

## COPAKE TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 5, 2006

At the regular board meeting the following were present: Supervisor Valentino, Councilperson Ritchie, Councilperson Gabaccia, Councilperson Miller, Councilperson Sacks, and Attorney Whitbeck.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia seconded by Councilperson Ritchie to amend the July 13, 2006 minutes to read Officer in Charge of Police instead of Interim Police Chief with appointment of George Hoffman. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to dispense with the reading of the amended minutes of July 13, 2006 and accept them as written. Motion was carried.

Attorney Whitbeck said Housing Resources use to be a client for his office, therefore he must recuse himself from representing the Town.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia Seconded by Councilperson Miller to accept Mr. Whitbeck requisal as attorney for town in regard to Housing Resources. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to appoint Howard Lawrence as Attroney for special council on Housing Resources for the Town. Motion was carried.

Councilperson Gabaccia reported under Park's n Rec's.

1. Complimented Bridget Roberts on Park Program.
2. Kelly Miller circus a success.
3. Pizza making with Larry Proper enjoyed by all.
4. Painted snow plows on display at park.
5. Friday Nite Blast will have meeting in August.
6. Carnival Aug 24, 25, and 26<sup>th</sup>.
7. Working on Haunted house for October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Councilperson Gabaccia said Inquiry Board meets regularly, made a motion seconded by Councilperson Ritchie to extend the board for another 90 days. Motion was carried.

Councilperson Gabaccia read from Copake Board of Ethics two procedural changes to be approved until new Code of Ethics id formally adopted.

1. This will grant the Ethics board sole authority to fill vacancy caused by a regular member's resignation or termination, therefore permitting minimum delays in filling a vacancy. Said vacancy will as first option, be filled by elevating an agreeing alternate member to fill the remaining term. If no alternate member agrees to accept the appointment such a vacancy then will be filled by the Citizen Committee to Nominate, as established by the Town Board of the Town of Copake. In event of a vacancy of an Alternate member such vacancy will be filled also by the Citizens Committee to Nominate.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Sacks to accept change # 1 from the Board of Ethics. Motion was carried.

2. This will grant rights to Chairperson of the Ethics Committee to participate in the interviews and the final selection of a candidate to fill vacancies caused resignations, terminations and expiration of a member's term.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Sacks to accept change # 2 from the Board of Ethics Committee. Motion was carried.

Councilperson Gabaccia made the following motion:

In consideration of the rapid development occurring in Southeastern Columbia County and more specifically here in Copake and recognizing the importance of understanding, inventorying and evaluating the status of our environmental assets and the necessity of safeguarding those same assets or resources, the Town Board of Copake resolves to create an Environmental Committee consisting of seven members and with two Town Board liaisons whose mission will include, but is not limited to:

1. Facilitating the implementation of a groundwater survey of Southern Columbia County, such groundwater survey having not been updated since 1951.
2. Promoting inter-town cooperation in areas of environmental overlap and in addressing issues of water and air quality.
3. Evaluating and protecting the quality of our lakes and streams including but not limited to:

Bash Bish Creek

Chrysler Pond

Copake Lake

Robinson Pond

Roe Jan Kill

Snyder Pond

Upper Rhoda

By seeking committee representation from each of those significant districts in town.

4. Promoting practices to ensure the health and quality of life for the citizens of Copake by increasing environmentally sound practice as regards septic and potable water sound business operating procedures.

Motion was seconded by Councilperson Ritchie. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia seconded by Councilperson Sacks to appoint Harvey Webber to the Environmental Committee. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Valentino appointed Councilperson Gabaccia and Councilperson Sacks as liaisons to the Environmental Committee.

Councilperson Ritchie reported the senior committee will be meeting Monday August 7<sup>th</sup>, senior dance will be held in October.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to appoint Marie Near as custodian for Police department her term will expire December 31, 2006.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ritchie seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to appoint James Murphy and Chris Gardenia as temporary part time Police Officers. Motion was carried.

Councilperson Sacks reported under Economic Advisory Board:

1. Will be breaking into three subcommittees, recreation, industry and commerce, and grants. Seeking members.
2. Charles Dodson produced copies of master plan for Economic Advisory Board.
3. Building Oversight committee has self dissolved.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sacks seconded by Councilperson Ritchie to continue the Building Oversight Committee as a regular committee. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Valentino appointed Councilperson Sacks and Councilperson Gabaccia as liaison to the Economic Advisory Board. Motion was carried.

Attorney Whitbeck reported law suit served on Copake Valley Farms, working on papers to apply to court for preliminary injunction before next meeting

Supervisor Valentino said budget workshops will be planned.

Bud Atwood, president of Roe Jan Alumni, approached the board about purposing a sign on Route 23 to read Welcome to Craryville home of Lillian Campbell Baseball Hall of Fame.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller seconded by Councilperson Ritchie to sponsor and support the Roe Jan Alumni in purposing a sign in recognition of Lillian Campbell, Base Ball Hall of Fame on Route 23 in Craryville. Motion was carried.

Janet Douty, member of Historical Society approached board about forming a joint partnership with the student body at Taconic Hills, The State Park and Historical Society. Superintendent David Passiana from Taconic Hills is in favor of this. Supervisor Valentino replied the Town would be interested.

Diane Wilson asked if the Town Board would consider a six month moratorium on Housing Resources development to give Town Board time to do a water survey on the project. Supervisor Valentino said they cannot single out a developer for a moratorium, as he thinks it's not legal. The town will do what ever it takes for the Planning Board and agencies involved the Town will support and make sure they have what ever needed.

Harvey Webber suggested the Planning board look carefully at cluster housing. Councilperson Sacks suggest he bring it up to the Strategic Planning Board to review.

Jeff Nayer sated the Town Board dose not vote on development questions so they should be referred to Planning Board. It seems their putting a development in the middle of the land of rural charm.

Attorney Whitbeck stated the State Environmental Quality Review Act requires that the Planning Board analyze all issues. The Planning Board can force developer to pay for the reviews.

Councilperson Gabaccia suggested the Town Board look for alternatives as the burden is all on Planning Board.

Has seen work increase 30 fold at Copake Valley Farms.  
Attorney Whitbeck said their working on getting evidence and affidavits for preliminary injunction at the site. D.E.C. has been at site several times they think they have no jurisdiction, by doing the testing we will show D.E.C. results to give them jurisdiction.

Jef Nayer announced that Jensen Hotaling, from Boy Scout Troop 130, is attending the meeting as he's working on his Community Badge for Eagle Scout.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia seconded by Councilperson Miller the bills from highway abstract #8 and general abstract # 8 be paid. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia seconded by Councilperson Sacks the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,