

Town Board Meeting
Thursday, June 8, 2023
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, Councilperson Judd, and Councilperson Sullivan.

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

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 opens the Town Board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Mettler asks specifically for a motion for approval of minutes for the Town Board meeting of April 13, 2023, the Town Board meeting of May 11, 2023 minutes and the Special Town Board meeting of May 30, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to waive a further reading and accept the Minutes as written for the Town Board meeting of April 13, 2023, the Town Board meeting of May 11, 2023 and the Special Town Board meeting of May 30, 2023 subject to a correction of the April 13, 2023 Town Board meeting.

All in favor. Motion was approved.

Announcements

Supervisor Mettler announces that there is a Veteran's Stand Down Military Appreciation Event at Columbia Greene Community College on June 17, 2023. The ZBA is seeking an alternate member. The K.I.S.S program is available for seniors for shredding until June 23, 2023. Registration for the Summer Park Program is available until June 24, 2023. Summer camp runs from July 5 through August 11, 2023.

Correspondence

From-CEDAC, letter regarding recommendations to the Town Board

From-NYS Offices of Real Property, letter regarding equalization rates

From-Councilman Eugene Cook, letter regarding voting legislature process

From-NYS Department of State, several correspondence regarding grants

From-Gloria Kearney, Knit Club, correspondence regarding thanks

From-Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation, letter regarding application for funds to support the Bicentennial Committee

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to accept the donation of \$30,000 from Rheinstrom Hill to be paid in two installments to assist the town in paying for Copake Bicentennial.

All in favor. Motion approved.

From-Ethics Committee, email, nomination

From-Roberta Roll, letter regarding the Casino greenhouse

Councilperson Gansowski address this and mentions that nothing has been finalized on the third portion. There is approval for the first portion. The greenhouse which is the one with the steel structure in the back which is the second portion which went before the Planning Board and was approved (that's the one that has plastic on the side; instead of panes of glass it is going to be sheets of Lexan.) Councilperson Gansowski questioned this and Code Enforcement Officer, Erin Rein said it is in compliance. Now, they are pulling for a third portion which is wanted for a farm/market which will consist of a 400 sq. ft. farm stand. All of this is in question with the ZBA.

From-Copake Fire District, Notice of Referendum for Special Election

From-Copake Summer Park Program, 2023 calendar

From-Copake Summer Park Program, email regarding recommendations of counselors

From-Young at Hearters, letter regarding financial support

From-Lindsay LeBrecht, email regarding deer

From-Lynn Hotaling, Assessor, email regarding taxable value and exemptions that will be forwarded to the Town Attorney

From-Grant Langdon, numerous correspondences which are kept on file at the Town Hall

Supervisor's Report

When we last met on May 11, I informed the Board that I had learned that Columbia Memorial Health was leaving its Copake location. On hearing this rumor, I had first connected with both the President of the CMH Board of Trustees, Kirk Kneller and later spoke with Dr. Dorothy Urshel, the CEO of CMH.

During our telephone conversation I invited Dr. Urshel to come to the Copake Town Hall to meet with us. She agreed and that meeting occurred on May 17. Dr. Urshel was accompanied by CFO Bryan Mahoney, as well as Cliff Belden MD CMO, and Ron Pope DO, VP of Medical Care centers.

I also invited President Kirk Kneller as well as Ancram resident and Trustee Hila Richardson to attend. They did, and we have been grateful for their support.

The lineup at the meeting was impressive. All three Towns in the Roe Jan area were represented. In addition to myself, Copake was represented by Deputy Supervisor Richard Wolf, Chair of the Copake Economic Development Advisory Committee Tom Goldsworthy and Chair of the former Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force, Roberta Roll. Ancram was represented by Town Board Member, Amy Gold and Hillsdale was represented by Deputy Supervisor Tom Carty.

In addition to Town government we were joined by the following stakeholders:

From the **Clausson Raught Community Rescue Squad**- Rus Davis, President of the Board, Peter Doty, Operations Supervisor and JoAnn Doty, Secretary.

