

Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force
Wednesday, January 11, 2017 7pm
Copake Town Hall

Attendees: Tom Goldsworthy, Roberta Roll, Andy Fischer, Lenny Barham
Absent: Peter Kelly
Town Board Liaison; Jeanne Mettler

Approval of minutes

The minutes from the December 14, 2016 meeting were approved as amended.

LWRP

An official award letter from Department of State notifying us of the grant has been received. On 1/12/17 there will be a meeting with Roberta, Jeanne, Jeff, a representative from Didi Barrett's office, a rep from Senator Marchione's office, staff from Columbia Land Conservancy and George Beneke to discuss a strategy around convincing the NY DOT to permit the use of the cow tunnel as passage under Route 22 to connect the Harlem Valley Rail Trail with the town of Copake. If there are no reasonable alternatives to the cow tunnel, previous rail trail development shows that it could be made to work. There is some urgency to resolve this issue quickly so that we can get a plan going and start seeking funding for the spur.

Housing

Jenn shared a list of recommended developers and will work with Tom on a presentation piece to show potential developers.

Grange Film Festival

The audio visual equipment has been installed and is functioning. The next step is to plan a film series. The committee agreed it would be good to start in the winter since movies are an indoor activity. Given that people can watch a movie at home, it was suggested that the movie evening be a special event.

Broadband update

The first meeting of the Copake broadband committee is on January 21st. A lot of people were interested in the committee -- more people applied than there were spots on the committee. Its important to look to what the future will require and bring while we are looking at Copake's broadband needs. The CHRTF will keep abreast of what the broadband committee is doing.

Roe Jan School building

Andy looking into a green and sustainability education initiative at SUNY Binghamton to see if a program like that could be replicated at the school.

Bike Copake

Jon Strom resigned from the committee. The committee discussed the requirements of the job and who might be interested.

Land Use Review Committee

The LURC town workshop is scheduled for Jan. 24th at 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting date is Wednesday, January 25th.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Redman