

# New Baltimore

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Town Board meetings –  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays  
Planning Board meetings –  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays \*  
Zoning Board meetings –  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday \*  
\*if no agenda, no meeting  
Town Office Hours –  
Monday-Friday 9-4  
Highway Hours –  
Monday-Friday 7-3

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the Town Hall

The Town Board has met in regular monthly meetings held on December 12<sup>th</sup>, January 9<sup>th</sup> and February 13<sup>th</sup>. July 11<sup>th</sup>, and a work meeting held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Town Board's 2006 Organizational Meeting is summarized in a separate article.

Here is a summary of the actions taken at these meetings:

#### December 12, 2005

- The Town Board authorized the purchase of security equipment to curtail vandalism in the Town Parks. Surveillance equipment is being installed at Hallock Park on County Route 54.
- Danielle LaFave was appointed as a Data Collector working under the supervision of Town Assessor Gordon Bennett.
- The Town Board authorized the purchase of a new copier at the Town Hall. This machine also provides network printing and an integrated fax machine and scanner. The equipment has been installed at the Town Hall and is working very well and is appreciated by the Town Hall staff.
- Animal Control Officer Joe Tanner was authorized to purchase three "Have a Heart" traps to assist him in addressing the Town's stray cat problems.
- Authorization was given to transfer \$15,000 to the Highway Equipment Capital Fund to accumulate funds for future equipment purchases by the Highway Department.
- The Town Board authorized amendments to the 2005 Budget, transfers of funds from the General Fund to the Highway Fund, and the updated Sewer District Tax Roll for 2006.
- Councilman Richard Guthrie was appointed as the Town Board's Liaison to the Town Court.

#### January 9, 2006

- The Town Board adopted a Resolution affirming its support for Local Law Number 4 of 1999 which bans the siting and operation of landfills in the Town, in response to a mailing initiated by South Park Enterprises to residents of the Town proposing to build a landfill in New Baltimore. The Town Board also authorized a town-wide mailing of this Resolution to inform residents of the Town Board's position on this issue.
- The Town Board set a public hearing for January 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding the proposed Local Law #1 of 2006, to increase the income limits for real property tax exemptions for senior citizens and persons with disabilities and limited incomes.
- Firefighters from the Medway-Grapeville Fire Company asked the Town Board to establish property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and emergency services volunteers in the Town. The firefighters were advised that the authorization to grant these exemptions within the municipalities of Greene County must first be acted upon by the State Legislature.

#### January 23, 2006

- The Town Board held a public hearing regarding proposed Local Law #1 of 2006, to increase the income limits for real property tax exemptions for senior citizens and persons with disabilities and limited incomes.

#### February 13, 2006

- The Town Board held a lengthy discussion regarding the issue of parking on streets in the Hamlet, where narrow streets pose special challenges for emergency vehicles. While no formal action was taken by the Town Board, an effort is underway to publicize the need to keep the hamlet's streets clear of parked vehicles to allow for access for emergency vehicles.

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## Town Board News

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- The Town Board adopted Local Law #1 of 2006 to increase the income limits for eligibility for real property tax exemptions for senior citizens and persons with disabilities and limited incomes. With the passage of this Local Law, those senior citizens and persons with disabilities with income of less than \$17,500 will now be eligible for a 50% tax exemption, and the exemption percentage decreases as income increases, and phases out at an income of \$25,900. Contact the Assessors' Office (756-7888) for more information.
- The Town Board designated Greene County Commercial Bank (also known as the Bank of Greene County) as an official Town bank, and the Town will be shifting its deposits currently in Key Bank to Greene County Commercial Bank, in order to support a locally owned bank. The Town also holds deposit accounts with the National Bank of Coxsackie, which is not affected by this change.
- Kenneth M. Rebusmen was appointed as a Code Enforcement Officer, to assist Senior Code Enforcement Officer Donald Tanner.
- The annual contract for ambulance services with Ravena Rescue Squad covering the eastern portion of the Town of New Baltimore (Ambulance District No. 1) was ratified, at an annual cost of \$15,000.
- The Special Use Permit issued to JB Car Services on Route 9W for the processing of junk vehicles was authorized for renewal, based on a favorable inspection by the Code Enforcement Officer.
- Bids were authorized to be solicited for the sale of the Town's used Toshiba model 3550 copier (that was replaced by a new copier), the public is invited to submit bids to buy this piece of equipment from the Town, with a deadline of March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Authorization was given to solicit bids from interested parties to mow the Town's three main parks; bid specifications have been prepared and may be obtained from the Town Clerk; the deadline for bids will be March 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.
- Final amendments were adopted for the Town's 2005 budget year.

