

ROUTE 7A REHAB CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Present: Mary Bradway, Rus Davis, Jacqueline Fallon (acting as back-up secretary), Alan Friedman, Bob Haight (Chair)

Absent: Tom Goldsworthy, Christy Frank, Jeanne Mettler (Town Board Liaison)

- I. The first topic was regarding the downtown beautification issue and wanting more green space and how unsightly all the powerlines are
- II. The next discussion was regarding maintaining the wine store and general stores parking while trying to conceive of a sidewalk in front of these establishments
- III. Next was the topic of making town more walker friendly
 - a. By narrowing the roads therefore making the traffic drive slower. (Bob said he will inquire about right of way).
 - b. Adding crosswalks and sidewalks
 - c. Adding plantings/greenery
 - d. Adding lights
- IV. A question was raised about moving the electric that supplies the clock tower and having the meter in a more attractive and accessible location
- V. Russ mentioned that surveyors were seen in town on April 17th and the committee was curious if they were there for our project
- VI. A conversation about in town buildings that are in disrepair and therefore contributing to an unwelcoming atmosphere was discussed. Bob brought to our attention that there is a town zoning law requiring apartment buildings to undergo a yearly inspection. The thought of the committee was that perhaps inspections might be called for and may result in facilitating some much needed cleaning and repair to these buildings
- VII. The conversation of “greening” the downtown area included: maintaining the mature trees, making sure the DOT respects our trees when carrying out their work, and perhaps installing planters around town. However there were concerns regarding the planters that included: who would get them, who would maintain them, and who would pay for them which left the topic open to further discussion. Bob pointed out one thing we have to keep in mind is that the money we spend for this project only benefits the Town of Copake and the Town of Copake also includes other hamlets. Therefore we need to be responsible and respectable in regards to how much we ask for financially for our hamlet.
- VIII. Lastly, Bob advised that he is unable to attend the next scheduled meeting and therefore we all agreed to change the meeting to May 30th and we will meet at the municipal parking lot at 5pm and walk about town (followed by our regular meeting). Things to consider will be:
 - a. Clock area
 - b. Sidewalks
 - c. Flooding areas
 - d. Post office area (sidewalk or crosswalk)
 - e. Plantings

Meeting commenced at 7:08pm