Christine Montague Town Board Member Report March 2024

- 1. Went to Planning Board meeting to meet members and observe a meeting (Feb 26).
- 2. Participated in meeting to interview an applicant for the Zoning Board of Appeals position (Mar 13).
- 3. Observed a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting (Mar 13). A variance was granted for sign placement at a business in a mixed residential/business area.
- 4. Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (CWIO)
 - a. Max Heitner, Director of Conservation at Finger Lakes Land Trust presented example projects which were added in 2023 to preserve local natural lands. Three of the projects were in Lansing, including the Salmon Creek Bird Sanctuary and the 110-acre former golf course, Cedarview, which was converted to a DEC Wildlife Management Area as a public-private partnership. He also described the 220-acre Sims-Jennings Preserve at Cayuga Cliffs which will open this spring after they finish the parking lot and trails.
 - b. Stephanie Redmond, representing Cayuga Lake Environmental Action Now (CLEAN), spoke about how the consent order for the Cargill salt mine is for mining and not for brine storage, saying it is a material change. They are keeping an eye on the process and actions by other interested groups.