

Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force
Minutes
April 12, 2017 7PM

Present: Roberta Roll, Lenny Barham, Andy Fisher, Tom Goldsworthy, Peter Kelly
Town liaison: Jeanne Mettler
Absent: Jennifer Redman

- Approval of minutes from March 8, 2017

- LURC: near completion; there will be another Town Board workshop on April 18; although the table of uses will be looked at again, it is not clear how many of the recent Task Force recommendations will be incorporated. When the Town Board is satisfied with the draft, there will be a public hearing scheduled.
- The Town will likely pass a solar law at the next Town board meeting.

- Meeting with Dean Knox: pre-design phase on Streetscape will begin in 10/19. Columbia County DOT will put out bids and hire consultant. Design phase will take approximately two years. We will have time to look at other parts of the plan, especially as it relates to design and to elements that will not be covered by DOT or Fed. funds, such as benches, lighting, etc. From beginning of design to beginning of construction is 2-5 years. It is likely that a Citizens Advisory Committee will be appointed - they will work with DOT and the consultant. DOT has allocated 3-5 million dollars. Our next formal meeting with Dean Knox/DOT will be in early Jan, 2018.

- RFP: Since we received a planning grant for the waterfront revitalization, an RFP needs to be done. We have delayed this, since we were hoping to get some significant information about using the cow tunnel, but it seems this process will take longer. Roberta would like to get the RFP done as soon as possible so that we might have a chance to apply for construction funds by the end of July. Roberta and Tom will work on it.

- Housing:
 - Habitat meeting in Ancram: Roberta and Peter attended. \$170k will build a new house. Restoration of old houses was not discussed. Roberta talked with Brenda Adams, director of Habitat, who said she would talk with us. She also talked with Dennis Wedlick, who emphasized the value of public-private partnership.
 - Jenn's contacts: hasn't found anyone yet who's interested. There was a discussion of the octagon house, finding someone who would want to fix it up, "This Old House type show." Peter will do some research.

- Green Energy project: Andy's contact has been out of the country; will return before the end of April. We should take a look inside the school.

- Copake Day: Roberta hopes to meet with Christy re: Copake Business and Arts Day.
- Business Alliance: not yet developed.
- Repair Cafe: The Town has reservations; it may not be appropriate to use Town funds. Roberta will speak with Jeff.
- * Grange: Jeanne and Roberta became members. Other members are needed.
- Bike Copake: 9/23 is the Ramble. There is a new website for the Ramble: roejanramble.org. Discussing looking for donations. New people have become involved. Looking for 300 riders. 4/22 is the Copake bicycle auction. The Town is promoting The Great Bicycle Ride the day before the auction.

Respectfully submitted,

Lenny Barham