

COPAKE ECONOMIC ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
JULY 25, 2006

Present

Charles Dodson
Neal Klein
John Mastropolo
Marcia Peteroy
Bob Sacks
John Spencer
Leslie Wood

Excused

Ian Jarvis
Lindsay LeBrecht-Funk
Milbrey Zelle

Guests

Diane Cinque
Bernice O'Connell
Carol Sacks

Old Business

Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Business Issues

Reorganization

Neal Klein made a motion to accept the committees as designed with the Cultural Affairs and Tourism Sub-Committee being renamed Recreation; the Economic Advisory Sub-Committee and Communications, Technology and Enterprise Sub-Committee were combined and renamed Industry and Commerce; the Grants and Governmental Agencies Sub-Committee to Grants. Marcia Peteroy seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Committee Volunteers

Recreation:

Marcia Peteroy
Milbrey Zelle

Commerce & Industry

Neal Klein
Leslie Wood
John Spencer
John Mastropolo
Charles Dodson

Grants

Ian Jarvis

(Lindsay can add her name)

Future Planning

Charles Dodson distributed copies of a notebook which included the town Code the 1971 Plan, The Scenic Resource Protection Plan, the Survey findings. This notebook contains the major components of the vision of the future of Copake.

Charles Dodson suggested that the committee evaluate the Housing Resources project's implications on economics. A discussion ensued. It was suggested that the Planning Board be approached as to the value of such a report.

Bob Sacks recommended that we create a twenty-five year plan. Leslie Wood recommended that we perhaps look to ten or twenty years. Perhaps we could evaluate Housing Resources within the context of this plan. Charles Dodson moved that we table the discussion of this subject until next meeting. John Mastropolo seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Town Hall Sign

John Spencer reported that the Town Hall sign was ordered and should be ready for pick-up August 1st.

Web Site

Charles Dodson reported that activity on the site since April is up 63%. All of the pages on the old site have been updated, revised or complete. Independent now lists all of our meetings on their website. Scrap book for Copake Community Day is now completed and is displayed. The committee would like to say a major thank you for all of the work Charles Dodson has contributed to this.

Rail Trails

Marcia Peteroy reported that this weekend is Bike NY weekend on the Rail Trail. There are two days planned starting in Millerton.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Neal Klein. It was seconded by Charles Dodson and carried unanimously.