

Regular Town Board Meeting  
June 14, 2012

Members Present:

Supervisor Nayer  
Councilperson Gabaccia  
Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney  
Councilperson Miller-Simmons

Absent

Councilperson Mettler

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney to waive the reading of the Regular Town Board Meetings May 10, 2012 and the Special Meeting May 24, 2012 and approve the minutes as written. Motion was carried.

Correspondence:

From the Town of Ancram – notice of a Public Hearing regarding Local Law # 1 of 2012, the Ancram Telecommunications Tower Law.

From N.Y.S.D.E.C. - copy of a letter and permit sent to Dean Knox, Director of Engineering Columbia County D.P.W. for the repairs to the Maple Lane Bridge.

From N.Y.S. Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation – Advising the Town that the Copake Falls Methodist Episcopal Church has been listed on the State Register of Historical Places and has been nominated to the Keeper of the National Register.

From Charter Communications – a letter advising of their programming and rate changes effective June 25, 2012.

From Michael Peschel – a copy of an email to Councilperson Mettler regarding the revitalization of the downtown area.

From Camphill Village USA Inc. – a letter and a check for \$5,000.00 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly payment to the Town in lieu of taxes.

From Columbia County D.P.W. – advising of the closing of the Felt's Bridge, Overlook Road over the Roe Jan Kill for approximately 3 -4 months for repairs beginning the week of June 18<sup>th</sup>.

From Teresa Ardito – an email thanking Lynn Connolly, Assessor's Clerk for her assistance on Wednesday, June 6, 2012.

From The Roe Jan Library – a notice of singer/songwriter performance on June 23, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Public Forum:

Diane Wilson expressed her concerns about liability of having a Park at the Fire Pond Site. Supervisor Nayer advised Diane that the picnic tables would be the only thing at this location. Mrs. Wilson also expressed the cars parking in front of the General Store creating a hazard to pedestrian, bicycle and car traffic. Supervisor Nayer said that he would contact the Columbia County DPW to get their opinion on if parking should be permitted in this location.

Harvey Weber announced that there will be a program on June 19, 2012 between 2:00 – 4:00 PM “Intro to Medicare” at the Roe Jan Library by the Columbia County Office for the Aging.

John Belefonte brought up the issue again of the farmer driving through the brook instead of using the good road and bridge that the State closed down that Mr. Cascino had constructed and if any of the Board Members had gone down and look at this safety issue since the last Board Meeting. Most of the Board Members had viewed this location and Supervisor Nayer advised John that he did not believe the Farmer was still driving through the stream.

Stosh Gansowski questioned if Mr. Cascino had paid the Town the money they were awarded by the Judge. Supervisor Nayer advised that he believed he had made two of the four payments due to the Town. Councilperson Gabaccia explained that Mr. Cascino owed the Town \$21,000.00 and the Town agreed to Mr. Cascino request to divide the amount due into four equal payments. The third one Councilperson Gabaccia believes was due last August. Stosh also advised the Board that Mr. Cascino is still bringing materials in from other locations and dumping the materials at the Lackawanna property. Supervisor Nayer and Councilperson Gabaccia advised Stosh that the Copake Z.E.O. and D.E.C. investigated the property and documented their findings.

Marcia Peteroy stated that bridge in questioned was constructed without the necessary permits and was closed. Supervisor Nayer and Councilperson Gabaccia stated that N.Y.S.D.E.C. closed the bridge and they would be the agency to make the decision to allow it to be reopened.

Department Reports:

Frank Peteroy, Z.B.A. Chairman announced that they had 3 approvals last month and have 3 scheduled for this month.

Supervisor Nayer reported that the Building Department had another good month taking in \$4,100.00 last month.

Supervisor Nayer announced that the Summer Park Program will be having their final sign up at the Park Building on Friday evening from 4:00 – 7:00 PM.

Chris Quinby, Chairman Copake Community Day Committee reviewed the schedule of events for Saturday and thanked the Vendors for their generous donations to make this event happen.

Harvey Weber from the Environmental Committee reported on a hydro fracturing meeting he attended and the Columbia County Watershed tour he went on. Both were excellent and Harvey brought back information for the Board Members.

Councilperson Miller-Simmons read the Economic Advisory Committee’s report.

New Business:

Supervisor Nayer read the Mission Statement for the Copake Hamlet Revitalization Taskforce.

A motion was made by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to adopt the follow Mission Statement for the Copake Hamlet Revitalization Taskforce.

**Copake Hamlet Revitalization Taskforce  
Mission Statement**

The Copake Hamlet Revitalization Taskforce (CHRVT) is charged with the task of implementing the Comprehensive Plan in taking “all steps necessary to revitalize and rehabilitate ‘downtown Copake’ as a mixed use, walkable, compact livable and affordable place”. (Comprehensive Plan, hereinafter CP, page 30). Included in the task of revitalization are the following Actions, all set forth in the Comprehensive Plan:

- a) Protect existing small businesses by encouraging a “buy local” campaign, marketing their services and supporting streetscape and building to improve the physical environment (CP p. 31).
- b) Attract new service and retail businesses that meet the needs of all residents, both full time and seasonal (CP p.31)
- c) Develop a plan for the Hamlet of Copake which would incorporate the current Hamlet, the Town Park, the Town Hall and surrounding lands (CP p. 46)

The CHRVT will be guided by the Comprehensive Plan and shall collaborate with existing Boards and Committees, including the Copake Economic Advisory Board and the Round the Clock Committee. The CHRVT shall:

1. Dialogue with existing businesses in downtown Copake to learn what specific measures the Town can take to help them thrive, and where appropriate, act as an intermediary between businesses and Town Government.

