

Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force
Wednesday, January 25, 2017 7pm
Copake Town Hall

Attendees: Roberta Roll, Lenny Barham, Jenn Redman, Peter Kelly
Liaison: Jeanne Mettler
Absent: Andy Fisher, Tom Goldsworthy

Minutes approved from 1/11/17.

Copake spur and local water front revitalization: Jeanne, Roberta, Jeff Nayer, a representative from Senator Marchione's office, Didi Barrett and her chief of staff, George Beneke, and representatives from the Columbia Land Conservancy met about the cow tunnel. Roberta and Jeanne gave background about the Task Force and the Copake Spur. We need to meet with DOT to convince them to let us use the tunnel and want support from the above people and agencies. Alternatives to riding through the tunnel were considered. All expressed support and some went to look at the tunnel after the meeting; Jeanne followed up with Didi Barrett; she is on board. Jeff wrote a follow-up letter to Marchione & Barrett asking for their support in approaching DOT. Jeanne also spoke with Doug Clark, an engineer. Roberta will call Dean Knox.

Housing: Jenn spoke with James Carroll who does market research; a 20-minute drive time is typical for a market; suggested looking into the concept of a *naturally occurring retirement community*; grants are available, bringing services to a preexisting community. Jenn will follow-up. One is in Cazenovia, NY. Jenn spoke also with Duncan Barrett, a developer. He is not interested and said we need a developer who is willing to work with our particular community. Suggested developing a "home grown" project and not to mix seniors and families. Suggested calling Ken Carney, another developer.

Jenn talked about looking into if more grants are available since Copake's median household income has gone down - now \$56k.

Jenn also spoke with another real estate person who may be interested in investing.

A discussion about Main Street Funding ensued.

Grange: Roberta met with friends/musicians who do music for silent films. The screen is at the back of the stage and it's small. They said the set-up is not good. The purchased materials, i.e., projector and screen, were quite inexpensive. Film program is on hold for now. Roberta will speak to Chris about modifying the set-up.

Green energy: Andy is working with an associate who worked with a developer on a SUNY project proposal. They are working on a proposal to do a project on agriculture and technology at the old Roe Jan School.

Other ideas for generating jobs & business: We need to have more events. Jeanne reported that there will be music in the park again this summer. The Grillsdale event was discussed. Roberta will speak with Wine Works/Christy again about a possible event and coordinating town businesses.

Bike Copake: We need to expand cycling in Copake.

Respectfully submitted,
Lenny Barham

