

Public Hearing and Town Board Meeting
Thursday, December 8, 2022
6:50pm and 7:00pm

This meeting is being held in person in Town Hall but we are allowing remote access. This meeting is being recorded and the recording will be posted online within five business days.

Members Present: Supervisor Mettler, Councilperson Wolf, Councilperson Gansowski, Councilperson Judd, and Councilperson Sullivan.

Present: Town Clerk Lynn Connolly, Attorney Jon Tingley (*virtually*).

Public Hearing

Supervisor Mettler opens the Public Hearing at 6:50pm for purposes of receiving public comment regarding Local Law No. 3 of 2022 A Local Law to Provide for Adoption of Procurement Policies and Procedures by Resolution. Supervisor Mettler mentions that at the last meeting the Town Board passed Resolution No. 36 of November 10, 2022 To Adopt Procurement Policy and Amendment of Policy Manual.

There was no public comment.

Call to Order

At 7:00pm, Supervisor Mettler closes the Public Hearing and calls the Town Board meeting to order. Supervisor Mettler mentions that this meeting is being held in person in Town Hall but we are allowing remote access. This meeting is being recorded and the recording will be posted online within five business days. Supervisor Mettler opens the Town Board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to waive a further reading and accept the Minutes as written for the Town Board meeting of Thursday, November 10, 2022 and the Special Town Board meetings of Tuesday, November 22, 2022, Saturday, November 26, 2022, and Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

All in favor. Motion was approved.

Announcements

Supervisor Mettler announces that the 2022 Copake Light Parade will be held this Saturday, December 10, 2022. Step off time is 5:30pm.

NYSEG will install the new 3000 Kelvin Led lights between December 21st and December 23rd.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that the Flex Tech Application was submitted today by ME Engineering in Buffalo on our behalf.

Supervisor Mettler reports that she and Ms. Connolly have been working on the website and they are hoping to go live on December 15, 2022.

Correspondence

From- Office of NYS Comptroller, email regarding annual financial information

From-Columbia County Office for the Aging, letter regarding new three year contract

From-Bank of Greene County Charitable Foundation, letter regarding grant opportunities

From-Whiteman, Osterman, & Hanna, letter regarding 30-day notice for JSRK Alander

From-Columbia Greene Humane Society, letter regarding renewal of contract

From-Charter Communications, two letters regarding updates

From-Grant Langdon, over 17 letters and emails that are kept on file at the Town Hall

Also today, Seung Suh came in with a petition signed by numerous people requesting that the Town work with local businesses regarding parking. Supervisor Mettler spoke with Seung at length today and met with her previously with Bob Haight and Columbia County Commissioner of DPW, Ray Jurkowski. They will continue to work with local business owners and they are actively seeking alternatives for parking.

Supervisor's Report

It was standing room only at a Special Town Board meeting on Saturday November 26, called to remember and honor the late Lawrence O. Proper. Former Supervisor Angelo Valentino and Former Town Clerk Vana Hotaling spoke about Larry and his contributions to the Town of Copake. President of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Copake Fire District PJ Proper spoke about Larry's early involvement in the Craryville Fire Department and later, the Copake Fire Department. I read an email from former resident and Town Board member, Mary Ackley, remembering Larry as the "Mayor of Copake". The Town Board adopted a Proclamation dedicating the Copake Town Clerk's Office in memory of Larry.

We had an enthusiastic response to our request for members of a Bicentennial Committee. We conducted interviews and I am very happy that at the end of this evening Meeting I will be proposing the following Copake Residents for appointment to the Committee: Winette Edge, Gina White, Suzanne Hollenbeck, Lesley Doyel, Liana Gaston, Howard Blue, Kellie Nardin, Vana Hotaling, Robert Callahan, Roberta Roll, and Lindsay LeBrecht. We expect the Committee to have its first meeting in January and we are grateful to them for stepping up to help with this town wide celebration.

Finally, we were saddened to learn of the recent death of Frank Peteroy. Frank gave tremendously to this Town. He was a long time member of the ZBA, he was an important member of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, and he was a member of LURC, the committee which assisted the Town in re-writing our zoning. We owe him a great debt of gratitude. We will close the meeting with a moment of silence in his memory.

