

Organizational Meeting and
Regular Town Board Meeting
1/8/2015

Members Present: Supervisor Nayer, Councilperson Miller-Simmons, Councilperson Mettler and Councilperson Sullivan. Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney absent.

Supervisor Nayer opened the Organizational Meeting at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to accept County and State bids for materials and equipment for 2015. Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Mettler seconded by Councilperson Sullivan:

INTER-MUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made by and between Town of Copake Highway Department and the undersigned Towns and Villages of Columbia County and the Taconic Hills School District, all being municipal corporations in Columbia County, New York.

Whereas, this agreement is made pursuant to General Municipal Law, Article 5-G; and

Whereas, it is in the interest of the taxpayers of Copake and the undersigned Towns and Villages of Columbia County and the Taconic Hills School District to share resources in the undertaking of public works and other municipal improvement projects and services; and

Whereas, each party hereto has certain highway, non-highway, specialty equipment and/or skilled personnel (including equipment operators) which may be available from time-to-time; and

Whereas, it is possible to make such equipment and/or personnel for use by others when it is in the public interest; and

Whereas, such cooperative efforts are generally of short duration, unanticipated and/or emergency situations; and

Whereas, it is expected that assistance, in whatever form, will be reciprocal and roughly equal over a period of time, and that the exchange and sharing of equipment and personnel will result in more cost effective work performance at minimal extra cost to either party; and

Whereas, flexibility in operating local governments and their public works programs is necessary to insure efficiency and maximum benefits; and

Whereas, each party has authorized their respective highway or public works superintendents and/or other appropriate department heads to act using their discretion pursuant to this Agreement; and

Whereas, general oversight by appropriate municipal officials will be accomplished through regular, periodic and annual reports by the appropriate department heads to their (Town/Village/School)(Board/Council); and

Whereas, it is determined that while liability risks are inherent when undertaking public works and other construction or maintenance projects, no substantial additional risk is occasioned by crossing a municipal boundary line when assisting other municipalities pursuant to this agreement; Now Therefore Be It

Resolved, that Town of Copake and the undersigned Towns and Villages of Columbia County and the Taconic Hills School District believing it to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of the respective municipalities do hereby authorize inter-municipal cooperation and assistance with and between each other for the conduct of public works and other municipal improvement projects and services; and Be It Further

Resolved, that this authorization includes the periodic loaning, sharing and use of highway, non-highway and specialty equipment and personnel and/or equipment operators at the discretion of designated superintendents and/or other department heads on an as needed basis; and Be It Further

Resolved, that this Agreement shall be in force for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 and shall be reconsidered on an annual basis thereafter.

Resolution # 1	Supervisor Nayer	yes
Dated January 8, 2015	Councilperson Miller-Simmons	yes
Copake, New York	Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney	absent
	Councilperson Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Sullivan	yes

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler:

AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEYS

Agreement between the Highway Superintendent of the Town of Copake, NY and the undersigned members of the Town Board.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repairs and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repairs and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

General repairs: The sum of \$183,500 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 56.19 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts, and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof. General repairs to include:

- (a) Sum in the approximate amount of \$8,000 to be expended for the trimming or removal of dead or dangerous trees.
- (b) Sum in the approximate amount of \$60,000 to be expended on the purchase and application of aggregates (gravel, drainage stone, road sealing stone, gabions etc.)
- (c) Sum in the approximate amount of \$69,000 to be expended on the purchase and application of blacktop.
- (d) Sum in the approximate amount of \$11,000 to be expended on the purchase and installation of culvert pipes.
- (e) Sum in the approximate amount of \$20,000 to be expended on the purchase and application of dust control/road stabilization calcium.
- (f) Sum in the approximate amount of \$5,500 to be expended on the repair/replacement of road signs.
- (g) Sum in the approximate amount of \$10,000 to be expended on miscellaneous projects.

Permanent Improvements: The sum of \$131,184.97 shall be set aside to be expended on the Permanent Improvements of town highways. Work shall include blacktop shimming, single seals of oil and stone, and stone and cold mix motor paving.