From the **Copake Fire Company**-Randi Shadic, Deputy Fire Chief, and Rus Davis, Commissioner of the Copake Fire District.

Tom Goldsworthy presented a PowerPoint which among other things, made the point that there are no doctors or health care facilities in the Roe Jan area or on the eastern side of Columbia County. 14,729 people – or 25% of the County's population- live within 10 miles of Copake. The median age is 54 and 40% are over 60. In addition to our permanent population we have a large transient population. For instance, 278,000 people visit the Taconic State Park annually. The Roe Jan area has many second home owners; Copake has numerous camps and the highest number of short term rentals in the County.

Since that initial meeting with CMH, representatives of the three towns have met with Senator Michelle Hinchey and Assembly Member Didi Barrett. On Tuesday June 6 we all had a second meeting with the executive team of CMH.

Our position has been consistent. CMH does not have any facilities east of the Taconic Parkway, and the closest hospitals are about a half hour away. Between our permanent population and the year round visitors, the Roe Jan area could certainly support a Rapid Care facility. Prior to the pandemic, Copake Rapid Care broke even in two out of four years. There is certainly dire need for a healthcare facility here and a Rapid Care with proper management, consistent hours and effective marketing could thrive.

We have not reached any resolution yet, but we have been told by Senator Hinchey that there is money in the budget to support healthcare. She will be meeting with CMH later this month and we hope that their conversations are productive.

None of us are giving up on this cause. We will get back to you as this situation unfolds.

Solar Update

The next step in Hecate Energy's ongoing effort get the NYS Office of Renewable Energy ("ORES") to deem its application to build a 60 MW solar factory in Craryville "complete" should happen near the end of this month. That is when Hecate's response to ORES' third "Notice of Incomplete Application" is due, unless the developer seeks an extension and ORES agrees. In any event, once Hecate's response is filed, ORES has 60 days to make a completeness determination. So, if these time frames are followed, we may have a better idea where things stand by late September.

Should the application be deemed complete, ORES would have one year to grant a siting permit for Shepherd's Run or to decide to deny Hecate its permit.

One thing is clear: we have gotten ORES' attention. Among the many deficiencies ORES directed Hecate to address in its upcoming fourth submission, are these:

- * the Taghkanic Headwaters Conservation Plan — how would a 265 acre solar factory affect the Conservation Plans goals to "protect forests for clean water and wildlife while meeting the needs of local communities and landowners"? And what could Hecate do to mitigate the damage Shepherd's Run might cause?
- * something I have been speaking out about month after month: the proposed screening is inadequate — improve it!; ORES made specific reference to "routes commonly used by bicyclists, "both local and bicycle tourists visiting the town",
- * ORES demands information about the history of the Rasweiler farm (formerly Niver farm); presumably pertaining to the presence of Native Americans on the farm.

ORES also wants more specificity from Hecate on other areas of concern:

- * it is inadequate to offer conclusory statements that Hecate's consultants have determined that proposed access roads comply with Town Code requirements — Hecate must present evidence to prove it
- * same demand regarding proving compliance with the "substantive requirements of Chapter 135 (including applicable requirements for elevation and flood proofing), of the Copake Code while meeting Town solar law height requirements and other applicable local law requirements"
- * details about proximity to wetlands and potential impacts
- * impacts of taking almost 200 acres of land used in agricultural production for Shepherd's Run; and many, many questions about Hecate's requests for waivers of local laws.

So Hecate has its work cut out for it, again.

You probably know that Copake, five other upstate, rural towns, and seven not-for-profits recently learned that our appeal in a lawsuit challenging the ORES regulations was denied. No Town funds were used in our effort to get the regulations, which were written by Hecate's consultant, tossed out.

One last thing: we've heard through the grapevine that Hecate's project manager for the Shepherd's Run proposal has been replaced. It's another indication of Hecate's unwillingness to engage with the Town that the new project manager has not reached out to us.

Hecate is not the community partner it claimed it would be.

Department Heads/Committee Reports

Mary Ann Carrick is seeking the Town Board's approval to advertise for two new members and is asking for approval of funds to purchase the recycling bins to be put into the Town Hall and Park Building.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Judd to seek and recruit new members for the Conservation Advisory Committee.

