

## **Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force**

### Minutes

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 4:00 pm

Via Zoom

Present: Roberta Roll (Chair), Len Barham, Andy Fisher, Alan Friedman, Tom Goldsworthy, Peter Kelly, Richard Wolf (Liaison) Absent: Lenny Barham Andy Fisher

Minutes from August 12, 2020 meeting were approved.

**Historic Districts:** Possible meeting with Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation who oversee these designations. We have a new representative for our district. Roberta will request a meeting with them for October 28, our next meeting.

**Update on LWRP:** The Project Advisory Committee is working with the consultant on visioning. The next meeting for the Project Advisory Committee will be 3:30 pm on October 14 to identify priorities. Jim Mack, Dan Haas and Roberta walked from the Rail Trail along Weed Mine Road to examine possible paths that would connect the Rail Trail to Copake hamlet. They have identified a route on State park land that might be a possibility and will discuss this with the consultant.

**Roe Jan Ramble Bike Tour:** No event this year. New routes to “ride on your own” routes were published on the Ramble’s website with links distributed to the Ramble e-mail list. A 2020 T-shirt has been designed and offered for purchase. Profits will benefit the Harlem Valley Rail Trail.

**Conservation Advisory Committee:** The CAC is proceeding to get the Town designated as a Climate Smart Community. Clean Energy Community is another designation, but the deadline was missed for this year and will be considered next year. NYSERDA offers grants for installing LED lighting on city property, and using LED lighting helps in the designation process. Alan will bring up the use of LED lighting with the Main Street Road Advisory Committee.

**Building Permit Brochure:** We have a draft brochure that cogently outlines how to get permission to do building repairs or renovations. The Task Force discussed the best way for this to be made available to the public. Roberta will get the Building Inspectors final sign off on this. Tom will modify the format so it can also be printed as well as displayed online.

**Letter to New Residents:** Lynn Connolly, Town Clerk will be sending out the welcome letter to new homeowners once she has all the addressee information.

**Christmas Trees:** There is a plan for setting up 30 Christmas trees as holiday decorations around town again this year. Copake Community Service, Inc. will be the agent for

purchasing and setting up the trees. Tom will set up sign-up sheets for the public to purchase Christmas trees and collect the money at Copake Wine Works, Dad's Diner and Copake General Store. Alan will distribute flyers announcing this program. Lenny will help put up trees on Friday after Thanksgiving. Roberta will arrange for dedication tags to be made to be hung on the trees.

**Meeting House:** Seeking information on who the new owner is.

**Church St. Deli:** The Task Force expressed their sympathies to the family of Dave Valden, the owner of the Church Street Deli, who recently passed away.

**Pop Up Store:** Roberta will contact Camphill Village about whether they want to do a pop up gift store next to Copake Wine Works during December.

The next meeting of the Task Force will be Wednesday, October 28 at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Goldsworthy