## TOWN BOARD REORGANIZES FOR 2006

Each year, and particularly after the seating of a new Town Board, the first 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Town Board held its Organizational Meeting, following the swearing in of new Town Justice Joseph Cosenza, Supervisor David Louis, Town Board Members Arlene McKeon, Kevin Kuenster and Lisa Benway, Town Clerk Janet Brooks, and Tax Collector Diane Stuart.

Please find below a summary of the major actions taken at the Town Board's 2006 Organizational Meeting:

### Appointments and Salaries (annual, unless otherwise noted)

Deputy Superintendent of Highways:	Alan Van Wormer	\$15.48/hr.
Deputy Town Clerk:	Claudia Kuder	\$10.36/hr.
Deputy Town Clerk:	Marjorie Loux	\$10.36/hr.
Justice Clerk:	Lynn Taylor	\$22,523
Deputy Justice Clerk:	Sherri Jourdin	\$10.36/hr.
Assessor's Clerk:	Carol McBride	\$14,330
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	\$10.36/hr.
Planning Board Clerk:	Marjorie Loux	\$10.36/hr.
Zoning Board Clerk:	Marjorie Loux	\$10.36/hr.
Deputy Tax Collector:	Janet Brooks	no salary
Chair, Planning Board	Lee Davis	\$ 2,200
Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals:	Stephen Volkheimer	\$ 700
Assessor's Data Collector:	Danielle LaFave	\$10.00/hr.
Building Inspector:	Robert Foley	\$10,000
Senior Code Enforcement Officer:	Donald Tanner	\$ 4,400
Animal Control Officer:	Joseph Tanner	\$ 3,400
Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator	James Polverelli	\$ 6,600
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator	Robert Foley	\$20,300
Wastewater Treatment Plant Laborer	Harriet Miller	\$9.67/hr.
Recycling Center Operator	Spencer Sebert	\$9.67/hr.
Town Historian:	Clesson Bush	\$ 1,360
Registrar of Vital Statistics:	Janet Brooks	\$25/year
Records Management Officer:	Janet Brooks	no salary
Greene County Planning Board Member:	Jeffrey Flack	no salary

In addition to these appointments, Arlene McKeon was once again appointed by Supervisor Louis as the Deputy Town Supervisor, Meave Tooher was re-appointed to a 5-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and John Murray was appointed to a three year term on the Planning Board, replacing Dr. Joseph Loux, who decided not to seek reappointment. Dr. Loux served the Planning Board for many years and his service to the Town was outstanding and he will be greatly missed.

Other salaries not listed above for elected and appointed officials are as follows:

Town Supervisor	\$ 8,200
Town Board Member	\$ 3,750
Town Justice	\$ 9,750
Town Supt. Of Highways	\$44,500
Town Clerk	\$24,160
Tax Collector	\$ 5,850
Town Assessor	\$17,700
Planning Board Vice Chair	\$ 800
Planning Board Member	\$ 700
Zoning Board of Appeals Member	\$ 300
Board of Assessment Review Chair	\$ 250
Bd. Of Assessment Review Member	\$ 200

