

## From the Supervisor's Desk

Greetings and Happy New Year from Town Hall. As I begin my first year as Supervisor it is my intention to write a monthly article for the Copake Connection, to bring you up to date on Town Board business.

This year opened with our annual organizational meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Present for that meeting were members of the new 2020 Town Board: Councilperson Terry Sullivan, who has rejoined the board, Councilperson Stosh Gansowski, who is beginning his second term, and Councilperson Richard Wolf, who is beginning his third year on the board. At the organizational meeting I appointed Richard as Deputy Supervisor. Taking minutes at the organizational meeting was newly elected Town Clerk Lynn Connolly.

At the organizational meeting numerous appointments were made, mostly re-appointing current town employees and board members. One new appointment was for the role of town historian. Before making the appointment I publicly thanked Gloria Lyons, who has served in that position for at least 15 years. We are all indebted to Ms. Lyons for her many years of dedication to the Town of Copake.

This year I appointed Howard Blue as Town Historian. Mr. Blue has maintained the popular Copake History Facebook page since 2013. He is the historian for the Copake Grange, and his lectures on Copake and Roe Jan history have been well received locally. We expect that Mr. Blue will play an active role as our town's historian. The board will consider a job description for the role at our February meeting.

Our January board meeting was held on January 9, 2019. At that meeting I asked the board to support efforts to create (or re-create) an Economic Development Advisory Committee. The original Copake Economic Advisory Board was founded in 2000. Although the CEAB had many successes, in more recent years the committee had grown short of members, and some of its tasks were being addressed by other committees. The Town Board dissolved the committee in 2014.

I suggested to the board that Copake would benefit once again from a committee dedicated to the town-wide promotion of sustainable economic development. The board supported this initiative and agreed that at the February meeting I will present a mission statement for their consideration. If adopted by the board, the committee can be created.

For more details on activities of the Town Board, go to <http://townofcopake.org/government/departmentsoffices/town-board/> Or if you can, come to our board meetings - we meet at 7:00pm on the second Thursday of every month, except in August, when we meet at 9:00am on the second Saturday.

We are looking forward to a productive year and are always eager to hear your thoughts. If you would like to speak to me personally, you can reach me at 518-329-1234, Ext 1. I have office hours on Monday 9:30am until 12:30pm and other times by appointment. My email address is [CopakeSupervisor@Fairpoint.net](mailto:CopakeSupervisor@Fairpoint.net).

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