

## Minutes

### **Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force**

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 4:00pm

Via Zoom

Present: Roberta Roll (Chair), Andy Fisher, Alan Friedman, Tom Goldsworthy, Peter Kelly. Lenny Barham has resigned from the Task Force and the Project Advisory Committee, due to his duties on the Solar Project Siting Board.

The Task Force approved the minutes from November 24 and December 23, 2020 with minor corrections.

Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan - On Saturday, February 13 at 10:00 am, the next public workshop will be conducted by the consultant, Margaret Irwin of River Street Partners. Roberta Roll will publicize the meeting in the Copake Connection.

Building Permit Brochure - Roberta contacted Erin Reese, the new Copake Building Inspector. She will review it for comment, with public distribution to follow.

Letter to New Residents - The Town Clerk has the welcome letter and will send it out shortly to people who have recently purchased homes in Copake. There are approximately 100 new residents in 2020.

Hamlet Road Construction Project - The Roads Advisory Committee (RAC) met on January 21 to respond to questions from the Engineering Design Consultant hired by the County Department of Public Works. The Committee highlighted drainage, parking and pedestrian safety as important concerns. At the request of the Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC), the RAC will investigate changing street lights to LED bulbs as an energy conservation measure that would help the Town qualify as a "Climate Smart Community." The next meeting of the RAC will be on February 18.

Historic Preservation - The Task Force determined that the best approach to historic preservation would be to seek National and State Historic Register designations, as opposed to adopting a local landmarks law. In conjunction with the Economic Development Advisory Committee (CEDAC), the Task Force will present this approach to the Town Board at its February meeting. There will likely need to be a group of volunteers assembled to work on any listing application.

Copake Business Association - Most business owners have stated they do not have the time to organize a Business Association. To move forward may require recruiting a volunteer to get this off the ground. Alan Friedman will research the forming of a Chamber of Commerce and whether a more formal organization would be of benefit.

Water Engineering Planning Grant - Tom Goldsworthy said that the CEDAC in conjunction with the CAC would like the Town to apply for a State grant from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to study water quality in the hamlet, and evaluate options to prevent pollution. DEC is making \$30,000 grants available, and the application deadline is February 12. The Town Board will consider applying for the grant at a special meeting on February 2. In connection with the application, the Town needs to provide "support letters" from the community in fa-

vor of doing the study. Tom asked that the Task Force sign a support letter in favor of applying for the grant. The Task Force agreed.

We agreed that a town wide email list should be developed.

We will again pursue the pop up business venture at Wine Works for this Spring dependent upon the Pandemic status.

The gift Shop has windows available for Art Work should anyone know of a person interested in using these windows.

The next meeting of the Task Force will be on Wednesday, February 24 at 4:00 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Goldsworthy