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## History Jottings

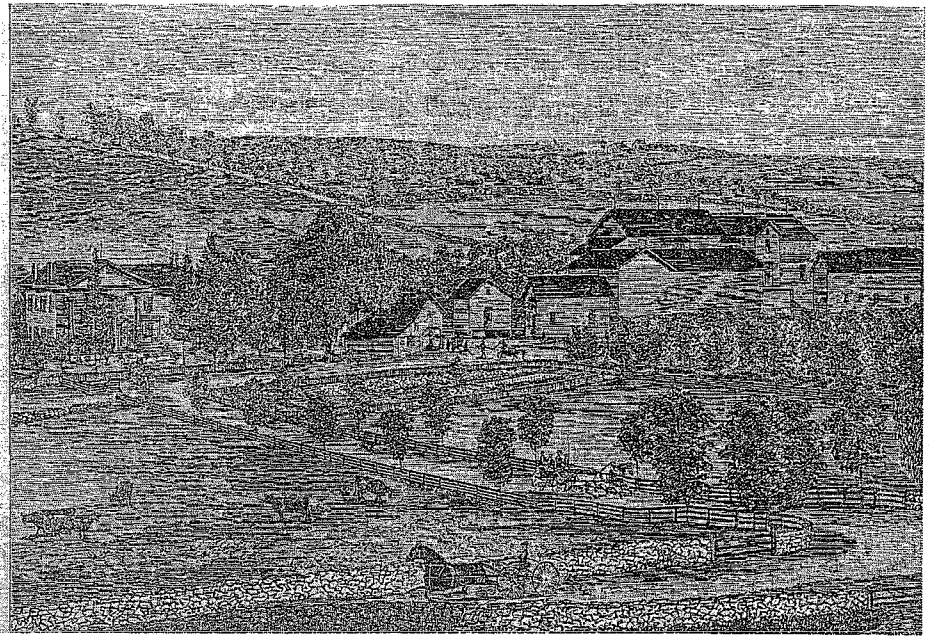
### Settlers Move West

Earliest settlement in the future Town of New Baltimore came near the Hudson in the first decade of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. As land along the River was possessed by European newcomers, eyes started to turn inland to tap the waiting resources of useful farmland and flowing mill streams.

It was not until after the Revolution, though, that migration to those areas beyond the Kalkberg ridge began in earnest. People came searching for new homes and lands, particularly from Westchester and Dutchess Counties and across the Hudson from Connecticut. The Lisks, Gurneys, Tituses, Powells, Palmers, Smiths, Greens, Wheelers, Travises, Searles, and Bedells were prominent among the arrivals.

The earliest documented wilderness settlers may have been the Millers. Jonathan Miller and his wife, Lydia McCabe, were two of those Westchester emigrants. Traveling up the Hudson from Peekskill in 1791, the couple brought with them about half of their eventual eleven-child family. The Millers purchased a sizable portion of acreage that was a remnant of the Coeymans Patent handed down through that family's generations. The entire estate may have numbered in the range of 1,000 acres.

First building a log cabin as immediate protection from the surrounding wilderness, the Millers also labored diligently at clearing forest and rock to



Jesse Miller Homestead-1865, from Beer's History of Greene County,

uncover serviceable farmland. By 1798, the pioneers had constructed a larger, wood-frame home, which was rebuilt in 1859, reputedly incorporating some structural elements from the older building. This beautiful home still is a landmark on Route 54. Jonathan and Lydia's son Jesse established his own farm, also still standing just west of his parents' home.

