

Attendees

John Pollok, Roberta Roll, Jeanne Mettler, Chris Quinby, Rus Davis, Nancy Schultz (No absences)

Grants

Dyson Foundation – Nancy has talked to Jen Drake at the Dyson Foundation. She is reviewing our materials to see if our hamlet plan meets their guidelines and will get back to Nancy. Jen also mentioned that Guidestar, the not-for-profit that provides information about other not-for-profits, has incomplete information about Copake Community Service Inc., the likely applicant for Dyson funds. This concern has been referred to the CCS board.

Berkshire Taconic Foundation – Nancy is awaiting a return call from Maeve O’Dea about whether there are any Donor Advised Funds that could provide funding for the hamlet plan.

First Niagara Foundation – Nancy has sent a reminder to Kelly Firmback requesting her recommendation how to make our 2014 application stronger. Nancy copied Gillian Sims-Elster, the local First Niagara Branch Manger.

Census Designated Place for Copake Hamlet – It would greatly facilitate Copake Hamlet grant applications if we could get census data just for the hamlet. This is especially important for NYS grants which typically require us to demonstrate that the hamlet’s average income is 90% or less of the county average income. Nancy is working with Aaron Basler at the US Census Bureau to create a CDP for the Copake Hamlet. The Town Board was advised by our liaison, Councilperson Jeanne Mettler.

Web Site

Likely we will have a business directory linked to the town web site. We need to resolve concerns about the type of content that is appropriate on a publicly funded site.

Film Series

Chris Quinby and John Pollok report that no one can locate the movie screen intended to be donated to the Grange. It may have been disposed of after the St. John’s in the Wilderness sale. **John** will look on e-bay to see if he can find another screen. John will talk to an AV person about the projector and speakers. We can use the library’s movie license and they will co-sponsor the event. Jeanne, John and Chris will be serving as a sub-committee.

Can the town board permit parking along Empire Road during Grange events? The Grange should ask the town.

Health Center in Copake Hamlet

CMH – Jay Calahan, CEO, left a voice mail for Roberta about a potential Rapid Care Facility in Copake. Jay told her that Mary Daggett from CMH has written a grant for an unidentified grant maker. Vincent Dingman, Chief Financial Officer, estimates it will cost half a million dollars to fix up the facility. They would like us to do fundraising. Is that our role? Shouldn't they consider the value of a couple years free rent? **Roberta** will keep talking to Jay directly.

Roberta also talked to Robert Dweck who gave Roberta a contact for Hudson River Health Care. This would be a different type of facility from Rapid Care.

Other

Roberta hasn't been able to get a response from Hilarie Thomas about the ZBA meeting with the task force. She will continue to follow up.

Update on General Store – a group is trying to reconstitute the general store as a general store/special foods/local farming venue.

Mike Peschel, chair of the Around the Clock Committee, has approximately \$600 in his ATC account. He asked the Task Force to consider whether we have any appropriate uses for these funds. Perhaps a beautification project? Bike racks? Public bulletin board? Buy local bench? **Roberta** will call Mike about these ideas.

Christmas trees will be provided by Shagbark Farms for \$20 each. Eleven trees will be placed throughout the town. Donors can write a check for \$20 for CCS Inc. to sponsor a tree. CCS also needs volunteers to decorate the trees. A notice will be in the Copake Connection.

There will be no meeting on Thanksgiving Eve, November 27. The next meeting will be Wednesday December 11.

Adjourn 9:03