

Copake Economic Advisory Board
Minutes of Meeting
May 19, 2009

Present:

Leslie Wood
Chris Quinby
Marcia Peteroy
Karen Deperi
Bob Rosegarten
Morris Ordover
Regina Awe
Linda Gabaccia – Town Board Liason

Excused:

Milbrey Zellely

Absent:

Neil Klein

Public:

Jane Peck

Action Items:

Members are to report back at next meeting or earlier via e mail. Most items are explained further in the minutes below.

Marcia Peteroy	Copies of Blue Book for Karen Deperi and Bob Rosegarten
Karen Deperi	Poll members and determine date for a meeting to brainstorm “Friends of Downtown Copake” concept
Leslie Wood	Set meeting between Owner of Roe Jan School building and Sharon Powers with the EAB for June 16,2009
Karen Deperi	Write a letter thanking Highway Department for efforts on Copake Cleanup Day
Morris Ordover	Monitor Governor’s stimulus website and provide weekly summaries to CEAB group. Provide website to members.
Regina Awe	Compile information re: what is needed to apply for grants for use in applications. Provide information as to what grants are out there.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. The April minutes were missing and could not be read. Morris will contact Karen for a report.

The following items were discussed:

1. Banners – all banners are in place. They will be replaced on a two year cycle. They are to be taken down for the winter.
2. Co-chair – Leslie needs a co chair to ease the workload burden on her. Mibs agreed to take that on at the April meeting.

3. Action items – Minutes will reflect action items clearly so that periodic reports can be made.
4. Blue book – Copies will be given to Bob, Karen and Regina. Morris agreed to give his copy to Regina.
5. Copake Falls Day – Jane Peck appeared to discuss financing that will be needed for Copake Falls Day, August 22, 2009. The budget calls for expenditures of \$3,431.25. Leslie agreed to pay for the postage, copying, and post cards for a total of \$175.00. By resolution, the CEAB agreed to lend \$1,000.00 and to grant \$1,081.25 for the purchase of T shirts and food for the barbeque, both from the celebrations fund.
6. Stimulus funding – Leslie read a letter from the Town Supervisor (copy attached) commending the CEAB for its work in putting together a list of items to submit for consideration for stimulus funding. Morris expressed concern that fuller data could have been provided if the Supervisor had convened a task force of experts to prepare shovel ready projects. Linda stated that the Board had passed a resolution at the May meeting to find volunteers for such a task force. We discussed clarification of just what the role of the CEAB should be. According to the Town Code, our responsibility is to advise, but we agreed that we can go further in proposing specific projects. We will have a representative report at each monthly Board meeting.
7. Development proposals – We discussed rehab of the Hamlet Center, uses for the Roe Jan school, the old one room school house , Solar and Energy independence and the auto repair yards at the south end of the Hamlet. We will encourage development of a “Friends of Downtown Copake” organization as a sub committee of the CEAB, working with citizens and property owners to develop plans to restore the Hamlet center. We will poll CEAB to determine which members will meet to develop the concept. Multi uses for a restored Roe Jan School were discussed. For example a settlement house might be a core, with Columbia Green operating a satellite school. Leslie will try to arrange a meeting with the owner of the School and Sharon Powers who has agreed to work towards a settlement house concept. Linda will contact the architect who visited the school once before to look at again to determine what must be done to rehab the building.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Morris Ordover

RESOLUTIONS ENACTED AT THE 5/19/09 CEAB MEETING

1. It is hereby resolved that a refundable loan of \$1,000.00 be made to support West Copake Day, and that a grant in the amount of \$1,081.00 be made for the same purpose, both amounts to be paid from the Celebrations account. Resolution approved.

2. It is hereby resolved that a subcommittee of the CEAB be established to meet and develop a mission statement for a group to be called the Friends of Downtown Copake, the purpose of which will be to work to restore the downtown Hamlet area; to work toward restoring the Roe Jan School and dedicating it for multi purpose use such as a settlement house for training and education, classrooms for a Columbia Greene satellite school, a theater, etc. Resolution approved.