- (a) Two Town Road, commencing at State Route 23 and ending at the Dead End. Cost to cover a single seal of oil and stone on the road surface, rental of chip machine, and compaction roller.
- (b) Birch Hill Road, commencing at County Route 7 and ending at Lakeview Road. Cost to cover a single seal of oil and stone on the road surface, rental of chip machine, and compaction roller.
- (c) Lakeview Road, commencing at County Route 7 and ending at the Town Line. Cost to cover a single seal of oil and stone on the road surface, rental of chip machine, and compaction roller.
- (d) Cambridge Road, commencing at County Route 7 and ending at the Dead End. Cost to cover a Two inch overlay of cold mix motor pave on the road surface, rental of paving machine, and compaction roller.
- (e) Cambridge Road, commencing at County Route 7 and ending at the Dead End. Cost to cover a single seal of oil and stone on the road surface, rental of chip machine, and compaction roller.

Resolution # 2	Supervisor Nayer	yes
Dated January 8, 2015	Councilperson Miller-Simmons	yes
Copake, New York	Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney	absent
	Councilperson Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Sullivan	yes

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Sullivan seconded by Councilperson Mettler:

1. WAGES: Effective as of January 1, 2015, the wage rate in all classifications shall be \$19.93 per hour. The Shop Foreman shall receive an additional \$.25 per hour. In each year of the agreement the Deputy Highway Superintendent shall receive an additional \$.50 per hour.
2. The holidays, vacation and sick days for the Highway Employees are per their current contract.

Resolution # 3	Supervisor Nayer	yes
Dated January 8, 2015	Councilperson Miller-Simmons	yes
Copake, New York	Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney	absent
	Councilperson Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Sullivan	yes

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to authorize the Supervisor to invest town funds for the year 2015 in day of deposit and day of withdrawal CD accounts. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to appoint Kenneth J. Dow, Esq. Attorney for the Town for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons seconded by Councilperson Mettler to appoint Rapport, Meyers LLP Town Council for Casino Matters for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to designate the Register Star and the Columbia Paper official newspapers for the town for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons that the regular town board meeting will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with exception of August which will be held the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to designate Key Bank official depository for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons seconded by Councilperson Mettler that the Copake Town Hall be designated District #1 and the Copake Memorial Park Building District #2 polling place for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons seconded by Councilperson Mettler to appoint Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill CPAs PC as Town Accountant for 2015. Motion carried.

Supervisor Nayer appointed Himself as Budget Officer for 2015.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to appoint Edward Ferratto Code Enforcement Officer for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to appoint Lawrence O. Proper Registrar of Vital Statistic for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan seconded by Councilperson Mettler to appoint Vana S. Hotaling Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistic for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to appoint Katie Bell as the part time Court Clerk and Janet Glover as part time Deputy Court Clerk for 2015.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to appoint Lynn Connelly as the Assessor's Clerk for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to appoint Michael Bradway Park Superintendent for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to appoint Wes Powell Dog Control Officer for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan seconded by Councilperson Mettler to appoint Columbia/Greene Humane Society to be designated animal shelter for the Town of Copake for 2015. Motion carried.

Supervisor Nayer appointed Councilperson Miller-Simmons as Deputy Supervisor for 2015.

Supervisor Nayer appointed Gloria Lyons as Town Historian for 2015.

Supervisor Nayer appointed Theresa Traver as the Town's Bookkeeper for 2015.

Town Clerk Lawrence O. Proper appointed Vana Hotaling Deputy Town Clerk/ Tax Collector for 2015.

Highway Superintendent Gregory appointed Timothy Albright Deputy Highway Superintendent for 2015.

Highway Superintendent announcement of Limited Seasonal Use for: Sunset Rock rd., and Bain rd. (the dead end section)

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to appoint Robin Bruce as Person-In-Charge of the William Cemetery 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to appoint Ronald Piper as Building Custodian and Booking Agent for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to appoint Veronica Fabio as Zoning Board Secretary for 2015. Motion carried

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons seconded by Councilperson Mettler to appoint Lisa DeConti as Planning Board Secretary for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to appoint Bridget Roberts as Summer Park Director for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to appoint Colleen Miller as Summer Park Assistant Director for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons seconded by Councilperson Mettler to appoint Sean Carbine as Computer Consultant for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons seconded by Councilperson Mettler to set mileage reimbursement rate at the IRS Rate for the use of private vehicles for Town Business for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler seconded by Councilperson Sullivan to appoint Shannon Hotaling as Code Enforcement Secretary for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan seconded by Councilperson Mettler that we the members of the Town Board of the Town of Copake do hereby affix the salary for the year beginning January 1, 2015 for the position of Councilperson at \$3,605.00 per year paid monthly. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Mettler:

That we the members of the Town Board of the Town of Copake do hereby affix the following Salaries for the year beginning January1, 2015 at the amounts respectfully stated and that the salaries for the following employees be paid at the time specified:

