

Copake Economic Advisory Board
Minutes of Meeting
September 18, 2007

Present

Charles Dodson
Bevin Harrington
Shawn McClain
Chris Quinby
Marcia Peteroy
Milbrey Zelle
Linda Gabaccia
Bob Sacks

Excused

Neal Klein

Unexcused

John Spencer
Leslie Wood

Public

Diane Cinque
Don Delamater

Old Business

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Chris Quinby moved to approve the August minutes as distributed. Milbrey Zelle seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Board members were reminded to get their Personnel Record Forms to Vana Hoteling. All were urged to get their Business Surveys to Milbrey Zelle.

Grants

Grant Writers

The concept of a joint Copake-Hillsdale-Ancram grant writer's office has been presented informally to appropriate persons in all three towns and was received favorably. All three Town Boards will be presented with the idea at their respective next meetings. To this end, Marcia Peteroy moved that the CEAB recommend to the Town Board that the establishment of a joint Copake-Hillsdale-Ancram Grants Office be pursued. Shawn McClain seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Charles Dodson reported on conversations with Kyle Wilbur and Ms Williams at the Shared Municipal Services Incentives program in Albany about the appropriateness of a proposal for funds to help establish the joint Grants Office. SMSI's general approach is to consolidate inter-town services rather than expand. Such funding will be sought elsewhere.

Town Hall Sign-Post Plaque

The plaque has been received, viewed by the Board and will be in place as soon as possible; thanks to Larry Proper.

Commerce and Industry

Copake Community Day: Two Days

Chris Quinby and guest Don Delamater made the case for making Copake Community Day a two day affair. The Day has continued to grow in attendance, vendors and variety of activities. People have expressed frustration about being unable to attend events held simultaneously, especially those in Copake and Copake Falls. Vendors have interests in the possibilities over two days. The only reservations expressed concern the additional demand on Park, Police, Fire and Safety personnel. Consequently, Bevin Harrington moved that the CEAB recommend to the Town Board that Copake Community Day be extended to two days subject to approval by Copake Police, Fire, Park Services and Safety. Motion was seconded by Shawn McClain and approved unanimously.

G.F. Whitbeck, Copake Town Attorney responded to the Board's request for input concerning political campaigning on Copake Community Day by suggesting Local Law No. 7, entitled "A Local Law Prohibiting Political Campaigning in Copake Public Park on Copake Community Day". A vigorous exchange of views followed the introduction of this proposal which follows as an attachment. The Board agreed to place this item on its agenda for the October meeting with the view of reaching a recommendation.

A discussion was postponed to the next meeting on the concept of the Town Comprehensive Plan in view of the 8 page handout from the July, 1972, "Development Plan".

Recreation - Fall Foliage Tour

Bob Sacks presented the Board with a color brochure for the "2007 Copake Fall Foliage Tour". It presents a 30 mile driving tour of Copake with a very effective map accompanied by remarks on venues for visits and food. A copy is provided as an attachment to the minutes. Many thanks to Bob and Carol Sacks for their work on designing this tour and brochure and to Milbrey Zelle and Leslie Wood for input on many details. Copies of the brochure will be distributed in appropriate places about Copake and a copy will be placed on the Events Calendar on the Copake website.

Board Operations

CEAB Bylaws

Copies of proposed CEAB Bylaws made available previously were discussed serially through their 12 paragraphs. One change was made. Bevin Harrington moved that the election of the Board's officers be in January of each year, paragraph VII. Following the second by Marcia Peteroy, the Board agreed unanimously. Chris Quinby moved that the CEAB Bylaws be adopted as currently proposed. Milbrey Zelle seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. A copy of the CEAB Bylaws is attached to these minutes.

Proposed 2008 CEAB Budget

Various possible budget items were discussed. The Board concluded by agreeing that the following proposal was the minimum possible request.

Website	\$500
General Operation	1000
Consultants	1000
<u>Printing</u>	<u>250</u>
Total	\$2750

New Business

No new business was proposed.

Adjournment

Marcia Peteroy moved and Shawn McClain seconded that we adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Attachments

Proposed Local Law No.7
2007 Copake Fall Foliage Tour
CEAB Bylaws

LOCAL LAW NO. 7
Dated: _____, 2007

**A LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING IN COPAKE
PUBLIC PARK ON COPAKE COMMUNITY DAY**

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Copake as follows:

Section 1. Title of Local Law:

This Local Law shall be entitled “A LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING IN COPAKE PUBLIC PARK ON COPAKE COMMUNITY DAY.”

Section 2. Authorization:

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to New York State Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, granting the power to local governments to adopt and amend local law not inconsistent with the provisions of the constitutions and not inconsistent with any general law relating to its property, affairs or government.

