

TO: Robert McKeon, Supervisor, and the Town Board
FROM: Bill O'Neill, Chair., Inter-Municipal Task Force
DATE: October 24, 2016
SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORKING GROUP REPORT
RECOMMENDATIONS

One Hundred Forty-third Report: October, 2016

At weekly meetings 10/7/16, 10/14/16, and 10/21/2016 the Inter-Municipal Task Force continued to discuss the purpose of and current permitted and special permitted uses in the Waterfront Conservation District (WC), with a special presentation by Laurie Husted, Chief Sustainability Officer at Bard College, on 10/7/16. She reviewed the status of projects pending in connection with Bard's purchase of Montgomery Place, including a NYSERTA Grant for renewable energy to address the installation of micro hydro electric systems around two dams in the area, their ecological impact, and the ongoing "Lower Sawkill Mitigation Feasibility Study", approved to date by the NYS DEC and Scenic Hudson. The proposed projects discussed would apply in one or more of four zoning districts in the Town of Red Hook: The WC, the Agricultural Business District (ABD), the Hamlet District, and the Historic Landmark Overlay District (HL-O). Amendments to any of these zoning districts, to allow for these projects, is being further discussed.

In connection with the above, the Task Force also heard a special presentation on 10/14/16 regarding Solar Photo Voltaic energy systems which use semi-conductor based devices (panels) to convert sunlight directly into electricity, and a proposal to amend the Town's Zoning Code, Section 143, to address this new technology. This discussion continues.