

Minutes
Copake Economic Development Advisory Committee
Thursday August 13, 2020, 4pm
via Zoom

Present: Tom Goldsworthy, Chair; Deb Cohen; Rich Lee; Roberta Roll; Austin Urban, Kevin Davis, Richard Wolf (Town Board Liaison)

Absent: Julie Cohen

Survey of Local Businesses – Following the July 29 meeting, CEDAC members submitted questions to Rich Lee to be compiled into a survey of local businesses to learn more about their needs and desires as well as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the meeting, committee members reviewed and discussed the survey questions. The committee also discussed the most effective means of distributing the survey to local businesses – email, post cards by USPS, etc. In addition, there was discussion about potentially interviewing members of the Copake business community. Rich agreed to compile and consolidate the list of questions into a survey to be sent to the Copake business community.

New Development Initiatives for Copake – Following the July 29 meeting, CEDAC members submitted ideas to Tom Goldsworthy regarding potential development initiatives for Copake. At the meeting the committee members discussed the various proposals that had been submitted. The proposals included ideas related to development in the following areas:

1. Real estate development
2. Retail, business, institutions
3. Recreation, tourism
4. Public infrastructure, incentives
5. Promotion, communication

Following a discussion of the development initiatives, committee members agreed to review the initiatives and prioritize initiatives for further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Davis