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 11) **Napanoch:** **Peters Market**, **James' General Store**, Brother John's, Napanoch Post Office, Chinese No. 1, VIP Video, **Rické Len's**.  
 12) **Wawarsing to Kerhonkson:** Wawarsing PO, Citgo Xtra Mart (Wawarsing), Dr. John Lichtenstein, **Exxon (44-55)**, STS Tire, **Stewart's** (Kerhonkson), Swim King, **Mountain View Diner**, Yang's, **Kerhonkson PO**.  
 13) **Also:** Ellenville School, Ulster County Tourist Information Office (Kingston), Ramada Inn (Kingston), Ukrainian American Youth Camp.

\*\*\*Locations in bold are "anchor locations" in the zone

## From the Editor

*"Waste not... Want Not." – attributed to Benjamin Franklin*

One way or another, the Village of Ellenville will have to vacate its current old, humdrum building (once the HQ of the Phone Company) that has been out of compliance with handicapped accessibility for too many years, lacks adequate parking space, and whose monthly exterminator bills... umm, let's not go there.

The process of moving out has been engaging several Village Boards, who've had sketches drawn, and several forlorn buildings bought and boarded-up on **Center Street**, the proposed location of a brand-new Village Hall. (Though many think **Liberty Square's** former *Wayside Inn* site would be the ideal site, that isn't likely to happen.) The Village has, most recently, contacted an architect AND a construction manager, to move the ball even further along. And, in the latest wrinkle, the Town Board has agreed to pony up 1/3 of the architect's fee for preparing four design plans, HALF of those encompassing a joint Village-Town Municipal Hall! This new potential to maximize the "3 C's" – Communication, Cooperation, Consolidation – between Village and Town, is welcome indeed, as both entities may realize cost-savings and increased efficiency by cohabiting under one roof. (It's already working elsewhere.)

Until the architect completes his needs assessments of both current Halls, and we can see some real numbers, the final cost, and whether the Town wants to take that plunge, is still anyone's guess. Per square foot costs ranging from \$400 to \$800 have been bandied about, with a price tag of anywhere from \$4-\$10 million. (No, it's not in the Ulster County Jail league, but that represents 30% of the annual county budget; this is 130% to 330% of the Village's.)

But consider this. The not-yet-15-year-old *Provident* (former *Ellenville National*) *Bank* building is soon to be empty and on the market, going for a bargain price between \$1.5 to \$1.75 million (that works out to about \$60 per/sq.ft.; *WAY* less expensive than building from scratch). When the Village AND Town Halls are sold (and the **Center St.** properties) and back on the tax rolls, even after interior tweaking, the final bite could be less than \$1 million! Sure, it would be great if a commercial buyer would snap up the "Cube" first (and soon!), pay the steep taxes, and provide dozens of jobs... *"Take my building... Please!"* But what if it's still vacant next year before plans for new construction are finalized? Shouldn't this at least be a considered option that may save the taxpayers *millions*?

Yes, solar panels and antennas could still be incorporated on the roof, and the completely raw top floor could house an all-purpose modern meeting room, executive session room, judges' chambers, media rooms for live televising and taping. In addition to the Town offices, the **Chamber of Commerce** (and other logical tenants) could make this *Muni-info-center*, along with the **Resnick Center** and **Library/Museum/Community Room** across the street, a complete Civic Campus, with more than enough combined evening parking (add the two bank lots, too!) so that a multi-tier parking garage (envisioned for the new building) wouldn't be needed. *And we could make the whole move in under six months!*

Oh, and envision the adjacent rectangle of grass and trees developed into a *real* Village Commons, with a bandshell/stage at the west end, walkways, tables, benches, a pavilion, fountains, sculptures... anyway, you get the idea. In fact, YOU may have a few thoughts to add! Send them in so that the discussion may begin!

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