

Minutes

Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force
Wednesday, November 13, 2019 7pm
Copake, Town Hall

Attending; Roberta Roll (Chair), Lenny Barham, Alan Friedman, Andy Fisher, Jeanne Mettler (Town Board Liaison).

Minutes of 9/25/19 meeting approved.

Update on LWRP: Project Advisory Committee meeting Nov. 11; good meeting, looked at various sites; spur from Rail Trail is a prime focus; we talked about a walking trail from Twin Bridges into Copake Hamlet; looked at land development at the library; looked at ways to connect Copake hamlet with Copake Falls.

- quarterly reports submitted in September
- payment request/match; we have met a little over half of our match
- next steps: PAC will meet in Dec. with River St., and there will be a public meeting in January.

CBA update: Julie Cohen reported that a meeting set for Oct. did not occur. She will try to arrange another meeting.

Update on Road Advisory Committee: DOT hopes to select consultant in January, then meet again.

We discussed the difficulties of getting an EV charging station in the hamlet. Perhaps we can enlist the help of Didi Barrett and Daphne Jordan to change the minimum employee requirement of 15 for business that wish to allow an EV charging station to be open to the public in their parking lot.

Update on Copake Ag center: there are some communication and lease issues which are being worked out with management, the lessees and investors. There are two new farms there this year.

Goals and planning for the coming year: Reviewed Mission Statement and Charter.

- finish building permit brochure; Roberta is working on this.
- transportation services are needed in Copake.
- gathering investors, setting up entity for funds, the RR depot is a possible catalyst project; Peter knows someone who is interested.
- historic district & structures project, start in West Copake.
- events for Copake, including bicentennial in 2024; possible "rock around the clock" block party next summer.
- focus of Task Force - evaluation of mission, goals and tasks, possible restructuring after LWRP is completed, we need to stay in place until the LWRP match is done.
- discussion of other goals for 2020

Other business: holiday trees are on order. Ads are up, we need more donors. Trees will be decorated on Nov. 30.

Next meeting: Roberta will get us dates for a December PAC meeting. CHRTF is scheduled for Jan. 22. 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Lenny Barham