

Town of Copake
Special Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2022
10:00AM

This meeting is being held "in-person" in Town Hall. The access information for the meeting has been posted and there are members of the public present virtually.

Members Present via Google Meet: Supervisor Mettler, Councilperson Wolf, Councilperson Gansowski, Councilperson Sullivan absent

Virtually: Councilperson Judd

Present: Town Clerk, Lynn Connolly

Supervisor Mettler opens the Special Town Board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Mettler states that this meeting is being recorded and will be posted within five business days. Councilperson Judd is here virtually but cannot vote.

Supervisor Mettler states that there are a couple of items of new business items to be discussed before going into Executive Session to conduct interviews that will start at 10:15am.

Regarding the website, Supervisor Mettler mentions to the Town Board that at this point targeting December 15th as the launch date. Supervisor Mettler requests the Town Board members to come twenty minutes early to the Town Board meeting to take an updated picture of them for the new website.

Ms. Connolly mentions that TownWeb has just sent an updated preview the website that Supervisor Mettler might want to look at.

Supervisor Mettler will review the new update and get back in touch with the Town Board via email regarding this.

Supervisor Mettler mentions to the Town Board that she has been thinking that the Town has to confront the housing issue/crisis. Supervisor Mettler has asked Meredith Kane to give a short presentation at the December 8, 2022 Town Board meeting. Ms. Kane has been appointed by Columbia County Chairman, Matt Murell to be on the county committee. Ms. Kane has also been on the Roe Jan Housing Committee on behalf of Copake for the last two years. Supervisor Mettler will send the Town Board via email Chairman Murell's article that was in the Register Star. Supervisor Mettler suggests that maybe by January they can find some way to move forward on this.

A brief conversation ensued.

Supervisor Mettler states that she received a Notice of Claim regarding the accident in West Copake. Our insurance company is representing the town and they sent us a letter dated December 6, 2022, by which we are denying any negligence or liability. Supervisor Mettler will forward this to the Town Board.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that she has not heard anything yet about the NY Forward grant but keeps checking the press releases.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to go into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting interviews.

Three in favor. Councilperson Judd did not vote. Councilperson Sullivan absent. Motion approved.

The Executive Session will not be recorded and there will be no minutes taken.

Councilperson Sullivan joins the meeting in Executive Session at this time.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to come out of Executive Session.

Four in favor. Councilperson Judd did not vote. Motion carried.

Supervisor Mettler states that the Town Board is out of Executive Session and the Town Board has completed the Bicentennial Committee interviews. No decisions were made at this time. Supervisor Mettler will follow up with some calls and then propose individuals to be appointed at the Town Board meeting on Thursday.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to adjourn the meeting.

Four in favor. Councilperson Judd did not vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Connolly