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COPAKE ECONOMIC ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
AUGUST 22, 2006

Present

Charles Dodson  
Neal Klein  
Marcia Peteroy  
Bob Sacks  
Lindsay LeBrecht-Funk  
Leslie Wood

Excused

Ian Jarvis  
John Mastropolo

Guests

Carol Sacks  
Frank Peteroy  
Diane Cinque  
Bernice O'Connell

Absent

John Spencer  
Mibs Zelle

**Old Business**

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Neal Klein made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Marcia Peteroy seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

Business Issues

The 1772 Foundation Grant was discussed. It has been noted that the CEAB has looked into getting grants in the past, but have not had enough manpower to accomplish this. Leslie Wood and Chris Gant offered to help work toward the grant. Leslie Wood will contact Chris Grant. Neal Klein also offered to be involved.

The buildings that should be considered are: Railroad building at the south entrance to Copake (this might need to be moved), Old One-room School House, old Iron-Works. Can we get the Iron Works functioning – smelting and pouring etc... The Iron Works are in the Taconic State Park and this might be an asset in obtaining grants. The Grange is also a valuable asset of the town. The Grange has funds which might make it eligible.

Lindsay LeBrecht-Funk made a motion to form a sub-committee to look into the 1772 Foundation Grants that would be led by Leslie Wood and include Neal Klein and Chris Grant. Charles Dodson seconded, accepted unanimously. It was agreed that we would have an update by next meeting. The committee agrees to keep the Board posted on progress via email. We will contact Ian Jarvis to see if he has any interest as well.

### Future Planning

Leslie Wood shared with the Board a few maps to indicate the scope of the proposed Housing Resource project. These were done towards a better understanding of how this development might impact the town over the next ten to fifteen years. Charles Dodson shared an address for finding the lots and houses in Copake. It is [nysgis.state.ny.us](http://nysgis.state.ny.us). The maps provide a more complete overview from an aerial standpoint. It is also noted that this was only an approximation of the development and where existing and proposed housing would be. The Board applauded Leslie Wood for her efforts.

The possible development of the Langdonhurst Farm could provide another 200+ acres of development very near the center to town. Both of these need to be considered toward determining the picture of Copake in ten years.

Neal Klein, due to his accounting background, was asked to provide a chart of the actual costs of the housing and the implications of these on the economic impact on the town.

Discussion ensued regarding the impact of the new zoning on the ten-fifteen year picture.

### Reorganization

Bob Sacks suggested that next month we come together as committees. Leslie Wood made a motion that we meet as committees for the first hour and fifteen minutes, and then meet together for the balance of the time. Neal Klein seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Neal Klein requested that the Board consider meeting on the third Tuesday of each month rather than the fourth Tuesday. Lindsay LeBrecht-Funk will contact the absent members and make sure that the town board agrees.

### Committee Volunteers

Recreation:

Marcia Peteroy  
Milbrey Zelle  
Lindsay LeBrecht-Funk

Commerce & Industry

Neal Klein (temporarily on Grants)  
Leslie Wood (temporarily on Grants)  
John Spencer  
John Mastropolo  
Charles Dodson

Grants

Ian Jarvis  
Bob Sacks

Bob Sacks has put a notice in the paper to expand membership to the committees. Linda Gabaccia will be joining our Board as the second Board liaison and will join the Recreation committee.

#### Web Site

Charles Dodson reported that we have changed the guest book. There is a spam filter on the guest book. The Board congratulated Charles Dodson on this. With several full months measured, web visits is up 70%. Each month this has increased. Greene County is the only county with GIS for the whole county. Amherst, MA is the only town with complete GIS plots. We are in the process of gathering information on this. They have agreed to help us.

#### Town Hall Sign

Lindsay LeBrecht-Funk shared that the Town Hall sign is complete and is ready to be installed. The unveiling was proposed as a ceremony at the next Town Board meeting. Lindsay LeBrecht-Funk made a motion to fund a brass plaque to thank the contributors. Neal Klein seconded, and it carried unanimously.

#### Copake Community Day

Over \$1,800 dollars was raised for the youth. The money was raised from the race, vendors and donations. Philmont Community day impacted attendance and some of the participants in the parade.

#### Alternative Fuels

Leslie Wood gave an impassioned request to consider bio-diesel for either the school buses or the town road trucks. Bob Sacks offered to speak to Larry Proper and The Commerce and Industry Subcommittee agreed to put it on their agenda.

#### COCOLA

The town did not get the town trail on the flier. We could include it on the tourism site under the fall foliage festival. Bob Sacks offered to create a tour. Members suggested it include all of Copake, Copake Lake, Sunset Rock, Sky Farm road, and North Mountain.

#### Broadband over Powerlines

Bob Sacks shared that he has a meeting with Senator Saland. Another group from Chatham is working toward a similar goal, they have already met with Hilary Clinton and Bob is meeting with them shortly. The largest hurdle will be financing.

#### New Business

Charles Dodson made a proposal to investigate the businesses listed in the US Census of Business. This data will make it possible to contact these businesses as well as deeply understand how Copake's businesses compare to other towns.

#### Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Leslie Wood. It was seconded by Charles Dodson and carried unanimously.