Ulster County Planning Board Meeting March 6, 2019

Report to Shandaken Planning Board by County Liaison

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1. Grant Opportunities: see attached 5 pages

Grants are available for:

* Legal Assistance Program for Older Adults: Grants to public and private non-profits who give legal assistance to needy older Americans.
* Grants for Conservation Treatment of objects in museums and cultural institutions in New York State.
* Preservation League of New York State - Technical Assistance Grants of up to $3,000, with a required $500 match from each applicant, are available to nonprofit groups and municipalities that manage historic sites, museums, arts facilities and other important institutions that serve an arts or cultural purpose and are open to the public.
* Several other grants and scholarships, supporting writing, photography, performing art, fine art, design and poetry. Of note: Pen Parentis Writing Fellowship for New Parents; deadline April 17, 2019.

1. County News:
2. 5G: Verizon states they will close down 3G service this fall, after 5G service is in place. New FCC regulations are needed for review as 5G towers need closer spacing.
3. Training: Planning Federation training will be last weekend in April, details to come.
4. Question: Do we want to set up a roundtable discussion with Chairs of Town Planning Boards, to share problems and topics? (Town supervisors already have a group). Get back to the County Planning Board on this, if interested.
5. Report on Ulster County Trails Network was given by Chris White, Deputy Director:

* Plan is to complete Empire State Trail by 2020, connecting 750 miles from NYC to Buffalo. Hudson Valley Rail Trail (asphalt paved) to connect in May 2019.
* Ashokan Rail Trail to open by July 2019, paved with ADA compliant crushed stone/clay mix. Includes over 46 miles of trail, with 20 miles planned in future.
* 3 paved trailhead parking lots: Shokan, Boiceville and Woodstock Dike; lots and port-a-potties to be maintained by NYC. 60-car lot in Shokan is already paved.
* County DPW will maintain Ashokan Rail Trail. Delayed snow removal to allow use by cross-country skiers.
* Butternut Creek Bridge to be rebuilt, to open October 2019; Boiceville Bridge trestle will be removed, bridge replaced.