The Millers were representative of the hard-working, socially-minded families that came here in those days. Raising at least livestock and fruit, they became prosperous and conscious of doing greater good. Their farm may have included the

first commercial apple orchard, a business that was to become very important in Town in later years

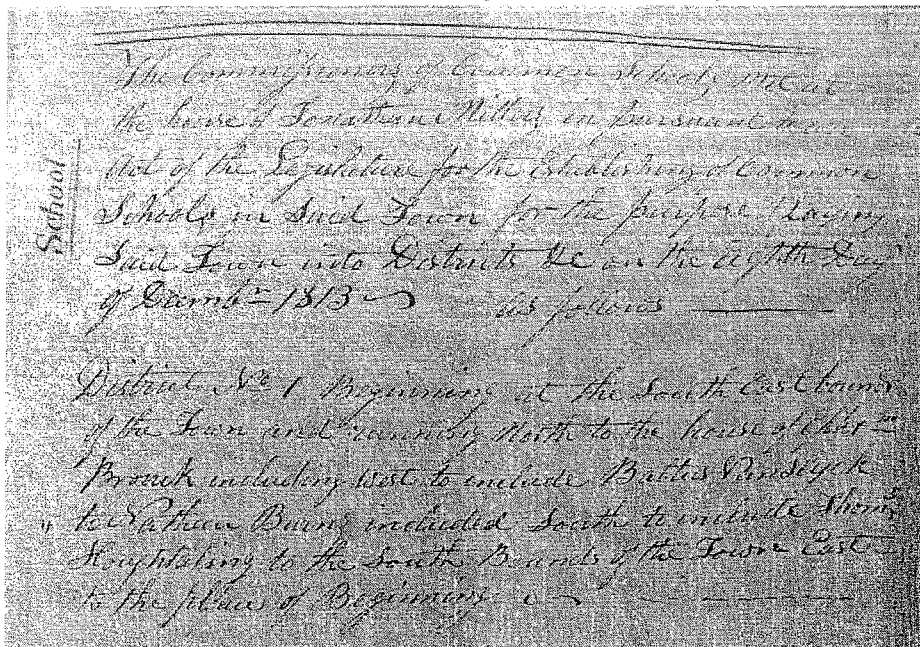
The Millers were instrumental in developing the institutions that make up a community. Around 1807, Jasper Hazen, an itinerant preacher from Vermont, came to the homestead, hoping to promote interest in a religious gathering. The result was a service in the family's barn, from which the Medway Congregational Christian Church was born, with strong Miller support.

By 1813, the State of New York had passed legislation urging establishment of local school boards and districts. This is the statute by which New Baltimore's school system was established. An official meeting was held Tuesday, April 6, 1813 at the Millers to certify local election results for school officials. Then, the newly elected commissioners met at the Miller house to divide the Town into 9 school districts.

After Jonathan and Lydia's passing, Miller children and grandchildren remained on the family homestead in later years. The farming tradition is carried on even today. The Millers married into the Woodhull family, and their descendants now are tending the land.

Courtesy of  
Clessen Bush, Town Historian

Thanks to The Heritage of New Baltimore for providing helpful information.



Excerpt from Town Board Minutes 1813 creating school districts.

## Town Reorganizes, continued from page 2

Highway Department Salaries are as follows:

Heavy Machine Operator:	\$14.41 per hour
Laborer:	\$11.33 per hour
Part-Time Laborer:	\$11.33 per hour

Appointed officials who use their vehicles on town business are reimbursed for mileage at the rate of \$0.445 per mile, which is equivalent to the federal government reimbursement rate.

The official meeting schedule was adopted:

Town Board Regular Meeting:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of month at 7:30 p.m.
Town Board Work Meeting:	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of month at 7:30 p.m.
Planning Board:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month at 7:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals:	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month at 7:30 p.m.
Town Court:	Every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

The following Town Board Committees were established:

<u>Highway</u>	<u>Buildings &amp; Grounds/Recycling</u>
Chair: David Louis	Chair: Richard Guthrie
Member: Lisa Benway	Member: Kevin Kuenster

<u>Building Insp./Code Enfmt</u>	<u>Insurance</u>
Chair: David Louis	Chair: Lisa Benway
Member: Lisa Benway	Member: Kevin Kuenster

<u>Wastewater Treatment</u>	<u>Zoning and Planning</u>
Chair: Richard Guthrie	Chair: Arlene McKeon
Member: David Louis	Member: David Louis