Highway Superintendent	57,075.36	Bi-Weekly
Supervisor	12,875.00	Monthly
Justice (2)	10,300.00	Monthly
Town Clerk/Collector	29,554.00	Monthly
Deputy Town Clerk	14.20 PH	Monthly
Sole assessor	28,000.00	Bi-Weekly
Code Enforcement Officer	18,000.00	Monthly
Code Enforcement Secretary	14.20 PH	Monthly
Part-time Court Clerk	14.20 PH	Bi-Weekly
Part-time Deputy Court Clerk	14.20 PH	Bi-Weekly
Historian	400.00	Yearly
Park Superintendent	7,725.00	Bi-Weekly
Custodian/Booking Agent	15,000.00	Bi-Weekly
Dog Control	3,400.00	Monthly
Assessor's Clerk	14.20 PH	Bi-Weekly
Planning Secretary	14.20 PH	Monthly
ZBA Secretary	14.20 PH	Monthly
Summer Park Director	4,000.00	Bi-Weekly 6 weeks
Summer Park Assistant Director	2,650.00	Bi-Weekly 6 weeks
Town Bookkeeper	20.00 PH	Bi-Weekly

Motion carried.

Supervisor Nayer made the following Liaison appointments:

Councilperson Sullivan	Planning Board
Councilperson Mettler	Ethics Board
Councilperson Miller-Simmons	Park and Rec's
Town Board	Street lights and insurance
Town Board	Refuge and auditing
Councilperson Sullivan	Environmental Committee
Councilperson Miller-Simmons	L.U.R.C.
Supervisor Nayer	Highway Department
Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney	Zoning Board of Appeals
Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney	Conservation Adv. Comm.
Councilperson Mettler	Copake Hamlet Revitalization Comm.
Councilperson Mettler	Ag & Farmland Protection Comm.
Councilperson Miller-Simmons	Assessor's Office

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons seconded by Councilperson Sullivan that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The regular Town Board Meeting followed with members present: Supervisor Nayer, Councilperson Miller-Simmons, Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney, Councilperson Mettler and Councilperson Sullivan.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to waive reading of the 12/27/14 Yearend Meeting minutes and accept them as written. Motion was carried.

Announcements:

We are still in need of a second representative to the Office for the Aging Advisory Council.

The Park Ice Rink is open for the season.

Correspondence:

From the Columbia County Board of Supervisor's – a resolution authorizing the reappointment of Steve J. Savarese to the Columbia County Planning Board.

From the Columbia County Planning Board – a letter with their recommendation concerning the adoption of the Town of Copake Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan.

From the Department of the Army – a copy of a letter to Tom Gilbert, Catamount Development Corporation advising that their proposed stream diversion work maybe authorized under Department of the Army nationwide general permit number 42.

From Krista Goodacre – a letter of resignation from the Copake Parks & Recreation Commission.

From Joanne Delamater - an email requesting to become a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

From Stephanie Poucher - an email requesting to become a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

From Lindsay LeBrecht - an email requesting to be reappointed as member of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

From Theresa DeRocha - an email requesting to be reappointed as member of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

From Hilarie Thomas, Chairperson Z.B.A. – an email requesting the Town Board reappoint Michael Diperi to another five year term on the Copake Z.B.A.

From J.P. Morgan – a letter advising that they no longer will be providing collateral for funds kept in First Niagra Bank.

From Theresa Sullivan - a letter of resignation from the Copake Ethics Board effective December 31, 2014.

From Judge Spencer and Judge Schermerhorn – a letter requesting the Town Board reappoint Katie Bell and Janet Glover as Court Clerks for 2015.

Public Forum:

Luaren Blum, a resident of Upper Rhoda Pond voicing her concerns with the homes owned by one individual that is using them for rental income properties. Supervisor Nayer advised that the owner of these homes is going to make an application to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a special use permit to operate a boarding house or a bed and breakfast. At that time there will be a Public Hearing and all of the neighboring property owners will be notified of such hearing.

Department Head Report:

Planning Board January Meeting was canceled due to no applications.

Building Department/CEO – is working on violations.

Assessor's Office is still working on the revaluation.

Bob Haight, Chairperson LURC is still working and thanked the Board for the Secretary for last year.

Conservation Advisory Committee did not meet last month due to the Holiday.