Solar Report December 2022-Councilperson Wolf

Last Friday, the NYS Attorney General's Office filed its response, on behalf of the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES), to the petitioners' appeal in the lawsuit seeking to have ORES' regulations declared invalid and requiring that new regulations be promulgated in a manner consistent with State law. Also, an *amicus* or "friend of the court" brief was filed in support of ORES by the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Sierra Club, the New York League of Conservation Voters, and New Yorkers for Clean Power.

Copake is the lead petitioner in the lawsuit, which has been brought together with five other upstate, rural towns and seven non-profit organizations. It is petitioners' position that the regulations, written for ORES by an energy industry consultant which has Hecate as a client: were passed in violation of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, following a sham public comment process (in which more than 5000 comments failed to yield a single substantive change in the draft regulations); severely and unfairly restrict a town's ability to challenge a developer's application for a siting permit; and, violate Home Rule provisions of the State Constitution by allowing ORES to waive a town's Zoning Codes, Comprehensive Plans, and Farmland Protection Plans.

Petitioners' attorneys are reviewing the State and *amicus* briefs and preparing a response. The appeal will be argued before a panel of judges from the Third Judicial Department in Albany, perhaps as early as January, 2023.

As to Hecate's application for a permit to site the Shepherd's Run solar power plant in Craryville, we expect that Hecate will soon file with ORES amendments to its application in response to the deficiencies identified by ORES in the second "Notice of Incomplete Application" it issued on September 27th. Once Hecate submits its filing, ORES has 60 days to determine whether the siting application is "complete". If ORES is satisfied, it will issue a draft permit. If not, it could issue a third "Notice of Incomplete Application". Finally, as I've noted in prior updates, if ORES refuses to make a determination within 60 days, the application is automatically deemed complete, and Hecate would receive a draft siting permit.

Stay tuned.

Special Report on Housing

Supervisor Mettler introduces Meredith Kane who Meredith Kane has owned a home in Copake since the 1980s. Ms. Kane is an attorney recently retired from Paul Weiss and we are very fortunate that she has become involved in various community concerns. Supervisor Mettler has invited her to speak to us for five minutes this evening regarding housing. Ms. Kane is currently Copake's representative on the Roe Jan Housing Committee-a committee of Hillsdale, Copake and Ancram residents and others interested in the housing crisis. She was most recently appointed by Chairman Matt Murell to a newly

formed Columbia County Affordable Task Force. The Town Board thanks her for her willingness to take on this important issue.

