

Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force
Minutes
November 9th, 2016
7PM Copake Town Hall

Present: Roberta Roll, Peter Kelly, Andy Fisher, Lenny Barham, Jennifer Redman (by phone)

Town Board Liaison: Jeanne Mettler

Chris Quinby announced his resignation, effective immediately. He will continue to be available to the CHRTF if needed.

Minutes of the 10/26/16 meeting were approved.

Housing: Jenn spoke with Margaret Irwin about finding a developer. Jenn got the names of several recommended developers. We should do market research; we should know our market and be able to provide data, e.g. who may be interested, what can they afford, vacancy rates, etc. We may be able to get a survey done for \$500. Peter will get basic facts about from Zillow. The US census has data also. Jenn will pursue getting more info regarding what a basic survey would provide. We need to know what vacant houses exist in town now. We will eventually need to bring a case to the town board. Local farms have needs for housing for their workers; Peter will talk to some of the farmers about specifics.

Roe Jan School: Roberta and Jeanne spoke with Peter Cipkowski; discussed going thru Columbia County Economic Development group. Cipkowski has contact with the current owner. Jeanne will pursue. The developer of The Falls in Greenport may be interested. Andy suggested speaking with Cornell Cooperative; Peter will follow up. Andy will contact an architect who may know an interested party. Roberta will contact Shakespeare & Co.

Pharmacy: Roberta again contacted the person who runs the pharmacy for the Rapid Care Center in Valatie - owned by Columbia Memorial Health. His response was positive. Roberta will meet with him on Nov 19th.

Grange Film Festival: Jeanne spoke with David Valentino about installing the projector. She will follow-up again.

Christmas trees: Trees are available for adoption for \$30 at the Front Porch Market. They will be installed on the Friday after Thanksgiving; lights will be installed on Saturday.

Broadband: An update and establishment of a town broadband committee is on the agenda for the Town Board meeting tomorrow night.

Bike Copake: Jon Strom, the current chair, is resigning from Bike Copake and the Roe Jan Ramble. No one has yet stepped up to be chair. Roberta will contact him about a wrap up meeting for the committee and the Task Force to brainstorm about more biking initiatives.

Other business: There may be a potential to get some buildings in Copake declared historic; Peter will investigate. He will also pursue getting an architecture class from Columbia Green to review the buildings in Copake.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lenny Barham