Section 3. Local Law No. 7 of the Town of Copake:

A. Purpose:

While one may have a right under the Federal and State Constitution to engage in political speech, that privilege does not guarantee a right to communicate one’s views at all times and places or in any manner that may be desired. Nothing in the Constitution commands that dissemination of all forms of speech at all times on all kinds of property are absolutely protected under the First Amendment, without regard for the nature of the activity, the property or the disruption that might be engendered by unregulated expressive activity in certain circumstances. The Town of Copake recognizes that expressive activity, even in quintessential public forum, may interfere with other important activities for which the property is used. Accordingly, the Town of Copake has adopted this law prohibiting all political campaigning in Copake Park on Copake Community Day. The Town of Copake does not favor or disfavor one political party, view, or candidate over the other, nor does the Town of Copake disagree with the political messages that may be intended to be expressed. Rather, the Town of Copake recognizes that the purpose of Copake Community Day is to foster free and open access to Copake Park, cultivate community spirit, promote togetherness and provide a place of recreation and relaxation to the citizens of the Town of Copake and their families and friends. It is the determination of the Town of Copake that political campaign activities threatens to disrupt the intended serenity of Copake Community Day.

B. Political Campaigning Prohibited.

Every year, the Town of Copake hosts an all-day community event, called Copake Community Day. During the hours of operation of Copake Community Day, all political campaigning, including solicitation of votes and distribution of campaign literature, shall be prohibited. Such activities may be resumed on every other day of the year.

C. Violations.

Any person, firm or corporation who is guilty of a violation of this Local Law, shall upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not more than \$250 or imprisonment for a term of not more than 15 days, or both. In addition, a civil penalty of \$100 may be assessed for any such violation, which civil penalty shall be recovered by the Town of Copake in a civil action.

Section 5. Severability:

If any section or part of this Local Law is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other section of this Local Law.

Section 6. Effective Date:

This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

COPAKE ECONOMIC ADVISORY BOARD **BYLAWS**

I. **Name:** The Copake Economic Advisory Board (CEAB) was established by the Town of Copake on March 9, 2000 by Local Law No. 1-2000, Chapter 13, Town of Copake Code.

II. **Purpose:** The CEAB's purpose "shall be to promote the economic welfare, recreation opportunity and prosperity of the inhabitants of the Town of Copake and to actively promote, attract, encourage and develop recreation, economically sound commerce and industry in and for the Town of Copake". LL No. 1-2000

III. **Power and Duties:** The CEAB "shall make advisory recommendations to the Town Board on all matters which it believes to be in the interest of the economic welfare and the furtherance of economic opportunities which may be presented to or for the benefit of the Town of Copake at large. To meet these responsibilities, the CEAB will identify needs and relevant issues, gather information, and work in conjunction with officials, professionals and others to facilitate economic growth". LL No. 1-2000

IV. **Membership:** The Town Board appoints CEAB's nine members "all of whom shall reside within the Town of Copake or have a place of business in the Town of Copake." Each member is appointed to a three year term. If a vacancy occurs during an unexpired term, then the Town Board fills that vacancy by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. Two members of the Town Board serve as non-voting liaisons between the Town Board and the CEAB. LL No. 1-2000

V. **Nominations:** In the event of a vacancy whether by an expired or unexpired term, the CEAB shall advertise the vacancy in at least two issues of the Town's Official Newspapers named in the Town Board's organizational meeting in January of each year. At least two weeks will be given as a deadline for submission of such applications. Potential candidates submit letters of interest to the CEAB. They are interviewed and voted on by the CEAB in Executive Session. By a majority vote of members present, the CEAB recommends each successful nominee to the Town Board for a position on the Board.

VI. **Meetings:** The CEAB meets once each month in the Town Hall. All meetings, except Executive Sessions, are open to the public. Meetings are announced in the official newspapers at least seven days prior to the meeting.

VII. **Officers:** The CEAB shall have two officers elected annually by a majority vote at the January meeting: Chairperson and Secretary.

The Chairperson chairs all meetings, is responsible for each meeting's agenda, is the CEAB's Budget Officer, represents the CEAB as required, writes an annual report summarizing the CEAB's activities and aspirations and performs such other duties as the CEAB may direct.

The Secretary records the minutes of all meetings and submits them to the Chairperson for review prior to CEAB approval at the following meeting. The Secretary is responsible for official newspaper announcements of meetings, Board vacancies, notices of CEAB functions and activities and such other associated duties as the CEAB may direct. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Secretary chairs a board meeting and appoints a substitute secretary.

VIII. **Quorum:** Official business of the CEAB can be conducted if and only if a quorum is present. A quorum consists of a majority of the current membership of the Board, 5 or more members if the Board consists of its full complement of nine members. Proxy voting is not permitted.

IX. **Absenteeism Policy:** Chapter 12, Article II, Paragraph 12-3 of Town Code of Copake as adopted 7-9-1992.

“If a member of a Board has three consecutive unexcused absences from Board meetings or if a member has six consecutive absences from Board meetings regardless of the reasons, the Town Board may then hold a public hearing to consider the removal of such member from the Board by reason of such absenteeism.”

X. **Conduct of Meetings:** Any dispute in procedure or conduct of meetings will be resolved according to *Roberts Rules of Order, latest edition*.

XI. **Committee Structure:** The CEAB reserves the right to establish appropriate committees to fulfill its purpose and duties.

XII. **Bylaw Conflict with Roberts Rule of Order:** These Bylaws take precedence over *Roberts Rules of Order, latest edition*, if a conflict occurs.

XIII. **Suspension or Changes of These Bylaws:** These Bylaws can be amended or suspended only by a two-thirds vote of the CEAB members present.