Ms. Kane reports to the Town Board that there is an informal housing task force that has come together with Copake, Hillsdale, and Ancram which started because Hillsdale has been focusing on affordable housing issues for quite some time and during the pandemic it became very obvious that the lack of affordable housing was one of the factors that was basically contributing to the difficulty in getting workforce throughout Columbia County. There is no question that the inability for people to afford housing has been a key factor. Ms. Kane thinks that Hillsdale quickly realized that it would be much strengthened by joining with other the other towns in the area because what it couldn't do itself maybe all of us could take an initiative and do together. There are two representatives from Copake who are on the task force, Julie Cohen and Ms. Kane. Ancram has three very active representatives and Hillsdale has three or four representatives. Supervisor of the town of Hillsdale, Chris Kirstin has really taken this on as a project. The focus is mainly on the workforce housing and what do we need to do in order to create housing so that people who work in the restaurants and shops, construction jobs, in all of the service industries can live here. Most of the housing in this area is owned housing and Copake has 946 owner owned housing units and 320 rental units. In Copake, we have a higher percentage of rental units than any of the surrounding towns and yet if you look for rentals there is nothing available at any time. The task force began to realize that rental housing is really the key, there is just not enough of it and that is probably the right housing resource for somebody that is younger and that is typically earning a salary that is \$35,000-\$55,000 so they task force began to look at how they can create opportunities to create more rental housing in this area. Simultaneously with the task force looking at this, Columbia County as a whole began to realize that the problem is in fact, county wide and is obviously larger than the county but the county has had such a surge in housing purchasers by downstater's and outsiders during the pandemic that it really drove housing prices way up and took off the market many units that might have been used as affordable rental housing so Mike Tucker from the Columbia County Economic Development Corporation started coming to the Roe Jan Housing Task Force meetings and brought some wonderful resources to them. Ms. Kane mentions that she thinks Supervisor Mettler has sent out to the Town Board a study that was done earlier this year for Columbia Economic Development Corporation by a group known as Pattern for Progress and they basically looked at the whole Columbia County housing market and what affordability means and what is the gap between either what housing sells for or rents for and what is affordable for people who earn the typical salaries of people that make up the bulk of the jobs in Columbia County. If you look at typical incomes in retail, healthcare, construction, food service, public works, you are finding a low of \$35,000 and the high of maybe \$70,000 per person. What that would mean at least given that affordability of housing is defined as spending 30% of your income on housing costs and if these were just single earners that rents should run from \$650 up to about \$1,700 per dwelling unit for rentals which there are very little available in fact probably next to nothing for that price. It is also difficult to create housing at that price and that is where all of the resources of government have to be brought to bear on the housing project. The task force began to look at several aspects of what they can do to make creating rental housing easier. Again, this is just at the very beginning, is just to look at the regulations that govern creating housing, the zoning regulations, possibly the building codes and see if there is a way if those could be streamlined or loosened up so that it is easier to put a few more units in rental units. The task force recognizes that as a rural area without infrastructure that for any particular lot you probably can't cluster more than four units but that is appropriate to the rural character anyway. Nobody is thinking or talking about building large complexes at all. At most we are talking about taking a lot and putting up maybe four units. The task force was looking for availability of lots of a couple of acres that could hold a very large house or could house three or four units on them. The towns began to look and see if there is

available land and Ms. Kane mentions the Copake VFW site which would be a wonderful parcel to put a few units of housing on. Hillsdale and Ancram are also looking for available land to put units of housing on. There are financial and technical resources at the state level. They have rural housing programs and they will come in at low cost financing, grants, tax programs and they have spoken with some noncontroversial non-profit developers that work in the region and the task force thinks that there would be interest (though no one is interested in building four units of housing it is just not enough) and that is where the task force thought that if the towns got together, and Ancram, Hillsdale, and Copake all had a site for a package of twelve units and if there is a way it could be done efficiently maybe it would interest a developer and they think that is possible. The task force is at the exploratory stage now. How do they do something that will make a dent and a difference. The county has just stepped up and decided to appoint a county wide affordable housing task force and in fact there was a county wide Zoom meeting last March that Supervisor's all over the county spoke about their areas housing needs. It is a big enough county so that what you do in one part of the county it has to be replicated in another part of the county. Housing in New Lebanon does not help us down here. Matt Murell has now put together a county wide task force which Ms. Kane will be a representative from this area. They have not yet met but are about to and the Columbia Economic Development Corporation is actually bringing on a full time person to help and bring resources to this. Ms. Kane is very interested in hearing the Town Boards thoughts on what they think the issues are and what they think the focus should be on.

A brief conversation ensued.

The Town Board thanks Ms. Kane for this report and will be in touch with her.

Department Heads/Committee Reports

None

Public Forum

Lindsey LeBrecht would like to know in regards to what Ms. Kane was just speaking of is how is it going to relate to zoning. Will the Town Board allow new zoning laws to get an exemption. Ms. LeBrecht mentions that once upon a time, Valatie had a thing called VERA where the town gave loans to people and maybe the town could take a look at that.

Ms. LeBrecht mentions that a couple of years ago the town made a law or resolution that flags would only be flown at half-mast on state or federal but maybe it is time to take a look at maybe doing something special for Copake residents.

Supervisor Mettler states that there is no law. It was discussed many years ago but no law was passed then. There was discussion of it again this year but at the end of the day it is too difficult to set parameters for these kinds of sensitive decisions.

As far as the Zoning issues, that is a discussion that we will have down the road.

New Business

Transfers in Highway Budget-Highway Superintendent Bill Gregory

Highway Superintendent Bill Gregory requests a transfer fund of \$9,000 from the snow removal contractual.

