

Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force
February 10, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Copake Town Hall

Present: Leonard Barham, Andrew Fisher, Roberta Roll

Absent: Rus Davis, Chris Quinby, Jennifer Redman

Town Liaison: Jeanne Mettler, present

1. **Minutes-** The Minutes from January 13, 2015- approved. The Minutes from January 27, 2016 were approved after some corrections were made.

2. **John Pollok-** has sent a letter of resignation. We accepted it with regret and noted our great appreciation of his good work and dedication to this committee.

3. **Jerry Fultz-** Jerry contacted Roberta to say he had to go out of town. He has rescheduled for our first March meeting.

4. **Recommendation of Peter Kelly-** Roberta sent to the recommendation the Town Board which meets February 11, 2016.

5. **Rapid Care Center-** Roberta is waiting to hear from Columbia Memorial regarding when the facility will open. She will also follow up to see if the Hospital has received the money from Friends of Copake.

6. **Grants-** Jenn is working on grants. She has reached out to Margaret Irwin regarding the population study. Andy offered to call Jenn to see if he can assist with Grants. We discussed the need to give Andy some background on the efforts made by the Task Force so far.

Next steps- Jeanne asked what our next steps were- do we have a clear plan for what Grants we need? What are we seeking? Roberta reviewed page 28 of the Hamlet Plan, which sets forth "Implementation Strategies and Potential Funding Sources":

Waterway Designation- we are in the process of getting this designation- see Item #8 of this Agenda.

Income Study- Jenn has been working on this and now Andy will also assist.

Income study of businesses- this has yet to be tackled.

RFP for the procurement of a Preferred Hamlet Housing Developer. This has not been done, yet.

Water and Sewer- Andy asked about our need for water and sewer, and how we will address this. Roberta explains that our plans for a streetscape include sewer and water. There is state and federal money for this and we need to see if we can find it.

Boilerplate Information- It would be good if we had boilerplate which would be all ready to go- so that we could use it for grant applications in the future.

7. **Inland Waterway Designation**- Jeanne says that the Town Board has passed the Resolutions and sent them to Senator Marchione and Assemblyperson Didi Barrett. She is in touch with both offices and will let the Town know when the designations are made.
8. **Land Use Review** - Jeanne says that the Town Board will probably plan one workshop and ask Nan Stoltzenberg to facilitate it. It is important that Task Force members attend.
9. **New Businesses**- Roberta reports that she spoke to Stella Anastasia. (Jeanne says that Rus also spoke to Ms. Anastasia.) As it turns out Ms. Anastasia will not be able to put a bakery in the building she was looking at. But Roberta (and Rus) encouraged Ms. Anastasia to look at another building- a house along Main Street which is for sale.

Rus sent Jeanne an e-mail which reported that the reason Ms. Anastasia had to abandon plans to buy the white building in Town was that the health department will not issue a permit for a commercial kitchen at that location. That is why that site is out of the question.

We note: The fact that businesses cannot locate in certain locations in Copake (the Chinese restaurant and now a bakery) makes a good argument for the need for a public sewer.
10. **PR for town**- Roberta says that Linda Senk has offered to do PR for the Town. In speaking about the need for PR, we agree that it would be best to have a

“chamber of commerce” type organization in the Town which would sponsor publicity for the area. A year or so ago, we thought that Hillsdale was working towards a “Roe Jan Business Alliance” and that Copake would be included. That did not happen; Hillsdale decided to make their alliance a Hillsdale Business Alliance.

We agree that it would be great for Copake to start a Roe Jan Business group- perhaps the Roe Jan Business “Consortium”. We will speak to Jerry Fultz about this in March. We think it would be very beneficial to the area.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne E. Mettler