

Public Hearing/Town Board Meeting
Thursday, March 9, 2023
6:50pm and 7:00pm

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: Supervisor Mettler, Councilperson Wolf, Councilperson Gansowski, and Councilperson Sullivan. Councilperson Judd is attending virtually.

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

Public Hearing

Supervisor Mettler opens the Public Hearing at 6:50pm regarding a LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF INVESTMENT POLICY AND DESIGNATION OF BANK DEPOSITARIES BY RESOLUTION. This Public Hearing is being held in person in Town Hall but we are allowing remote access. This Public Hearing is the opportunity for the public to comment both in person and virtually. This Public Hearing is being recorded and the recording will be posted online within five business days.

Attorney Tingley gives an overview and the next procedural steps of the Local Law.

Supervisor Mettler opens the Public Forum.

Mr. Haight asks where he can get a copy of the Local Law. Supervisor Mettler states that it is posted online or copies are in the Town Clerk's office.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that as a result of a change in the law last year, every document that will be discussed is posted on the Town Board's page of the Town website.

Supervisor Mettler closes the Public Hearing and states that this Local Law will be considered later in the meeting.

Call to Order

At 7:00pm Supervisor Mettler calls the Town Board meeting to order. 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 mentions that Councilperson Judd will be attending virtually, he can join in discussions but cannot vote. Supervisor Mettler mentions the Attorney Tingley is here virtually but will need to step away from the meeting for a bit but will rejoin the meeting as soon as he can.

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 Wolf to waive a further reading and accept the Minutes as written for the Public Hearing and Town Board meeting of Thursday, February 9, 2023, and the Special Town Board Meeting of Monday, February 20, 2023.

Four in favor. Councilperson Judd did not vote. Motion was approved.

Announcements

Supervisor Mettler announces that there will be document shredding available in the Town Hall from March 13th to the March 24th. This is the K.I.S.S. program sponsored by the County Clerk, Holly Tanner.

Supervisor Mettler announces that there is a Columbia County Department of Health sponsored rabies clinic in Ancram on April 1, 2023 at the Highway Garage and details with regard to that are on our website.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that the Board of Supervisor's announced the Summer Youth Employment Program. If anyone knows of anyone who is 18 to 24 years old, is enrolled in school and wishes to work for the county, please contact her. Nominations must be in by April 28, 2023. It pays \$17 per hour.

Correspondence

From-Tobacco-Free Action of Columbia & Greene Counties, letter

From-Town of Claverack, Resolution in regard to the Taghkanic Creek Watershed

From-Copake Hillsdale Farmers Market Inc., letter regarding approval of their 501(c)(3) status

From-Signe Adams, email, requesting the Town Board to amend our law with regard to the use of gasoline engines on Upper Rhoda

From-State of NY Unified Court System, letter regarding records

From-The Knit Club of the Hudson Valley, letter requesting to plant a tree near the entrance of the Copake Park Recreational building in memory of Maureen O'Mara

From-Representative Molinaro's Office, email regarding the application to serve on advisory committees

From-CEDAC, email regarding vacancy

From-Lynn Hotaling, Assessor, report regarding Volunteer Firefighters/Ambulance Workers Exemption

From-NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, four Notices of Complete Application

From-Charter Communications, two communications regarding programming

From-Grant Langdon, 17 correspondences that are kept on file at the Town Hall

Supervisor's Report

As you know, the Town applied for a NY Forward Grant in 2022. Because we were able to leverage the large, fully funded and shovel ready reconstruction of the Hamlet of Copake scheduled for 2024, we thought we were well positioned to receive funding from the State. This year we were also pleased to include the very impressive proposals of several local businesses in addition to the proposal of the Copake Grange. We were proud of the application prepared by Margaret Irwin of River Street Planning with the tireless assistance of CEDAC member Roberta Roll. And so, in spite of the significant competition we felt we had a good chance of being awarded 2.5 million dollars.

The awards for the Capital Region were announced last Friday and we did not make the cut. The grants went to Kinderhook, Coxackie and Cambridge.

