

Minutes
Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force
Wednesday, March 28th, 2018 7pm
Copake Town Hall

Present: Roberta Roll, Peter Kelly, Andy Fisher, Jeanne Mettler, Town Liaison,
Tom Goldsworthy (By Phone)
Absent: Lenny Barham

Approval of minutes from Jan. 24 and Feb. 21, 2018

Housing and Development

- Habitat update - There is a family that is being considered and currently going through the approval process.
- **CEDC involvement with commercial development** – The prospect of meeting with Mike Tucker again was discussed. We still need to take another look at the empty retail spaces and also at the list of foreclosed properties. Roberta will email him to ask about any progress on the pilot program for business revitalization that was discussed at our last meeting with him.

LWRP – The application for the LWRP grant is in the administrative process and the town is waiting to hear back from the state.

Bike Copake – The first meeting for the event will be on the 21st of April. The tentative date for the ride is September 22, 2018. The Rail Trail will again be the benefactor of the event. The Copake Bicycle auction will be on Saturday, April 21st and the ride through town will be on Friday, April 20th at 3 PM.

Historic District - Bill Krattinger wrote a letter documenting our meeting this past October and working on ideas for a historic district. This will take time.

Octagon House - Peter will speak with Howard Blue and hopefully make a connection with a family member to find out more details on the families plan for the house.

Peter will also reach out to the owners of the old railroad depot.

DOT Streetscape - Committee applications are being accepted until April 30.

Signage on Rt. 22 to promote Copake – Jeanne is approaching the local banks for funds for signage to promote the hamlet businesses. Different ideas were discussed of how and where signs could be located out on Rt. 22 .

Business Cooperative/Alliance- Tom suggested that we send out postcards and get an email list of all the businesses in the hamlet. A group email could be formed as a means of communication. Andy reported great news that internet speed will be

increased from 4 megabytes to a minimum of 25. 100 megabytes will be offered in 18-24 months.

Vehicle Charging Station – A meeting on April 6th at 4 PM with Robin of Capital Region Planning will take place. If the initiative is successful, then it will help Copake become a certified Clean Energies Community.

Summer Event – On Saturday, August 4th, the Firehouse's annual Trash & Treasure will take place. The Grange and Farm on! are planning to collaborate for a Copake summer festival day.

The meeting adjourned at roughly 9 PM and we descended into the chilly early spring night. All looking forward to some warmer weather were the last sentences uttered.

Respectfully submitted by Peter Kelly