

**TOWN OF COPAKE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2015**

AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes
10/8/2015 Town Board Meeting
- Announcements
- Correspondence
- Public Forum
- Department Head & Committee Reports
- New Business
Summer Park Program Director Opening
CHRT Member Opening
- Old Business
Hamlet Plan
Zoning Revisions
Policy Manual Updates
Expired Terms (ZBA, Park Commission)
- Resolutions
Bash Bish Brook Inland Waterway Designation
Roeliff Jansen Kill Inland Waterway Designation
- Budget
Park Commission request for funding Light Parade
Sales & Mortgage Tax report
Rescue Squad Request for 2016
- Councilpersons' Reports
- Public Forum
- Approval of Bills
- Adjournment

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION OF
LEGISLATION IN THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE
DESIGNATING
THE BASH BISH BROOK AS AN INLAND WATERWAY**

Whereas, the Copake Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2011, recognized that “Management of all water resources is a...top priority”, and specified that the Town should “Protect lakes and bodies of water”; and

Whereas, the Bash Bish Brook begins at a spring in the Town of Mount Washington in Massachusetts and falls over Bash Bish Falls then continues into New York State through the Taconic State Park into Copake Falls and Copake before flowing into the Roeliff Jansen Kill in Ancram; and

Whereas, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has classified the Bash Bish Brook as a cold-water habitat having conditions suitable for trout or trout spawning; and

Whereas, the Bash Bish Brook is of great historical significance in Copake and a natural resource of the Town; and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Copake seeks to take measures to protect and preserve the health and quality of the Bash Bish Brook for the benefit of all of the residents of Copake; and

Whereas, communities in New York State which are adjacent to bodies of water designated as “inland waterways” are eligible to participate in New York Coastal and Inland Waterways programs; and

Whereas, New York State offers a grant program funded through the Environmental Protection Fund which assists communities in developing and implementing local waterfront revitalization programs; and

Whereas, these initiatives can be invaluable in enhancing and revitalizing the area and fostering the beneficial use of the waterfront; and

Whereas, designation of the Bash Bish Brook as an “inland waterway” in state law will permit the town to seek state grants through the Waterfront Revitalization Program, now therefore

Be it RESOLVED:

That the Town Board of the Town of Copake hereby requests legislation be enacted to designate the **Bash Bish Brook** as an inland waterway for purposes of the Waterfront Revitalization Program under Article 42 of the Executive Law, and that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Kathleen A. Marchione and Assemblyperson Didi Barrett.

Supervisor Jeff Nayer _____

Councilperson Jeanne E. Mettler _____

Councilperson Kelly Miller-Simmons _____

Councilperson Theresa Sullivan _____

Councilperson Susan Winchell-Sweeney _____

Dated: November 12, 2015

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION OF
LEGISLATION IN THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE
DESIGNATING**

THE ROELIFF JANSEN KILL AS AN INLAND WATERWAY

Whereas, the Copake Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2011, recognized that “Management of all water resources is a...top priority”, and specified that the Town should “Protect lakes and bodies of water”; and

Whereas, the Roeliff Jansen Kill which is 56.2 miles in length, is of great historical significance in Copake and a natural resource of the Town; and

Whereas, a Habitat Summary created for the Town of Copake by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Hudson River Estuary Program and Cornell University’s Department of Natural Resources recognized that “Most of Copake is in the Roeliff Jansen Kill (Roe Jan) watershed, which drains approximately 150 square miles of land within Columbia and Dutchess Counties and a small area of Massachusetts and flows into the Hudson River at Linlithgo on the border between Germantown and Livingston”; and

Whereas, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has classified the Roeliff Jansen Kill as a cold-water habitat having conditions suitable for trout or trout spawning; and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Copake seeks to take measures to protect and preserve the health and quality of the Roeliff Jansen Kill for the benefit of all of the residents of Copake; and

Whereas, communities in New York State which are adjacent to bodies of water designated as “inland waterways” are eligible to participate in New York Coastal and Inland Waterways programs; and

Whereas, New York State offers a grant program funded through the Environmental Protection Fund which assists communities in developing and implementing local waterfront revitalization programs; and

Whereas, these initiatives can be invaluable in enhancing and revitalizing the area and fostering the beneficial use of the waterfront; and

Whereas, designation of the Roeliff Jansen Kill as an “inland waterway” in state law will permit the town to seek state grants through the Waterfront Revitalization Program, now therefore

Be it RESOLVED:

That the Town Board of the Town of Copake hereby requests legislation be enacted to designate the **Roeliff Jansen Kill** as an inland waterway for purposes of the Waterfront Revitalization Program under Article 42 of the Executive Law, and that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Kathleen A. Marchione and Assemblyperson Didi Barrett.

Supervisor Jeff Nayer _____

Councilperson Jeanne E. Mettler _____

Councilperson Kelly Miller-Simmons _____

Councilperson Theresa Sullivan _____

Councilperson Susan Winchell-Sweeney _____

Dated: November 12, 2015.