

Questions 24, 25, 26, 27

Housing

affordable housing for local young people and the aged are important in all communities. Small home clustering as was done in Taconic shores is an option but it will only work if it's done on a very limited scale and with exceedingly well thought out design and system layout restrictions. I hesitate to check off any of those options without acknowledgment of these restrictions affordable housing not luxury home or development

Open Space & Environment

? zoning to enforce maintenance of properties; again lawns, fallen trees & roads; danger to local fire co

Address issue of land taxed as ag that's no longer used for ag by requiring opening views

Agriculture

"farmer representation on local boards" - all 9 of them?

"No Farms....No Food!"

Arts and Culture

1950's Festival with rock bands

Although I enjoy the arts, I have no intention of paying additional taxes to bring them to Copake

across
the land.

Agree with new affordable housing provided IT IS ABSOLUTELY NOT a single large cluster in the center of town as proposed for Copake Green but rather multiple small clusters throughout all of the hamlets. All of this housing is important, but everything should be done on a small basis, to keep the town small. All types of housing should be encouraged I am not in favor of Copake being used for any public/county/ or welfare housing programs.

All protection policies should not be too restrictive.

area people seem to need housing and business opportunities first. Balance economic growth with environmental conservation through sustainable business practices /leed certifications

a farm owner's board should be formed to consult with town officials on ag problems.

a fresh produce market year round. organic meats too

agriculture can not be saved by incentives or preservation. agriculture succeeds with developed local, get real. lower taxes, uss gov't interference on labor, let all business thrive

art cinema

Build a theater with mixed use as a movie theater and stage

Build arts center for music, theatre, film, art and related classes.

all will come if
Cope drops the
taxes

allow housing
on small lots
in hamlets -
reduce 1 & 3
acre zoning.

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Aspen, CO has
numerous
open spaces
that are
maintained by
the city park
system.
Copake could
possibly do
the same thing
to conserve &
designate
open space
areas.

Be open
to
comprom
ise when
positive
goals are
in clear
tension.

Bike or
walk
path
around
Copake
lake

Clusterin
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lower-
income
housing
(so as
not to
disenfran
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senior,
young
families)
is
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to
preservin
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space.

Columbia
County
Land
Conserva
ncy does
a fine job
of land
conserva
tion,
therefore
there is
no sense
of
duplicati
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agriculture courses
in highschool and
college with an
experimental farm
or farms

ancramdale has
fantastic organic
farming; i pay
premium to access
those products.

build 4-H show ring
on Town Land

community
composting

community orchestras and bands

create a reason to come to Copake

cultural events offered are fine

develop tours of farms, historic sites

services.

build or refurbish an existing site and not develop new areas

Copake (and eastern Col. Co) need to conserve the natural and historical qualities that make this such a fantastic place to live and visit. Get rid of crooks and polluters like Cascino and his ilk.

Copake should have a food co-op - annual membership supports local farmers.

Encourage arts and events that will benefit the Town economically and the people culturally

build or refurbish on existing site & not develop new areas.

cut use of road salt; have public lighting focused down, were it's needed - therefore properly

development rights -- only if state or federal funds available

encourage doesnt mean pay for

shaded

cluster apts.,
ie Beech Tree
Commons in
Great
Barrington

DEC
protects
stream
corridors
and
wetlands
. Aren't
most of
the
above
covered
well by
existing
law?

Don't protect
rattlesnales. The
stench of Odyssey
Farm is still present
in Copake Falls.

encourage rebuilding movie theater

cluster homes
are too
suburban - we
are not a golf
course
community
Cluster homes
is a 70s
concept &
would make
Copake a
suburban
community,
not "rural
charm".
Cluster
multifamily
development
in Copake and
the hamlets.

Develop
more
wildlife
sanctuari
es

Encourage
agricultural
education for
second home
owners

encourage rebuilding movie theater

Disagree
to above
due to
cost.

encourage
farmstands

exhibit works of local artists in town hall corridors

Encourag
ing
natural
lands
and
plantings
native to
the area,
but also
recreatio
n area as
part of it

encourage organic
farming

find ways to develop a performing arts center

consider W. Copake campground for housing since it is so poorly occupied.

D would change to A after development of jobs

discourage new developments, encourage people to buy EXISTING homes

Do not develop the affordable housing project-cancel it!!!!

