

Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force - Minutes June 26, 2013

Attendees

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

Columbia Memorial Rapid Care

Mary Daggett, Director of Community Health Services and Grants for Columbia Memorial Hospital, has informed us that there are no grants available now for funding the Copake Rapid Care. We will discuss with them whether there are any alternatives such as USDA low interest loans. John is on the USDA e-mail list so he will be informed early when more funding is available. **John** will put together a letter to CMH discussing alternatives for proceeding with CMH, and **Roberta** will follow up with Vince and Jay. **John** will talk to CMH board member Jim LePenn.

Roberta will also discuss our urgent care initiative with her contacts at Hudson River Health Care.

Hillsdale/Copake Cooperation

Roberta did not get in touch with Victor Cornealius yet.

Grants / Hamlet Plan

We are working on a grant proposal from First Niagara Bank Foundation. Nancy's census contact was unable to find a way to get income information at the census block level (analogous to the hamlet population). Instead she will use reduced and free lunch statistics for Taconic Hills School (46% in 2011/2012) to demonstrate that our Hamlet Plan will be serving low to moderate income individuals under the Community Reinvestment Act. This is a program of the Federal Reserve under which financial institutions can get favorable credit for their donations to the community.

We should also work to apply make the Copake Hamlet a US Census 'place'. **Nancy** is doing further research on this topic.

John is working on the Hillsdale bid list for potential Hamlet Planners.

Nancy & Roberta are finalizing the RFP.

Bike Brochures

John will pick up the brochures at Kwik Print in Great Barrington on Thursday by 4:30 so we will have a sufficient supply for our Task Force table at Community Day.

We need to consider how to fund brochures and other materials in the future. Should we raise money under CCS? Should we ask to town for a budget?

Fall Bike Event

We are moving forward planning a Fall 2013 Community Bike Ride (Saturday). We will select two of the routes on the bike brochure. Start at 1 and 2 pm. People get a bib. When they complete the ride

someone would stamp it and they would get a discount off the dinner. Possible name: 'Roe Jan Ramble Bike Tour'. Should we reach out to Taghkanic and Ancram? We would like this to become an annual event.

- Should we ask Ruth Thomas and Dave to put together dinner? They are concerned about this risk of not knowing how many people would attend.
- Try to hold the dinner in the hamlet, and if not, use the town park with food by the fire dept if necessary. Or we could use the grange for dining.
- We will need insurance. Rus determined that insurance for a one day event averages \$450.

Funds raised will be held by CCS in a separate fund for Task Force initiatives.

There should be four admission rates:

- Ride – early registration/same day registration
- Dinner - early registration/same day registration

Rock Around the Clock Block Party

We decided to postpone the Rock Around the Clock Block Party until next year. We will select a date this summer and have a committee work on it all winter.

We will put out sign up sheets for volunteers next Saturday at Community Day for the bike ride and the block party.

Community Day Table

Nancy will set up the table with sign up sheet & bike brochures. **Roberta** will type up a sheet about the task force to put at the table.

Town Committee Interviews

The group would like to interview the Building Department and then the Planning board. **Roberta** will try to schedule the interviews.