

## Supervisors report

Last night I was at a Board of Supervisors meeting. I want to mention a few things which transpired there.

First, we passed a law which will allow the Board of Supervisors to continue to conduct Hybrid Public Meetings. The Governor's State of Emergency is expected to end June 9, 2022 which would mean that public bodies such as the Board of Supervisors will no longer have the option of meeting virtually. This legislative session however, the NYS Legislature passed an amendment to the Open Meetings Law. As a result the County is able to allow members to participate virtually under "extraordinary circumstances". In other words if a Supervisor is ill, or has an unexpected circumstance which precludes attending in person, the Supervisor can participate remotely. Although their presence is not counted in terms of the quorum, they will be allowed to vote. I agree with this expanded use of videoconferencing – it is one of the good things which have come out of the pandemic. We have learned new ways to participate. I think that the Town Board should consider a similar law in the months to come.

Another way in which the Board of Supervisors has been proactive is that we voted to fund a second hazard waste day. The Hazardous Waste Day conducted May 7 was overwhelmed with participants. Traffic was backed up, there were people who were stuck in traffic and finally returned home with the paint cans still in the trunk.

Some supervisors blamed the unanticipated crowd on the fact that for the first time this year the county accepted liquid paint. Others said it was due to the fact that very active climate smart groups across the county had publicized the event. Some supervisors said it was just the aftermath of the pandemic with so many houses being bought and sold and cleaned out.

Whatever the reason, the Board passed a special motion last night approving a second hazardous waste day on to be held Sunday June 5, 2022. We will publish the details on the Town Website.

Finally, as part of the meeting last night, all the Supervisors received NARCAN training and were sent home with a kit. I am wondering if we should schedule a training here in Copake. If you are interested, let me know.