

## COPAKE IS BUSY

Tonight you will hear about various positive things that are happening in Copake.

One positive development is that since our June meeting the Town Board held two special meetings to interview candidates who had filed letters of interest regarding the Short Term Rental Working Group. We interviewed 11 very interesting people. Every one of them was qualified and there were several people who were brand new to us- people who had not been previously involved in Copake government.

Frankly, I thought this was very exciting and promising. In the midst of a lot of challenging current events on the national level I think that this level of civic engagement is fabulous. We limited the working group to just five members, and the Board tried to appoint a group which reflected a range of perspectives. But I want to thank each of the candidates for their willingness to serve.

I want to report on two Copake related Resolutions passed by the Board of Supervisors last night. First, as you know, the Town Board nominated Cara Boyle to represent the Town of Copake on the Columbia County Environmental Management Council. By Resolution the Board of Supervisors adopted our nomination and appointed Ms. Boyle.. Our congratulations and thanks to Cara.

Second, by Resolution the Board of Supervisors approved the distribution of mortgage tax monies collected for the first six months of 2022. Copake will receive \$148,714.61- which is the highest being distributed to any Town in the County. The next highest amount went to Hudson and that was 10,000 less than Copake.

All good news. Enjoy the summer.