<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Promotion &amp; Economic Development</u>
Chair: Arlene McKeon	Chair: Kevin Kuenster
Member: Kevin Kuenster	Member: David Louis

<u>Grants</u>	<u>Fire, EMS &amp; Law Enforcement</u>
Chair: Kevin Kuenster	Chair: Richard Guthrie
Member: Richard Guthrie	Member: Lisa Benway

<u>Animal Control</u>	<u>Parks</u>
Chair: Arlene McKeon	Chair: Arlene McKeon
Member: Richard Guthrie	Member: Lisa Benway

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Technology/Website</u>
Chair: David Louis	Chair: Arlene McKeon
Member: Arlene McKeon	Member: Lisa Benway

The Greenville Press was designated as the Official Town Newspaper. Key Bank and the National Bank of Coxsackie were designated as banks where town funds may be deposited (NOTE: On February 13<sup>th</sup>, the Town Board added Greene County Commercial Bank (also known as the Bank of Greene County) as a town bank)

## Nominations Needed! Greene County Citizen of the Year

The Town received the following notice:

Nominations are being accepted for Greene County Outstanding Senior Citizen of the year awards, according to Lillian Moore, Chairperson of the Advisory Council to the Greene County Department for the Aging.

The purpose of this award is 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 31, 2006

## Help for First Time Homebuyers

The Town received the following notice:

Catskill Mountain Housing Development Corporation is pleased to offer Technical and Financial Assistance for first time homebuyers in Greene County. Homebuyer classes are current scheduled as follows:

Weekday Evening Classes starting:

Tues. January 31<sup>st</sup> thru Tues. February 20<sup>th</sup>

Tues. March 7<sup>th</sup> thru Tues. March 28<sup>th</sup>

Tues. April 11<sup>th</sup> thru Tues. May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tues. May 16<sup>th</sup> thru Tues. June 6<sup>th</sup>

Saturday Morning Classes:

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>

Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>

Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>

Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

All evening classes are for four 2-hour weekly meetings at 7:00 p.m. and all Saturday classes are for two 4-hour classes at 9:00 a.m. at the Catskill Mountain Housing Development Corporation Office on 448 Main Street, Catskill.

Sign up by calling 518-943-6700, or visit our website at [www.CMHDC.org](http://www.CMHDC.org) or stop by our office at 448 Main Street in Catskill. Registration fee for all classes is \$15.

Topics covered include: Shopping for a New Home, Applying for a Mortgage, Home Inspection, Homeowner's Insurance, Closing on a House.

In order to qualify for financial assistance you must take the full course.

Catskill Mountain Housing Development Corporation is an equal opportunity lender.

## Assessor News

### Administration of Real Property

The following activities are scheduled for 2006:

#### January/February/March

Field Review and Collection of New Construction and Data

#### March 1

All Exemptions Due

Valuation Schedule

March 7<sup>th</sup> 9-1pm & March 14<sup>th</sup> 9-1pm

#### April 15

Assessment Change Notices

Subdivision of land, new construction, and demolition.

#### May 1

Tentative Roll Filed

Informal Hearings

Assessor Sitting with Roll in New Baltimore with Cossackie Residents

May 2, 9-1:00pm and May 9, 9-1:00pm

Assessor Sitting with Roll in Cossackie with New Baltimore Residents

May 11, 5-9:00pm and May 13, 9-1:00pm

#### May 23, 2006

Grievance Day 1:00-5:00 & 6:00-9:00pm

#### June

Revisions to Assessments

#### July 1

Final Roll

#### Notes From the Assessor

The office now has the capability of running reports to copy on a CD for property owners seeking assessment information from the tentative assessment roll in the use of seeking comparable properties for residential review. All requests for CDs are to be made in writing to the Assessor. A release form will be available at the office for this purpose. Kindly note that the dissemination of the data provided is *not* the only source of analysis used by the assessor to determine assessments. Other factors such as condition, location, and frontage, etc in addition to other factors available to the assessor can make up one's assessment.

