

Assessor (Patterson)

Overview of 2026 Roll Finalization

The Final Assessment Roll was published on July 1st. The State has confirmed an equalization rate of 100%. Leading up to finalization, the office continued to receive inquiries reflecting common misunderstandings about how assessments function in New York State.

A frequent misconception is that an unchanged assessment means market value has not changed. This is incorrect when the equalization rate decreases. **Equalization rate down = higher Full Value.**

Assessments relate directly to market value and market movement, regardless of whether a town assesses at 100% or at a lower equalized level. Misunderstandings persist among both new purchasers and longtime owners, often driven by incorrect assumptions about how assessments and equalization interact.

Grievance Day Summary

- ☐ 19 filings were heard by the Board of Assessment Review
- ☐ 2 filings involved telecommunications parcels
- ☐ 1 filing involved a parcel already in litigation

Profile of 2026 Grievance Filers

A review of the filings shows a clear pattern: grievance activity is concentrated in the higher value segment of the roll. Of the 15 locally reviewed filings, 11 (73%) were from properties assessed at 610,000 or higher, including 4 filings (27%) from parcels over one million dollars. Lower value parcels accounted for 4 filings (27%), demonstrating that grievance participation in 2026 was not evenly distributed across all value levels, but was instead driven primarily by owners in the upper end of the assessment roll.

BAR Determinations

The Board issued six adjustments. Adjustments were made where evidence supported a change. Assessments were upheld where:

- ☐ Submitted evidence did not support a reduction
- ☐ Market data confirmed the tentative value

Around the Office

The remainder of the summer will be spent verifying data, conducting field review, reviewing permits, evaluating vacant land, and normal administrative work, including preparation for and attendance at SCAR hearings as needed.

Building Department (Patterson)

No report.

CAC, Climate Smart & Environmental Management (Powers)

CAC:

DWSP2 with NYSDOH – We are still in consideration for some free stream testing from DEC via our NYSDOH DWSP2 coordinator Alyssa Bement. We are also still pursuing a septic assessment (CCDOH does not have computerized records so we are figuring out the best approach) and we are looking at surveying Farmers this Fall regarding what types of chemicals and fertilizers are being used on their properties, storage of these items, and more. Just like the anonymity of the water testing these surveys will be anonymous and if the town needs any information at all we will make sure to contact the property owner to get permission to share information.

SHATFORD PARK -- almost all the tubes are off the plants and all the tubes are out of the park! We are weeding and staking and stabilizing the plants and we were able to purchase some additional stakes. We will be knocking down some invasive fragmites in the stream as well as knotweed. With the help of Danielle Patterson we have made some very wide and clear and safe entries to the stream for residents and campers to have access to the stream. NOTE THAT MUCH OF THE STREAMBANK IS NOT SAFE TO WALK ON. While there are many sedges and other plants growing on the stream banks, many are holding the bank together and we will keep as many plants as we can lining the streambank. US and The Rec committee can use more volunteer gardeners to help!

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM -- CAC is happy to once again sponsor a July 23 BIRD OF PREY presentation from Sharon Audubon as well as a fun July 28 Animal Olympics led by a Columbia County Soil & Water Conservation District educator. Fun and learning for all.

CSC:

In 2024, with the support of the Town Board and Highway Superintendent Pete McCagg, the CSC applied for a grant to perform a Town wide Road-Stream Crossing Assessment. We did not get the grant during that cycle. Recently, CSC Chair, Steve Powers, attended a workshop on flood resiliency and met the DEC contact involved in these grants. DEC has agreed to work with the CSC and Pete to perform an onsite assessment of the 139 culverts in the town. Although they will assess all the culverts, the grant money that is available is intended for the culverts controlled by the town. Columbia County and NYS are responsible for the culverts on roads they control. Undersized culverts have the potential to get blocked in storm events resulting in damaging flooding and road wash-outs.

In addition to the assessment, a management plan will be developed as a reference resource for the Town and Highway department. This resource will allow the town to move forward with culvert management in a more resilient, timely and prioritized manner. Once Pete determines which culverts are the highest priority for replacement, the Town can apply for grants to cover the cost when the next funding cycle opens in the Fall. This program will create considerable savings to the town. Right sized culverts

reduce flood risk to residents by allowing streams to flow unimpeded, which is also good for fishing.

