

## Supervisor's Report

This past Saturday was a good day in Copake. First, because for the first time in more than two years we were able to hold a Town Hall meeting in the Town Hall!

Second, because we finally heard about a project to rebuild the roads, sidewalks and curbs in the middle of the Copake Hamlet which has been talked about since 1998.

There was a bittersweet side to it, since we would have expected that the meeting would be led by Copake native and Columbia County Engineer Dean Knox, but had he been here I think he would have been proud of what took place.

The County was represented by Columbia County Commissioner of DPW Ray Jurkowski who just took office this past January. He was ably assisted by the engineers of GPI, the engineering firm selected by Dean Knox and hired by the County in 2020.

The goals of the project are to address drainage issues, provide for safer roads and intersections, improve pedestrians' facilities for a walkable community and provide bicycle accommodations. Toward that end the engineers plan will improve the intersection of Farm Road and Main Street by making it a T-intersection.. The intersection of County Rte 7A and State Route 22 at the south entrance to Copake will also become a 90 degree turn. Finally, in the center of the Hamlet by the Clock the intersection of Empire Road and County Route 7a will become a T-intersection. The intersection of Church Street and County Route 7a will be a T-intersection. The circle will be eliminated and instead there will be in front of the Clock Tower Pub and Grill. This park will showcase the Clock and the monuments. It will also assist in drainage. The County plan does not require moving the Clock even one inch, but the consensus at the end of the meeting was that it would probably be advisable to shift the Clock a few yards into the park to protect it from traffic.

It is impossible to adequately describe all the exciting aspects of this plan, so if you did not attend the meeting you can look at the maps and sketches at the back of the room, tonight. Or you can go to the Town website to view both the [Powerpoint](#) which was shown at the presentation and a [video](#) of the entire presentation. On the website and also in the Clerk's office you can find a Comment form. Please, tell us what you think.