All in favor. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Judd for the Conservation Advisory Committee to purchase various recycling bins for a total of \$718.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Public Forum

Lindsey LeBrecht mentions thanks the Town Board for all that they are doing regarding Shepard's Run and expressing her significant concerns of fire and fire training and to address the overabundance of deer at Copake Lake.

New Business

a. Amended Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Moneys

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to approve the 2023 Amended Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Moneys.

All in favor. Motion approved.

b. Yonderview Road/Road Repair Reserve

Attorney Tingley advises the Town Board to hold a Public Hearing regarding the Road Repair Reserve Fund and also a Special Meeting for the same night for potential action within five days' notice.

The Town Board decides on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 3:45pm for the Public Hearing and 4:00pm for the Special Town Board meeting. The appropriate Public Notices will be posted.

c. **Cold Storage Building Update**

Highway Superintendent Gregory updates the Town Board on the progression of the Cold Storage Building. Highway Supervisor met with Wes Coons today and the trusses have been delivered to the garage. He is in possession of the poles and he is ordering the siding and everything else today. The excavator will be breaking ground Monday or Tuesday.

d. **Uniform Contract**

Highway Superintendent Gregory advises the Town Board that the five year contract with UniFirst is due to expire and asks the Town Board for permission to enter into a new agreement with UniFirst.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Judd enter to authorize the Highway Superintendent to enter into an Agreement #092298 UniFirst for uniforms and wipers.

All in favor. Motion approved.

e. **Band Shell Update**

Highway Superintendent Gregory advises the Town Board that Wes Coons has given him contact information for a company that can possibly help with the band shell. Highway Superintendent Gregory has contacted them, drawings are being made, and he will report back to the Town Board next month.

f. **Memorial Garden Design Plan-Update**

Highway Superintendent Gregory has met with two designers for the Memorial Garden design plan. Highway Superintendent Gregory has a written proposal of a design plan from one. The week after next, Highway Superintendent Gregory has interviews with two landscapers. Highway Superintendent Gregory is still collecting ideas and proposals and will report back to the Town Board next month.

g. **Pickle Ball Court and Ice Rink**

Highway Supervisor Gregory updates the Town Board regarding the Pickle Ball courts. He is trying to schedule the painting of the lines. He is hoping that the Pickle Ball courts will be ready in July.

h. **Farmer's Market to sell cannabis**

Tessa Williams of Empire Farm and Farm On! Foundation explains Empire Farm's cannabis operation and invites the Town Board and the community to their Farmer's Markets events at Empire Farm this summer. There was a discussion regarding guidance, rules, and regulations.

i. **Dogs off Leash**

Supervisor Mettler states that the Town Board was notified by Councilperson Sullivan of reports of numerous dogs being off of their leash and in fact, on one occasion, someone was attacked by a dog. After hearing of this, Supervisor Mettler reached out to our Animal Control Officer, Kyle Miller and they came up with some strategies to work with as well as additional signage. The Town Board agrees as does Highway Superintendent Gregory.

j. **2023 Copake Park Summer Program**

1. Rules for use of Courts during Summer Program

A motion was made by Supervisor Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Wolf that during the Summer Park Program which runs from July 5 through August 11, 2023, the use of the Tennis Courts at the Copake Memorial Park be limited to the Summer Park Program from 11:00am to 2:30pm daily, and that during that time the public shall not be allowed to use the courts.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Signage will also be posted.

2. Bussing Company

Supervisor Mettler states that Summer Camp Director, Kaya Sindler has gotten two quotes for bussing, one from THCSD and the other from Michael Johnston, LLC. The lower estimate was from THCSD. This information was previously sent to the Town Board.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Judd to approve the estimate of \$3,194.80 from Taconic Hills Central School District.

All in favor. Motion approved.

3. Special trips

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to authorize the Supervisor to execute a group sales agreement with the Tri-City Valley Cats for the purchase of not more than 82 premium camp day tickets with hot dogs, chips and water, at a cost of \$15 per ticket, for the Copake Park Summer Program, at a cost not to exceed \$1,233.00, and to pay for such tickets in accordance with the terms of such group sales agreement.