The CSC is also working with the Capital Region Clean Energy Hub which provides outreach, education and connection to energy efficiency resources. We are planning an in-person event on a Saturday in October where energy experts from various NYS departments and non-profits will assist residents in finding ways to reduce their energy bills through the many NYS & NYSEG programs that are available. Contractors will discuss techniques to prevent heat loss from homes. No date has been determined yet, but we will advise as soon as possible.

EMC:

No report.

Fire, Law Enforcement, Emergency (Powers)

No report.

Historian & LVHS (Amlaw)

Historian:

No report.

LVHS:

No report.

Shaker Preservation (Tipograph)

No report.

Library (Amlaw)

No report.

Buildings, Parks & Recreation (Patterson)

Buildings:

Repair work continues at the highway garage as a result of fire this past winter.

Parks:

There will be two skatepark work days on July 18 and 19th. Anyone interested in volunteering please reach out to Chris Patterson! Progress has been made on screwing down the Skatelite riding surface and ceiling the seams. Once the Skatelite surface is complete and all the seams are sealed, the surface will be painted. Work has begun to seal the cracks in the concrete floor of the pavilion, and should be completed in the next couple weeks. Work has also begun on cleaning the pavilion roof in preparation for painting. The CAC has been working hard, maintaining the Trees for Tribes in the park and has removed the unused supplies leftover from the project. Britt Buckenroth and the

high school digital literacy 2.0 class installed two different and wonderful book walks in the park! The Summer youth program is in full swing and has been utilizing both Shatford Park and the Community Center. The playground surface is completed and the playground is once again open to the public! A huge thanks it due to everyone that helped make our playground improvement project possible!

Recreation Commission:

The recreation commission has been helping seal the riding surface of the skatepark as well as the concrete floor of the pavilion. They helped with the maintenance of the two book walks that were temporarily installed in the park. They have also been busy weeding and maintaining the walking trails, and weed whacking in the park.

Community Center & Events Committee (Tipograph)

Community Center:

Here is the Community Center Breakdown for June 2026

Rental 1	40
Rental 2	50
Rental 3	50
Seniors (2)	127
Just Food Club	88
The Bike Guys	12
The Tilden Project	85
Jam (2)	30
Drum Circle	10
Botanical Bingo	23
Karaoke	20
Dance Exercise for Seniors(4)	8
Tai Chi (3)	36
Yoga (3)	25
Iyengar Yoga(3)	38
Game Room sign ins	178
Free Store	839
Total	1,659
Total Rental Revenue	\$500
Columbia Kitchen Meals	325

The High School's Just Food Club held their last free community dinner of the year this month. The students prepared a festive taco dinner and dessert for an enthusiastic crowd of 88! It was a fun time and everyone left happy and full! Thank you to Britt Buckenroth for being the most amazing and dedicated teacher.

The Bike Guys are back for the summer! They will be meeting with us on the 3rd Thursday until October! Come get your bike tuned up or come fetch yourself a new to you bike!

Botanical Bingo was as successful as always and all of the plants found new homes.

Tai Chi has ended its latest class, but there will be new classes starting back up in September.

Events Committee:

Community Events had a Shaker Trails walk on June 14 (thanks to Rae Gilson for leading and the Shaker Museum for letting us walk their trails.

We had a Pickleball Clinic on June 28th, thanks to Kathleen Millett and Nina Keller for teaching.

On July 5, we have a Shaker Swamp walk (our best attended walk each year) thanks to Bruce Shenker of the Shaker Swamp Conservancy for leading, and to Andy Vadnais and Darrow School for allowing us to walk on their trails.

There's also a Newcomer's Event on 7/18 at Roaring 20's, thanks to Kari Murad for hosting.

The Town Picnic will be on August 9th. The New Lebanon Farmer's Market will be supplying most of the food including the hamburgers and hot dogs. Stewart's will be supplying the soft drinks. Roaring 20s will be selling beer.

