Town of New Paltz

Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board

Minutes of the meeting of December 28, 2021

Via videoconference, 7:00 pm

Present: Jim Delaune, Pete Ferrante, John Gotto, Ingrid Haeckel, Cara Lee, John Orfitelli

Kathy Preston, Secretary

Absent: Mike Domitrovits

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

1. John O. moved, John G. 2nd to approve the November minutes as amended. All in favor.



\$29,786.00 was added to the Fund for a total of \$282,426.00. A presentation to the Town Board has been deferred until the CPF Advisory Board has a project in place, however, Cara will share the results with donors who contributed to the CPF campaign.

- 3. OSI is very interested in an appraisal of the Libertyville Road "Big Woods" property as it would extend the River-to-Ridge access. Cara feels that working in partnership with OSI would be ideal. The WVLT holds easements around the Albany Post Rd. property and may be interested in pursuing.
- 4. Toscani Wetlands: Jim has been in contact with the landowner and he has offered to set up an escrow for initial costs incurred by the Town. The Board reviewed a draft letter of agreement. Jim moved, John O. 2nd to authorize Cara to move forward to finalize the draft letter to the landowner and establish an escrow account.
- 5. Ingrid presented a draft of the proposed Project Evaluation Summary, covering the Property Intake Tasks, Initial Intake Evaluation, Basic Site Resource Report, and Ecological Field Assessment. The board held a discussion regarding the process and possible options for file sharing.
- 6. The town of Gardiner has received a grant to prepare a Community Preservation Plan and is working with planner Ted Fink. The Trust for Public Land has assisted with a

- feasibility study and will be assisting with strategy. Everything seems to be moving along well.
- 7. John O. reviewed the Springtown Historic District : https://www.townofnewpaltz.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif3541/f/uploads/historic_resource_dat a for wallkill west and springtown area.pdf
- 8. The board discussed next steps for outreach to landowners. It was agreed that at this point focusing on a few areas while casting a wide net would be ideal.

Jim moved, Cara 2nd to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.