

Minutes
Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force
Tuesday, November 24, 2020 7pm
Zoom

Present: Roberta Roll, Peter Kelly, Andy Fisher, Alan Friedman, Lenny Barham, Tom Goldsworthy
Town Board Liaison: Richard Wolf

Approval of minutes from September 23, 2020
Waiting for minutes from Oct. 23, 2020

-Update on LWRP:

Payment request is almost ready to submit.

- Update on Pop Up Artisan Retail:

Communication was stalled with Christy Frank, the owner of the building of the proposed location. We are not sure if heat has been installed. Since some of the vendors do not have liability insurance, we will investigate whether temporary event insurance can be obtained. This initiative is postponed until spring 2021 and once the pandemic is under control.

- Update on Permit Brochure for Building Dept:

The brochure is finished. Working on the final steps to distribute from building department. Lee Heim is leaving his post in December as the Copake building inspector.

-Christmas Trees:

The holiday trees will grace the hamlet again this season and volunteers were found to help put up the trees. It was suggested that the task force ask the town highway department to be responsible for putting up the trees next year as they also put up the American Flags on National Holidays.

-Historic District –Historical preservation was discussed and the how the Task Force could get the ball rolling again concerning the establishment of the hamlet Historic District. Peter agreed to forward all the material he had received from Bill Krattinger of NYS Parks to the Task Force members. Currently, numerous homes are under rehabilitation and that will have an impact on historic district eligibility if they are restored in their original architectural style. We have been told that this area being in a flood zone may have a negative impact on eligibility. The preservation of the Roe Jan High School building was also discussed and the hope that a suitable developer will be found that will appreciate the historic significance of the edifice.

Grant Writing- The idea of hiring a professional grant writer was discussed for future projects.

Dissolving of the Hamlet Task Force – The prospect of the Task Force being disbanded after the waterfront plan is complete was discussed. The Economic Advisory Committee might assume the role of the Task Force, or the Town Board might appoint ad hoc committees to fulfill various projects.

Respectfully submitted by Peter Kelly