Seniors (Tipograph)

The Office for the Aging has continued to provide education regarding issues and concerns that involve the Senior population. These educational programs are offered at the Senior centers in the area. Nina, the director of Office for the Aging has been working on opening two new centers, one in Malden Bridge, and one in Greenport. Having one here in New Lebanon is in the planning stages.

The Senior picnic, a highlight of the summer, is being planned for September, the exact date is TBA, at the Chatham Fair grounds. Coupons for the Farmers Markets are available, and the representative will be at the July 17th meeting of the Lebanon Valley Seniors.

The Lebanon Valley Seniors are having a fun summer filled with activities. Trips, picnics and fun programs fill our meetings. We had a program about 250 years of Lebanon Valley recently, learning things many of us did not know. Did you know that British soldiers were held prisoner here overnight during the War of 1812 and that Martin Van Buren held court here at the then Town Hall. Most were surprised to learn that the Lebanon Valley Speedway was the first airport in Columbia County and had to find a new home due to the flooding of the Kinderhook Creek

that flows behind the track.

A special picnic will be held on August 28 th at Shatford Park to celebrate the 50 th anniversary of the Lebanon Valley Seniors. Enjoy your summer.

Traffic Safety (Patterson)

In addition to the written report below, please see graphs at the end of this document.

Work has begun on the repaving of Rt 22 North. Signs are up for the areas that DOT is working on. Work continues on roads and bridges throughout the County, be prepared to stop or for detours. In Greenport the main road, Fairview Avenue, will be repaved starting next week for those of you who go to Greenport Mall. Attached is the report from the traffic trailer. The trailer was in the same location in April of 2024; I included a spreadsheet for that time for comparison.

Outreach & Marketing & Communications Committee (Tipograph)

No report.

Zoning Re-write Committee (Powers & Amlaw)

No report.

Walkable Downtown Committee (Powers & Houghtling)

No report.

Landfill Closure (Powers & Houghtling)

The following is a summary of the construction activities associated with the closure of the Former Town of New Lebanon Landfill through June 30, 2026.

- ☐ The hauling of topsoil and topsoil layer installation has been completed.
- ☐ Construction of permanent stormwater conveyance infrastructure on and around the landfill has been completed.
- ☐ All disturbed areas of the site have been seeded and mulched. Seed has started to germinate.
- ☐ A pollinator seed blend was installed on a portion of the disturbed areas outside of the landfill cap.
- ☐ The access road and sliding gate has been installed.