Because this was a town wide effort, there was town wide disappointment. Roberta and I expect to participate in an exit interview to understand what went wrong, but I want to take this chance to thank the many residents and businesses who contributed to this grant application: In addition to thanking Margaret and Roberta, I want to acknowledge and thank Christy Frank, Catherine Mikic, Stephanie Sharpe and Walt Kiernan as well as Ronnie McTiernan, and Steve Sanborn of the Copake Grange. Thanks to CEDAC Chair Tom Goldsworthy, Meredith Kane for her input regarding housing, and Ray Jurkowski and Bill Gregory who helped put together numbers for the improvements to the Hamlet and Park.

In other and more positive news, I want to tell you that last night Copake got a vote of support from the Columbia County Board of Supervisors. In October 2022 the Copake Town Board passed a Resolution demanding that ORES deem the Hecate application incomplete unless the developer proved that Shepherd's Run would not negatively impact the Taghkanic Creek Watershed. At Copake's request, the towns of Hillsdale, Taghkanic and Claverack passed similar Resolutions. On February 21 the Common Council of the City of Hudson passed a Resolution, and last night, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve a Taghkanic Creek Resolution. This was a huge show of support for which we are very grateful.

Finally, at the end of tonight's meeting I will offer a Resolution which opposes a section of the NYS Budget which would deprive Copake of the right to assess Shepherd's Run at full value. In October 2020 the Town passed a law by which we opted out of Real Property Law section 487 Exemption and said that we would reserve the right to assess Shepherd's Run at its full value. In 2021 NYS countered with a law that required our assessor to use a NYS formula to assess the solar installation at far less than full value. In 2022 this state formula was challenged in Court and so in the 2024 Budget the Governor is seeking to reinstate the state formula. This move would essentially mean that local taxpayers would be forced to subsidize corporate development within their communities.

I am asking the Board to support this Resolution which we will then send to our Assemblyperson, our State Senator and the Governor.

Solar Update

The County Board of Supervisors' unanimous vote last night to join Copake, Hillsdale, Taghkanic, Claverack, and Hudson in urging the NYS Office of Renewable Energy Siting ("ORES") to continue to deem Hecate's Shepherd's Run siting application incomplete unless and until Hecate can provide evidence that the construction and operation of the utility-scale solar facility will not negatively impact water quality or the Taghkanic Creek Watershed, comes not a moment too soon. ORES is expected to determine the "completeness" of Hecate's application before the end of this month. Jeanne deserves great credit for "shepherding" through this bi-partisan expression of Columbia County's support for our position, as well as garnering the support of our neighboring towns. Hopefully, Jeanne's efforts will impact ORES' decision.

Our efforts are continuing to reach out to elected officials. On Monday, Jeanne and I met with Representative Molinaro's District Director and discussed the Town's concerns about the proposed project, noting two areas of potential federal government interest: the water issues and the significance of the former Niver Farm (now the Rasweiler property) to local Native American history. Then on Monday evening, Lindsay LeBrecht and several Copakeans presented information directly to Representative Molinaro at his Town Hall meeting in Claverack. We are continuing efforts to arrange for State Senator Hinchey to tour the proposed site and meet Town officials and concerned community members. Townspeople recently discussed concerns about the proposed Craryville solar project with Senator Hinchey's constituent services staff at the Hudson library.

By the way, I should mention that, following Hudson's adoption of its Resolution, on February 24th a welcome editorial appeared in the Register-Star. It stated, "The Copake Town Board and now the Hudson Common Council say the state should not grant approval of the company's application or grade it complete until Hecate can give iron-clad assurances that the solar installation will not do harm to the water from the Taghkanic Creek...The people of Copake still have many questions. We think it's time Hecate provides the answers." So do we!

