Ulster County Planning Board Meeting August 1. 2018

Report to Shandaken Planning Board by County Liaison

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1. Education and Training
2. Grant Opportunities: see attached 3 pages

Grants are available for tree and shrub planting in riparian areas (see listing for qualifying criteria), brownfield cleanup, and several grants supporting the arts.

Of note is a grant for technical assistance in managing public historic sites, museums, and arts facilities.

1. Community Report
2. Advised that Shandaken Planning Board approved applications for Shandaken Inn and the Ropes Course, including UCPB recommendations.
3. Mentioned issues raised by neighbors at last Shandaken Planning Board workshop meeting regarding proposed 40’ tall statue in Woodland Valley. UCPB members recommended this be dealt with subject to building code requirements, for safety concerns.
4. Special Topics
5. UCPB reported on decision by Ulster County to add a room tax to short-term rentals including Airbnb. No dollar amount was given. County has hired a company to research and make a list of hosts on these sites.
6. Noteworthy Zoning Referrals:
7. Ulster: Smoothie King was approved for new drive-thru and retail building on Rt. 9W. Strong recommendation was made to rework a potentially hazardous drive-thru configuration.
8. Marlborough: changes to HD and C-1 zoning Statute amendments were approved. Allowed was increase in maximum height from 35’ to 45’ in HD zone, with minimum lot size with public water/sewer from 2 acres to 1.5.

In C-1 zone, new guidelines set for dwelling units over retail commercial buildings.

1. Heartwood: Updated plans for 70-cabin hotel/resort were approved.