Encourage developers to design appropriately, and strive to be on the leading edge of green building

Fund purchase of farms that are closing and renting them to farmers get more land conservation involvement

Have you heard about Col. Land Conservancy, Dutchess Land Conservancy or Scenic Hudson?

help maintain the farming industry

I see how great it is having open space in Aspen, CO and think it would be a great benefit

encourage organic farming

encourage selling fresh produce in a market environment, say on Saturdays, in town environment in spring, summer and fall weather. Enhance the efforts of organic and "truck" farms, local green markets and suppliers to restaurants and groceries

Falcon Ridge-like events

farm stands are few

focus on cultural needs important creating self-health community needs -
- yoga/hiking clubs

Good with what we have; wonderful local talent and good PR; as long as community supports it

Hudson, Great Barrington, NYC close enough

I agree with the above provided that the Town is not subsidizing these activities.

I think everything in the arts is important, however I don't believe the town should fund - unless we can afford it?

to
Copake.

Encourage
housing FOR
senior citizens;
senior
housing, not
"affordable
housing"

If people
want a
scenic
view
they
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buy the
land!
Keep in
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State
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protects
wetlands
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habitats.
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with
other
objective
s.

Farming does not
employ people

If these can be supported without an increase in taxes, I'm in
agreement. Otherwise I'm happy to go to our surrounding areas for
them. Otherwise I may not be able to remain here.

Encourage
making
existing
housing
affordable
without
putting up
new
developments

increase
minimum
subdivisi
ng
acreage
for new
develop
ment
outside
downtow
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Farmland for
recreation - no race
tracks for
motorcycles, stock
cars - ok music,
crafts, etc. fairs

if we strengthen our zoning enforcement as Millerton has done,
businesses are encouraged

Facility similar to Noble Horizon, Salisbury, CT

keep Copake rural -- keep government out of housing industry

-- purchase open space with grants

fixing town will bring about these issues.

Need to better protect the Roe-- Jan from farm run-off

Farmland for recreation - no race tracks for motorcycles, stock cars - ok music, crafts, etc. fairs

Is something wrong with American Culture??

Farms that do not provide goods direct to the community don't provide much support to the town/large land owners/little tax support for community

It is culture, self-support, and self-sufficiency which historically create enduring strong community. seeking more money, more development, growth, etc....destroy communities. in the short-run they may seem prosperous, but in the long-run they lose everything unique and appealing.

focus on lowering property taxes

Not sure I know what a ridgeline is

For political strength, coordinate efforts with other towns.

It's hard to compete with Gt Barrington and Berkshires in this area so don't spend money on long-shots.

For young people: only if state and federal funds available

Once our water is gone or contaminated, it's gone for good! Enforce stricter controls on dumping, etc.

Get our youth involved!!

It's hard to compete with the cultural excellence nearby in the Berkshires. Focus on Copake's rural and agricultural values.

Grow or die.
This town is dying on the vine because some residents are so against others moving in. We need more people in this town. We've got plenty of green space. Hard to define housing that is affordable

People who have bought, and pay taxes should have the right to develop their property how they choose.

Promote as many types of rural jobs as possible to try to retain youth in the area

-- encourage training in organic farming, protect & preserve the country setting & atmosphere

Protect farmland from exurban development patterns. Allow clustered

horseback riding, cross country skiing, healthy activities for children

However, we must be GREEN about it and NOT POLLUTE OUR WATERWAYS!!!
Let's be known for cutting edge organic farming and help existing farms convert.

I support 4-H clubs in theory, but they have a history of animal abuse that I do not feel is a good educational model.

I think that local land can very well be preserved and kept open if the town would encourage agriforestry as an industry as well

Leave cultural affairs to individuals and other organizations

Let's be realistic, we are not Tanglewood, the Machaydn, or Saratoga.

LOOK WHAT IT'S DONE FOR IENOX AND HUDSON, ny

make taconic hills pac more accesible to local performers

Hire professional town planners that can address needs as well as maintain rural, historic feel
Housing should be built by local developers for & with the help of local residents - without input from social

service agencies - stop the development by Housing Resources in the heart of Copake!

development in return for preservation of open space.

How is it we can give land to Hillsdale but our taxes go up?

Protecting rural character is fine, but not at the expense of controlled growth. public boat ramp at copake lake

i think they should control the waste they put on the fields it makes all houses smell bad and can't open windows or limit it somehow

movie house

I don't necessarily disagree with all of these, but I DO NOT want any of my answers to be used in any way as fodder for the potential "Copake Green" project. I like the 3 acre zoning law.

