

Copake Economic Advisory Board
Minutes of Meeting
June 16, 2009

Present:

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

Excused:

Neal Kline

Absent:

Public:

Sharon Powers

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 Chuck Gennica, Owner of Roe Jan School building and Sharon Powers with the EAB

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 and a list of key organizations who could apply for grants.

Karen Dipoeri

Maintain projects list

Leslie Wood and Bob Rosegarten

Create a how to memo regarding press release and sources

Bob Rosegarten

proposed refreshing the Town Logo and will come up with ideas

Meeting was called to order at 7:PM. May minutes were accepted without reading

Regina Awe asked for a discussion about how to apply for grants. The group discussed non profit sources and trying to have granters work with us to establish grant expertise. The discussion included a brief update on the role of LDC's.

Regina proposed obtaining a projector so that we could show correspondence and edit on the spot. This will be tabled until the Town has funds.

Karen proposed the use of a new form for controlling actions on projects and the Board agreed to the use.

Chris discussed the status of Copake Community Day, funds raised to date, prospects for meeting budget and expressed confidence that there would be sufficient funds. He was disappointed that the School would not participate in this year's parade. He will report on the day's results next meeting.

The Board next heard from a Guest, Sharon Powers, who discussed options for use of the old Roe Jan School complex as a settlement house for new arrivals in the area. In effect, the facility would provide social services, a community center, day care, and meet cultural needs of new immigrants. She has proposed a design for stimulus funds to save the WPA building. We will try to schedule a walk through for June 27, 2009.

There was a discussion of about setting up a meeting for the Friends of Downtown Copake with the public to discuss rehab of the Town center. Morris mentioned the County plan for sidewalks and repaving. The EAB subgroup will meet to plan the meeting and prepare a mission statement for revitalization of Copake.

Bob Rosegarten proposed refreshing the Town Logo and will come up with ideas.

Morris Ordover announced that he would be resigning from the Board immediately because of other activities and a possible conflict of interest. He will submit a letter to the Town Supervisor. Members of the Board expressed regret over his decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15