

# Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force Minutes – April 10, 2013

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Attended: Roberta Roll, Jeanne Mettler, Chris Quinby, Rus Davis, Nancy Schultz

Absent: John Pollok

## Grants

We will submit a grant request to 1<sup>st</sup> Niagara foundation for \$25,000 through Copake Community Service Inc. (CCS) if approved by the board.

- Write the grant proposal and Roberta, Jeanne and Rus will walk it through the board.
- Rus will send Nancy the Tax ID for Copake Community Service Inc. (done)

## Rapid Care

Jeanne and Roberta are meeting with the CEO and CFO of Columbia Memorial Hospital Friday April 12 at 10:30. They will visit the Rescue Squad building<sup>1</sup> and Taconic Telephone Office building. Suggested talking points include: Reasonable rent, the agricultural project in the Great Field and the support they will receive from the town supervisor. Be prepared for the zoning question. We will need to collect more information about the quality of broadband.

## Bike Event

Rob Horwitz is planning the annual Copake Auction Bike Ride. It will take place on Friday April 19 leaving from the auction house at 3 PM. The 10 miles route is available on line. They expect 80 to 100 antique bike riders plus local riders. Publicity will be in the Columbia Paper, Register Star (both sending reporters) and the Copake Connection (1000 e-mails). A poster is being place throughout the town. If you need more posters contact Larry Proper. Urge people to ride or come and watch along Main Street and Church. Jeff bought a banner, flags will be placed around the square and John Phillip Sousa music will be playing. Bananas, water and energy bars will be given to the riders at the end of the ride. Jeanne and Chris will decorate the store. Invited guests include US Congressman Chris Gibson, State Senator Kathy Marchione and Assemblywoman DiDi Barrett.

## Bike Copake

The Bike Copake brochure is in process. There are 28 listings of which 23 are paid businesses. No town money used to produce the brochure. It should be ready around April 19. The task force recommended that we print around 2000.

## Copake Connection

The Copake Connection e-mail newsletter was sent out today. Be sure to thank Karen DiPeri for her help. Town website, crashed over last weekend and the Copake Connection needed to be held until the

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<sup>1</sup> The rescue squad board was immediately enthusiastic when they were informed about the potential use of their excess space for a rapid care facility.

new web site was up and running because the Connection referred people to links on the web site. The RFP is still out for a totally new web site.

### **More events for the Hamlet**

Block party with local antique cars. (A car show needs to be planned one year ahead.) Roberta will call Fiona determine her interest.

Balloon festival - Waubeeka has an organizer who comes from Poughkeepsie. Try to plan on a balloon festival for next summer. Chris will talk to Marcia Peteroy about her balloon friends.

### **The Great Field**

Bob Bernstein, candidate to purchase the Great Field, is willing to portion off a part of the field for Hamlet expansion. We need to meet with him periodically to understand his plans and to collaborate on how the Hamlet can be expanded. He expects to be coming to the area about once a month. Roberta will find out when he is coming next.

His plan – He has investors; he has done a lot of agricultural development and town planning in the northeast. He lives in New Hampshire but he knows the area. He has an agreement on a purchase price with Housing Resources.

### **JJ's**

Gary and Simmaron are planning to meet with Jeff, Ed and Chris at the Building Department on Tuesday. They have hired an architect. We will meet with Gary next meeting or the meeting after.

### **Other**

The Adult Learning Institute offers monthly talks at Columbia Green. On Thursday April 25 at 10:30 to noon Otto, who opened the general store in Germantown, will be talking about how small businesses can revitalize small towns. To register call 828-4181 x3431. Roberta will see if they are recording for a podcast.

Grange - Roberta will meet with the Grange on May 13 at 1:00 and try to determine what plans they have.

Roberta has called Kerst at Camp Hill Village to see if she can attend one of their village meetings. She will ask if they are interested in some kind of venture in Copake like a store.

Nancy & Roberta will work on the RFP together in the next month.

Hillsdale and Copake should work together on marketing activities as well as separately. Encourage people to come to the 'Roe Jan' community. There were a lot of people who wanted to give money for the bike brochure and weren't suitable because they weren't bike related. (Ref: the Passport to Hudson – Brochure)

A single brochure is being done by the Hillsdale Alliance (Steve Tiger) not the Hamlet Group. We should do a cooperative brochure. We could not do it in time for this year.

Get started on the building permit brochure. We should work on it this year. Roberta will speak to Ed about it.