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Ashford continues to work with WNYSSB

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ASHFORD—The Ashford Town Board heard recent updates and possible upcoming improvements to sections of the Western New York Southtown Scenic Byway that run through the town during its meeting March 14.

Councilman Richard Bernstein reported to the board that he recently attended a meeting of the WNYSSB along with representatives from other towns along the byway.

At the meeting, WNYSSB officials talked about doing more with Ashford including the possible installation of new informational signs in the town. The town would be able to pick the location of the sign and provide all the historical and relevant information.

Locations discussed included the West Valley Hotel and Griffis Sculpture Park.

“It made sense to them to reach out to us because we are in [the WNYSSB] path,” Bernstein said.

Along with the informational sign, Bernstein said the WNYSSB is continuing to update many of their brochures and flyers to better represent Ashford and West Valley.

The board also discussed performing a dog enumeration within the town, which hasn’t been done since 2000. Kasey Cummings and Todd Miller have offered to do the enumeration, which the board approved for the months of June, July and August.

“We have always hired somebody that has gotten halfway through it and given up,” Councilman John Pfeffer said.

Within Ashford, all dogs over four months of age and are being harbored within the town for more than 30 days need a dog license.

In other news, the board:

– Approved a bid for the annual spring trash and refuse pickup from MRC Disposal Inc. at the cost of \$11,695.

– Heard an update from New York State Energy Research and Development Agency West Valley Program Director Paul Bembia. Based on input from its licensing support contractor, NYSERDA is revising their information package regarding the town’s proposal for a solar facility. Once revisions are made, the package will be submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for consideration.

– Adopted a local law for the Cold War Veteran Exemption within the town.

The next Ashford Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ashford Community Center, located at 9377 Route 240, in West Valley.