Government Committee Minutes of 12/1/19

1. Legislative Priorities
The following are the priorities we defined for the state league’s Legislative Agenda. This is from the perspective of residents of the South Fork:
   -- clean water issues: in particular, the widespread view that the DEC does not give sufficient attention to environmental issues elevated to them by local authorities
   -- cash bail reform recently passed: the law needs clarification. Issues include implementation, such as reporting requirements; the law has been viewed as an unfunded mandate
   -- affordable housing: funding issues, especially
   -- health care system reform

   Action: Estelle; Cathy will review the above and take forward

2. Affordable Housing
Cathy distributed copies of the act to establish a supplemental real estate transfer tax for affordable housing

3. Navigating the Health Care Insurance System:
Discussion of updated comparison chart.

   Action: Cathy will revise the matrix based on today’s discussion and other material

   Planned date for the PIM on the topic: the current March 9 date conflicts with committee member availability. The preferred date is Monday, April 13

   Action: Estelle and Cathy at the board

4. Next meeting: Monday, Jan. 6, 10-11:30
   Literacy Rm., Hampton Library