



**PAC Meeting # 4, February 12, 2020, Copake Town Hall, 7-9 pm**

**Present: Roberta Roll (Chair), Tom Goldsworthy, Andy Fisher, Lenny Barham, Peter Kelly, Alan Friedman.**

**Community Workshop Preparation:** The PAC reviewed the proposed agenda for the Community Workshop on February 22, 2020 provided by River Street and the preliminary map graphics and approved both.

**Potential Projects:** The PAC discussed various issues related to the potential projects:

- Possible pollution in waterways
- Robinson Pond: Silt coming down from upstream on the Roe Jan
- The weed harvesters are broken
- Restoring the edge of the lake with plantings can help and there are guidelines for which plants to use, but not every owner follows them
- Dam is being repaired
- Concern that codes are not being enforced in Taconic Shores
- Roe Jan Kill is a running body of water – estuary to the Hudson River

**The Community Advisory Council:** The CAC will be meeting with the Columbia Land Conservancy to discuss the use of the Taghkanic Creek as part of a forest corridor and will report back to the PAC.

**SWOT Analysis:** The Committee reviewed the “starter SWOT” provided by River Street and added the following:

**Strengths:**

- Resilience (Esp. Copake Hamlet)
- Rheinstrom Hill Audubon Center
- Farm to Table Activity
- Copake Agricultural Center (Farmland in the Hamlet)
- Central Location: NYC & Boston
- Cultural and Community Resources - Library, Grange
- Parks and Public Land - Roe Jan Park, Taconic State Park
- Community Events - E.G. Roe Jan Ramble Bike Tour
- Clean Air and Water, Dark Skies
- Camps & Organizations - Camp Pontiac, Camp Anne, Camphill Village, Catamount

**Opportunities:**

- Commercial Opportunities in The Service Sector (Also Retail, But Not as Strong)
- Transportation (Opportunities for A Business)
- Marketing the Town
- Fishing and Other Recreation
- Pop-Up Businesses
- Signage Along the Waterways - Especially at The Bridges
- Linkages to Hamlets
- Volunteerism

**Weaknesses:**

- Safe and Walkable Hamlets
- Parking - Especially Copake Falls (Around Park/Swimming Area)
- Handicap Access
- Decay of Rail Trail Asphalt
- Vacant Store Fronts (Could Support Pop-Up Businesses)

**Threats:**

- Climate Change
- Aging Population
- Lack of Services
- Lack of Affordable Housing and Senior Housing
- Poor Septic/Pressure on Aquifer
- Lack of Young People