The following motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to transfer \$9,000 from DA 51424 (Snow Removal Contractual) to DA 51304 (Machinery Contractual) in the 2022 Budget.

All in favor. Motion approved.

a. **Update on Cold Storage Building-Highway Superintendent Bill Gregory**

Highway Superintendent Gregory states that George Smith from CPL Engineering is proposing that we release the bids in early January. The bids will be open for approximately seven weeks and then at the March 9, 2023 meeting the bids would be opened.

A brief conversation ensued.

b. **Conservation Easement Request-Andy P. Aubin**

Mr. Aubin of Crawford Associates is here to discuss a proposal currently from the Copake Planning Board with a subdivision at Copake Lake. It is two parcels at the moment that is divided by two different zoning areas that compass the two lots. The applicant is proposing an eleven plot subdivision which constitutes a major subdivision in the CL zone. The requirement of any major subdivision is 60% of the property needs to be conserved with a conservation easement per the code so the conservation easement in New York can either be held by not for profit organization or state or local municipality. It cannot be held by a private entity or a home owners association. They have approached the ZBA with a proposal to have relief from the 60% of the conservation CL zone and came up with a larger area of a conservation easement across the whole entirety of the project and were granted the variance. Because they have the options that they need to have a conservation easement held by one of the above mentioned entities they have approached CLC and Scenic Hudson both of which have basically said they are not interested because of the fact that there is multi properties. They are really interested in a single 100 acre properties with a couple of lots by the road and 70 acres of untouched land that they can control but unfortunately because of breaking this up into lots which is the only feasible and economically do it means that each one of these parcels has a piece of easement within it so having multiple owners within a single easement is problematic for their purposes. It is not their goal. Ms. Aubin has copies of these emails for the Town Board.

There was discussion with the Town Board, Bob Haight, and Ken Dow. Several other questions were raised and at this time Supervisor Mettler states that this is the first time that they are hearing about this and would've appreciated something in writing ahead of time and asks Mr. Aubin to prepare a proposal for each Town Board member and then they will confer with Ken Dow. This will be tabled and then considered when the Town Board gets proper documentation of what the proposal and what the request is.

c. **Local Law - Introductory Local Law No. 3 of the year 2022 A LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES BY RESOLUTION**

Supervisor Mettler mentions that we have had our Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to adopt introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2022 A Local Law to Provide for Adoption of Procurement Policies and Procedures by Resolution.

Roll Call Vote.	Supervisor Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Wolf	yes
	Councilperson Gansowski	yes
	Councilperson Judd	yes
	Councilperson Sullivan	yes

Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

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All in favor. Motion approved.

d. Alander Hotel – Application for Hotel Liquor License

Supervisor Mettler states that we have received a 30-day liquor license notice from the Alander Hotel. They are asking the town to write to the NYS Liquor Authority to say that the town has no objection.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Judd to authorize the Supervisor to write a letter to the NYS Liquor Authority acknowledging receipt of notice from JSRK Alander LLC regarding their attempt to apply for a hotel liquor license advising that the Town Board has no objection to this application and waiving the 30-day notice requirement.

All in favor. Motion approved.

e. End of Year Meeting and Organizational Meeting-Set Dates

The End of Year Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at 9:30am.

The Organizational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 4:30pm.

The Town Clerk will post both of these Meetings.

f. Columbia Greene Humane Society Contract

Supervisor Mettler states that

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a new contract with Columbia Greene Humane Society.

All in favor. Motion approved.

g. Auto Storage Permits-Councilperson Gansowski

Councilperson Gansowski states that Jim's Auto and Del's Auto permits are in and all good. Performance Auto's permit was sent in as well but Code Enforcement Officer Erin Reis has sent a letter

to Performance Auto regarding the siding hanging off of the building in which he has 30 days to respond. Davis Auto is not reapplying.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to approve the permits of Jim's Auto and Del's Auto for the year 2023.

h. Virtus Nostra LLC-Escrow Agreement-Planning Board

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to approve the agreement from Virtus Nostra LLC of the \$10,000 Escrow agreement and authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement.

