

## Minutes

### **Copake Economic Development Advisory Committee**

July 5, 2023 at 4:00 pm via Google Meet

Present: Tom Goldsworthy (Chair), Bill Boris-Schacter, Larry Singer, Will Morningstar, Richard Wolf (Town Board Liaison)

Absent: Rich Lee, Austin Urban, Roberta Roll, Todd Proper

**Review of Minutes** - The minutes of June 7, 2023 were reviewed and approved as corrected.

**CMH Rapid Care Copake** - Tom Goldsworthy summarized a meeting he, Jeanne Mettler and Larry Singer had with Nancy Heaton and Natasha Winters from the Foundation for Community Health (a non-profit formed out of the former Sharon Hospital Foundation) to learn about available resources to support a rural urgent care center. Jeanne had a subsequent meeting with our area's state senator and legislator to inform them of the Town's efforts and seek support from the state. Tom said that Jeanne, Larry and Rus Davis from the Clauson Raught Community Rescue Squad had also met with representatives the towns of Ancram, Hillsdale and Taghkanic to inform the other towns in southern Columbia County of their efforts and gather support for reopening the center. The representatives of the towns agreed on the importance of having a facility in southern Columbia County and encouraged the Copake representatives to continue their efforts. Tom also reported that, based on these efforts, there was a subsequent meeting with the representatives from the towns, and Rus with representatives of Columbia Memorial Hospital where the towns expressed their needs and the hospital expressed an interest in addressing those needs.

**Pickleball Tournament** - Bill reminded the Committee of the pickleball tournament set for September 9 and 10 discussed at the June 7, 2023 CEDAC meeting. Bill said he will be at the July 13, 2023 Town Board meeting and will be meeting with Robert Callahan, the Town Park manager, to keep all parties informed of the tournament's plans.

**Pharmacy Wellness Rx** - Tom said he was trying to arrange a visit by a representative of this non-profit community pharmacy consider opening a pharmacy in Copake. Larry Singer said he had reached out to Kinney Drugs, a drug store chain with stores in other New York State rural locations, to assess their interest in operating a drug store in Copake.

**Roe Jan Ramble** - Tom reviewed the planned event set for September 23, 2023. He said in addition to the announced distances, an additional 100 mile ride is under consideration. He said having such a ride will give the event a broader promotion among area cyclists and he noted that the most popular distance at the last event was the 100 kilometer ride. He also noted that the Mid-Hudson Bicycle Club is considering becoming an event sponsor and would promote the event to its members. Tom said an operational challenge to a 100 mile ride is that the time required might be a problem for the volunteers managing the event and an earlier start time for that ride is being considered. Tom also said that a short “fun ride” around the hamlet for children on small bikes and tricycles might also be added either the day before or after the other rides end on September 23.

**Marketing and Communications** - Tom suggested tabling discussion on how to reach out to businesses and residents to assess needs and interests as Todd Proper expressed an interest in this issue.

**Roe Jan School** - There is no new information regarding interest in this property.

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 9:30 AM.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Singer