

# Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force

## Minutes March 26, 2014

Present: Roberta Roll, Jeanne Mettler, Chris Quinby, Rus Davis, Nancy Schultz

Absent: John Pollok

Roberta's Report to the Town Board

Roberta informed the Board about

- The Hamlet Plan – we are still pursuing funding
- Bike Copake initiatives
- Pursuing Medical Care in Copake
- Census Designated Places
- Film Series with the Grange
- Status of Copake Front Porch Market
- Trying to organize a block party and looking for volunteers

Grants

During March the Task Force submitted grant proposals to the Berkshire Taconic Greener Pastures Fund (\$2500) and First Niagara Bank (\$5000).

Roberta e-mailed Ken at Kathy Marchione's office to follow up on the funding for the hamlet plan. She is awaiting a response. She let them know that their funding will be the tipping point for sending out the RFP.

Roberta received a call from Rick Melson in Assemblyperson Didi Barrett's office. Didi is coming to Dad's Diner on Friday at 1 PM. Roberta will ask Didi about getting funding from her for the hamlet plan.

CMH

Roberta e-mailed Jay Cahalan again to see what she could do to keep the Rapid Care project on track. The Rescue Squad has not heard from CMH. CMH needs to file a Certificate of Need with the Health Department to receive permission to place a facility in Copake. Also the CMH engineers need to refine their plans to develop a closer price estimate for drafting the grant request for the Dyson Foundation with the Rescue Squad.

Film Series

Chris reported that the Grange has no money to fund equipment for the film series. However they think the Film Series is a fantastic idea. **Nancy** will research whether HRBT Foundation can

fund \$4000 for the equipment setup and licensing of films for the Gangster Film Series. **Nancy** will contact Holly Rappelyea at the HRBT Foundation to determine whether they can help with the funding. **Roberta** will Invite Bill Newcomb to the next meeting (April 9) to discuss applying for funding through the Grange, with assistance from the Task Force. When we get the funding we can schedule the dates for the film showings.

The Film Series will be sponsored by the Task Force, Grange and CCS. Proceeds will benefit the Grange and CCS. There needs to be an agreement between the Grange and CCS. How will 'suggested donations' from attendees be split? Likely with split fees auditorium rental should be free. Would kitchen rental be free as well?

### Commercial Design Standards

Nancy presented a discussion document based on characteristics of existing buildings in the hamlet that are consistent with an early 20<sup>th</sup> century architectural theme. The discussion was illustrated with photos taken by John Quinby.

Rus objects to standards that are too specific. He is concerned that standards put a financial burden on the people trying to bring businesses to the hamlet.

All agreed that the Town shouldn't specify specific materials that may add to cost. Instead buildings should approximate the look that is desirable.

**Roberta** will check with Bob Haight to understand when the LURC needs the Task Force feedback.

**Jeanne** will take the sentiments discussed at the meeting and try to draft a response for further discussion among the Task Force members.

### Bike Copake

The Bike Copake Team is working on a number of initiatives to make Copake a biking mecca:

- Creating a Facebook page and google group for bikers
- Staffing a table at Community Day about bike safety
- Planning a ride the day after Community Day
- Developing a new brochure. Found a map utility that will allow us to map our bike trails. Layout by a designer will cost about \$250. What is the liability if someone has an accident on one of the defined bike routes? CCS may need liability insurance. The **Bike Team** will work out the numbers and then come to Rus at CCS for further discussion about printing the brochure, and insurance and funding to acquire it.
- Roe Jan Ramble – The Bike Team has met with people from Hillsdale. Hillsdale Town Board has authorized the Town to participate with Copake sponsoring the Ramble. However, all agree that the Ramble will begin and end in Copake. The model will be a hybrid – kids ride free and others pledge.

- Bike Auction Ride – April 11 at 3 PM. Task Force members were assigned places to post the posters for the event.

Other

The town board is having a hearing on disbanding the CEAB at their next meeting.

Next Meeting

April 9, Town Hall, 7 PM. Chris will not be able to attend. Nancy will attend by phone.