

10 January 2018



1. Education + Training
 - a. Grant Opportunities – see attached 6 pages
 - b. January 31, Saugerties training in Geo-Morphology; if interested, email Dennis Doyle or Marianne Davis.
2. Community Report
 - a. Advised that Rail Explorers spoke before Shandaken Planning Board in December advising substantial work is planned, though approval process had not yet begun.
3. Special Topics
 - a. BOA recommendations are being prepared; may include a site at Vernooy Kill in Kerhonkson.
 - b. Budget did not include proposed study for Phoenicia sewer
 - c. Priority Incident Location (PIL) study includes intersection Rtes 212 + 375 (automobile crashes)
 - d. Ashokan Rail Trail work is beginning soon. Cold weather an advantage for removing rails as ties are more firmly embedded in frozen ground.
 - e. If requested to lower a state road speed limit, NYSDOT will conduct study and will not lower speed if 85% of drivers are within current limit.
4. Noteworthy Zoning Referrals
 - a. Shandaken: Jeff Collins Stone Supply, area variance approved
 - b. Wawarsing: Cano's Recycling – a non conforming existing use being replace by one that is 'less intensive'; concern over hard criteria used to make judgment.
 - c. Shawangunk amending zoning statute regarding Solar Energy. Noted that 'community scale' solar is 4 megawatt minimum.
5. Other Business
 - a. There are 13 vacant 'alternate' positions on UCPB, including Shandaken.
 - b. Planning Board in 2017 had full quorum for all meetings.
 - c. Referral discussions are becoming more involved; will probably start meetings 30 minutes earlier to provide more time.
 - d. Working around July 4th meeting date conflict; could be 5th or 9th.