

Attendance:

Present: Nancy Schultz, John Pollok (both via phone), Roberta Roll, Chris Quinby, Jeanne Mettler
Absent: Rus Davis

Census Designated Place

Jeff Nayer said we do not need permission of the board to establish our CDPs for Copake Hamlet, Taconic Shores and Copake Falls.

Nancy should submit our recommended area maps to the US Census Bureau.

When they are in effect Nancy will submit an article to the Copake Connection.

Columbia Memorial Hospital

Roberta spoke with Mary Daggett. The Dyson Foundation will only grant funds to the owner of the building. **Roberta** will contact Rus Davis and Joe LaPorta to verify that the Rescue Squad owns the building and is willing to submit the grant request through the Rescue Squad.

Roberta has not heard back from Jay Cahalan about bringing engineers to visit the building to refine the cost estimates. She will continue to follow up.

Grants

Berkshire Taconic Donor Advised Fund

Jeanne will advise the board that the Task Force is resubmitting the grant proposal for the Hamlet Planner that the board approved last year.

First Niagara Grant

Nancy & Rus are responsible for the remaining tasks for the 1st Niagara support for the Hamlet Planner. **Nancy** will contact Rus to move forward on these tasks.

The IRS has not corrected the CCS name yet, but it is just within the 60 day timeline they promised. If necessary we will indicate that all required IRS filings have been made to correct the name.

Kathy Marchione – CMH and Hamlet Planner

Jeff and Jeanne met with Senator Kathy Marchione.

She is very interested in the CMH initiative and would like to meet with officials from the hospital.

She is also interested in putting funds in her budget to support the Hamlet Planner. We requested \$15,000. Jeff had send a follow up letter and promised that **Roberta** will supply additional information and the RFI.

Request for Information for Hamlet Plan (RFI)

The Task Force agreed that the RFI was ready to go and authorized **Roberta** to issue it. **Nancy** will verify that e-mail addresses are available for the bidders list (from Hillsdale Hamlet Committee and Nan Stolzenberg.)

Gangster Film Series

John presented the audio and video estimate from Best Buy. He noted that much of the cost is for the audio and we could use a simpler amplification solution. **John's** personal advisor will help him edit the list. Chris suggested that we target a budget of \$1500.

Chris will investigate what type of projector and sound system is being used by Copake Falls for their summer outdoor films. **Chris** will also measure the exact size of the Grange theater.

We should consider approaching local businesses that may be able to order what we need at a discount.

John will research the company that will supply the license and verify the costs.

John will develop a budget indicating how expenses might be shared among the sponsoring organizations (Town, Library and Grange).

Chris will not set up dates until we have the projector, sound system and licenses.

Roberta urged everyone to move quickly because we will need about 6 weeks to publicize the film series.

Bike Events

The Harlem Valley Rail Ride has developed a route that will bring about 1500 riders through the center of Copake for the annual event in July. **Jeanne** will determine the kinds of services we will need to provide to support the event.

The Bike Committee will meet this week. They are considering making the Roe Jan Ramble a three town event (Copake, Hillsdale and Ancram). They will decide among a Fun Ride, Admissions ride or Pledge ride. The Task Force is comfortable with whichever alternative they decide on.

Other

The Copake Front Porch Market is progressing well toward its projected Mother's Day weekend grand opening.

The Business Directory on the town web site is growing and Jeanne is trying to get more businesses to list there.

The Block Party committee is yet to be formed. **Nancy** will provide a list of potential volunteers collected last summer. Chris and Fiona will serve on the committee.

LURC Chair Bob Haight contacted Roberta about our interest in being involved in developing design standards for the Hamlet. Roberta told Bob that we are including design standards in our Hamlet Plan.

Roberta will talk to Bob more to find out what the LURC has in mind and research what other towns have done.

Next meeting

Wed Feb. 26 at 7 PM at Town Hall and dial in.