

Attendance:

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

Absent: John Pollok, Chris Quinby

Guest: Bill Newcomb, Copake Grange Board Chair

Film Series

Most of the Grange board members are in favor of a film series at the Grange but the funding is still an open issue. Board: Harvey Weber, Bernice O'Connell and Bill Newcomb.

Funding

- Purchase equipment - \$1500 for the minimum requirements
- Licensing fee for each film. \$150 to \$200 per film

The Grange treasury will need to be used to maintain the building, especially heat this year. Building maintenance needs to get done first. The task force needs to consider how to raise the money to buy and install the equipment.

The Grange typically makes money through donations and bequests. We could try to fund the film series with grant money. The HRBT Foundation has indicated an interest in supporting this but they would expect funding from other sources as well. The Grange could approach the Rheinstrom Foundation. Bill also has a private funder he could approach. Could the Grange be a matching partner and re-coop their investment from their share of the Film Series proceeds?

Details to consider:

- Who will own the equipment? Likely the Grange should be the owner.
- Should we do a dinner before the movie and split the proceeds? If so does Ed Ferratto need to inspect the kitchen?
- How will the proceeds be split? (We would ask for a suggested donation. How would that be shared? Can we use the Grange rent free and split the proceeds? Should the Grange fund us the \$1000 and get the full donation? Bill will talk to the board.)

Other factors:

- Should the Grange be changed into a Community Center? Otherwise if they don't get more members the National Grange could take over the property. Should we do a membership drive in conjunction with the Film Series?
- A series of plays are scheduled at the Grange every other weekend this summer. We could use it for the Film Series on the alternate weekend.

- Bill has permission to park cars at the old school building next to the grange. Owned by Herondale Farms.

## Grants

The Task Force did not receive Green Pastures grant from the Berkshire Taconic Foundation

**Nancy** - Check on the status of the First Niagara grant.

**Jeanne** or Jeff will call again on the Kathy Marchione funding.

If necessary we need to go to the town to fill the gap in the Hamlet Plan funding.

We do not expect funding from Didi Barrett.

## Copake Agricultural Center

On April 16 there will be a meeting with the Land Conservancy about the easement. Bob Bernstein should be there and Roberta plans to attend. (This is not a public meeting).

The conservation easement moved quickly because there was funding from Scenic Hudson. Our questions to be asked by **Roberta**:

What land is including in the easement?

Will general housing be allowed within the easement?

Will the town be able to grow physically under the conservation easement?

Will there be a place in the conserved area for a waste water treatment plant?

There are concerns about the conservation easement limiting the economic growth of the town.

## Rapid Care

CMH – Per Rus, Jay Cahalan met with the Rescue Squad. According to Rus, Jay said ‘they are just as enthused as ever.’ CMH is currently working on the certificate of need. The engineer is working on the design.

Kathy Marchione said that CMH should go ahead and apply for their certificate of need because it would give them more leverage even though they do not have their money yet. They will not get money from Dyson for construction, but Dyson will fund equipment. The Rescue Squad said they would apply for the grant and reiterated the offer of free start up rent. The Rapid Care could potentially be open by the end of the year.

Three weeks from now there will be no CMH presence in Dr. Callan’s office. CHM would like their community presence in the Rescue Squad building.

## Bike Copake

The 2014 brochure is with Ken Dow who is reviewing the map rights.

The antique bike ride will take place on Friday April 11 at 3 PM.

Roe Jan Ramble – This event is evolving. They expect a minimal registration fee. People will have the option of pledging. **Jeanne** is still trying to get Ancram involved.

## Hamlet Design Standards

Roberta did not hear back from Bob Haight, who is on medical leave. **Roberta** will e-mail LURC vice-chair Frank Peteroy.

Jean presented her updates to our response to the LURC. It is not our task to write a law. We should create a context. 'This is what Copake is'.

The task force updated the document that **Jeanne** will put in the dropbox.

## Other

Didi Barrett diner tour. No major agenda and nothing new. Roberta told her about the Copake Front Porch Market.

**Jeanne** will research how we might help an applicant for a liquor license in the town.

## Next Meeting

After the 4/19 meeting the task force agreed to cancel the April 23 meeting. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday May 14** at 7 PM at the Town Hall.