Ulster County Planning Board Meeting January 2, 2019

Report to Shandaken Planning Board by County Liaison

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1. Grant Opportunities: see attached 6 pages

Grants are available for:

* “Community Grants” matching grants up to $10,000 offered by the Hudson River Valley Greenway, for info go to: hudsongreenway.ny.gov/grants-funding
* National Trust for Historic Preservation grants to preserve historic environments.
* Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley—Grants for classroom teachers to fund classroom projects or professional development.
* Several other grants supporting writing, fine arts, photography, cartooning, film, communications, and ceramics.

1. Training for New SEQRA Rules: to be offered the second week of February, details will be sent out. Session will be free, one or 2 hours, presented by a law firm.

A new SEQRA handbook is being worked on.

1. Community Reports:
2. Town of Lloyd reports an issue with “unworkable” affordable housing program, due to excessive administrative requirements. Town would like to hear from other towns who have more workable programs. County offers “gap” financing, 0% interest loan for 10 years.
3. Lloyd is considering a moratorium on peak power plants.
4. Ashokan Main Rail Trail is under construction. Lloyd Rail trail is completed.

County will take over the trailhead construction, projected for mid to late summer.

1. Marbletown law to allow events in residential and agricultural areas was voted down.
2. UCPB will ask towns to provide their fee schedules for comparison and overview.
3. Noteworthy Zoning Referrals:
4. Irish Cultural Center in Kingston must resubmit plans for permit due to missed deadline. Preliminary work resulted in damage to neighboring properties, need to remediate this and obtain easements. SEQRA to be reviewed regarding drainage. Neighbors presented their concerns; will require more details in plan.