Any time your billing address changes you should notify the Assessor's Office in writing. If your address changes and we are not notified, your receipt of these tax bills may be delayed. If you have any questions regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact the Assessor's Office at 756.7888 or by e-mail at:

[assessor@townofnewbaltimore.org](mailto:assessor@townofnewbaltimore.org)

Office hours are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday through Friday.

#### Acknowledgments

We wish to thank all those contributing to the production of this newsletter, including the contribution of articles by Gordon Bennett, Carol McBride, Marjorie Loux, Janet Brooks, Clesson Bush, David Louis and Arlene McKeon,

## Town of New Baltimore Announces Changes to Dog Licensing Law

Effective January 15, 2006, new state law requires that a dog license may not be issued for a time period extending beyond the expiration date of a dog's rabies certificate.

Dog licenses issued on and after January 15, 2006 must not expire after the expiration date of the dog's rabies certificate. In order to receive a full year license, a dog that is due for a rabies vaccination booster within the next license year would need to be immunized prior to license renewal.

This change affects all dogs licensed in New York State, except those licensed in New York City, which has a separate dog licensing law.

Pursuant to the New York Public Health Law, county public health authorities must offer free clinics at least every four months for the rabies vaccination of dogs, cats and domesticated ferrets. A notice for a free rabies clinic in the Town of New Baltimore appears on page 8.

## Town of New Baltimore Awarded \$37,400 in EPF Grant

On Friday, March 3, 2006, Governor Pataki announced \$2 million in grants for community projects in the greater Capital Region to improve water quality in the Hudson River. The grants, provided through NYS' Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), will be used to install new disinfection equipment to remove bacteria and other pathogens in its wastewater treatment process. Upgrading wastewater treatment plans is one of several steps being undertaken by the State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to ensure that the quality of the water in the Hudson River is suitable for swimming and increase recreational activities along the Hudson River. The Town of New Baltimore applied for and received \$37,400 for ultraviolet equipment to treat effluents released from our wastewater treatment plant.



Lt. Governor Mary Donohue presents awards at press conference in Troy on March 3, 2006.



## TOWN ENFORCEMENT OF "JUNK VEHICLES LAW"

In 1985, the Town Board adopted a Local Law which prohibits the "open storage" of "junk vehicles". At that time, the Town Board stated: "The unrestrained accumulation of motor vehicles not in operating condition is a hazard to such health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the town, necessitating the regulation and restraint thereof."

In the 20+ years that have followed, the Town has appointed Code Enforcement Officers to enforce this law, and the current Town Board is committed to educating our residents regarding this law and to supporting our Code Enforcement Officers in enforcing the law, by contacting property owners who are in violation of the law, encouraging them to correct these violations, and through legal prosecution where property owners do not cooperate with the Town's enforcement efforts. The Town's efforts are supported by an overwhelming majority of those who responded to the town-wide Citizens Planning Advisory Group survey last year who stated that it was an important priority of the Town Government to enforce the town codes.

To help explain the current law regarding junk vehicles, here are some frequently asked questions with answers to assist in understanding the Junk Vehicle Law of the Town of New Baltimore.

### ***What is a junk vehicle?***

A junk vehicle is defined in the law as any motor vehicle originally intended for travel on the public highways that has not been registered for the past 12 months **OR** is not in a condition to meet the requirements for the New York State vehicle inspection. **A motor vehicle registered as a farm vehicle or which is operable and used by the owner on his own property for the transport of wood, snowplowing or similar uses IS NOT A JUNK VEHICLE.**

### ***When is a property owner in violation of the Junk Vehicle Law?***

It is a violation of the Junk Vehicle Law, when a junk vehicle is not stored in a completely enclosed structure, if the junk vehicle is visible from a public road or is visible from a dwelling unit on a neighboring property.