Councilperson Miller-Simmons reported that the Parks & Recreation Commission will be having their first meeting of the New Year next Monday at which time they will be electing officers. Councilperson Miller-Simmons explained when she was doing research on the parks history there were many pictures of Krista and her family working at Park fund raisers as a child and long before she ever became a Park Commission Member.

Supervisor Nayer spoke on Krista's time as a Park Commission member and applauded her hard work over the last 20 plus years.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to accept Krista Goodacre's resignation from the Copake Parks & Recreation Commission with deep appreciation for over two decades of service to the Town of Copake. Motion was carried.

New Business:

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Mettler to approve the updated Snow & Ice Policy per the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Gregory. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to accept Theresa Sullivan's letter of resignation from the Board of Ethics. Motion was carried. Councilperson Sullivan thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve with such talented people from the Community and it was truly a pleasure to serve on the Ethic's Board.

Old Business:

The Board discussed the changing the special use permit request to the Planning Board and asked the Chairman of the Planning Board to present the pros and cons of this proposed change at the next Town Board Meeting.

Town Attorney Dow reviewed the steps leading up to tonight's actions for the Ag & Farmland Protection Plan.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney to designate the Town Board as lead agency for the Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to classify the Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan as a type # 1 action. Motion was carried.

Councilperson Sullivan applauded the Committees that worked on this Plan and it is an excellent Plan, but will be abstaining from voting on this matter due to coming in on the tail end of this process and having some questions regarding the Plan.

Town Attorney Dow read through the SEQRA parts.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Sweeney to authorize Supervisor Nayer to sign on behalf of the Town Part # 1 of the SEQRA. Motion was carried. Councilperson Sullivan abstained.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney to declare that there is no significant adverse impact with the adoption of this proposed Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan and authorize Supervisor Nayer to sign this declaration on behalf of the Town. Motion was carried. Councilperson Sullivan abstained.

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler:

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In relation to the proposed “Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan” which is proposed to become an addendum to the 2011 Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Copake is considering the adoption of a proposed “Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan” which is proposed to become an addendum to the 2011 Comprehensive Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Copake in 2013 assigned development of a draft Town Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan to an ad hoc special Agricultural and Farmland Protection Committee (“Committee”); and

WHEREAS, the Committee conducted an inventory and analysis of the agricultural resources within the Town of Copake; and

WHEREAS, the Committee solicited and utilized the input of farmers, farmland owners, and the general public in the course of formulating the plan; and

WHEREAS, this Agricultural and Farmland Protection plan is comprehensive in nature and includes long-term vision, goals, objectives and strategies to guide the promotion of agriculture in the Town and is designed to be an addendum to the Town of Copake’s adopted Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board declared itself Lead Agency, designated the proposed action a Type 1 action, conducted an environmental assessment of the proposed action according to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), NYS 6 NYCRR Part 617, and has reviewed and affirmed the statements of fact and determinations set out in Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the FEAF, which is annexed hereto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Town Board of the Town of Copake declares that the adoption of the proposed “Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan”, which is proposed to become an addendum to the 2011 Comprehensive Plan, will not have any significant negative environmental impacts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Copake Town Board hereby authorizes the filing of a negative declaration according to the provisions of SEQRA.

Resolution # 4	Supervisor Nayer	yes
Dated January 8, 2015	Councilperson Miller-Simmons	yes
Copake, New York	Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney	yes
	Councilperson Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Sullivan	abstained

The following resolution was made by Councilperson Mettler and was seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney:

**To Adopt the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan
as an Addendum to the Town of Copake Comprehensive Plan**

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Town of Copake adopted a Comprehensive Plan in accordance with New York State law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Copake identified that agriculture is a critical land use in the Town and that a strategic plan more detailed than the Comprehensive Plan was appropriate to properly plan growth and development and to encourage and promote agriculture and the protection of farmland in Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Copake established an “Agricultural and Farmland Protection Committee”, which commenced in 2013 to study the Town, collect data, develop priorities and plans, and prepare a draft Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Copake retained the services of a professional planning consultant to assist with the preparation of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Committee engaged in an extensive process of data collection, analysis, and public outreach in the preparation of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the efforts of the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Committee, an Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan was prepared and submitted for Town Board consideration; and

WHEREAS, all statutory prerequisites of adoption of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan, including duly noticed public hearings and referral to the Columbia County Planning Board have been met; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has issued a negative declaration under SEQRA in relation to the adoption of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan as an addendum to the Town Comprehensive Plan, thereby complying with the mandates of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the draft Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan and determined that the Town would be best served if such plan were made a part of the adopted Town of Copake Comprehensive Plan as an addendum;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Copake Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan, attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby adopted as an addendum to the Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Copake.