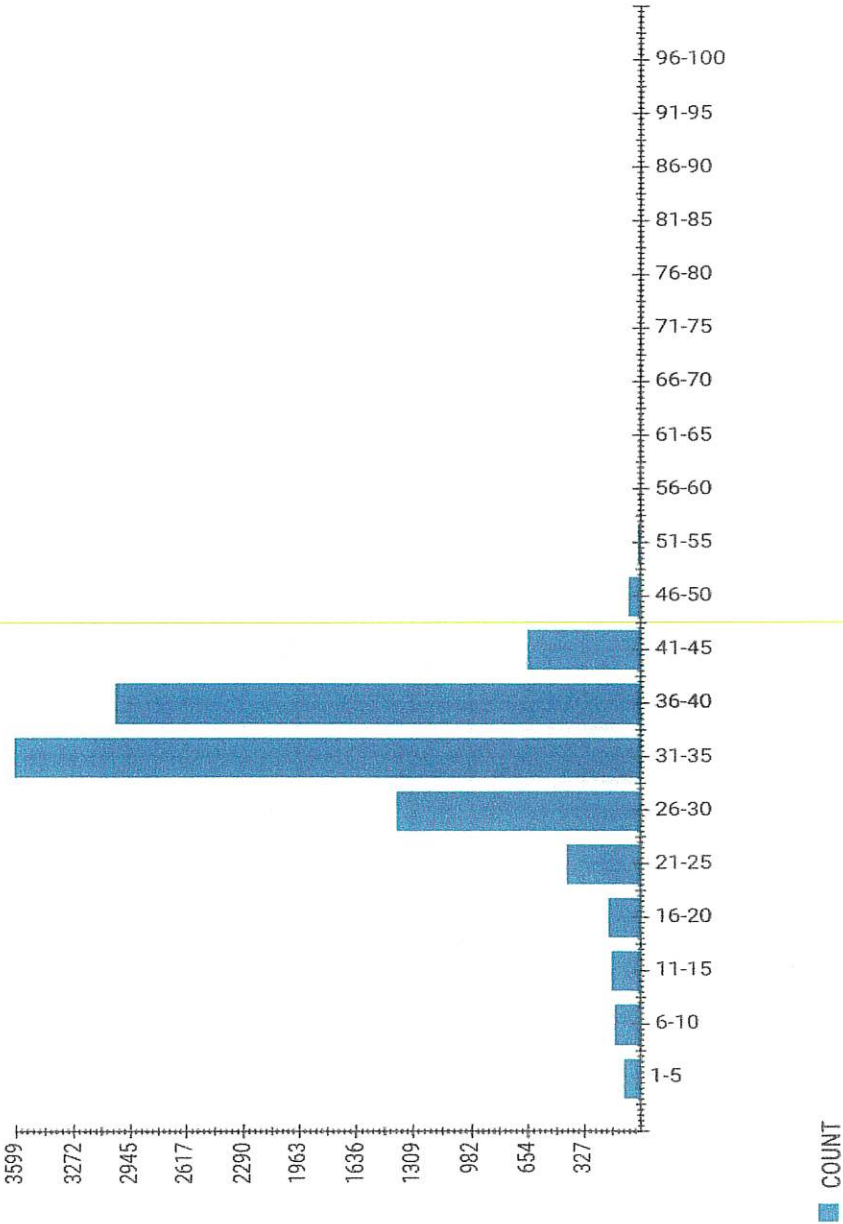
Activities associated with the landfill cap construction are now complete. B&L will continue to perform stormwater infrastructure inspections until the vegetation is estimated to exceed 80 percent coverage. Once this level of vegetation has been reached, stormwater inspections will cease and the Contractor will return to remove the perimeter compost silt logs. The construction Certification Report is expected to be complete and submitted to the NYSDEC by the end of July completing the landfill closure process.

Count by Speed Range Report

Report period: 2024-04-18 to 2024-05-15

Count By Speed Range	
Speed (mph)	Count
1-5	90
6-10	142
11-15	168
16-20	183
21-25	422
26-30	1396
31-35	3599
36-40	3020
41-45	650
46-50	66
51-55	9
56-60	2
61-65	0
66-70	0
71-75	0
76-80	0
81-85	0
86-90	0
91-95	0
96-100	0
Total	9747