### ***Are there other exceptions to the Junk Vehicle Law for things like Antique Cars?***

YES. Town residents may apply for permits (there is no charge) at the Town Hall to store or locate a "junk vehicle" on private property under the following situations:

- Antique or classic cars that are 25+ years old that are being restored are eligible for renewable one year permits; renewal is granted if there is substantial restoration accomplished during the year.
- "Junk vehicles" for which parts or components are being removed are eligible for a sixty (60) day permit, and can only be renewed for one 60 day period after permit expiration.
- Commercial garages in the commercially zoned part of the Town are allowed to have "junk vehicles" located on their property.

### ***How does the Town enforce the Junk Vehicle Law?***

The Junk Vehicle Law is enforced by the Town's Code Enforcement Officers, Donald Tanner (756-6322) and Kenneth Rebusmen (756-6531). Any resident may call to register a complaint; the Code Enforcement Officers will not divulge the identity of those making the complaints. If the Code Enforcement Officer's investigation determines that there is a violation of the Junk Vehicle Law, the property owner will be contacted and requested to remove or properly store the junk vehicle, and a reasonable time will be allowed for the property owner to voluntarily correct the violation.

### ***What happens if the property owner does not voluntarily correct the violation?***

If the property owner does not voluntarily correct the violation within the reasonable period of time granted by the Code Enforcement Officer, the property owner will be issued a summons to appear in Town Court, and will be subject to the penalties established in the Junk Vehicle Law.

### ***What are the penalties for violating the Junk Vehicles Law?***

The Code Enforcement Officers will only seek penalties against violators of the Junk Vehicle Law when they have not voluntarily corrected the violation after being given a reasonable period of time to do so.

The Town Code provides that a violation of the Junk Vehicle Law is punishable by a fine of up to \$100 per week for each junk vehicle that violates the Junk Vehicle Law. In addition, violators can be jailed for up to 30 days for each week that each junk vehicle is kept in violation of the Law.

In addition to these penalties, the Code Enforcement Officer may refer the case to the Town Board. If the case is referred to the Town Board, a public hearing will be held at which the violator may be heard, and following the public hearing, the Town Board may order the removal of any junk vehicles in violation of the Junk Vehicles Law from the violator's property. The expense of any such removal of junk vehicles shall be assessed by the Town against the violator's property and shall be a lien against that property.

We hope that you find this information to be useful and that all town residents will join together in observing and complying with the Junk Vehicle Law of the Town of New Baltimore.

## Planning Board Reports

The Planning Board conducted the following business in the months of December 2005, January and February 2006:

### December 8, 2005:

The Planning Board met on December 8, 2005, with the following business transacted:

- Public Hearing was held on the minor subdivision application of Richard and Rosemary Marino.

In the regular monthly meeting following the Public Hearing, the following business was transacted:

- Approved with condition the Richard and Rosemary Marino minor subdivision.
- Held initial discussion with a Town resident for a proposed two-lot subdivision.
- Discussed with a Town resident the property annexation process for land he is planning to purchase and add to his current parcel.
- A Town property owner discussed with the Board the need to have his recent subdivision maps re-done to reflect additional information the proposed parcel purchaser's lending institution wants to see on the maps
- Signed and stamped survey maps correcting a non-conforming parcel.

In its 2005 Year End Report, the Planning Board reported the following activity for 2005:

Regular monthly meetings Held: 12  
 Special regular meetings held: 1  
 Public Hearings Held: 14  
 Minor Subdivisions Approved: 10  
 Major Subdivisions Approved: 3  
 New Lots Created: 33  
 Non-Conforming Lots Corrected: 3  
 Site Plans Approved: 2  
 Site Plan Approval Extensions: 1  
 Application Fees Received: \$1,400

The Planning Board conducted the following business in the months of January and February 2006:

### January 12, 2006

The Planning Board welcomed new Planning Board Member John Murray.

