

Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force

Minutes

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

- Present: Roberta Roll, Lenny Barham, Andy Fisher, Tom Goldsworthy, Peter Kelly (phone), Jenn Redman, and Jeanne Mettler (Town Board Liaison)
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- Minutes of the 5/24/17 meeting were approved with minor changes.
 - Minutes of the 6/28/17 meeting were approved with minor changes.
 - **Copake Memorial Park Celebration Day (August 5)** - The Park Commission still has no brochure; there's nothing posted at Town Hall; there was an article in the Columbia Paper. A map will be produced and available. There will be a special edition of the Copake Connection.
 - **Historic District Designation** - The homeowner's participation is required for historic designation. Peter and Bill Krattinger will survey the town. Howard Blue would like to know if we could publish his article on the octagonal house on the Facebook page. It would need to be edited. It should talk only about the history of the house.
 - **Bike Copake** - Tom Goldsworthy reported that progress is ongoing. Looking to build a twitter following. 65 sign-ups to date. Tom sent press releases to the Columbia Paper and the Register Star. Publicity will be in other papers in the county also. Columbia Memorial Hospital will be a sponsor. Tom will ask if they will publish the event. Picked up and listed by Hudson River Ramble, listed by *I Love NY*, picked up by Bike New York. Harlem Valley Rail Ride is this Sunday; Tom will be passing out cards for Bike Copake. Lisa DeLeeuw has been contacting highway departments to let them know about the roads being used. Fund raising needs to be pumped up, but focus now is getting ride entrants. Next meeting is 8/12/17.
 - **Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)** - Mr. Winbush sent a form for a work order to be filled out; need to list volunteers, workers, etc. Roberta will speak with Margaret about next steps for work order. After completion, the Town Board will be approached. The RFP can be a one-page letter. Jeanne reported that the town is waiting to hear from DOT about the results of the meeting held regarding the cow tunnel. Andy reported on data about the number of users on rail trails and the economic impact, which is significant.
 - **Former Roe Jan School** - Nothing new to report.
 - **Housing & Development** - Tom was unable as yet to obtain a list of properties in foreclosure. Peter suggested that Tom look at tax delinquencies. The blue house in Copake is in foreclosure. Brenda from Habitat will talk with the Town Board.
 - **Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC)** - Roberta has not gotten back in touch with Mike Tucker. He wants to do a drive around. We should then get him to talk to businesses.
Tom has started an inventory of properties and buildings.

There was a discussion of Farm On and getting it more involved in the town.

- **Zoning** - Zoning rules should be enforced.
- **Bank of Greene County** is going into the vacated Key Bank building. It will include an internet cafe.
- **Other Business** - Columbia County must be contacted in order to get new signage directing people into Town from Rt. 22. The Town Board should make the contact for a "Business District" sign.
The Grange has been getting more members. There is new leadership there; the movie screen will be moved forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Lenny Barham