not have access to the same high speed internet service that our city cousins enjoy and depend on for their businesses, education, and enjoyment. I have spoken with Verizon. The local engineer directed me to his Network Planner in Albany to whom I voiced our desire to have faster internet service. I have also spoken with Charter Cable. I went on a “Ride-out” on town roads with Charter’s local engineer. We counted houses per mile. **He will put the figures on his spreadsheet and report back to me the end of April what Charter’s plans are.**

**The website for the town is under construction.** I am giving the webmasters, Todd and Shari Rabideau, the raw data as I receive it from the various town officials. We have just begun to break ground with this project; I’ll keep you posted.

The third Thursday of each month RN Pat Goslin is at Town Hall in the morning and does free blood pressure readings. If you would like to benefit from that service, **please stop in.**

I met with DEC Region 5 Forest Ranger Steve Guglielmi. The Nature Conservancy recently bought approximately 20,000 acres, formerly Domtar land, in the town. They, in turn, are selling about 15,000 to the State and 5,000 to Lyme Timber. **All of the land, within the next two to five years, will be opened in some manner for public recreational uses.** Ranger Guglielmi is the lead author for the recreational plan. After an interim plan is put in place to assure that there are provisions for some public access as soon as the lands are in state possession, there will be opportunities for public input into the final recreational plan.

We continue to work through some water district problems. Rural Water Association’s Circuit Rider, Morris Coolidge, spoke to the board at a special March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. **We are considering his recommendations to solve water issues.**

The original fluorescent lights in the town hall meeting room – dating back to 1976 – were in poor and hazardous condition. We made attempts to repair them, but they were too old to patch up, so **new lights were installed.**

Codes Enforcement Officer, Eugene Dickerman, and I met with Douglas Miller, Environmental Program Specialist with the Adirondack Park Agency. If you are coming to Town Hall for a town building permit, **make sure you also consider APA jurisdictional issues.**

As the robins and your rakes continue to make their spring comeback, I encourage you to act on any civic yearnings that may be budding in your thoughts. If you want to get more involved in your town government as a volunteer, **stop in** at Town Hall.