

Copake Economic Advisory Board
Minutes of Meeting
May 20, 2008

Present

Charles Dodson
Morry Ordovery
Marcia Peteroy
Leslie Wood
Milbrey Zellely
Linda Gabaccia
Chris Quinby

Excused

Absent

Walter Kiernan
Neal Klein

Public

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Candidate Interviews

We have received no additional letters of interest for membership in the CEAB.

Report on Business Survey

Milbrey Zellely reported that she sent out twenty additional surveys. One was returned completed. Several were returned with incorrect addresses.

Oversight of Copake Grants

Morry Ordovery submitted a report on the grant activity of each town department. A report will be filed with the Town Board. See Attachment.

Copake Clean-up Day

Charles Dodson reported that we brought in 26 tons of trash, one ton more than last year. There were lots of tires and metals. Larry Proper reported that he was assisted by the Hillsdale Highway Department.

Follow-up: Taconic Hills

Neil Klein was not present

Copake Community Day- Chris Quinby

Copake Community Day will be June 21st and June 22nd. There are several changes to the schedule on the website.

Copake Community Day is looking for sponsorships. Leslie Wood and Bob Sachs discussed the program handout with Susan Pettibone of the Lakeville Journal at the Saturday Copake Community Day meeting. Leslie Wood and Bob Sachs will organize this effort. There will not be a charge for ads in the program handout for any business that has contributed to

Copake Community Day. The charge for non contributors is \$25. The deadline for getting Leslie Wood materials for the program handout is June 6th.

Banners

Leslie Wood has ordered four Copake banners. The banners should arrive within two weeks. The cost is roughly \$1100 (including an additional bracket for Copake Lake's.) This was paid by Leslie Wood's ZBA income and half of Frank Peteroy's ZBA income. Milbrey Zellely made a motion that the CEAB contribute \$200 toward the purchase of these banners. Morry Ordover seconded. Carried unanimously.

New York Council of Majors: Economic Development Conference

Charles Dodson reported on his attendance at their conference. He also supplied a write up of the conference. Charles Dodson met with many people from various NYS offices who are responsible for funding and grants. He has collected contact information for many of these people. See attachment.

Report on the Tri-Town Grant Writer Office

Hillsdale, Copake and Ancram Town Boards have approved the preliminary grant proposal. The proposal is being sent to those agencies that had previously shown interest in the concept. The plan is to follow up appropriately on any and all responses we receive.

Broadband – “Communities Connecting”

Charles Dodson shared a letter he sent to Communities Connecting. We have invited them to come and present to the CEAB.

Review-Analysis of Copake Budget

Linda Gabaccia shared the definitions used in the budget. She also explained how the descriptors were created. Morry Ordover asked about how grant money was included in the budget.

New Business

Charles Dodson shared information on “Local Development Corporation” (LDC) and “Business Development District” (BID). A BID focuses on a designated geographical area while a LDC is a 501 (c)3 not-for-profit organization that has legal descriptors. For instance LDCs can:

construct, acquire, rehabilitate, improve and assist financially industrial or manufacturing plants in its geographical territory;

maintain plants for others in its territory;

disseminate information and furnish advice, technical assistance and act as a liaison with federal, state and local authorities; acquire real or personal property or interests therein;

borrow money and issue negotiable bonds, notes and other obligations;

sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise dispose of or encumber any industrial or manufacturing or any of its real or personal property or any interest therein upon terms deemed necessary. In brief an LDC may carry out its *corporate* functions. The CEAB expressed

unanimous interest in learning more about this concept and how Copake might consider proceeding in this regard.

Charles Dodson shared the concept of “Smart Growth”, an integrated approach to zoning and development. A description is available at smartgrowth.org.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Marcia Peteroy. This was seconded by Chris Quinby.

Tabled

- Alternate Fuels, On Request nk
- Farmer’s Assistance, On Request
- Business Directory, On Request, cld
- Monitoring Copake’s Budget, nk
- Copake Comprehensive Plan, cd
- Conservation Resources Advisory Committee Funds, cd
- Tourism, mp
- Town of Copake Policy Manual, cd

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Leslie Wood

Attachments

Report on Attendance of NY Council of Mayors Economic Development Conference
Report on Copake Grant Activity 2007-2008

Report on Attendance of NY Council of Mayors Economic Development Conference, cd

The primary topics of the presentations at the conference follow.

Main Street Basics: Money and Stakeholders

Project Financing: Assembling the Pieces and Keeping Them Together

How Mass Collaboration is Revitalizing Downtowns and Independent Businesses.

“Victories on Main Street”, a film about prior and on-going Main St. improvements

Economic development Perspectives: A Panel of Mayors and Developers

Updates on “Smart Growth” Initiatives in NY

Community Development Block Grants and NY Main Street

Empire State Development Corporation and Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Community Planning and Public Participation

Met people who manage/review proposals to:

NYS Office of Small Cities

NYS Department of State

NYS Division of Housing & Community Renewal

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation

NY Main Street

Division of Housing and Community Renewal

NYS Division of Environmental Conservation

Empire State Development Corporation

RESTORE NY Funding

REPORT ON COPAKE GRANT ACTIVITY, 2007-2008,
Morris Ordover

	2007	2008
<u>Police</u>		
STEP Program	1,200.00	
NYS Division of Criminal Justice		
Communication Equipment	12,000.00	
Patrol Car	29,000.00	
NYCMV BUNY (Buckle Up)	1681.00	2521.00
LETPP (Homeland Security)		
\$5.969 requested, receipt unknown		
 <u>Environmental</u>		
Greenway Communities (water study)		
\$2512.00 requested		
 <u>Courts</u>		
Office of Court Administration		8187.07
Jury Box		
Metal Detector		
Misc. Equipment		
 <u>Supervisor</u>		
Assemblyman Molinaro		
Defibrillators (2)		4000.00
 <u>TOTAL</u>	\$43,881	\$14,608.07
Pending	\$8481.00	