

Attendees:

Roberta Roll, Jeanne Mettler, Chris Quinby, Rus Davis, Nancy Schultz, John Pollok

Minutes:

The Task Force approved the minutes for Sept 25 and Oct 9, 2013 as amended.

Grants

- Kathy Marchione's Director of Governmental Affairs, Ken Girardin, told Chris that no grants were available right now. Ken will pursue grant opportunities again in January.
- Didi Barrett recommended that we contact the Dyson Foundation, and the Berkshire Taconic Foundation specifically about their Donor Advised Funds, for hamlet plan funding. **Nancy** will follow up.
- We will plan on reapplying to the First Niagara Foundation in January 2014 for the hamlet plan. Nancy is awaiting more feedback from Regional Grant Representative Kelly Fishbach. **Nancy** will contact Kelly again.
- We should plan on asking for funds from the NYS Regional Economic Foundation grant program in June. This look like a great opportunity to help businesses trying to open in Copake. Consider for the Copake Inn or JJ's. **Nancy** will research more.
- Since we are sometimes required to solicit funds through a not-for-profit, Nancy suggested that we could enhance the image of Copake Community Service Inc. for grant makers by:
 - Putting some CCS money in 1st Niagara Bank
 - Creating a web site
 - Having the web site receive on-line donations
 - Getting a debit or credit card for paying for web site expenses, etc.

Rus has no objection to the web site. Who is going to be charge of designing and maintaining it?
How will CCS pay for it pay for it?

Didi Barrett Meeting

Roberta reported the outcomes of the meeting with Didi Barrett:

- Seek information about the Berkshire Taconic 'donor directed' program.¹
- Contact the Dyson Foundation. We can use Didi Barrett's name.
- Continue to pursue the ESD Regional Economic Development Council funding opportunities. (June application)
- Research the OMEGA waste water disposal system. **Roberta** will follow up.
- Focus on shorter term ventures to revitalize the hamlet.

¹ Get information on how the Volunteer Healthcare Program was funded.

- Think about a high end camping supply retailer in the hamlet.
- Pursue the Chatham Brewery. Also consider a cidery.
- Talk to Sally in Philmont about their experience drawing in businesses.
- Talk to the 'Townscape' group in Millerton. **Roberta** will follow up.
- Consider reaching out to Sharon Hospital for Rapid Care in Copake.
- Keep trying to get federal historic preservation status for Copake Hamlet.
- We should talk to Ken Flood. **Roberta** is trying to schedule Ken to come and meet with us (maybe Dec. 11)
- Nick Melson, Didi's Chief of Staff, advised that our infrastructure plans may impact the timing for the hamlet road reconstruction. They may not want to surface the road until the infrastructure warranty runs out.

CMH

Roberta has not been able to speak with Vince or Jay. **Roberta** will call Steve Anderson. **John** will call Jim LaPen.

Roberta corresponded with Dr. Robert Dweck at Hudson River Health Care about our interest in Urgent Care in Copake.

Movies

John has a list of the top 10 gangster movies from AMI. John will to the back story before the movie. We could do series of 5 movies over 2 to 3 months in the Spring running into the Summer. Need to secure the license, which is not too difficult because we are a NFP. We could co-sponsor with the library. The Grange is very receptive to this idea. Their next regular meeting is in April. Chris will try to call a special Grange meeting. We can use the projector from the library.

- 1 Get written approval from the Grange. John will do a presentation to the Grange.
- 2 Find and test the screen and the audio.

Other

For the next meeting Roberta will try to get Hilarie Thomas from the ZBA.

Biking – The Bike Team will be a long term team. Jon Strom may serve as leader of the team. They have an upcoming meeting to debrief from the recent events. They will discuss how this can be an economic catalyst.

Copake Spur – Jeanne will discuss this project with the Bike Team.

Meeting schedule: No meeting on November 27. No meeting on Dec 25.