

Copake Economic Advisory Board
Minutes of Meeting
February 17, 2009

Present

Morry Ordovery
Chris Quinby
Marcia Peteroy
Leslie Wood
Linda Gabaccia
Milbrey Zelle
Neil Klein
Karen Hallenbeck

Excused

Fiona Hutchinson

Absent

Public

Charles Dodson
Karen Desperi
Marge Gabaccia

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept made by Mibs Zelle, seconded by Neil Klein, carried unanimously.

Taconic Hills Central School Internship

Neil reported he has had some difficulty reaching Cybil. Chris Deleia is to contact Neil about a possible internship, and Leslie is also talking about a possible internship.

Town Policy Manual

Leslie has asked all members to stop in at the town hall and sign for a copy of the revised Town Policy manual.

Hops Co-op

Tim Reilly has had meetings with landowners and investors and is currently looking for a grant writer. There is a grant he is hoping to apply for by March 5, 2009. There was discussion about the best way for CEAB to further assist him.

Comprehensive Planning Committee

A motion to establish a Comprehensive Planning Committee was made by Leslie Wood, seconded by Chris Quinby, motion passed unanimously.

Motion to accept Charles as the volunteer chair and report back to CEAB. Made by Leslie Wood, seconded by Neil Klein, motion passed unanimously.

Charles will continue to be on this committee and report to the CEAB. Charles reported a brief history of this group. How it started and the direction it is going. 18 towns are in Columbia County and all have or are working on a Comprehensive Plan. Copake has the

largest amount of water in Columbia County. The CPC is considering a survey for property owners, as the last one done is 5 years old at date and lacks Comprehensiveness. CPC defined what their "job" was, have obtained an RFP and retained RIVERTOWN as a consultant. CPC is aware of everything being done in the open, and will be scheduling workshops in the future. CPC is planning on the draft plan to be ready in 12-15 months.

Copake Water

As part of the discussion on the value of lakes, ponds and rivers to Copake, Neil Klein offered to chair a committee to consider ways that the value of these assets might be promoted and enhanced. He agreed to contact the people responsible for the major water bodies in Copake and ask that they join the committee. He also offered to invite a riparian rights expert to present to the CEAB in either April or May.

LDC

Morey reported LDC's are possible by non profits or private individuals. He reports there is interest by some private individuals at this time. This is in the very early planning stage. This would be for the benefit of Copake the CEAB will be kept apprised of this. Since a committee was set up last month, this committee will temporarily on hold until there is a need and/or request for the CEAB to assist them.

Bike Map

Milbrey Zelley agreed to contact several bike enthusiasts to help make a Copake Bike Trail Map for our website.

Grants

Discussion was tabled until next month. Morry Ordoover agreed to bring all information he has regarding grants to the March meeting. Charles Dodson shared that in his view there are three parts to grants: identifying the grant, applying for the grant and then monitoring and reporting on the disposition of the grant.

Interview new member

Motion to move to Executive session was made by Leslie Wood, seconded by Mibs Zelley.

Motion to leave executive session made by Karen Hallenbeck seconded by Chris Quinby.

Motion to accept Karen DiPeri's application was made by Leslie Wood, seconded by Mibs Zelley application was approved. Letter to be sent to Town Board asking for appointment to the CEAB.

Ken Flood was confirmed to be at the March 17, 2009 CEAB board meeting.

Copake clean up day will be chaired by Chris Quinby. He will find out the date.

Leslie reported West Copake banner will be done before the May/June raising of the banners. Marcia Peteroy reiterated her offer to support the creation of this banner with \$200 from Frank Peteroy's ZBA earnings.

Bob Sacks has asked we send him a short report from the CEAB to be added to his Copake Chronicle. CEAB agreed to send this to the Copake Chronicle and The Columbian.

Chris Quinby announced Copake Community day meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 21, 2009 at 9:00am at the Town Hall.

Applications for consideration requesting monies from the Celebration funds were not received this month.

Motion to adjourn by Morey Ordovery seconded by Chris Quinby, approved.

Next meeting to be March 17, 2009 at 7pm.

Respectively submitted,
Karen Hallenbeck