Councilperson Mettler made the following statement:

A word should be said about the Farmland Protection Committee. This was a diverse committee and their membership included young new farmers and well as those with long experience in agriculture.

They had their first meeting on February 26, 2013; they worked diligently and expeditiously. Under the leadership of Edgar Masters and Dr. George Beneke they finished this plan in very short order. We also benefitted tremendously from the expertise and knowledge of our consultant, Nan Stoltzenburg.

The plan has been considered at two hearings- the first was conducted by the Committee on October 18, 2014 and the second was at our Town Board meeting on December 11, 2014.

This is a very thorough and well researched plan. It has received high praise from John Brennan of the NYS Department of Ag and Markets.

This plan is comprehensive and forward thinking. I think it reflects the sentiments and the desires of the people of Copake.

As I was a member of the Comprehensive Plan Committee I am very proud to support its adoption as an addendum to the Comprehensive Plan.

Resolution # 5	Supervisor Nayer	yes
Dated January 8, 2015	Councilperson Miller-Simmons	yes
Copake, New York	Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney	yes
	Councilperson Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Sullivan	abstained

Councilperson Mettler advised the Board that a Mission Statement is almost completed and should be available for the Town Board’s review within the next ten days.

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler:

**To Amend the Town Policy Manual in Relation to the Nomination
of Members of the Ethics Board**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Copake received from the Town Ethics Board recommendations for the modification of Chapter 23 of the Town Code, constituting the Copake Code of Ethics; and,

WHEREAS, such recommendations included removing from the Code of Ethics the statement of the nominating process for members of the Board of Ethics and adding a provision that vacancies will be filled in accordance with the Town of Copake Policy Manual; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board enacted such recommendations as part of Local Law Number 7 (L.L. No. 7) of 2014, entitled “A Local Law Amending Chapter 23 ‘Code of Ethics’ of the Code of the Town of Copake”; and

WHEREAS, the intention of such change was to provide that the members of the Board of Ethics would serve as the nominating committee for new members of the Board of Ethics in the same manner as members of other boards serve as nominating committees for their respective boards,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that paragraph 1. of subdivision A. (Citizen Board, Committee and Commission Appointments) of section V. (Citizen Participation) of the Town of Copake Policy Manual is amended to read, in its entirety, as follows:

1. The entire membership of each board, committee and commission serves as the nominating committee for its new members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Citizens Committee to Nominate is dissolved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such amendment and dissolution shall be indicated by an addendum to the Policy Manual, until such time as the Policy Manual is re-issued, at which time the amendment shall be incorporated into the body of Section V and the "Citizens to Nominate Committee" shall be removed from Appendix D: Town Board Standing Committees Organization Chart.

Resolution # 6	Supervisor Nayer	yes
Dated January 8, 2015	Councilperson Miller-Simmons	yes
Copake, New York	Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney	yes
	Councilperson Mettler	yes
	Councilperson Sullivan	yes

Appointments:

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Sweeney that per the recommendation of the Copake Zoning Board of Appeals, to reappoint Michael Diperi to another five year term on the Copake Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sullivan and seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons to reappoint Terri DeRocha and Lindsay LeBrecht to temporary positions to the Copake Parks & Recreation Commission until the Park Commission had an opportunity to interview all of the applicants and forward their recommendations onto the Town Board. Motion was carried.

Budget:

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler to set a spending limitations of \$250.00 for 2015 without prior approval from three Town Board members or in an emergency approval from the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor. Motion was carried.

Councilperson Report: None

Public Forum:

Yvonne Acevedo thanked the Board for the chance to work with the LURC as recording secretary and asked whether she would be continuing as recording secretary in 2015 until the project is completed or not. Supervisor Nayer advised that he discussed this matter with the Chairperson when the 2015 budget was being worked on and it was agreed that there would be no money budgeted in this line item. Chairman Haight thanked the Board for the secretary during 2014 but does not feel there is a need for a secretary to finish up the project. Following a discussion by the Board Members it was decided not to transfer funds into this account and LURC will complete the project without a recording secretary.

Frank Peteroy spoke in favor of having Yvonne reappointed as recording secretary, she has been a great asset to the project. Marcia Peteroy also spoke in favor of reappointing the recording secretary.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Mettler that the bills from Highway Abstract # 1 and the bills from the General Abstract # 1 be paid. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and seconded by Councilperson Sullivan that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,