

Minutes
Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016 7pm
Copake Town Hall

Present: Roberta Roll, Peter Kelly, Andy Fisher, Lenny Barham
Town Liaison: Jeanne Mettler
Absent: Jenn Redman

Approved of minutes from Nov.9, 2016

Grant - LWRP \$40,000 was awarded. One to one matching funds will be needed. An RFP will be disseminated to planning firms; however, we will first need to secure support from Didi Barrett, Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC) and Sen. Marchione in approaching DOT for the use of the cow tunnel for the spur of the Rail Trail. All agreed this is a great step forward toward a safe link to the Rail Trail. An article in the Copake Connection details information on the grant being awarded.

Housing - Contacts, info., Roe Jan School- The asking price is currently 3.9 million which is 10% of replacement cost. The building most likely will need asbestos abatement so construction cost will be high. Senior housing, an educational facility were discussed as uses for the site. A large university satellite would be ideal, such as Cornell extension facility. Andy suggested a green technology firm and we need to plan for long term growth of the town. Andy will research possibilities and proposals. Also, an arts center with mixed use was discussed, but funding will be more difficult for this use. Consensus was good jobs will bring people to the area. JMS construction of the Hudson Falls project was a more unlikely candidate. Also, ride sharing programs were discussed such as Uber and Lyft as Governor Cuomo is advocating for this in upstate areas.

Pharmacy- Roberta reached out to the pharmacy in Valatie NY, and they are interested. Roberta took them to see the Callan Center and also the storefront space for lease at the Wineworks. Population numbers have to be researched to see if the location is viable for a small pharmacy.

Grange Film Festival- There are a couple of Copake citizens willing to help get the film series going.

Broadband update - Town committee needs to discuss strategy

Bike Copake –Didn't have time to discuss

LURC update - Town Board workshop will take place on Tuesday, January 24 at 7pm. It is open to public but not participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kelly