Business conducted:

- Discussed with a Town resident a proposed boundary line adjustment between two parcels of land he owns and the required procedure to complete same.
- Stamped and signed for a property owner a new set of subdivision maps containing additional information required by a proposed purchaser's financial institution. Discussed with a potential purchaser of a large parcel of land in Town, his plans for the parcel and structures on the property.

At the Board's yearly organizational meeting, it was the consensus of the Board that James Coe continues as Vice Chair and Barry Guptill as Secretary.

### February 9, 2006:

- Continued discussion with a property owner the steps necessary to bring his non-conforming parcels into compliance.
- Discussed with the attorney representing two properties in the commercial corridor steps necessary for boundary line adjustments to transfer entrance easement from one parcel to another and to maintain the one parcel at the minimum requirement of two acres.
- Discussed with a purchaser's attorney, the proposed three lot subdivision of the Eugene Morrison property located on Willowbrook Drive. Required Public Hearing was scheduled for 7:30 p.m., March 9.
- Had a preliminary discussion with two property owners interested in doing minor subdivisions.

**Notice:** Due to the volume of business coming before the Planning Board, anyone wishing to be on the agenda should contact the Planning Board Clerk well in advance of the night they wish to appear before the Board.

## Zoning Board of Appeals Reports

The Zoning Board of Appeals conducted the following business in the month of December 2005:

### December 7, 2005

The Zoning Board of Appeals heard the application of Charles and Rose Ann Hudson for an Area Variance for a recently purchased undersized parcel located on Route 51. Required Public Hearing on the application was scheduled for 7:30 p.m., January 4, 2006.

In its 2005 Year End Report, the ZBA reported the following activity for 2005:

Regular monthly meetings Held: 8  
 Public Hearings Held: 3  
 Variances Approved: 1 Height  
 Variances Denied: 1 Area  
 Application Fees Received: \$640  
 Applications in process and carried over to 2006: 1 Special Use Permit  
 1 Variance

The ZBA conducted the following business in the months of January and February 2006:

### January 4, 2006

A public hearing was held on the lands of Charles and Rose Ann Hudson for Area Variance.

In the regular monthly meeting following the Public Hearing, the following business was transacted:

- Approved Area Variance for the lands of Charles and Rose Ann Hudson.

### February 2006

The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in February since there were no applications to come before the Board.

## Free Rabies Clinic

The Town of New Baltimore announces the return of a free rabies clinic to be held on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Medway-Grapeville Fire-house. Last year over 90 pets were brought to the clinic to receive free rabies shots. **Dogs must be on a leash and cats and ferrets in carriers.**

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.

The Greene County Department of Health provides free rabies shots at clinics throughout Greene County all year. If you cannot make this rabies clinic or your pet's rabies shot has not expired but will soon, contact the Greene County Department of Health at 719-3600 to find out where other free rabies clinics will be held in 2006.

Please note the changes to the dog licensing law on page 5 of this newsletter.

## Town Clean Up Day

**S**aturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> is annual Clean Up Day in New Baltimore. Residents are asked to clean

up roadsides. Orange bags will be available for pickup at the Town Hall or Highway Garage during regular business hours. Please inform the Town Clerk of the roadside that you plan to clean up so that the Highway Department can pick up the bags of debris you collect.

## AgFest

The 15th Annual New Baltimore Agricultural Festival will be held June 3-4 at the VanEtten Farm on Sawmill Road.

Last year's attractions included: garden tractor pull, antique tractor pull, antique steam tractor, barbecue from the Locker Room Sports Bar and Restaurant, breakfast and lunch and lots of snacks by the New Baltimore Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary, a silent auction, Barnyard Bingo, ice and wood sculptures, and the Buffalo Soldiers historical presentation. Children's activities included arts and crafts and "sandboxes" full of corn, tractor maze, pie-eating and pudding drop contests, and a pedal tractor pull for under 12. Security and handicapped transportation was provided.

Anyone interested in helping or participating as an exhibitor or call 756-2793 or 756-3517.

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