

Bi-monthly Report from the Supervisor – May/June 2006

## Charter Cable Promises a New Build

After working closely with them over the past few months, **Charter Cable has announced that they will be expanding their service in the town.** Charter's Regional Director in Worcester Massachusetts e-mailed me that Charter will be embarking on a new build that will add 8.3 miles of cable. This will give 146 home owners the opportunity to take advantages of cable tv and a high speed internet hookup.

The New Build area will include parts of the following roads: Picketts Corners Road, Bucks Corners Road, Ryan Road, Chazy Lake Road, Burnt Hill Road, Rt. 3, Farrell Road, Standish Road, and Silver Lake Road. NYSEG and Verizon pole applications can take up to six months to process and Charter's New Town, Connecticut office has to work on moving funds into the budget to get the job done, but the new build is scheduled to be completed within the year. Charter's Engineer from their Plattsburgh Bridge Street office estimates their costs at \$23,000 per mile for above ground installation and \$38,000 - \$40,000 for underground work. I will continue to advocate for those of you who live in some of the more sparsely populated areas of the town.

**Ground has been broken on the town's web site.** You can visit and see how it is progressing at [www.townofsaranac.com](http://www.townofsaranac.com) I would like to thank volunteer web masters Todd and Shari Rabideau for their work on this project. The site is being developed to be best displayed on 17" monitors. You can find all the 2006 Town Board Minutes on the site as well as some information about the various town offices. Two forms are now available on line: The State's application for a parking permit for persons with disabilities and our own Use of Town Hall rules. Please bear with us as we continue construction.

The annual water quality reports have been completed by the water districts and were mailed out or hand delivered to the bill-paying customers. **All three water district reports can also be found on the town's web site.**

**I have received inquiries about wind power.** The town has neither planning nor zoning laws other than Adirondack Park regulations. APA's attorney told me that they have no specific laws concerning wind power, but they do have jurisdiction on any tower that exceeds forty feet.

The leak in the Saranac Water District system was found with help from Rural Water Association's Circuit Rider Morris Coolidge. **Pipes underneath the old town garage were leaking** and a new line was put in to remedy the situation.

Highway Superintendent Lee Vann and I met with our Workers Compensation insurance agent and representatives. The total bill went up six-tenths of one percent over last year. **We will continue to hold safety training sessions for two reasons:** Primarily, the safety of town workers is our main concern. Secondly, by remaining accident free and holding training sessions, the town earns premium discounts.

**Cindy Waldron, JCEO Community Outreach Worker earned her Notary Public certification. She, along with Town Clerk Mary Bell, will also be able to notarize your documents.**

Assuming the bountiful springtime rains will not continue to dampen the summer season nor your personal passions, if you are inclined to get involved with town government, stop in at Town Hall, have a cup of coffee, and **we can visit about your volunteer ideas.**