

Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force

Minutes February 26, 2014

Attendees

Present

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

Absent

Jeanne Mettler

Grants

Green Pastures – Berkshire Taconic Foundation

The proposal was approved to submit with changes.

1st Niagara Foundation

Guidestar - Rus has our Guidestar listing up and populated to enhance the credibility of CCS as a grant recipient. **Rus** still needs to add financial reports after restoring QuickBooks. **Nancy** will add more background information.

We can use the Copake Flowers account at First Niagara to document a CCS business relationship with First Niagara. Rus estimates there is \$15000 in the account that has been in place over 20 years. **CCS** may need to do a resolution to officially establish it as a division of CCS. **Rus** will check with the bank to determine whether to add 'Division of Copake Community Service Inc.' in the name listing and/or add the CCS EIN to the account.

Rus will poll other CCS board members to establish their personal or business relationships with 1st Niagara. (**Nancy** send exact wording from the grant guidelines.)

Nancy will use the same budget as was included in the Berkshire Taconic grant submittal.

There is no response from the IRS yet on the update of the CCS name in IRS records.

Try to submit the grant to 1st Niagara in the first two weeks of March.

Hamlet Plan

Senator Marchione

Roberta followed up with Senator Marchione's office to confirm that they will be looking at their budget to consider our request for funding for the Hamlet Plan. **Roberta** will send another e-mail at the end of the week.

RFI

Roberta has received a response from one firm that they are interested in bidding. We are waiting for their comments.

Timing for the Hamlet Plan is becoming critical. Bob Bernstein informed Roberta that the conservation easement is basically done. They are still willing to set aside some land for hamlet development but it is unclear how this would be done.

Columbia Memorial Hospital

Roberta talked with Joe LaPorta about being the applicant of the grant. Joe said they would be interested in being the applicant but the Rescue Squad and the Hospital need to talk more, e.g. administration, and what building improvements (roof) might be included.

Roberta sent Jay Cahalan another e-mail reminding him that Senator Marchione is expecting a call from the hospital. She also contacted Mary Daggett, Vince Dingman and Jay indicating the Rescue Squad is interested in being Dyson Foundation applicant, and reminded them about the planned engineer visit to the Rescue Squad site.

Gangsterfest Film Series

John received room size from Chris. John's contact has put together a proposal. In order to get the license we need to select the dates. Breakeven is 25 people. The library is also willing to chip in on the cost.

Roberta will send **Chris** the specs John provided and select dates the Grange is available.

Copake Falls borrowed their equipment. The estimated cost for new equipment is \$1800. **Chris** will ask the Grange for \$1500. We can also put out donation jar at the movies.

John will continue to put the budget together. **John** and **Chris** will determine cost and profit sharing with our partners – Grange and Library.

Design Standards

Examples of community design standards were provided by the LURC to the Hamlet Task Force for our comments. **Chris** will take photos of the buildings along Main Street and Church Street and put them in the DropBox. At our next meeting we will discuss what we want to encourage and what we want to discourage.

Other

Census Designated Place

The US Census Bureau is on track to implement 3 census designated places (CPDs) for Copake Hamlet, Taconic Shores and Copake Falls this spring.

Bike Events

Jeanne has contacted Ancram about joining the bike event.

Block Party

Nancy get them the name from the summer signups. The Task Force will pull a committee together.

Front Porch Market

The Market is progressing slowly but surely.

Funding

We will ask **Jeanne** to check on the status of a small budget for working capital for the Task Force.

Adjourn 8:35

Next meeting March 12