All in favor. Motion approved.

i. Weston & Sampson Agreement-Planning Board

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Judd to approve the proposal of professional services provided by Weston & Sampson and authorize the Supervisor to sign the proposal signifying the Town Board's acceptance.

All in favor. Motion approved.

j. Office for the Aging Agreement-Supervisor Mettler

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to approve the three year contract with the Columbia County Office of the Aging which will allow them to conduct their meal program at the Town Park Building from 2023 through 2025.

All in favor. Motion approved.

k. Bank of Greene County

Supervisor Mettler states that in the correspondence there was a notice from the Bank of Greene County. Last year she made the request for money from the Bank of Greene County and we received a contribution from them which we deposited into our bank account and then the town actually writes the checks to the bands for the Summer Music Program and the town has to get a W-9 for anybody that we write a check to. We wrote a check to two bands, one of which Councilperson Sullivan was involved and we got the W-9 and the other we did not. Supervisor Mettler does not want to go down that road again and suggests tabling this until she has a firm commitment that the 2023 Park Commission is committed to doing the program and that they will take responsibility for any of the financial requirements.

A brief conversation ensued.

Supervisor Mettler states that she will do the application that is due by January 15, 2023 but this will be revisited at a later time.

Old Business

a. NYS Deferred Compensation Plan-Supervisor Mettler

Supervisor Mettler states that the Town Board approved this and she has asked Ms. Menshenfriend to contact them. We have received all of the paperwork and Supervisor Mettler

is hoping that by the middle of this coming week they will be able to finish the application. The hope is to have this option open to employees by the end of the month.

b. Generators for Town Hall and Park Building- Stosh Gansowski

Councilperson Gansowski reports that the water has been run between the pump house and the new generator so now everything is done.

Resolutions

a. RESOLUTION Number 43 of December 8, 2022

**Town of Copake
RESOLUTION Number 43 of December 8, 2022
To Amend the Town of Copake Policy Manual**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Copake finds it desirable to revise and amend Section V, Subdivision A of the Town of Copake Policy Manual,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Copake directs that the Town of Copake Policy Manual be revised and amended as follows:

Section V, Subdivision A paragraph 15 is amended to add the Chair and members of the Board of Assessment Review to the individuals who shall receive an annual stipend, so that Paragraph 15 shall read in its entirety:

15. Annual stipends in an amount set at the Organizational Meeting shall be paid on or before December 31 to the following individuals: the Chair and members of the Board of Assessment Review, the Chair and members of the Planning Board, the Chair and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Person in Charge of Williams Cemetery and the Historian.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Roll Call Vote

Resolution #43	Supervisor Mettler	yes
Dated: December 8, 2022	Councilperson Wolf	yes
Copake, New York	Councilperson Gansowski	yes
	Councilperson Judd	yes
	Councilperson Sullivan	yes

Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

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b. RESOLUTION Number 44 of December 8, 2022

**TOWN OF COPAKE
RESOLUTION
Number 44 of December 8, 2022**

To Make a Budget Transfer in the DA Fund in the 2022 Budget

WHEREAS, the Town of Copake Highway Superintendent has requested that the Town Board transfer \$9,000.00 from DA 51424 (Snow Removal Contractual) to DA 51304 (Machinery Contractual) in the 2022 Budget; now, therefore,

It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Copake hereby authorizes and directs a budget transfer to reduce DA 51424 (Snow Removal Contractual) by \$9,000.00 and to increase DA51304 (Machinery Contractual) by \$9,000.00.

Roll Call Vote The foregoing Resolution, offered by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Wolf, was duly put to a roll call vote as follows:

Resolution #44

Dated December 8, 2022

Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.	Supervisor Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Wolf	yes
	Councilperson Gansowski	yes
	Councilperson Judd	yes
	Councilperson Sullivan	yes

Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

Appointments

Supervisor Mettler states that the Town Board has completed the interview process for the Bicentennial Committee.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson to approve the following Copake residents as members of the Town of Copake Bicentennial Committee:

Winette Edge, Gina White, Suzanne Hollenbeck, Lesley Doyel, Liana Gaston, Howard Blue, Kellie Nardin, Vana Hotaling, Robert Callahan, Roberta Roll, Lindsay LeBrecht, and further appoint the following officers: Chair, Kellie Nardin, Vice Chair's, Liana Gaston and Lesley Doyel.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Supervisor Mettler states that we advertised for the Clerk/Typist position in the Code Enforcement/Building Department office. Erin Reis and Councilperson Gansowski have completed the interview process of three applicants and have chosen a candidate for this position.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to appoint Linda Senk as the Clerk/Typist Position to the Code Enforcement/Building Department.

