Town of New Paltz

Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes for February 22, 2022

Via videoconference

Present: Mike Domitrovits, John Gotto, Cara Lee, Jim DeLaune, Pete Ferrante, John Orfitelli

Absent: Ingrid Haeckel

Cara called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

1. John G. moved, Jim 2nd to approve the January minutes as written. All in favor.

2. RETT Report



The total for January was \$72,388.00, which brings the running total to \$384,363. It's likely there will be a new median sales price as of April 8, 2022. Cara has inquired with Comptroller Jean Gallucci and she has agreed to create a quarterly income/expenditure report.

- **3.** The Libertyville Road property has sold to an individual purchaser for approximately \$250,000. OSI will continue to reach out regarding a potential easement, which would offer potential to possibly link to the Ludwig property and create linkage between the River to Ridge trail and the County Fairgrounds.
- **4.** A 107-acre parcel on Portuese Lane off has been purchased by a neighboring landowner. Cara will draft a letter to the owner and reach out. The property has a CPF score of 19 and is contiguous to the Shawangunk Ridge.

- 5. Coppersea Distillery: Christie DeBoer of the WVLT has previously been in touch regarding an easement but the owners are as yet uninterested. The group is interested in a site visit; Cara will coordinate. Mike noted that he is an investor in the business. Cara added that any outreach on Springtown should be framed within the larger context of looking at the entire Springtown area. John G. noted that the property owner may not be aware that they could save money by doing what they are already doing with the property, and that this could be a good time to reach out as they look to expand the business.
- 6. John O. and John G. have been researching options for software solutions for project tracking. John O. shared a video introduction to LANDSCAPE land conservation software. It costs \$500 annually. Although this package may offer more features than the Advisory Board will actually utilize, it was agreed that keeping the information in one place that is accessible over time would be very useful. John O. feels it is user-friendly and the most reasonable option of the three they reviewed. Trainings and tutorials are available. There is also the possibility of sharing this resource with the WVLT. John O. will set up a time to have a tutorial over Zoom. Cara suggested asking WVLT to join that meeting as well. There was a brief conversation about current needs for data management and record retention.
- 7. The Gardiner CPF is moving along; Cara met with them to discuss next steps. A community survey is in the works. There are 14 people on the committee at present.
- **8.** Jim and Cara met with Jake Wedemeyer, Acting Executive Director of Ulster County Soil & Water, and he is very willing to help the Advisory Board and share resources and information.
- **9.** There was a brief discussion regarding what topics of discussion might be a conflict for members. Generally, if a member would benefit financially from a proposed action, they should recuse themselves. Members are encouraged to share with the Board if they feel there may be a conflict.

There was no formal motion to adjourn. The meeting ended at 7:48 pm.