Purchase open space - but not for development. Purchase open space only if state or federal funds

If people do not want to see or smell agricultural activities they need to move back to the city and stop trying to repress agriculture here.

movies

Incentives only for small local farms-- no mega farms!

My family and I are very much behind all of these, as this area is a natural draw for this type of activity that would bring outside tourism revenue..

i want copake to preserve rural character and not encourage development.

It's important to develop one's strong suit which is agriculture and scenic beauty for us.

open a movie theater

available

I would not want to discourage second home development, but it does not need government support.

Purchase open space only if state or federal funds available

leasing of farmland for recreation? like hunting, fishing, weddings? how could the town help with that? any kind of farming would be great to encourage. niches? or speciality local agricultural fair - rodeo - square & line dancing

possibly re-open small local theater

If you can't afford a house - save for it! (So you won't be house poor.)

Retaining the beauty and character of the area is of the utmost importance, because once it is lost, it will never return.

Preserve beauty, culture & history of the area.

If you create jobs through new businesses and industry, the earnings will allow the person to seek housing within their means. To have a tax system that has a senior citizen pay school taxes

Set aside land for wind and solar farms.....
.....NOW

Make Copake an example of "local food" -- a growing international movement. Encourage farmer-to-consumer markets.

Restore old buildings to accomodate new business

when they have no children attending school is a burden that helps in taking away from a fixed income.

If you live in Copake you most likely commute to work. There's plenty of space to develop housing closer to jobs.

I'm in favor of strongly regulated housing development. I like 3 acre zoning requirements!

Something has to give. We need business to survive. Look at Millerton, Hillsdale. Get tips from them. sounds like too much govt to me

make sure "farming" does not include uses not normally associated with agriculture

Niche farming is here and needs to be encouraged, since most dairy farms in our area are now out of business. Niche farmers need to be supported though and that should be offered to them through tax incentives and subsidies. I would suggest that your committee gather some of these niche farmers and let them educate you to what they need to stay alive.

shopping store ex. super wal-mart

Since these attract crowds, believe they should be left to larger towns.

Im sorry, but I do not want to see more houses going up right in the Hamlett of Copake. No matter who they are for.

Taking strong action to protect our environment and natural character will be the only respectable/responsible legacy that we can be proud of in the long-run. Stores, business and housing come and go, exhausting the environment. The land and water must be protected.

improve existing before adding.

The "elephant - my name for this truck" (for leaves picked up by the curb) & large limbs -

No tax incentives for corporate farms - only for family owned and/or specialty farms.

on #2: Earn the right, don't represent Non farmer or Garbage Men.

Stop charging so much to use Grange Hall. \$3000 to have a play? What were they thinking?

support new library

Incentivize caregivers to take care of their own, be they young or old in a home environment. Otherwise, no welfare state please. Subsidize jobs that help the young, elderly and their caregivers be at home. It's not that I don't want affordable housing, I just hate the idea of housing "development" . That's why I leave NYC.

jobs 1st in downtown rehab

shared by public notices to when it will be around for debris pickup 1-2 times per year. The land is the greatest asset.

The natural environment is THE most valuable resource in Copake. Our future depends on it. the town cannot afford to purchase any more land but should

only encourage farmers who use healthy/organic practices.

only for small locally owned farms - no mega farms -- incentive and tax exemptions

Organic foods are a huge growth industry. We have the assets (land & farms) to be big in this area.

Support the Copake theater

there are a lot of local cultural things they just need to be made known more to the public

This could easily be developed because there is an appetite for cultural events. we would go!

<p>Keep government out of housing affordability issues</p>	<p>encourage private land conservation</p> <p>the town should take a more active role in the management of Copake Lake</p>	<p>Please focus on this.</p>	<p>this is for private business, not our gov't</p>
<p>Maintain existing zoning</p>	<p>The town's greatest asset is its rural beauty and agriculture.</p>	<p>protect & preserve agriculture & farmland.</p>	<p>this is very important, and could be a source of revitalization</p>
<p>maintain small town feeling</p>	<p>this also is all important and the County/State/Fed has expertise to help. Why would the town purchase open space and no tax basis?</p>	<p>Purchase development rights from farmers for what?</p>	<p>This town lacks all of these</p>

No Housing resources/people can't afford new homes due to lack of well paying jobs in area
no more big subdivisions tasteful townhouses would be ok if in right location

This is critical!

purchase development rights from farmers to protect land

This would be nice to have but I think other issues prevail for now.

no subsidized housing; no workfare housing
no trailer parks please (mobile homes).
Opposed to housing resources.