All in favor. Motion approved.

The Town Clerk will notify the applicants.

The Park Commission recommends to the Town Board Sheryl Boris-Schacter as a new member to the Park Commission.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to appoint Sheryl Boris-Schacter as a member to the Park Commission.

All in favor. Motion approved.

The Town Clerk will notify the applicant.

Councilperson Wolf mentions that Julie Cohen has resigned from the Copake Economic Advisory Committee. The Town Board has decided that this position will be advertised through Facebook and the Copake Connection.

Councilperson Gansowski mentions the opening for an alternate member on the ZBA. The Town Clerk states that this has been advertised as well as the opening on the Ethics Board.

Budget

a. Preliminary Budget to Actual Report- November

b. Agreement to Post Budget to Actual Report

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to approve and post the budget to actual report for November 30, 2022 and to approve and post the cash and fund balances for November 30, 2022.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Councilpersons' Reports

Councilperson Gansowski reports that the major subdivision and park at Copake Lake was discussed at the ZBA meeting.

Councilperson Gansowski also mentions the Casino property and that major development and the framing of signs for the development and suggest to the Town Board maybe a moratorium about this.

Supervisor Mettler will put this on the January Agenda.

Councilperson Sullivan reports that the Copake Holiday Light Parade is this Saturday, December 10, 2022 which kicks off at 5:30pm at the firehouse ending at the Copake Memorial Park followed by refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus.

Councilperson Sullivan mentions that after this they will move forward with plans for the bands and bandstand.

Councilperson Sullivan mentions that they have some new members on the Park Commission.

Councilperson Sullivan mentions that she sees no hesitation as far as the Summer Concerts are concerned and they will get that all worked out.

Councilperson Wolf reports that the Short Term Rental Working Group had a Town Hall meeting on Saturday, December 3, 2022. Councilperson Wolf and Councilperson Gansowski are liaisons to this group. Approximately sixty local residents attended to hear what the Working Group has been doing and to also give their own views. It was urged for people to put their views in writing to the Copake Town Clerk at copaketownclerk@townofcopake.org. It was a very productive meeting.

Councilperson Wolf reports that the Roads Advisory Committee met on November 21, 2022 to approve asking the Town Board to approve the landscape engineer for the road construction project.

Councilperson Wolf reports that CEDAC met on November 7, 2022. Councilperson Wolf has already spoken of the resignation of Julie Cohen and there was an update on continuing interest in the Roe Jan School building. Councilperson Wolf mentions the huge amount of work that Tom Goldsworthy has put into this.

Councilperson Judd mentions that at the Conservation Advisory Committee/Climate Smart Community did not meet last Saturday as scheduled. The meeting will be this Saturday. Councilperson Judd mentions that the Climate Smart Community is looking to plant trees around the Town Hall and Park Building.

Councilperson Judd mentions the electric vehicle charging stations and Supervisor Mettler has given him a contact at Senator Hinchey's office and they responded within one day. Councilperson Judd was given ways to get more information.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that she sent our resolution in support of Daphne Jordan's law to her office and will follow up with a phone call.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that Senator Hinchey called a Zoom meeting with the Supervisor's in the county about concerns they may have. Supervisor Mettler spoke of the solar issue, the traffic light on Route 23, the speed limit in West Copake, and the fact that we have been trying forever to get the gateway signs.

Public Forum

None

Approval of Bills

None

Next Meeting Date

Thursday, January 12, 2023, 7:00pm

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Supervisor Mettler adjourns the meeting with a moment of silence in honor of Frank Peteroy.

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

All in favor. Motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Connolly
Town Clerk