



**VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA**

**MEETING DATE:** March 12, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM SECTION:** Discussions

**AGENDA ITEM NO. :** 2

**AGENDA ITEM:**

Mid-Hudson Regional Community Resilience Next Steps

**ITEM BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Memorandum dated March 5, 2024 from Valerie Monastra, AICP to Mayor Rossillo and the Board of Trustees



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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor Rossillo and Members of the Village Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Valerie Monastra, AICP

**Re:** Mid-Hudson Regional Community Resilience Planning Next Steps

**DATE:** March 5, 2024

**CC:** Robert Yamuder, Village Administrator  
Lori Lee Dickson Esq., Village Attorney

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As discussed at the February 13, 2024, workshop, Pace University is nearing the end of their resiliency work, and a draft report is currently being prepared. Through this process, it became clear that the Village has many land use boards and volunteer committees, all working on various aspects of local government, land use, and environmental sustainability. In addition, many of these boards and committees are operating in silos and are unaware of work being undertaken by other boards or committees. It also became apparent that coordination may be needed in order to successfully integrate various initiatives championed by the various boards and committees into local plans, regulations, and policies.

Tiffany Zezula and Jessica Bacher from Pace University Land Use Law Center spoke about next steps that may assist in developing a structure that will allow the Village to reassess various topics in the current Vision Plan using the resiliency work as an example. It was agreed that Pace would undertake a meeting with a committee that will, in essence, take the Village through the assessment pertaining to resiliency, and then this committee will continue to assist with the review of the Vision Plan against other topic areas with Nelson Pope and Voorhis guiding this work. The first step is to identify who will be part of the committee. The following members are part of the current resiliency work:

| Name                 | Committee/Board Representation   |
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| Robert Lane          | Architectural Review Board, Planning Board and Affordable Housing Task Force |
| Laura Haupt          | Architectural Review Board and Planning Board                                |
| Hibba Haber          | CAC  |
| Ed Manley            | CAC  |
| Rob Baron            | Sustainable Dobbs, Traffic Committee   |
| Paddy Steinschneider | Sustainable Dobbs  |
| Brendan O'Grady      | Sustainable Dobbs  |
| Matthew Ghiorse      | Sustainable Dobbs  |
| Linda Stutz          | Sustainable Dobbs  |
| Lawrence Taylor      | Trustee  |
| Michael Patino       | Trustee  |

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Since the next steps will be the beginning of a larger project and one that will include the assessment of other topic areas such as land use, housing, zoning, community facilities, traffic and transportation, economic development, natural resources, and historic preservation, we suggest also considering including representatives from the following committees that are not currently represented:

- Downtown Committee
- Parks and Recreation Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

Pace is ready to set up the combined board and committee meeting to begin this process. They offered two dates, May 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>.

Tonight, I would like the Village Board to make decisions on the following:

- 1) Committee representation
- 2) Date of meeting