I want to thank our Assemblymember Didi Barrett for her February 28th letter to the ORES Executive Director, passing along complaints from Sensible Solar, and asking for responses, regarding ORES' "questionable practices" (several of which I've noted in earlier updates) including: selective and untimely posting of critical documents; ex parte, undisclosed communications with Hecate, including providing advice and guidance Hecate, an apparent conflict of interest "with a private corporation which has a permit matter pending before the State"; unilaterally allowing Hecate to extend a missed deadline for its most recent application submission; and, the Administrative Law Judge ruling I reported on last month, which appears to show a lack of impartiality, and potential conflict of interest. As of late this morning, Didi has not received a response to her letter.

As to whether ORES should consider Hecate's application "complete", there's this: two days ago, the *ad hoc* Copake Solar Working Group sent to ORES a list of "site-specific permit conditions" it wants ORES to include in a permit for Shepherd's Run, if a permit is granted. This is the Working Group's wish-list; despite what one vocal Hecate supporter is claiming, the company has NOT agreed to these items. Some include: an agricultural co-utilization plan (sheep grazing, with sheep dogs and "other guard animals" — remember that Hecate says that in agreeing to use wildlife-friendly fencing, it eliminated all

agricultural practices, worrying that coyotes could get in and kill the sheep); more and expanded landscaping requirements; community zones (presumably the 300 acre green space); assistance with Rail Trail expansion; no cutting down 25 acres of trees on the hill on the east side of County Route 7; and, compensation to adjacent homeowners (although the Working Group has scaled back this “condition” so that it will not come near making their homeowners whole for the decrease in their property values). This writing to ORES confirms what we’ve known all along: Hecate has no interest in being a “community partner”, as it claims. The only way these items, and others, become permit conditions, are if ORES forces Hecate to accept them.

Finally, on the very day that ORES may render a “completeness” decision, our attorneys will be in court in Albany. At 1 p.m. on March 27th, a Third Department panel of justices will hear our appeal in the case Copake has brought, together with five other upstate, rural towns and seven non-profits, challenging and seeking to overturn the regulations under which ORES operates — regulations that were written by an energy industry consultant which has Hecate as one of its clients, regulations that tilt the playing field in favor of developers and against “host communities”.

We will continue to report as developments warrant.

Department Heads/Committee Reports

None

Public Forum

Lindsey LeBrecht thanks the Town Board for the tireless work that they have done with regards to Craryville and the proposed land. The fact that the Town Board has countywide support is a huge tribute to all the work that they have done.

Ms. LeBrecht found the coyote comment kind of entertaining since we’re all already inundated with deer and the coyotes are getting closer and what’s going to happen if heaven forbid, that project takes place.

Ms. LeBrecht also mentions that unequivocally, the working group is not representative of most of the people, the town of Copake and what they’re doing doesn’t have any sort of validity in her opinion and one of the comments from one of our sensible solar people is that the working group recommendations as they stand, are different from the original ones, they’re watered down in certain areas. So, if Dan Haas tries to say that the community wrote all these comments supporting the recommendations, they were supported of the original recommendations but that is not the case today. After the negotiations with Hecate, they got watered down and even then they haven’t agreed to a lot of things.

Councilperson Gansowski thanks Ms. LeBrecht for getting the Town Board’s point across at the Molinaro meeting.

Ms. LeBrecht states that it wasn’t only her. Sara Traberman, Bill Newcomb, and Vicky Sander was there as well.

Ms. LeBrecht states that with this whole thing that Bill Newcomb said, and she quote, "If there was ever a time that the Democrats and Republicans should come together to fight something, this is it."

Ms. LeBrecht asks the Town Board if there could be signs posted around Copake Lake that tells people the right way to walk.

Supervisor Mettler will speak with the Highway Superintendent.

New Business

a. Historic Plaque Project

Supervisor Mettler calls on Catherine Mikic, Chair of the Historic Preservation Committee and Edgar Masters, Chair of the Conservation Advisory Committee and member of the Historic Preservation Committee .

Ms. Mikic has prepared a proposal for the Town Board with regard to historic markers, which the Town Board has had the opportunity to review and gives a brief overview.

