

Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force

Minutes

Wednesday May 22, 2019 7pm Copake Town Hall

- Present: Roberta Roll, Andy Fisher, Lenny Barham, Tom Goldsworthy, Peter Kelly, Alan Friedman

Town Board Liaison: Jeanne Mettler

- **Minutes** of 4/24/19 meeting were approved
- LWRP was re-named WRP, Roberta completed RFP and will send to consultant on or about 5/30 response due 6/17. Jeff was given copy to review before last Board meeting and Roberta is waiting for final response. A project Advisory Committee will need to be set up as specified by the grant application. Jeff suggested that the CHRTF take on those responsibilities. Consultants to complete their work by March 2020, then the application for funding would be submitted.
- **Housing:** Habitat house is done. A ceremony to take place in 30 - 45 days and then family will move in.

Columbia County Housing Committee, headed by Brenda Adams conducted a survey of housing needs in the county. They found the following order of need by type: owner occupied, Rentals, Homeless, and Senior

Roberta asked Brenda about using the old school on RT22, buyer for the Hamlet apartments. Roberta was advised of the existence of the Land Bank and its usefulness for developers.

- **Historic District:** Tom reported his findings.

Benefits of housing in a historic district, NYS 20% tax credit on repairs over \$5,000, Federal 20% for repairs on income producing properties, NYS also has a commercial tax credit

Next step is to prepare an informational package to distribute to the community explaining all benefits

Tom also advised of a NYS program, Certified Local Government program to assist in process of moving funding applications through the state bureaucracy

- **Business Association:** Limited movement forward. Next step set up meeting for 7/10
Letters of invitation to be sent to businesses on or about 6/15
- **Economic Development:** Need to put together a local resource bank
Produce a prospectus for the development of the old rail station property
Create a not for profit for investment in the town Copake
Set up a brain storming session for economic development and creation of an NFP

The RT 22 road sign is coming soon

The Hamlet Road Project is in process, waiting for consultant to be hired

- Other: Committee members asked to think about events for the town

Next meeting June 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted

Andrew Fisher