

Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force - Minutes July 10, 2013

Attendees

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

Rapid Care

Roberta talked to Vince Dingman and Mary Daggett from CMH. They are still interested in placing a Rapid Care Center in Copake. We are about #4 on their short list of priorities. They have several initiatives they need to take care of first, especially their mental health initiative. They determined that Copake does not qualify for HIPSA funding for underserved populations. CMH wants to feel comfortable that the numbers work before they make the investment. CMH is getting less reimbursement from Affordable Health Care Act on Medicare and Medicaid patients. They need 7000 visits a year to make it work. The earliest they are likely to look at this initiative again is early next summer. A grant opportunity could come up that would be a perfect fit for us which might make it happen sooner.

How we might move things along:

- Mary is still working on funding opportunities. If we include surrounding areas might we qualify for HIPSA?
- **John** wants to start a process talking to Didi Barrett and Chris Gibson to see if they can free up some state or federal money. Didi is opening an office in Hudson this week. Everyone agrees that this is a good idea and John will proceed.
- What can we do to 'address the numbers'? Can we get letters of support, e.g. Camp Pontiac or Camp Anne? How many ED visits do they have per year? Understand local needs through historical pharmacy numbers. Consider information from Catamount and Falcon Ridge. Get statistics from Rescue Squad. Ask clergy about the needs of people in the area. Get letters of support from Art Baer and Art Bassin about the needs of their town. Try to get info to Mary as well as Vince. **John** will come up with a plan for how we approach this.
- Should we go public to build community support? Should we make presentations to community groups? Share information at blood drives, etc?
- Should we conduct an anonymous survey about health care needs in the area? If so, ask Mary to help us decide on the survey questions.
- **John** will continue to talk to key influencers: Steve Anderson and Jim LePenn, CMH Treasurer.

Copake Connection

Current circulation is 1040 people.

Grants

We received a \$5000 grant from the Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation for the hamlet plan. Roberta gave the check to Jeff. Roberta will write a thank you to the foundation and issue a press release.

Victor Cornelius advises that there is a large amount of Super Storm Sandy money about to be released in the Hudson Valley, including waste water management (\$7.4 billion). Cornelius is a fee-based grant writer working on a large number of potential projects in the area. He is on retainer for many schools in Dutchess County and working on a big green treatment facility project for Orange County. This type of project attracts more commercial and residential development. The application is due on August 1.

According to Cornelius under current funding an individual landowner could not apply for funds to fix the Bash Bish Brook flood damage but the town could apply if the landowner sold the town an easement. There is a lot of money out there for this kind of project right now. There is less money for arts projects. Roberta did not get around to asking about Rapid Care funding.

The Task Force agreed Victor would be a good contact for future large projects.

Hamlet Plan

The bid list is taking longer than expected because Tom Carty is not available. Mike Dworzak has succeeded him. **John** is leading this task.

Nancy & Roberta will work on the RFP before Aug 3.

Copake Hillsdale Cooperation

Matthew White followed up with Peter Cipkowski about the development of the Roe Jan School property. Peter would feel comfortable speaking to Dave Holland who has 40% ownership in the property.

Bike Event

Jeanne hasn't talked to Dave Valden yet, but has talked to the General Store. She told Ruth about the alternative town park siting if we can't engage the hamlet businesses. Jeanne is trying to speak with Chris Thomas. The committee cannot take on coordinating multiple facets of the dinner. We need a comprehensive solution.

Could the Town sponsor the ride and the businesses could sponsor the dinner?

Sunday Sept 22 is the potential date for the event.

Tasks:

- Find volunteers
- Put together a plan for the dinner
- Put together a budget – food (hamlet food purveyors or fire dept - Chris), shirts, insurance (town?), grange (free? Chris),

Task Force Name Change/Mission Change

Several times Supervisor Nayer has suggested that the task force drop the word 'Hamlet' from their name, changing it to the 'Copake Revitalization Task Force'. The group concluded that this is a significant

mission change that conflicts with the mission of the CEAB. Since the hamlet task force is still in its initial phase we feel that it would be a problem to broaden our scope now.

Interview schedule

Jeanne will touch base with Ed Ferratto to try to get him to attend our next meeting on July 24.

August meeting schedule

We may cancel August meetings because many of our members are unavailable.

We can make final decisions on the bike event on July 24, and then pull a committee together to work out the details off line between meetings.