

# **Harpersfield Hears Stream Management Plan**

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HARPERSFIELD - Members of the Harpersfield Town Board heard a presentation from Jessica Rall, a stream technician with the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District, on the West Branch of the Delaware River stream corridor plan,

The federally funded program would provide a management plan for maintenance of streams within the New York City watershed,

Rall has been to a number of other towns throughout Delaware County giving the same information, with most of those towns adopting the resolution.

The plan compliments the current comprehensive plan and if adopted, it would bring some funding to the town as well.

The program was started in 2008 and will end in 2013. There will be a public hearing scheduled to go over the details of the stream management plan.

There was also discussion about the town historical society's investments and how to possibly yield more money. Currently, there is only a .05 percent interest rate on the account the money is invested in. One option which was brought up was for some of the interest yielded from previous years to be put into another account under the name of one of the Historical Society's members.

It's believed that in doing so, the money can be placed into a higher yield interest account. Currently, municipalities are given a small interest rate than individuals. Another option is to look at other area banks to see if they will offer a higher interest rate. The board will confer with the town lawyer and check into the legality of any options.

In other business, the Highway Department has been busy plowing and sanding roads due to the snow

In accordance with state law, a work place violence policy needs to be written and distributed to all town employees. The policy spells out the appropriate action to take if there is any violence at the workplace or how to interact with angry residents. The policy was reviewed and adopted at the meeting. All highway members will receive a copy of the policy and possibly some training over the coming weeks.

Supervisor Jim Eisel cell tower. Independent Towers, a cell company that constructs cell towers and then leases them to mobile carriers, said they still haven't found a tenant but would notify the town if there is any interest. The cell tower would bring additional revenue to the town once a carrier has signed on.

Eisel also presented a resolution to adopt a letter of opposition against Attorney General Andrew Cuomo's lawsuit against four healthcare facilities in the county.

The facilities fell under scrutiny from the Attorney General's office for the methods used to dispose of pharmaceutical waste such as excess pills from patients. The pills were being flushed down toilets when no longer needed in accordance with regulations of the state

Department of Health. Eisel believes it is unfair for the State Attorney General to levy fines when the facilities were following state policy and working with the AG to find a better method of disposal. The resolution was adopted.

Board members then went into executive session.

The next board meeting will be held March 9.

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