This is our wealth and natural resource that must be protected. Otherwise we are a ghost town or landfill for other towns.
this is very important town should not be in the real estate business

Purchase development rights only if state or federal funds available

Town should encourage but not fund cultural events.

purchase development rights or leasing at no cost to taxpayer.
Purchase development rights with restrictions.

We enjoy the arts but are drawn to Copake for the outdoors.

we need economic development w/ jobs before reusing in the arts

Not enough experience in the town yet to be giving directions here so comments are our opinion in general. Young, working and seniors are at a disadvantage in the current economic environment. A town becoming a support system is not a general good idea. However, ethically and to maintain a positive environment, seniors that supported the community and young people that want to contribute to a future in Copake but need to get their feet on the ground first should not be forced to leave. not housing reasources on farm land

Town should thin and remove growth that blocks stunning views from residents and motorists

Water will be a key issue in yrs. to come --

Rebuilding and supporting our failing agricultural base can be done in a way which can create jobs and general community health.

stress organic/local farming

Would love a movie theatre back in Copake.

Not section 8 apartments	<p>protect our wells!</p> <p>Water will be a key issue in yrs. to come -- protect our wells!</p>	<p>The ridglands combined with the large tracts of open farmland are what makes Copake unique and beautiful. These things must be preserved & encouraged at all costs</p>
<p>obviously already enough 2nd homes in area; cluster housing works well in West; encourage maintenance of 2nd homes; mow lawns 2-3X yr, remove fallen trees; etc.</p> <p>Open to a variety of housing ideas. depends on how they are executed and where located.</p>	<p>wetlands - not by taking private owned land</p> <p>What habitats? Explain with facts. How?</p>	<p>The town should realize how many farms are still in business & perhaps concentrate on the center of town rather than worry about a farmer building on the top of a hill that he has paid taxes on, kept & productive for years!!</p> <p>think about establishing a botanical garden area you could create jobs, improve the beauty of the town, charge entrance fee to raise money for town, encourage visitors. the same would apply as a horse stable.</p> <p>Try to develop a farm land trust fund.</p>
<p>People who have bought, and pay taxes should have the right to develop their property how</p>		

they choose.

provide a senior center to accommodate today's baby boomers tomorrow. Recognize that the place for clustered affordable housing IS IN THE HEART OF COPAKE. rent control should be enforced. to make landlord's accountable. exa,ple firecontrol (kings) Senior living requires to many additional services that Copake does have, mostly transportation Should support the farmers. Don't want low income housing projects Should we encourage young people without jobs

We prefer farmland over tree "farms".

What kind of recreation?

to buy homes?
I don't get it.

small scale
development
Stay out of the
housing
affordability
issue
stop the
copake
housing
project
stop the
planned
housing
project it will
cause more
problems than
you can
believe from
tax to crime
Subsidized
housing, while
desirable to
some, brings
its own costs
to the town. I
don't see how
the town can
ameliorate
market driven
costs without
raising taxes
and the
federal/state
governments
are living on
borrowed
dollars.

The fact that the people who live here full time cannot afford to is Copake's biggest issue. The fact that weekenders can afford big expensive homes while the people who live here full time can hardly afford small homes is a huge problem. The Town needs to focus itself on the overdevelopment of the open spaces within the town boundaries. We do NOT need affordable housing. Where exactly would the people living in these affordable homes be working? Who pays for their transportation to the Social Services offices? Who pays the property/school taxes on such

developments?

The town
should
encourage
balanced
mixed
residential use.
There are no
jobs here.
Young people
are going to
move on.
There are
ways to utilize
existing
housing stock
to address
issues of
affordable
housing. DO
NOT
ENCOURAGE
NEW
DEVELOPMENTS!!!!!!
There is LAND
everywhere! I
would like to
see a housing
development
that brings
more families

to Copake.

There is so much that could be done to resolve the housing problems in our town, however Housing Resources is not the answer. Other small towns all over the country are implementing innovative and affordable alternatives to single family housing. too confused to vote over the word "encourage" too much growth is worrisome. try to encourage young working families to be able to find jobs and housing in copake. Try to keep the country setting that is currently in this area.

use available
building first,
new
construction
second
we do not
need low
income
housing that
will turn in to
something
horrible like
Bliss towers in
Hudson.
WELL RUN
TRAILER
PARKS IE:
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federal funds
are available