

Copake Economic Advisory Board
Minutes of Meeting
February 19, 2008

Present

Charles Dodson
Morris Ordovery
Milbrey Zelle
Leslie Wood
Chris Quinby

Excused

Shawn McClain
Marcia Peteroy
Neal Klein
Linda Gabaccia
Walter Kiernan

Absent

Public

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Milbrey Zelle. This was seconded by Morris Ordovery. Approved unanimously.

Follow-up: Taconic Hills

Neil Klein and Leslie Wood will follow-up with Taconic Hills and determine how to proceed.

Copake Clean-up Day

Charles Dodson wrote a preliminary press release to pass by Larry Proper for accuracy.

Business Survey

Milbrey Zelle will attempt to get some more responses.

Copake Community Day Committee Report- Chris Quinby

Chris Quinby is incredibly impressed with his team. They are working hard with incredible ideas. He has booked Commander Cody Band for Saturday night. There are also four or five other bands interested. The tractor pull is heavily booked. We are hoping to get Roger the Jester. We have been offered a display of a New York Yankee dragster, a 2002 Indy championship car as well as some really exotic cars. We have a Climbing Wall, Bounce House and a Kids On The Go. We are hoping to have the children's events sponsored so that they can be free of charge for both days. We have also booked the fireworks. The 1 mile kids run, 5K open run, and the parade will be the only things that won't take place in the park.

Copake Community Day will be June 21st and June 22nd.

The committee is exploring the idea of combining their forces to hold a Hillsdale/Copake Harvest day in September. This could be held at the Roe Jan School and might include the new state park and library. Ideas for a program are being discussed.

Oversight Copake Grants

At the last Town Board meeting, CEAB submitted a recommendation that the Town Board create a central coordinating point to maintain and oversee the list of current grant applications. Town Board agreed and asked the CEAB to follow up. Morris Ordovery agreed to oversee this.

Tri-town Grant Office

Peter Cipkowski will represent Hillsdale and Jim Bryant will represent Ancram in this exploration of a joint grant office.

Tourism

Nothing to report at this time.

Town of Copake Policy Manual

The acknowledgement of receipt of the Policy Manual has been changed. The Town Board has asked us to consider recommendations for improvements to the Town of Copake Policy Manual.

The sections that apply to the CEAB are sections: II, IV(1,2,3,4), VI and V under XI.
Recommendations:

1. Number the pages, and make them match the index
2. Include a revision date on the cover and within the document show the items that were revised.
3. Last sentence in II. should be removed since no longer requires agreement to “abide by the policy”. (It appears that we will get a receipt from the town clerk.)
4. IV.One.A. commissions are not included in the list of members included in “These individuals.” (All lists of persons should be “these individuals” which should include commissions.)
5. IV.Two.B commission should be included, or use “These individuals.”
6. IV.Two.D Line 2 refers to paragraph B above, but should say “C”.
7. IV.Two.E Should be “These Individuals.”
8. IV.Three.B Recommendation – add clarification and better wording. The current wording may deny simultaneous service to Copake governance and to the board of a charitable organization.
9. IV. Four – “These individuals”
10. VI. 1-7 Recommend that they review these terms so that there is input from the CEAB as well. We request that we retain interviewing and recommending authority.
11. VI-8. The limit on the number of committee members (5) is in conflict with Town Code :13 on Parks Commission, 9 on Economic Advisory Board, etc.
12. VI. 1-11 Committees, boards and commissions are not interchangeable, but are used this way.
13. VI. In law, the word “should” indicates mandatory not a recommendation or guideline. We agree that it should be a guideline, but not mandatory.

14. The entire “outlining system” used in the Policy Manual is confused and should be reviewed for consistency..

Conservation Resources Advisory Committee Funds

The CEAB was asked by CRAC to provide assistance in locating sources of funds. After the CRAC maps the types of land and land use, they anticipate lands may come on the market that could be purchased to enhance the needs of the town.

Chris Quinby suggested that we invite a member of the Conservation Resources Advisory Committee to our next meeting for a discussion. Charles Dodson agreed to invite them.

New Business

Understanding Copake’s Budget – A discussion was held as to whether the CEAB should work to describe generically what is in the budget. This will be added to the agenda in future months.

Tabled

- Alternate Fuels, On Request
- Farmer’s Assistance, On Request
- Business Directory, On Request
- Monitoring Copake’s Budget
- Broadband Communications
- Website April, 2008
- Copake Comprehensive Plan

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Milbrey Zelle. This was seconded by Chris Quinby.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Leslie Wood