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Copake, New York  
July 20, 2009

Reginald Crowley, Supervisor  
Town of Copake  
Copake Town Hall  
230 Mountain View Road  
Copake, New York 12516

Re: Comprehensive Planning Committee  
2010 Budget Request and  
Proposal for Budget Cut

Dear Mr. Crowley:

This will serve to acknowledge receipt of the 2010 Budget Request Form. Please allow this letter to serve as both our 2010 Budget Request and also our response to the request for a Budget cut for 2009. Our response is as follows:

### **Proposed Budget Cut**

Please be advised that after the July 9, 2009 Budget meeting, I spoke with Margaret Irwin of River Street Planning. At our request she was willing to slow down some of the work she had scheduled for Copake, and as a result, we have "saved" approximately \$5000. This amount will eventually be billed, but we have effectively saved \$5000 for this year.

### **2010 Budget Request**

Our budget request is contingent on several things.

First, it is our understanding that at the end of 2008 the Board transferred the funds remaining in our 2008 budget to the General Fund with the understanding that that money would be returned to our "line" early in 2009. I note that in the Budget statements distributed by the Board in the past month, our 2009 budget is noted at \$30000. This is the amount that was allotted to us for 2009, but in actuality our unexpended balance should be \$30000, minus the amount we have spent this year, plus the balance from 2008.

Second, the Board advised us earlier this year that \$10000 would be removed from our line, but would be transferred back to us immediately in January 2010. Our Budget Request assumes that that money will be credited back to us in January.

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Therefore, assuming that I am correct that the balance of money left from 2008 is actually available to us now, and assuming that the \$10000 will be available to us in January, our request for 2010 is **\$20000**. This is the \$15000 which the Board knew we would ask for, as well as the \$5000 which was saved in July but will required next year.

In closing, I wish to assure the Board that we will be applying for grants to help subsidize our work. In fact I did discuss this with Ms. Irwin in the context of saving money in our 2009 expenditures. She cautioned me however, that in order to make a credible application, we have to be able to show that we have completed a considerable amount of work towards our plan. In other words, we could not slow down our work completely, or our applications for grants would not be successful.

We have enclosed the Budget Request Form but under the circumstances, ask that this letter be considered in its place.

Should you or any member of the Board have any inquiries in the meantime, I can be reached at (518) 329- 2206, or at my office at (914) 242-1778. Either I, or someone in my stead, will attend the July 29, 2009 budget workshop.

Very truly yours,

JEANNE E. METTLER  
Chair, CPC