

Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force

February 11, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

Copake Town Hall

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

Absent: John Pollok

Other Attendees: Jeanne Mettler, Town Board Liaison

1/28/15 Minutes – The minutes from the January 28, 2014 meeting were reviewed and corrected. Amended minutes will be circulated for approval at the February 25th meeting.

CMH/Broadband initiatives – Roberta reported that she spoke with a Fairpoint representative to better understand any communication they may have had with CMH regarding providing broadband to the Rescue Squad site. It would be possible for Fairpoint to take service from the old telephone building and then install a new line to the Rescue Squad. The complication is that the circuit has to go up to Albany and then a third party would have to take it to Hudson. Installation for this would be \$5,000 with a \$2,800 monthly charge. Fairpoint will be working with the State on the Governor's new broadband initiative but there is no specific information for Copake at this point.

The cost of constructing the Rapid/Primary care facility has increased and CMH has asked the town to contribute to the project by making sure that the necessary broadband infrastructure is in place so that the facility can operate.

Funding sources such as Rheinstrom, USDA, Columbia County Economic Development Council, NY State Development funds and other private sources will be explored to cover the cost of the infrastructure. Other sources and methods of raising funds were discussed. A source of local quality healthcare is an important part of revitalizing Copake as it will allow the possibility for senior housing and bring people to Copake to access healthcare.

Place Alliance – The first meeting with Place Alliance was held on Saturday February 7th. The meeting was productive. We have to think about ways to publicize the design charrette on May 2nd and 3rd. Some suggestions for email lists and publication outlets included the Copake Lake Conservation Society, Roeliff Meadows HOA, Taconic Shores HOA, Front Porch Market list, Copake Connection, Chrysler Pond list, Long Lake association list and Roe Jan Community Library lists.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting:

Regular Meeting February 25th

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER REDMAN