

**Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force**  
**September 28, 2016**

Present: Roberta Roll, Chris Quinby, Lenny Barham, Jennifer Redman

Absent: Peter Kelly, Andy Fischer

Town Representative: Jeanne Mettler

Guest: Tom Goldsworthy

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A motion was made to approve the minutes from August 17, 2016. A small change requested is to state that "Columbia Connect" was asking for a map of Charter Communications. The minutes are approved.

### **LURC**

Roberta has been in touch with the LURC to ask if they wanted discuss our recommendations. They are not at that point yet. She will keep in touch with them to see if they have more questions or want discussion.

The Town Board will set up a workshop with the LURC once they are finished with their revisions.

Once the LURC meets with the Town Board, there will be a public meeting.

### **Grange Update**

The projector is going to be hung shortly. The head of the Grange wants to show a film before the Gangster film series kicks off.

A suggestion was made to show a film in honor of Veteran's Day and to ask a speaker with historical knowledge or perhaps a Taconic School teacher (Mr. Lent, retired, was suggested) to give a talk before the film. Lenny suggested "A Walk in the Sun" and will research whether it can be obtained for free.

### **Broadband**

Winter 2017 is when Charter would likely upgrade to 100mb speed. Deb Cohen appeared at the last town board meeting and she suggested that it would be important for the town to form a broadband committee. Ms. Cohen contacted Jeanne and asked her for the same map that Columbia Connect requested. With Jeff Nayer's approval, the town clerk requested the coverage map from Charter. A committee has not been formed, but what the committee would do if formed is being explored and will be presented to the Town Board at a future meeting.

### **Copake Business Promotion**

The owner of Copake Wine Works is going to work with Roberta on forming a successful business alliance for the Roe Jan area.

### **Roe Jan Ramble**

The Roe Jan Ramble took place on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Its sole source of income is the contributions it receives from area businesses – approximately 34 businesses sponsored the event at \$50 each with several businesses giving \$100. The Harlem Valley Rail Ride made an in kind contribution of food. The total budget is approximately \$1,500. The businesses in all three towns are happy to contribute.

152 people signed up on line, however not everyone that preregistered came to the event; approximately 40 people registered the day of the event. Jon Strom will have the final numbers after reviewing the registration information. The event raised over \$9,000 in online fundraising, which will continue until October 24<sup>th</sup>. On the morning of the ride, approximately \$3,000 was collected. All of the donations go to support the Copake-Hillsdale portion of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail.

There was a suggestion of forming a bike club that would meet more frequently and attract cyclists at other points in the year. Meetup.com was suggested as a vehicle to organize such a club. One suggestion was that the group meet at the Front Porch market. It would be helpful to figure out how other bike clubs operate and support the ride leaders with things like insurance coverage. Groups such as Meetup or individual groups would not need insurance, but could have riders sign a waiver.

If we are successful in getting the Copake spur off the ground, then the Ramble fundraising proceeds could possibly be used in the future for the spur.

### **Housing**

As residents age, people are finding a difficult time maintaining single-family homes both financially and physically. There is also a need for farmworker housing and family housing that is suitable in design and price point.

Jenn Redman will help put together a list of potential developers to which we can introduce Copake. The committee emphasized keeping in mind the reuse of the buildings in town. Roberta will talk to Camphill about possibilities or advice.

### **Other Business**

The public opening of the Clock Tower Pub and Grill will be on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Roberta will reach out to the business and to the Chamber of Commerce to see how they would like to work with us to celebrate the opening.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.