

Minutes

Copake Hamlet Revitalization Task Force
Wednesday, February 24, 2021 4:00pm
Via Zoom

Present: Roberta Roll (Chair), Andy Fisher, Alan Friedman, Tom Goldsworthy, Peter Kelly.

Absent: Jeffrey Judd (Town Board Liaison)

The meeting was interrupted by three different attendees claiming to be the public but in fact were hackers breaking into the meeting. Roberta canceled the zoom meeting and sent a new link to the committee members. It was discussed that in the future any members of the public that wish to attend might have to preregister.

The Task Force approved the minutes from the January 27, 2021 meeting.

Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan. The spur was discussed. Roberta explained that Margaret will be contacting both an Engineer and DOT regarding this effort. Jeanne will be contacting Bill Kiernan and TBD who may contact Jim Walton regarding the Hub if needed. The entire waterfront plan needs to be submitted by the end of March to the State. It was reminded that the projects will be those delineated on the Waterfront website as discussed at the public workshop. There was further discussion regarding the Town Hall to Hamlet trail as well as the “cup of coffee” trail.

Letter to new Residents. Roberta explained that though about 100 titles on property have changed, it is somewhat complicated to determine who are new residents versus simply a change in title i.e. to an LLC. In addition, this information bypasses the town and goes directly to the State. However, Roberta will be working with Lynn to resolve this complexity and develop a list of new residents to Copake.

Road Project. The Road Project committee met and updated their priority list to be forwarded to the State. They are awaiting a meeting with DOT and the engaged consultants.

Copake Business Association. Chambers of Commerce are usually 501c6 organizations as opposed to 501c3 organizations, which allow them to participate in political initiatives. It was discussed that Copake needs a COMMUNITY website that would show things to do, not-for-profits, retail operations, wholesale operations, professional services and farms. This website could include chat rooms, i.e. where to go fishing this year, as well as maps and directions from one part of Copake to another, ie Copake Falls to West Copake.

It was pointed out that Hillsdale and Germantown both have websites that include businesses as part of their website. If we receive approval from the town to proceed to build this website we would first have to locate a person in Copake that might be interested in building the website. If not, then funding would need to be found to develop the website while agreements were made with the town as to what would be incorporated into the website, i.e. building forms etc.

It was agreed that Roberta will have this discussion with Jeanne to see how we should proceed.

Historic Preservation. Roberta presented a report to the Town Board at the February board meeting recommending that the board take an active role in Historic Preservation. She will provide them with recommendations as to how to proceed at the March meeting. It was discussed that perhaps Copake should have a Town Registry/local listing as well. Several people from Copake Falls began this type of effort a few years ago. The hope is that this will generate community involvement.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Friedman