Location: Adams Crossing Road
Address: Adams Crossing Road



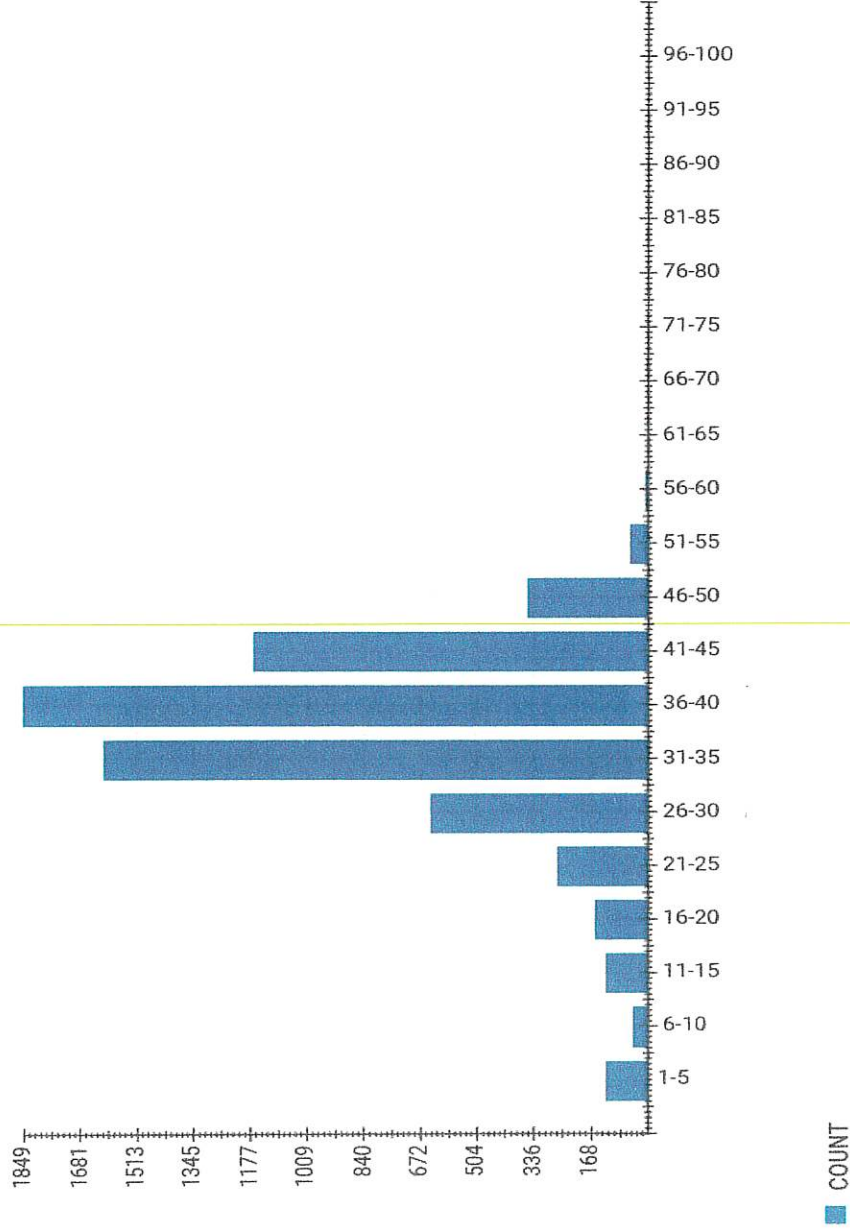
Count by Speed Range Report

Report period: 2026-06-09 to 2026-06-30

Count By Speed Range

Speed (mph)	Count
1-5	119
6-10	45
11-15	120
16-20	153
21-25	266
26-30	637
31-35	1610
36-40	1849
41-45	1166
46-50	354
51-55	50
56-60	6
61-65	0
66-70	0
71-75	0
76-80	0
81-85	0
86-90	0
91-95	0
96-100	0
Total	6375

Location: Adams Crossing Road
Address: Adams Crossing Road



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Weekly Report: Statistics Summary

Location: Adams Crossing Road
 Address: Adams Crossing Road
 Speed Limit: From schedule 35 mph
 Report Period: 2026-06-01 to 2026-07-05
 Total Vehicle Count: 7450

Hour	Total Vehicle	Average Vehicles	Total Violations	Percent Violations	MIN Speed	MAX Speed	Speed Average	85% Speed mph	Speed (mph)	Count
00:00 - 01:00	30	6	14	47 %	3	45	24	40	1-5	180
01:00 - 02:00	22	4	10	45 %	4	48	26	43	6-10	77
02:00 - 03:00	15	3	10	67 %	4	54	28	50	11-15	161
03:00 - 04:00	43	9	27	63 %	4	50	30	45	16-20	204
04:00 - 05:00	71	14	58	H 82 %	9	53	42	47	21-25	374
05:00 - 06:00	245	49	173	71 %	4	H 57	39	47	26-30	803
06:00 - 07:00	492	98	331	67 %	4	52	37	44	31-35	1864
07:00 - 08:00	H 639	H 128	H 414	65 %	5	55	37	43	36-40	2086
08:00 - 09:00	563	113	316	56 %	3	53	35	42	41-45	1270
09:00 - 10:00	454	91	190	42 %	3	H 57	32	40	46-50	372
10:00 - 11:00	494	99	178	36 %	3	50	29	39	51-55	53
11:00 - 12:00	470	94	189	40 %	3	51	31	40	56-60	6
12:00 - 13:00	406	81	164	40 %	3	49	32	40	61-65	0
13:00 - 14:00	408	82	192	47 %	4	50	33	41	66-70	0
14:00 - 15:00	414	83	175	42 %	3	50	33	40	71-75	0
15:00 - 16:00	502	100	227	45 %	3	51	33	40	76-80	0
16:00 - 17:00	500	100	262	52 %	3	54	35	42	81-85	0
17:00 - 18:00	490	98	261	53 %	3	51	34	41	86-90	0
18:00 - 19:00	382	76	194	51 %	9	52	34	41	91-95	0
19:00 - 20:00	302	60	162	54 %	9	51	34	42	96-100	0
20:00 - 21:00	231	46	119	52 %	4	56	34	42	Total	7450
21:00 - 22:00	146	29	80	55 %	3	55	35	42		