Supervisor Mettler suggests to the Town Board should ask any other question they may have but then approve the project and then authorize the Historic Preservation Committee to seek grants from Rheinstrom Hill and then that the Town Board authorize them to put of a request for proposals and then order one prototype. Then we will ask them to come to the town as part of the budget process so that we could approve both the project and also any projects that are being suggested by the Bicentennial Committee.

There was a brief discussion with Ms. Micik and the Town Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to approve this project and authorize the Historic Preservation Committee to seek grant funds from Rheinstrom Hill, authorize the Historic Preservation Committee to put out a request for proposals and to order one prototype of the plaque at up to \$200 to be provided to the Grange, and three authorizing the Historical Preservation Committee to present to the budget officer and the Town Board with a budget request for the 2024 budget.

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

b. Cold Storage Update

Highway Supervisor Gregory gives a review of the project to where we are now.

Supervisor Mettler states that Attorney Tingley has stepped away and they will make a motion when Attorney Tingley comes back into the meeting. In the meanwhile, they will move on to the radar signs.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to accept the bid from LD Coon and Sons in the amount of \$345,450.

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

Supervisor Mettler states that all documentation of the bidding process is filed and preserved in the Town Clerk's office.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to authorize CPL Engineering to advertise the Electrical portion of the building.

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

c. Radar Signs

Highway Supervisor Gregory updates the Town Board regarding the radar signs and trailers that carry them.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that \$12,000 was put in the 2023 budget to cover the following purchases.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to authorize the purchase of four radar speed signs for the price of \$11,560 from Traffic Logics.

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to authorize the purchase of two trailers for up to \$500 a piece.

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

Supervisor Mettler mentions that copies of the RFP and the proposals received will be filed and preserved in the Town Clerk's office.

d. Band Shell Update

Highway Supervisor Gregory updates the Town Board regarding the band shell. He is still waiting for that contract and quote.

e. Memorial Garden Design Plan-Update

Highway Supervisor Gregory updates the Town Board regarding the Memorial Garden Design Plan. It is still in progress.

f. Pickle Ball Court and Ice Rink

Highway Supervisor Gregory updates the Town Board regarding the condition of the ice rink and adding Pickle Ball courts. He has received a proposal from Crafc0 in the amount of \$25,069 to paint the acrylic coatings and paint the Pickle Ball lines.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that in the 2023 budget we underestimated the cost somewhat since we put in \$35,000 in line A71402.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to authorize the Highway Superintendent to register the town of Copake as a member KPN (Keystone Purchasing Network).

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to accept the proposal from Park Superintendent Gregory to repair the ice rink and construct two pickle ball courts on the surface of the Ice Rink for an estimated cost of \$25,069 and that the Town Board further; 1. Accepts the proposal from Craftco in the amount of \$25,069 to paint the acrylic coatings and paint the Pickle Ball lines, 2. Authorizes the Park Superintendent to get at least two oral quotes for the rental of a paver and to spend up to \$3,400 to rent a paver, and, 3. Authorizes the purchase of approximately 140 tons of black top from A. Colarusso at the price of \$74 per ton for an estimated total of \$11,000.

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

g. Request for Knit Club

The Knit Club has requested to plant a tree at the Copake Memorial Park. The Town Board has all agreed.

h. Preliminary Report and Recommendation-Zoning Review Working Group

Bob Haight updates the Town Board on the Zoning Review.

Supervisor Mettler suggests setting up a Special Meeting followed by a workshop to discuss the Zoning Review recommendations and Short Term Rental recommendations on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 4:30pm. The Town Board all agree.

i. Copake Hamlet Streetscape Proposals

Bob Haight updates the Town Board on the Copake Hamlet Streetscape Proposals.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to accept the March 6, 2023 proposal of Barton and Loguidice for a fee of \$141,800 for professional services pertaining to the Copake Hamlet Streetscape and Parking lots, subject to receipt of a letter setting forth the scope of work and subject to the approval of that letter by our attorney.

