

Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force

Minutes

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

- Present: Roberta Roll, Peter Kelly, and Jeanne Mettler (Town Board Liaison) Andy Fisher (Phone), Tom Goldsworthy (Phone)
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- Minutes of the October 25, 2017 meeting were approved with minor changes.
- **Former Roe Jan School Building** - Andy updated that he has spoken with another downstate developer and he will have an more information in January. The Galvan Foundation of Hudson was discussed and the fact that they run community based services such as after school programs other than just real estate investments. The question was pondered if Galvan should be contacted about the availability of the building.
- **Housing and Development**- Roberta has not yet heard back from Brenda Adams of Habitat for Humanity. Tom will continue working on the inventory of foreclosed buildings and potential commercial sites in the Hamlet.
- **Grange Update**- On Sunday, Dec.10 an open house attracted over 40 people and new members are joining the Grange. The lack of parking will be an issue as the Grange expands its programming. A theatre company, Two of Us Productions will start to produce shows at the Grange.
- **Vehicle Charging Station**- Roberta will look into the grant opportunities.
- **Bike Copake**- Tom reported there is no big or new news. An updated brochure with the names of new businesses is needed and maybe Columbia County Tourism could help with this.
- **Historic District**- Peter emailed Bill Krattinger of NYS Parks and he promised to email a formal response to the October 2017 meeting with Bill, Peter, Jeanne and Roberta
- **Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)** - Roberta had a meeting with Jeff Nayer to advocate for the LWRP. The necessary matching hours will be available and documented for the DOS grant. Roberta will ask the Town Board for a resolution to accept the DOS award at the next Town Board meeting. If approved, a timeline will be formulated for the next steps concerning the grant.
- **Proposed Gas Station/Convenience Store in Craryville** - The issue was discussed that the task force should stick to issues related to the Copake Hamlet. Individually members can get involved but not as a member of the task force.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 17th at 7:00 pm at Town Hall

Respectfully submitted, Peter Kelly