

Minutes
Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 7pm
Copake Town Hall

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

Update on Rt. 22 sign: Jeanne is going to ZBA to ask for a variance beyond 4 feet in height. The sign will be 3' x 5', and about 5 1/2' high.

Report on meeting with Bob Haight re: Planning Board procedures: Roberta and Richard Wolf attended; discussed the work of the building inspector, general communication; Bob has developed a form to help applicants; he will bring it to the Planning Board for adoption; Bob wants the town to adopt software that will help coordinate applications. Roberta wants to meet also with John Strom, ZBA, as well as the building inspector.

There was a discussion about changing the perception that Copake is not "business friendly."

A zoning/planning brochure will be the result of these meetings and our discussions. It will simply state the procedures that prospective buildings will follow, with the intent of making the process easier and more transparent.

Business association: may begin by Feb or Mar; website is up but not public. Roberta is organizing the first meeting; has talked with Seung, Kurt & Christy; Alan is adding to the list of Copake businesses; Jeanne suggested a couple of additional business people - Jeanne will approach the banks and Copake Auction, Tom will approach Dad's Diner.

Report on meeting with Mike Tucker of CEDC: would like to work with the CEDC in directing new businesses to Copake.

- strategies for our next meeting with Mike on Dec. 19: we should give him a list of businesses we are looking for - ie, a brewery/distillery, gym/fitness center, drugstore, hotel, outdoor recreation store, youth hostel. Locations we have available: Peck insurance building, old meeting house, school on Rt. 22, old restaurant on Rt. 22.

Historic District: a survey for residents needs to be created; we need paperwork from Bill Krattinger i.e. information on benefits and impact of creating historic district.

Brief discussion about the 2024 Copake bicentennial.

Holiday tree program: Copake Wine Works, Copake General Store, & Dad's Diner are selling the trees. Tree decoration is at 1pm on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

The next meeting of the Task Force will be held on December 19, 2018.

Respectively submitted,

Lenny Barham