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

j. Investment Policy and Designation of Banks-Introductory Local Law No. 2 of 2023

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to adopt Introductory Local Law No. 2 of 2023, a LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR ADOPTION OF INVESTMENT POLICY AND DESIGNATION OF BANK DEPOSITARIES BY RESOLUTION.

Roll Call Vote.	Supervisor Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Gansowski	yes
	Councilperson Wolf	yes
	Councilperson Judd	NO VOTE
	Councilperson Sullivan	yes

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

Supervisor Mettler states that as far as the policy, it will be tabled until April.

k. Summer Park Program-Appointments for Director and Assistant

Supervisor Mettler announces that the Town Board has appointed Kaya Sindler as Director, and Dakota Curtsinger as Assistant Director.

Supervisor Mettler asks permission from the Town Board to make an application Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation for \$7,500 to benefit the Summer Park Program which she receives.

l. No Smoking/Vaping Signs and Policies

Supervisor Mettler states that she has received a letter from Tobacco Free Action of Columbia and Greene Counties. Supervisor Mettler will look into this and also refer this to the Park Commission, the Park Superintendent, and Bob Callahan, the custodian of the Park.

m. AUD Financial Report

Supervisor Mettler state that this has been circulated to the Town Board.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to accept the 2022 Annual Financial Report and to post it with the financial records on the website.

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

n. Introductory Local Law No. 4 of the year 2023 A LOCAL LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF WAIVERS TO PERMIT OPERATION OF GASOLINE/FUEL-POWERED MOTORS AND MOTOR BOATS ON UPPER RHODA POND IN CONNECTION WITH BONA FIDE ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION AND INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Supervisor Metter introduces Local Law No. 4 of 2023 and asks Attorney Tingley to review this local law with the Town Board and review the next procedural steps in which he does.

Supervisor Mettler schedules a Public Hearing on April 13, 2023 at 6:50pm. The Town Board agrees. Attorney Tingley walks the Town Board through the Short Environmental Assessment Form.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Supervisor Mettler to declare the Town Board is lead agency.

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to adopt Part 1 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form as prepared by the Town Attorney and authorize the Supervisor to sign where indicated.

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

Old Business

a. Virtus Nosta, LLC, subdivision application

The Town Board tabled this until April.

b. Sexual Harassment/Workplace Violence-Training

Supervisor Mettler states that the county is offering to set up those sessions. Supervisor Mettler will get back to us on this.

Resolutions

TOWN OF COPAKE

RESOLUTION
Number 8 of March 9, 2023

Resolution opposing proposed change to Real Property Tax Law § 575-b

WHEREAS, the New York State Constitution and Municipal Home Rule Law grant local autonomy to municipalities, particularly with respect to local land use regulation; and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §487, exempts real property which includes a solar or wind energy system, farm waste energy system, micro-hydroelectric energy system, fuel cell electric generating system, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment system, electric energy storage equipment and electric energy storage system, or fuel-flexible linear generator electric generating system, from taxation to the extent of any increase in the value thereof by reason of the inclusion of system for a period of fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law §487 also gives municipalities the right pass a local law by which the municipality can opt out of the exemption; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 the Town Board of the Town of Copake determined that it was in the best interest of the Town to tax property value increases related to a solar or wind energy system, farm waste energy system, micro-hydroelectric energy system, fuel cell electric generating system, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment system, electric energy storage equipment and electric energy storage system, or fuel-flexible linear generator electric generating system, at their full assessed value; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2020 the Town Board of the Town of Copake passed Local Law No. 2 of 2020 by which the Town of Copake opted out of the tax exemption provided under Real Property Tax Law §487; and

WHEREAS, the State Budget passed in 2021 amended Real Property Tax Law §575-b, requiring implementation of a state formula for assessment of solar and wind projects, but on April 29, 2022 in the Matter of Town of Blenheim et al v Hiller a temporary restraining order was issued prohibiting implementation of a state formula; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2024 New York State Budget includes a proposed change to Real Property Tax Law §575-b (part N) which would mandate that all solar and wind projects would be assessed pursuant to a State formula; and

