

Minutes
Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force
Wednesday, October 24th, 2018 7pm
Copake Town Hall

Present: Roberta Roll, Peter Kelly, Andy Fisher, Alan Friedman, Lenny Barham,
Tom Goldsworthy
Absent: Jeanne Mettler

Approval of minutes from September 26th, 2018 with suggested changes and edits.

Meeting with Amy Raymond (Salisbury Bank)- re: housing

-Amy notified Roberta that she could not make the meeting. Affordable housing in the hamlet was discussed. It was noted that the 6 unit building for sale in Copake Hamlet is for sale; Amy owns the building. Peter looked at the building with Lindsay LeBrecht from Copake Lake Realty and reported that it is in fair condition. However, it is in the flood plain, so additional insurance would be needed and it may be harder to get a mortgage.

- **Signage on Rt.22-Update from Jeanne** – Since Jeanne was absent we didn't get the latest on the signage. It was discussed that the signs have to be 4' or less as the SCOZ dictates.

- **Housing – Report from Peter:** The Octagon house is in the foreclosure process; it may take a long time before it goes on the market. Aaron Casanova of Key Bank, the mortgage holder, had agreed to assist Peter in finding out the status of the house; however, after many calls and research online, he was unable to get more information at this time. Peter will keep his eyes and ears open for any news on the status. The old Railroad Depot is owned by Susan Novak and her husband. Peter contacted them this past summer via Facebook and Susan responded that they are excited to do something with the building and that she was willing to meet with us after their meeting with DEC. Peter reached out a few times after this Facebook chat and Susan hasn't responded back. He emphasized to Susan that we are just interested in the historic building and want to help. Peter agreed to reach out to Susan again. We discussed Leslie Doyle, president of the Roe Jan Historical Society, reporting on the building with an article.

Historic District - Bill Krattinger of NYS Parks emailed Peter back stating that in December he will have more time to dedicate to Copake Hamlet Historic District. Peter agreed to work on a straw poll with Alan, which Bill strongly recommended. Peter mentioned that at least 3 homes are in foreclosure in the proposed historic district and that it may be beneficial to wait for new owners to purchase the houses. Roberta said that might take a long time, so we should start planning the poll now.

Brewery Update – Frank Schroeder is still investigating possibilities in Copake.

Business Update- A new business listing website for the town was discussed. WIX could design the site; it would cost \$375.00 per year for maintenance of the site. Different ideas were floated as to how and when the site could become a reality.

Holiday Trees – The holiday trees will grace the hamlet again this season and will be up for sponsorship at Town Hall, Copake General Store and Wine Works. Jeff Nayer will pick up the 29 trees and deliver to the sites. All agreed it is a much loved event and worth the time and effort.

Meeting Nov. 30 - A meeting to discuss streamlining planning and zoning is to be held at 7:45 PM on Nov.30th. Roberta along with Bob Haight and Richard Wolf will attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Kelly