

Minutes  
Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force  
Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019  
Copake Town Hall

Present: Roberta Roll, Lenny Barham, Andy Fisher, Alan Friedman, Jeanne Mettler- liaison.  
Absent: Tom Goldsworthy, Peter Kelly.

Approval of minutes from Jan. 23, 2019: approved

LWRP: Roberta reviewed the 80 pages; spoke with Frank Landa, our temporary project manager. We are registered in the NYS contract system. We do not have to register for the grants gateway. Our forms are filled out except for forms the supervisor must submit. Roberta is the coordinator; she will attend Thursday's Town Board meeting. Our municipal law is what dictates how we hire the consultant. We do not have to put this out to bid.

Business Association: Roberta has not heard back from Jill about next steps. Alan reported that Jill has met with two of the local business people. There should be another meeting soon.

Brewery: The contract Frank had made has fallen through. Frank is looking at the old Hearthstone Inn. He is looking to purchase a building for his brewery.

Historic district: The Octagon house has been reduced to 89K from 99K. The woman from Depot never responded back to Peter after she informed him of her health issues. Developing ideas on how to approach the historic district brochure (straw poll). Bill needs to see interest before he proceeds with application. We also need to take into account the foreclosures and other property for sale along 7A (Main St.). The streetscape will be a big catalyst for change. We can be ready by having a poll developed but vacant houses can't give an opinion.

Market analysis from CEDC: Andy spoke with Mike Tucker who had forgotten to follow up on the question. Mike may want to have an economic development conference in Columbia County. Further discussion of market analysis vis-a-vis housing needs. Roberta will follow up regarding housing options for Copake. Roberta will find out if the apartment building has been sold.

Community Investment - non-profit, EDC: no movement yet. Discussion as to what kind of vehicle would best serve the town. Perhaps we need a Copake Economic Development Council.

Perception in community - letter from citizen: Letter to Town Board about other towns that have experienced growth, but not Copake. The CHRTF may respond; the writer is misinformed.

Other business: The sign on the north end of Rt. 22 was approved by the Zoning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Lenny Barham