

Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force

April 22, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

Copake Town Hall

Present: Peggy Lewis, Chris Quinby, Jennifer Redman, Roberta Roll, Chair

Absent: Rus Davis, John Pollok

Other Attendees: Jeanne Mettler, Town Board Liaison, Terri Sullivan, Town Board Member

Minutes – The minutes from the April 8th, 2015 meeting was approved.

Roe Jan School –

Roberta, Jeanne and local entrepreneur Matthew White met with a real estate broker that is considering listing the Roe Jan School for sale on behalf of its owner. The broker wanted to better understand possible uses for the site and gather more information before listing it.

New Businesses –

There is a notice of Retail Application to sell liquor posted on the old pharmacy building.

The town was notified of an application made for on-site consumption of alcohol in the old JJ's Pizza building.

Bike Team –

The April 17th ride with the Wheelmen was sparsely attended despite increased publicity for the event in town. The stormy weather earlier in the day may have discouraged some locals to participate. Someone from the bike team may reach out to Copake Auction to see if perhaps the auction and ride could be moved to a warmer time of year to encourage more local participation.

The Bike Team has requested that the Town of Copake sponsor the Roe Jan Ramble so that the event will fall under the Town's insurance coverage. Ancram has agreed to sponsor the ride as well. Hillsdale is expected to also sponsor, but the committee has not received a response as of yet.

The committee is continuing its work on the new Copake bike map and brochure. Ads in the brochure are currently being sold for \$35. The Columbia County Tourism Department will also provide some funds to produce it.

The bike team will collaborate with the Roe Jan Library on a bike safety event.

Summer Music Series –

Chris Quinby has organized a series of events to take place on 8 Saturdays over the summer. Events will include varied musical acts and one evening will be a Shakespeare performance. All events are listed at townofcopake.org

Design Charette

The committee thanked Chris Quinby for his efforts following up with the Grange regarding hosting the Copake Design Charette at the Grange. Unfortunately, by the time the Grange agreed to host the event all of the materials promoting the event had been produced and distributed and the event location could not be changed.

The event continues to be publicized via emails, postcards and posters. Committee members have individually approached Hamlet business owners to encourage their participation in the event which is taking place on May 2nd and 3rd.

CMH/Broadband initiatives –

Fundraising for the Copake community's contribution of \$25,000 to this project will need to commence and the committee discussed a strategy. Town Board member Terri Sullivan suggested that she could be helpful in this regard. CMH is getting ready to announce the project publicly and expects to do so in May. CMH expects to begin work in the next several months and is hopeful for a completion by the end of the year.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2105

Respectfully submitted, JENNIFER REDMAN