22:00 - 23:00	67	13	40	60 %	H 18	49	36	42
23:00 - 24:00	64	13	39	61 %	3	H 57	35	43
Summary	7450	1489	3825	AVG: 54 %	3	57	AVG: 33	AVG: 42

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Vehicle Count

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 Total Vehicle Count: 7450

Hour	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Weekday Average	Weekend Average	Week Average	Speed Average	85% Speed(mph)
00:00 - 01:00	6	5	8	n/a	1	5	5	5	5	5	28	40
01:00 - 02:00	12	3	n/a	1	n/a	2	4	5	3	4	37	43
02:00 - 03:00	7	2	2	n/a	2	n/a	2	3	2	3	39	50
03:00 - 04:00	8	6	12	3	11	3	n/a	8	3	7	35	45
04:00 - 05:00	13	13	14	14	8	5	4	12	5	10	42	47
05:00 - 06:00	39	64	49	35	43	8	7	46	8	35	39	47
06:00 - 07:00	94	99	113	88	69	21	8	93	15	70	37	44
07:00 - 08:00	H 113	H 135	H 145	H 108	H 87	25	26	118	26	91	37	43
08:00 - 09:00	83	101	106	88	76	47	62	91	55	80	35	42
09:00 - 10:00	67	55	68	67	69	64	64	65	64	65	32	40
10:00 - 11:00	71	72	72	53	67	80	79	67	80	71	29	39
11:00 - 12:00	91	35	50	64	69	81	H 80	62	81	67	31	40
12:00 - 13:00	42	61	59	60	51	62	71	55	67	58	32	40
13:00 - 14:00	48	60	49	55	75	64	57	57	61	58	33	41
14:00 - 15:00	56	52	53	51	62	74	66	55	70	59	33	40
15:00 - 16:00	58	78	75	82	67	83	59	72	71	72	33	40
16:00 - 17:00	62	105	64	59	71	74	65	72	70	71	35	42
17:00 - 18:00	62	111	64	45	59	H 98	51	68	75	70	34	41
18:00 - 19:00	47	70	44	45	65	52	59	54	56	55	34	41
19:00 - 20:00	53	58	28	29	51	43	40	44	42	43	34	42
20:00 - 21:00	30	37	42	16	23	48	35	30	42	33	34	42
21:00 - 22:00	16	19	14	21	23	32	21	19	27	21	35	42
22:00 - 23:00	4	5	9	13	10	16	10	8	13	10	36	42
23:00 - 24:00	5	8	7	3	11	14	16	7	15	9	35	43
Total	1087	1254	1147	1000	1070	1001	891	1116	956	1067	AVG: 35	AVG: 42

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LVHS Report

We're coming off two successful 250th anniversary events in June -- a program by Phyllis Chapman about Women in the American Revolution, and a Patriotic Community Picnic last Sunday that included presentation of the colors, reading of the Declaration of Independence, tunes popular during the time of the Revolution performed by a trio from Berlin and Petersburg, and Wally Stock playing early recordings of marches and other patriotic music on his 1907 Victor Talking Machine. And Bowey the Clown and free food and beverages. We got a break with the weather, it was well-attended on a day with lots of other activities in the area, and from the feedback I've gotten, and people really enjoyed the afternoon. In July, we're continuing our Oral History project and will contact alumni at their annual picnic, are researching people buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery ahead of getting a plaque donated by the Pomeroy Foundation, and will be officially dedicating the blueberry patch in Shatford Park with a plaque in John Trainor's memory.

Steve