



PAC Meeting #2 and Walk and Talk, November 22, 2019, Copake Town Hall, and Various Sites, 1–4 pm

Present: PAC members – Roberta Roll (Chair), Lenny Barham, Alan Friedman, Peter Kelly. River Street Team with Margaret Irwin, Ian Law and Kim Case. Lindsay LeBrecht, Volunteer.

PAC and Team Walk and Talk: The Walk and Talk focused on the sites most like to be available for development of a project in the future given the Town's challenge of most waterfront land being in private ownership.

- **Twin Bridges Rd.** We looked at the flow of the Roe Jan Kill under the bridge. This stream eventually flows into Robinson Pond. We talked about making a walking path along the stream.
- **Bash Bish.** We walked along the Rail Trail from the Depot Deli to the bridge, where there is an informal path down to the Brook. We talked about a possible walking path from here down the brook to the proposed Copake Spur at Weed Mine Rd. Challenges: all private property.
- **Roe Jan Kill.** We viewed the Roe Jan just south of the library and saw where the Rail Trail will eventually be continued and pass by on the other side - the west side. We discussed having a small pocket park here. Discussed the library's plans to create a path from the library down to the Roe Jan. Possible playground area, seating area.
- **Old cow tunnel at Weed Mine Rd. and Rt. 22.** Looked at the site for a possible crossing site for Copake Spur from Harlem Valley. Rail Trail. Also looked at the bridge where the Roe Jan crosses under Rt. 22. possible crossing?
- **Old RR Depot at the south entrance to the Copake Hamlet.** The Noster Kill, a protected trout stream, flows through this property, which is for sale.
- **The old Hub Restaurant.** This would be the end point for the Copake Spur.
- **Old rail beds for the Central New England Railway.** The routes need to be defined and current location/condition considered to determine if they might be used?

PAC Meeting # 2: PAC Discussion: Following the Walk and Talk the PAC met at Town Hall to debrief and discuss the community workshop logistics and contents. The committee members commented that:

- It would be great to have link between Copake hamlet and Copake Falls - this relates to the walking trail we were proposing along the Bash Bish to Weed Mine Rd. The Rail Trail into the Spur will provide a link, but it is much longer.
- There is a possibility that the bridge on Rt. 22 at the north entrance to the Copake hamlet will need work. How can we find out if it does?
- Although lakes and ponds are not directly involved in the plan, we can include them and such information as algae problems. Robinson Pond may be eligible for improvements – the Roe Jan flows in and out of Robinson Pond. The pond is drawn down during winter. Find out if there is any impact on the pond from the Roe Jan Kill or vice-versa.

Planning for the Community Workshop: Margaret reviewed logistics, outreach, and media for the community workshop in January 2020. She confirmed the complexity of finding a date that did not overlap with other events. She reviewed the Community Participation Matrix approved by NYS DOS again and the media and outreach strategy. The Town has agreed to print and mail postcards to every property owner. River Street will design the cards, posters, flyers, press release and email blast and combine a contact database from various community workshops, committed and other sources.