2. Inventory and assess market trends, existing businesses, and local assets including buildings, infrastructure, public amenities and the local workforce and use this information to identify and promote new economic functions for downtown Copake.
3. Recruit new businesses through research and outreach.
4. Effectively market the Hamlet of Copake in order to recruit businesses and support existing businesses.
5. Work with new businesses to help entrepreneurs move through necessary approval and permit processes.
6. Obtain grants from government and private funding sources to upgrade and improve the appearance of the downtown, where appropriate.
7. Work with existing businesses to obtain grants and or private funding for improvements; support businesses in taking steps to address code violations; where necessary, refer apparent code violations to appropriate Town authorities.

Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia and was seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney to allow letters of interest for the Citizens Committee to Nominate, Board of Ethics and the Copake Hamlet Revitalization Taskforce to be received by the Board until the Interviews for these positions begin. Motion was carried.

The Board scheduled a Public Hearing for July 12, 2012 at 6:45 PM for Local Law # 1 of 2012 entitled "Transferring Ownership of a vehicle to the Copake Fire District".

The Board set the following Special Meetings dates for the purpose of conducting interviews:

Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 6:30 PM for the Code Enforcement Officer  
Monday, July 9, 2012 at 6:30 PM for the Citizens Committee to Nominate  
Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 6:30 PM for the Copake Hamlet Revitalization Taskforce

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Gabaccia to advertise for bids to seal the ice skating rink. Motion was carried.

Supervisor Nayer reported on the Town Board's Workshop for the response to the audit and thanked Nancy Schultz for her assistance in preparing of the response.

The Board discussed the options available to the Town for liquidating the Police Firearms. The Board requested a Public Notice be advertised in the paper looking for additional Firearms Dealers who may be interested in purchasing all of the firearms and ammo.

Supervisor Nayer announced that the Rescue Squad will be doing CPR Training for the Town Employees on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM.

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons:

**RESOLUTION**

**TO CONVEY A SURPLUS AED TO THE COMMUNITY RESCUE SQUAD  
IN EXCHANGE FOR CPR TRAINING**

WHEREAS, the Town of Copake owns an automated external defibrillator (AED) device that has become surplus as a result of the dissolution of the Copake Police Department, and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to the health and safety of the residents of Copake that the Community Rescue Squad be equipped with automated external defibrillator (AED) devices, and,

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to the health and safety of the residents of Copake that knowledge of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (“CPR”) be disseminated;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town shall convey ownership of a surplus automated external defibrillator (AED) device to the Community Rescue Squad, in return for an agreement by the CRS to provide a group session of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (“CPR”) training to Town personnel designated by the Town, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to modify the existing agreement between the Town and CRS in accordance with this Resolution.

Resolution # 15	Supervisor Nayer	yes
Dated June 14, 2012	Councilperson Gabaccia	yes
Copake, New York	Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney	yes
	Councilperson Miller-Simmons	yes
	Councilperson Mettler	absent

Public Forum:

Lindsay LeBrecht requested the Town Board to petition the County and State to reconsider the reduction of the speed limit on Lakeview Road at least seasonally due to the pedestrian traffic during the summer months. Supervisor Nayer and Councilperson Gabaccia will draft a letter requesting the reduction in the speed limit on Lakeview Road and Supervisor Nayer will bring it up at the Public Safety Meeting this month.

William Newcomb expressed his concerns that there are a number of Veterans's whose names are not on the monuments at the Memorial Clock and is requesting Board to work on correcting this matter. Councilperson Gabaccia stated that there were many names left off that were residents of Copake because people misunderstood that their mailing address might be Hillsdale yet they actually resided in the Town of Copake. Supervisor Nayer added that the monument is a National Historical Site and we may qualify for grants for this project. The Board will look into this matter further.

David Proper questioned the status of the Bash Bish Creek work? Supervisor Nayer stated that New York State has allotted \$9,000,000.00 for Stream and Bed Repair and we had to apply through Columbia County Soil and Water for funds. We had put in for \$200,000.00 and are basically waiting for the Governor to release the money and then we will find out if we qualify for funding.

Chris Quinby, Community Day Chairman announced that the Parade Chairperson is looking for assistance with the Parade line up if anyone is available.

A motion was made by Councilperson Miller-Simmons and was seconded by Councilperson Winchell-Sweeney that the bills from the General Abstract #6 and the bills from Highway Abstract #6 be paid. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gabaccia and was seconded by Councilperson Miller-Simmons that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