WHEREAS, the passage of this section of the budget would deprive local municipalities of the right to assess solar and wind projects at full value, and would force local taxpayers to subsidize corporate and industrial development within their communities; and

WHEREAS, if this section of the Budget is adopted, the Town of Copake will lose its right to assess any solar installation built within its boundaries and would therefor constitute a violation of Copake's right to Home Rule; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Copake objects to the establishment of major State policy initiatives through the State budget process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the Copake Town Board opposes any law which would deprive the Town of its right to assess properties within its boundaries; and

RESOLVED, that the Town of Copake calls upon the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly to reject any change to Real Property Law § 575-b which deprives local municipalities the right to assess solar and wind projects within their boundaries at full value; and

RESOLVED, that the Town of Copake calls upon the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly to repeal the current Real Property Law § 575-b such that the Town of Copake and other local municipalities can assess all solar and wind projects at full value.

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 No.8
Dated March 9, 2023
Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.	Supervisor Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Wolf	yes
	Councilperson Gansowski	yes
	Councilperson Judd	NO VOTE
	Councilperson Sullivan	yes

Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk

(seal)

March 9, 2023

Appointments

Councilperson Wolf states that the vacancy for the Copake Economic Development Advisory Committee had no response and requests the Town Board to advertise it for another month. The Town Board agrees. The same will go for the alternate ZBA member and the Ethics Board.

Budget

- a. Preliminary Budget to Actual Report-February 28, 2023**
- b. Agreement to post Budget to Actual Report**
- c. Reserves-Tabled until April**

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to approve and post the budget to actual report for January 31, 2023.

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

Councilpersons' Reports

Councilperson Wolf reports that the Roads Advisory Committee met on March 2nd and interview Barton and Loguidice and they've taken action on that tonight.

Councilperson Wolf reports that CEDAC met on March 1st and there was a discussion of many of the ongoing issue including the fact that there is continuing and somewhat accelerated interest in the Roe Jan School building.

Councilperson Sullivan reports that the Park Commission will hold their Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th at 11:00am. They are requesting \$500 for candy and supplies and also for each of the Town Board members to donate an Easter basket for the raffle. The summer concerts are in place.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Wolf that the Park Commission be authorized to spend up to \$500 from their Park account for candy and supplies for the Easter Egg Hunt.

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

Councilperson Gansowski reports that the Short Term Working Group has a finished product because he drafted a proposal for the Short Term Rental which has been sent to the Town Board and Ken Dow.

A brief discussion ensued.

Supervisor Mettler suggests having a workshop on April 11, 2023 at 5:30pm. The Town Board agrees.

Councilperson Gansowski reports that the Code Enforcement Office is still working on Performance Auto.

Councilperson Gansowski mentions software that he will bring up at the April meeting.

Councilperson Gansowski mentions that a chess club has been started at the library by a bunch of kids who are very smart and he went there to learn to play and one of the kids name is Sebastian, the other is Isaac. It turns out that they are the sons of our very own Gwen Menshenfriend and Bob Patterson.

Councilperson Judd states that the Planning Board is all about the Copake Lake development.

Councilperson Judd states that the Conservation Advisory Committee and Climate Smart Task Force discussed moving forward on getting Bronze status for the Climate Smart Communities and everyone is working hard. Much of the conversation was around the electric vehicle charging station that Edgar Masters, Mary Ann Carrick, and Councilperson Judd has been working on. Councilperson will get back to the Town Board on this.

Councilperson Gansowski mentions the energy audit. Supervisor Mettler was contacted by that firm and additional information is needed.

The Town Board had a brief discussion about a laptop for the Administrative Assistant.

The Town Board authorized the Town Clerk to gather information on a new PA system which she will.

Public Forum

None

Approval of Bills

Supervisor Mettler mentions that the Health Insurance Payments were included in the last abstract.

Next Meeting Date

Thursday, April 13, 2023, 7:00pm

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Connolly
Town Clerk