

## **Supervisors Report, by Jim Lanning**

The first quarter of 2016 is over and I am pleased to report that things are going well here at Town hall. The staff has been very welcoming and they have coached me along as I got settled in my new position. Our various departments are working well together and we are operating as efficiently as we possibly can. We have a steady stream of visitors and constituents that provide suggestions, comments, opinions, and ideas on a daily basis. I am grateful for the input and I am pleased with everyone's willingness to compromise.

A series of meetings were orchestrated with many factions to help address the lawsuit against the Town over our newly adopted comprehensive plan. I was very pleased with Joel Russell who served as our objective facilitator. I was also pleased with everyone's willingness to listen and accommodate the opinions of others. I believe that we have formed the basis of a framework to end the lawsuit and move forward with small clarifications to our comprehensive plan. The next step will be to review and update our zoning code.

The Town is considering some renovations to the Austin Pavilion. Since we are no longer going to be in the ice skating business we are exploring new uses for the facility. The Town has a long history of use by non-profits in the summer months and we are considering expanding that form of use into the winter months. We are considering reconfiguring the locker room area to accommodate meeting rooms and a new office for our parks. We intend the entire pavilion to be a shared use facility with everyone working cooperatively to benefit the Town as a whole. Events that have been held there in the past will continue without interruption and it is my initiative to improve and enhance those events moving forward.

Our conservation areas are getting prepared for a full season of walking, hiking, and recreation. We are putting together a map of hiking trails in the Town of Skaneateles to direct people to the various nature areas that we are fortunate to have the use of. Please mark your calendar for our annual children's fishing derby. The date is July 16<sup>th</sup> and we really hope to see you there. There will be trophies and prizes for a variety of age groups. Please consider visiting one or more of our nature areas when the weather breaks.

The most exciting project that we have going is the possibility of a large solar farm at our transfer station. This farm would produce electricity for our municipal use and may also produce enough for some business or residential use. We have not decided how this extra power might be allocated and we are open to suggestions. Please feel free to offer ideas and suggestions. Your local government is not a spectator sport it is a participation sport. We encourage you to be a part of it.

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