

Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force

April 8, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

Copake Town Hall

Present: Rus Davis, Peggy Lewis, John Pollok, Chris Quinby, Jennifer Redman, Roberta Roll, Chair

Absent: none

Other Attendees: Jeanne Mettler, Town Board Liaison, Jeff Nayer, Town Supervisor

Bike Team –

The April 17th ride with the Wheelmen in conjunction with the Copake Auction's Swap Meet and Bike Auction is set for 3 p.m. rain or shine. The Bike Team is promoting this event through Facebook and the Copake Connection.

The new Copake bike map and brochure is in the works and the Columbia County Tourism Department is going to provide some funds to produce it. Copake Community Service, Inc. will be the sponsor of the brochure.

The Bike Team has requested that the Town of Copake sponsor the Roe Jan Ramble so that the event will fall under the Town's insurance coverage. Jeanne Mettler contacted her counterparts in Hillsdale and Ancram to suggest that those Town Boards also sponsor the ride.

At the request of the bike team, the Town of Copake made a request to Columbia County to help solve confusing signage and speed limits on the corner of route 7a and Snyder Pond Road. The County responded quickly and removed the confusing 45 mph speed limit sign and installed a "Share the Road" sign.

CMH/Broadband initiatives –

The New York State budget that was passed in early April included \$350,000 in funding for the CMH rapid care center to be located in Copake.

The request letter to the Rheinstrom Foundation asking them to support the installation of broadband so that the proposed CMH rapid care center can operate was sent out.

Fundraising for the Copake community's contribution of \$25,000 to this project will need to commence. The committee discussed several ways of moving forward with this project and discussed ideas as to whom could spearhead this effort and how it should be conducted.

Design Charrette – The design charrette will be held on May 2nd and 3rd in the hamlet and at Town Hall. A postcard promoting the event will be sent to all Copake resident and businesses the week of April 6th. Posters have been produced and are going to be put up around town. CHRTF members will approach business owners and encourage their participation. The charrette Facebook page continues to be updated. Individual CHRTF members emailed existing contacts within the town to make sure that all residents have been apprised of the charrette.

New Town Business – The town has received an application from a person who wishes to open a sports bar in town. Another potential business owner has asked the CHRTF for a letter of support in its application to the State Liquor Authority to open a liquor store.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: April 22, 2105

Respectfully submitted, JENNIFER REDMAN