

## ROUTE 7A REHAB CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Minutes

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Present: Mary Bradway, Rus Davis, Jacqueline Fallon (acting as back-up secretary), Christy Frank (via phone), Alan Friedman, Bob Haight (Chair), Jeanne Mettler (Town Board Liaison)

Absent: Tom Goldsworthy

- I. The committee's first discussion was in regards to our name. Casually we have been calling ourselves the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC), however Jeanne Mettler advised that that acronym is already being used. So we unanimously decided that Road Advisory Committee (RAC) would be sufficient.
- II. Bob Haight made copies of the Copake Hamlet Design & Development Plan Proposal and distributed them to each member of the committee who were present.
- III. The committee discussed the wish for lights, benches, trees and bike racks to be included in the scope of the project as well as who would be financially responsible for what. The concepts of donations, sponsorship, grants, and fundraisers to raise any needed capital or surplus capital to achieve these goals was touched upon.
- IV. A discussion regarding a sidewalk from the clock tower to the old Hub, lead to a task of each committee member to devise a list regarding what they felt is a priority for the project and what a "wish list" item is. Bob Haight also asked committee members to research possible styles of lights, benches etc. and take note of where they were seen for future reference. Jeanne Mettler also mentioned a consultant who had said to perhaps keep in mind the style of the town and houses when choosing our exterior illumination.
- V. Bob Haight said he will reach out in the near future to Dean Knox to see if he has appointed a consultant yet.
- VI. A conversation regarding the sidewalk on Church Street and the lack of one going to the Post Office, lead to the suggestion that a large map of the area of construction be made which would detail where current sidewalks, culverts, benches and lights are to make our discussions more precise and to lend in the precision of our future proposals to the Columbia County Department of Public Works. Alan Friedman said he would note the number of current overhead lights in town and Jacqueline Fallon will look into getting a large scale map to notate.
- VII. Russ Davis voiced concern about making the area around the clock tower pedestrian friendly and safe and that the placement of stop signs around that area be reworked.
- VIII. For our next meeting Bob Haight asked that the committee members take note of the placement of sidewalks, lights, benches, bike racks within the hamlet and to make a list of priorities and "wish list" projects and any other ideas. Also when referencing things that appeal to you in other towns to be specific as he might then be able to find out the sources and costs for us to consider.
- IX. Future meetings will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 6pm.
- X. The next meeting will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm.