All in favor. Motion approved.

k. HVAC Improvements for Town Hall

Supervisor Mettler states that we had gotten an estimate from M/E Engineer that was much higher than expected. Supervisor Mettler reached out to Kool Temp, who is the company that actually installed the air conditioning in this building when it was built and the fellow came down the other day and took a look around and he is going to give various estimates. Supervisor Mettler states that once we get that information, we will make a choice.

l. Update on Copake Rapid Care

Supervisor Mettler already spoke about this earlier in her Supervisor's Report.

m. Update on EV Charging Station

Councilperson Judd updates the Town Board on his findings regarding EV Charging Stations. There is funding from NYSERTA that should become available soon and he will address the Town Board at that time.

n. NY Forward

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Supervisor Mettler to agree to hire Margaret Irwin of Riverstreet Planning in the amount to not exceed \$3,000 for the writing of the grant for NY Forward.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Supervisor Mettler received an email from CEDAC last night proposing the same thing.

o. CEDAC Letter

Supervisor Mettler states that Tom Goldsworthy and Bill Boris-Schacter, of the Copake Economic Development Advisory Committee is requesting a Copake Pickleball Tournament, otherwise known as Copake Picklemania in September. Supervisor Mettler has asked Mr. Goldsworthy to confirm the date so that it is not conflict with the soccer competition. There is also a question of a fee to be charged that Attorney Tingley is looking into. This will be readdressed at the June 20, 2023 Special Town Board meeting.

p. Cyber Insurance

Supervisor Mettler states that last year the cyber insurance cost was \$3,204, it has gone down to \$2,715.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and Councilperson Wolf to authorize the Supervisor to renew the town's commercial cyber insurance policy with Cowbell Insurance Agency for an annual premium of \$2,715.

All in favor. Motion approved.

q. TD Bank

Supervisor Mettler states that the town has a CD with TD Bank which comes due on June 26, 2023. The rate is 4.57%. Supervisor Mettler has received rates from Margaret Durr. The rates as of this morning for a five month CD was 5.28%.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to authorize the Supervisor to roll over our current CD which comes due on June 26, 2023 for a five month term, provided that the rate is at least as high as the current rate of 4.57%.

All in favor. Motion approved.

r. Hometown Heroes

Supervisor Mettler states that there have been several inquiries about the Hometown Heroes Program. Lynn Connolly researched this and found that in most cases, it is handled by the local VFW or American Legion. The families themselves pay for the banners and the bracket to hang the banners. The mounting brackets are \$70 and depending on the size of the banner it could be anywhere from \$85 to \$124 for the banner.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that what we really need is someone that would take this on and will reach out to the local VFW to see if it is something that they would be interested in doing.

Permission will also be needed from the electric companies to hang the banners.

Fran Miller also mentions that she has looked into this as well and discusses the information and

stumbling blocks that she has found while researching this.

Supervisor Mettler will reach out to several people and report back at the July 13, 2023 Town Board meeting.

Old Business

a. Sexual Harassment/Workplace Violence-Training

Supervisor Mettler mentions that Administrative Assistant, Gwen Menshenfriend is working on this. Everybody in the town who is an employee or a board member will be notified through their department heads who will then communicate with their employees and there will be a live video training on June 20, 2023 at 1:30pm at the Town Hall. It will also be available for private viewing but a quiz will be taken at the end of the recording.

b. Zoning Review Working Group

Supervisor Mettler and the Town Board schedule a Special Meeting followed by a workshop on Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 4:30pm to discuss the Zoning Review Working Group's recommendations.

c. Short Term Rentals

Supervisor Mettler and the Town schedule to meet on Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 3:30pm to discuss the Short Term Rental recommendations.

d. No Smoking/Vaping Signs and Polices

Tabled.

