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Fellow Citizens,

As we end the first quarter of the year, I want to bring you up to date on a few things that have been and will be going on in our town and county.

First are our roads. This year, hopefully in May, we will pave what was begun on Greenough Road last year. In June we hope to begin that same treatment on approximately one mile of Elk Lake Road. The county has informed me that plans are in place to resurface the Blue Ridge Road this summer season. I have also received notification from the state that preliminary design has begun on the rehabilitation of the Interstate 87 bridges over the Branch River. It is anticipated that the I-87 southbound on ramp from the Blue Ridge Road at Exit 29 will be closed. Access to the Northway would be via Route 9 to Exit 28 during the work on the southbound structure. The present schedule shows construction beginning in April 2017 and completed in November. Additionally, with the state acquisition of the Boreas Ponds Tract to be announced soon, the DEC has contacted me regarding contracting with the town to construct parking areas within that tract. Those areas include the Elk Lake Road, at or near the trailhead for the Hoffman Notch Trail, and along Gulf Brook Road, which is the access to the Boreas Ponds. As you can see, our Highway Department is in for a busy season. There will also be a bridge placed across the Branch River below the dam as part of the community connector trails system that is planned.

The Ladies Auxiliary will once again be sponsoring the 9th Annual Classic Cruise-In and Dragway reunion on Saturday, May 7th. This is a great event, usually with more than 50 cars participating. It's a wonderful day enjoyed by all. We hope to see you there in support of our ladies.

Our annual clean-up week will begin on May 23rd. As in the past, tires, paint cans, concrete, construction debris, batteries, household trash and propane tanks will not be picked up. Brush should be piled with butt ends out, and wood and metal should be separated.

Household Hazardous Waste Day will be Saturday June 4th, 8am-1pm in Lake Placid, Saturday July 30th, 8am-1pm in North Hudson and Saturday, August 6th, 8am-1pm at the EC DPW. This is **Open to Residents of Essex County ONLY** and proof of residency is required. No businesses are permitted.

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At the last Board Meeting Mike Marsden provided an update on the Black Fly Control Program. The company that the Town has used in the past, Adirondax Service, is no longer in the business. Mike is a certified commercial pesticide-applicator for the program and has agreed to continue the program for the Town, but the Town will have to submit a pesticide Business or Agency Application. We are hopeful that we will be able to obtain all required permits and continue the program.

At the County there has been discussion regarding what has become a critical shortage of EMS personnel and the rising costs in providing that service. Some have suggested that a countywide system should be explored. Also the SPCA made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the tethering, or chaining, of dogs. The Essex County Animal Cruelty Task Force will be making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors at a future meeting in regard to advocating a County Law prohibiting or regulating the continuous tethering of dogs to porches, posts, trees, etc.

As many of you may know, this year our town has been conducting a total revaluation of properties. Our Board of Assessors have been putting in many hours in the completion of this project. I would like to personally recognize Chairman Mike Marsden for his efforts, often working days, nights and weekends. Through their efforts our town will have up to date, accurate, fair and equitable assessments. Thank you Mike, John and Bruce for your hard work.

I'd like to remind everyone that we will have the Presidential Primary on April 19th which also would have been our Regular Monthly Board Meeting. Due to the Primary, we have rescheduled the board meeting for Thursday, April 14th at 6:00 PM.

In closing, I want to wish you all a great spring and summer and to say once again, if you have questions or concerns please give me a call or stop by the office.

Best wishes to all,

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