

**Supervisor's Comments**  
**From the Town Board Meeting**  
**March 15, 2016**

(Pledge to the flag)

- 1) We congratulated and honored four Eagle Scouts at our meeting: Robert P. Bieder from Troop 45 in Van Cortlandtville; Nadav Bendavid from Troop 45 in Van Cortlandtville; Vincent Ribeiro from Troop 45 in Van Cortlandtville and Michael Cudahy from Troop 36 in Montrose. We are so very proud of all of these outstanding young men. They are role models and leaders in our community. Congratulations to their troop leaders and families, as well.
- 2) This year we are honoring our committees, councils and boards, as well as all of our government departments. Last month we thanked our Zoning Board of Appeals members and at this meeting we praise our new Master Plan Committee, including volunteers from our town, staff members and our consultant, AKRF. They all worked on this plan for over two years. We held a public hearing and adopted the Envision Master Plan of 2016.
- 3) We also have been told that we are the recipients of a prestigious NY State Planning Federation Award for this Comprehensive and Sustainable Master Plan. We are very excited and I among others will attend their luncheon in Saratoga Springs next month to receive the award on behalf of the Town of Cortlandt. Congratulations to all involved!
- 4) It was a very busy month and a few of the events that I attended were:
  - a) St. Patrick's Day Parade in the City of Peekskill. It was a beautiful day and a great parade. Congratulations to this committee, the Grand Marshal and aides and to the City of Peekskill.
  - b) St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Village of Buchanan was the next day on this festive weekend. Another great day and parade. It's so wonderful to see all of the families come out for these parades. Congratulations to their committee, Grand Marshal and aides and to the Village of Buchanan.
  - c) I attended along with Councilwoman Costello the ribbon cutting of the new AT&T store off Cortlandt Boulevard (Rte.6). We gave the store officials a proclamation and met their special guest, Jeff Nelson, a former New York Yankees relief pitcher. Very exciting!
  - d) I also attended the annual Van Cortlandtville Elementary School to read a book to a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class for National Reading Week. It's so much fun to do, to talk to the students and to their teacher.
  - e) I also went to the Blue and Gold Cub Scout Pack 45 dinner. Congratulations to all of the scouts, especially to those who were moving up to other levels of scouting. Special thanks to the leaders who are all volunteers. As a former Girl Scout leader, I know the work that goes into this position.
  - f) Along with Councilman Frank Farrell, we attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony for Vincent Ribeiro of Troop 45 who designed and created an Equestrian Sensory Trail for physically and developmentally disabled children and adults. A wonderful young man. We are proud of him and all of our Eagle Scouts from our community.

- 5) Another exciting announcement is the final transfer of the Hudson Highlands Gateway Park, (formerly Hillpoint) to the Town of Cortlandt. It's a 352 acre preserved parkland forever. We thank our longtime partners Scenic Hudson who worked with us in the late 1990's to stop a large development, to raise the funds to purchase this property with the Town of Cortlandt, New York State, Westchester County, Scenic Hudson and the private sector to preserve this land forever. It now has excellent hiking trails and once you reach the summit, the view is spectacular.
- 6) Please go to the town's website and Facebook page to read my many reports on our efforts to oppose the Spectra gasoline project over the past three years, on the recent tritium leak at Indian Point 2 (no risk to drinking water nor to our residents – a very low level), on the NRC issues, on our 2016 Goals for our community and on many upcoming events. I attend all of the hearings, meetings and participate in all of the conference calls regarding Indian Point, etc.
- 7) Events coming up are:
  - a) The Town's Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at our Youth Center sponsored by our Recreation Department.
  - b) Cortlandt's Earth Day Celebration will take place on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> kicking it off with a hike at Croton Point Park (9 A.M.). More details on our website. Special thanks to our town's "Green Team".
  - c) Little League opening days on April 16<sup>th</sup> for both the American and National Leagues.
- 8) As you can see it's been a very busy month as we try our best to go to all community events and activities and to always plan for exciting and fun activities sponsored by the Town of Cortlandt.

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