Resolutions

TOWN OF COPEN
RESOLUTION
Number 20 of June 8, 2023

To Authorize the Expenditure of Funds from the Town of Copake Capital Improvement Reserve Fund for Professional Services Related to the Copake Hamlet Streetscape and Parking Lots Project, Subject to Permissive Referendum

WHEREAS, the Town of Copake has entered into an Agreement with Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. for Professional Services (the "Agreement") in connection with the Copake Hamlet Streetscape and Parking Lots project, which will include improvements of the County Route 7A streetscape (lighting, landscaping, streetscape furnishings and equipment), development of parking lots, and construction of sidewalks (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project constitutes a capital improvement, as that term is defined under N.Y. General Municipal Law § 6-c (1) (b); and

WHEREAS, the Project is within the scope of the type of capital improvement to be financed under the Town of Copake Capital Improvement Reserve Fund established on June 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the cost of professional services relating to the Project as set forth in the Agreement constitute costs that are properly incurred in the development of preliminary studies or surveys relative to the Project or in development of the Project itself, and therefore constitute part of the capital improvement for which funds from the Town of Copake Capital Improvement Reserve Fund may be expended and for which the Town of Copake Capital Improvement Reserve Fund was established; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds and determines that the funds of the Town of Copake Capital Improvement Reserve Fund may be used to finance the cost of such professional services under the Agreement as part of the capital improvement project, subject to all applicable requirements under law, including without limitation, such authorization of expenditure being subject to permissive referendum; now, therefore,

It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the provisions of section 6-c of the New York State General Municipal Law, the total expenditure of \$128,500.00 for professional services under the Agreement in furtherance of the Project is for a proper purpose for which the Town of Copake Capital Improvement Reserve Fund was established; and

It is hereby **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon audit and approval of vouchers/invoices for such services in accordance with the Agreement presented to the Town Board, the Town Board authorizes the total expenditure of \$128,500.00 from the Town of Copake Capital Improvement Reserve Fund to finance the professional services under the Agreement in furtherance of the Project; and

It is hereby **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution is subject to permissive referendum and shall only take effect as set forth in New York Town Law § 91; and

It is hereby **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to, within ten (10) days of the date hereof, post and publish a notice setting forth the date of the adoption of this resolution and containing an abstract of this resolution concisely stating the purpose and effect hereof and stating that the resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

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 #20
Dated June 8, 2023
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)

June 8, 2023

TOWN OF COPAKE

RESOLUTION

Number 21 of June 8, 2023

To Authorize the Expenditure of Funds from the Town of Copake Capital Improvement Reserve Fund for Professional Land Surveying Costs Relating to the Copake Hamlet Streetscape and Parking Lots Project, Subject to Permissive Referendum

WHEREAS, the Town of Copake has authorized execution of a proposal (the “Agreement”) with Crawford & Associates Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C. for professional land surveying services in connection with the Copake Hamlet Streetscape and Parking Lots project, which will include improvements of the County Route 7A streetscape (lighting, landscaping, streetscape furnishings and equipment), development of parking lots, and construction of sidewalks (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project constitutes a capital improvement, as that term is defined under N.Y. General Municipal Law § 6-c (1) (b); and

WHEREAS, the Project is within the scope of the type of capital improvement to be financed under the Town of Copake Capital Improvement Reserve Fund established on June 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the cost of professional land surveying services relating to the Project as set forth in the Agreement constitute costs that are properly incurred in the development of preliminary studies or surveys relative to the Project or in development of the Project itself, and therefore constitute part of the capital improvement for which funds from the Town of Copake Capital Improvement Reserve Fund may be expended and for which the Town of Copake Capital Improvement Reserve Fund was established; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds and determines that the funds of the Town of Copake Capital Improvement Reserve Fund may be used to finance the cost of such professional services under the Agreement as part of the capital improvement project, subject to all applicable requirements under law, including without limitation, such authorization of expenditure being subject to permissive referendum; now, therefore,

It is hereby **RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the provisions of section 6-c of the New York State General Municipal Law, the total expenditure of \$9,500.00 for professional land surveying services under the Agreement in furtherance of the Project is for a proper purpose for which the Town of Copake Capital Improvement Reserve Fund was established; and

