

Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force

Minutes

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Present: Roberta Roll (Chair), Lenny Barham, Andy Fisher, Tom Goldsworthy, Jeanne Mettler (Town Board Liaison) and Peter Kelly (by phone)

1. **Minutes** of the 3/28/2018 meeting were approved with minor changes.
2. **New Task Force Members** - Roberta Roll reported that one application was received to join the Task Force. She will request that the Town extend the application deadline to attract further applicants.
3. **Bike Copake** -
 - Copake Auction House Antique Bicycle Auction held its annual antique bicycle ride on 4/20/2018. Jeanne Mettler reported that the community ride with was sparsely attended due to poor weather.
 - Roe Jan Ramble Bike Tour: Tom Goldsworthy reported on the 4/21/2018 organizational meeting for the 2018 Roe Jan Ramble Bike Tour. The event has been set for 9/22/2018. Approvals from the town boards of Ancram, Copake and Hillsdale will be sought during May. This year's event will stagger start times by route, so that all riders return to the starting point about the same time. The organizing committee is hoping to plan a post-ride event with food & music that helps showcase local businesses, and maximizes contributions to the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association.
 - Casual Rides - Tom will discuss with the organizing committee arranging casual "Meet-ups" for occasional rides during the coming months.
4. **Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan Grant** - Roberta reported no update yet from the NYS Department of State regarding our approved \$40,000 planning grant. Once the State's paperwork is completed, the Town will be able to offer an RFP for a planning consultant.
5. **Housing and Development** -
 - Habitat for Humanity: Roberta informed that Habitat for Humanity has chosen an owner/occupant for its new house project in Copake. Work will begin soon.
 - Columbia Economic Development Corporation - Roberta will inquire with Mike Tucker, President, if he has any leads on developers who'd be interested in building rental housing in Copake.
 - Other - The Task Force agreed that Copake was not a likely market for condominium development. Peter Kelly reported that 186 Main Street, an existing 6-unit rental apartment building, was listed for sale at \$495,000. He suggested a

developer may be interested in expanding that property.

6. **DOT Streetscape Project** - The Town is soliciting members to join a new committee, the Hamlet Highway Rehab Citizens Advisory Committee, to advise on the Hamlet streetscape project. The deadline for applying is 4/30/2018.
7. **Signage on Route 22** - Jeanne is seeking private contributions toward erecting two signs on State Route 22 to direct traffic to turn into Copake Hamlet for its “Shops, Dining, Gas, etc.” She has approached 3 local banks and Columbia Memorial Health to solicit donations.
8. **Electric Vehicle Charging Station** - On 4/6/2018, Roberta and Andy Fisher met with Robyn Reynolds of the NYS Capital District Regional Planning Agency to discuss grant opportunities from New York State for the installation of an electric vehicle charging station in the Hamlet’s municipal parking lot. She said Copake is eligible to obtain the grant which would be for \$16,000, and cover the initial installation, and maintenance and usage for 2 years. The grant proposal will be considered at the Town Board meeting of 5/10/2018 at 7:00 pm.
9. **Historic Properties** -
 - Octagon House at 193 Main Street - Peter Kelly inquired with a relative of the owners of about the status of this building, which is currently unoccupied. He will follow up to monitor its condition and ownership status.
 - Copake Hamlet Train Station, S. Main Street across from High Voltage, is currently unused. Peter will contact the current owners who bought it in 2016 to inquire about their plans.
10. **Summer Event** - Roberta reported that plans are in progress for a Hamlet “Summer Festival Day” on 8/4/2018. Currently scheduled is the Copake Fire Department’s “Trash & Treasures” sale, a food-for-purchase cookout at the FarmOn! Foundation on Empire Road, and a “treasure hunt” in the hamlet. She will also be working with the Copake Grange in its involvement, as well as solicit ideas for other concurrent happenings that day.
11. **Business Openings** - Roberta has been in contact with Adrienne Pateman, owner of the “Gift Shoppe” which will be opening soon, facing the Clock. The Task Force is proposing a grand opening PR event for both the Gift Shoppe, and the Copake General Store.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Goldsworthy