

Minutes
Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force
Wednesday, June 27, 2018 7pm
Copake Town Hall

Attending: Roberta Roll, Alan Friedman, Andy Fisher, Peter Kelly, Lenny Barham
Absent: Jeanne Mettler, Town Liaison; Tom Goldsworthy

Approval of minutes from April 25, 2018; May 23 minutes to be sent.

Bike Copake: Roe Jan Ramble registration opened June 25, date is 9/22; 5th route for 18 miles has been established; marketing has begun; staggered starts from 8 to 11am so everyone can end up together for lunch and music. Money from the event is donated to Harlem Valley Rail Trail.

Housing: Peter has spoken to the owners of the Octagon House; it is in foreclosure with Key Bank. The house will be listed with realtors. There are a few other houses in foreclosure in the hamlet. Peter will try to meet with the owners of the old railroad depot; they are also meeting with DEC.

Roberta spoke to Bill Kiernan regarding the apartments; his daughter, Amy Raymond, is managing them. She also manages other properties. Roberta spoke with her about affordable housing. Ms. Raymond may meet with the CHRTF.

LWRP: No news; Roberta tried to contact Margaret, but she has not responded. The state wants to know how we will bill the volunteer rate.

Signage on Rt. 22: The owner of the veteran's home, Karen Newman, agreed to allow a sign on her property. Jeanne spoke to the sign person in GB; he needs to know how big the sign will be. Jeanne contacted DOT re: right-of-way.

Summer festival: Local businesses will participate. There will be a treasure hunt; there will be a tie-in between the treasure hunt and local foods.

Brainstorming:

- We still need to look at water and sewer.
- We need space for businesses. We should try to work with the county. We need to increase marketing for tourism.
- We need to make a brochure.
- We discussed how to make Copake more attractive.
- We discussed an "investor fund" to develop venture capital to invest in Copake. Andy will pursue the concept with some banks.
- We need an inventory of current businesses and available vacant properties; Alan will begin developing a list. A "resource bank" of people with various skills willing to volunteer their time exists - we need to expand it.
- We discussed "town-wide" versus "hamlet."

- Roberta will contact CEDC.