It is hereby **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon audit and approval of vouchers/invoices for such services in accordance with the Agreement presented to the Town Board, the Town Board

authorizes the total expenditure of \$9,500.00 from the Town of Copake Capital Improvement Reserve Fund to finance the professional services under the Agreement in furtherance of the Project; and

It is hereby **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution is subject to permissive referendum and shall only take effect as set forth in New York Town Law § 91; and

It is hereby **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to, within ten (10) days of the date hereof, post and publish a notice setting forth the date of the adoption of this resolution and containing an abstract of this resolution concisely stating the purpose and effect hereof and stating that the resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

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

Resolution #21
Dated June 8, 2023
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)

June 8, 2023

Appointments

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Wolf to appoint Samantha Henderson and Brielle Stang as Copake Summer Park Camp Counselors.

All in favor. Motion approved.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gansowski and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to appoint Edgar Walker as a member to the Board of Ethics Committee.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Budget

- a. Preliminary Budget to Actual Report-May 31, 2023**
- b. Agreement to post Budget to Actual Report**

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

All in favor. Motion approved.

Councilpersons' Reports

Councilperson Wolf reports that there was a CEDAC meeting yesterday and we have already spoken and acted on it.

Councilperson Judd mentions that he had a scheduling conflict and did not attend the Planning Board meeting or the CAC meeting last week.

Councilperson Sullivan reports that the Park Commission meets next week. They are working on the poster for the Summer Concert Series for distribution.

Councilperson Gansowski reports that he spoke with Melanie from NYSEG regarding the update on Farm Road. They are transferring lines off of Farm Road and feeding it differently for better service. The bigger transformer in Craryville is just about ready to come online.

Public Forum

Attorney Tingley mentions to Supervisor Mettler that the Town Board did not authorize the Crawford survey proposal.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that today, the Town Board received a proposal from Crawford & Associates that includes not only all of the properties that were in the previous proposal but also includes lands of the town of Copake, which is the municipal lot and also the parcel which is still apparently on the record owned by FatNell, LLC. We understand that to now be owned by Erin Boylan which will be clarified.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to approve the proposal from Crawford & Associates for the price of \$9,500 to do the surveying of the above mentioned.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Brian Ferrato states that regarding cannabis, if this town does not want to happen what is happening in Great Barrington, we will need to get ahead of it. He has been out in Colorado for eight years doing it. We have to work with the Planning and Zoning Departments. There are certain areas that you can zone if you want dispensaries or if you don't want them. The town needs to get ahead of it. It needs to be zoned properly.

Supervisor Mettler mentions that we have done this already and thanks Mr. Ferrato for his input.

Fran Miller heard through the Copake grapevine that there was a survey recently in town and no one seems to know the purpose of it although some of the people working on this survey seem to indicate that we were getting sidewalks on Empire Road and the markings go all the way down to the corner.

Supervisor Mettler states that this is a big question. There was surveying done including both of these parking lots that we were talking of earlier, the topographical surveying. This is all up in the air at this point.

Fran Miller asks which side of the road? Supervisor Mettler states the grange side of the road.

Ms. Miller wants to know if this has anything to do with the Copake waterways project.

Supervisor Mettler states that the short answer is no. It has to do with the county project to rebuild the roads.

Ms. Miller then questions the mess and the liability insurance.

Supervisor Mettler states that this will all be addressed in the future.

Approval of Bills

None

Next Meeting Date

Thursday, July 13, 2023, 7:00pm

Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Supervisor Mettler to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and personnel issues.

All in favor. Motion approved.

The Executive Session will not be recorded.

At 9:11pm, a motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski to come out of Executive Session.

Councilperson Wolf states that in the Executive Session, the Town Board spoke of retaining a planning consultant by the name of Andrew Riley to assist us and to assist Ben Wisniewski in developing responses to the application process and papers that are being submitted by Hecate.

A motion was made by Councilperson Wolf and seconded by Councilperson Gansowski that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of up to \$30,000 provided to us by Andrew Riley for planning consulting services and authorize the Supervisor to enter into such agreement.

All in favor. Motion approved.

Adjournment

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

All in favor. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Connolly
Town Clerk