Copake Economic Advisory Board Minutes 12/15/2009 7pm Copake Town Hall

Present: Marcia Peteroy, Neal Klein, Bob Rosegarten, Leslie Wood, Mibs Zelley, Chris Quinby, Karen Diperi, Noah Elkin, Regina Awe, Veronique Fabio, Guests: Linda Gabaccia and Bob Sacks Town Board

1. Meeting called to order at 7 pm by Chair, Leslie Wood, who welcomed guests.

2. Bob Rosegarten moved waiving a reading of the minutes; seconded by Neil Klein

3. Farmers Market-
Roberta Roll has initiated a Farmers Market to be held in Copake beginning in the Spring of 2010 and will run every other Saturday on the alternate weekends from Hillsdale. She is seeking 3-4 volunteers who would be willing to assist with: 1) promotion and advertising, 2) putting up and down signs, 3) assistance setting up and breaking down every other week, 4) special events/marketing.

4. Ken Flood-
The CEDC assists new business entities with a variety of support including technical, legal, accounting, obtaining loans, business plans etc. Leslie has forwarded Ken's information to John Mengeler who is interested in creating a BBQ restaurant in Copake at the "Hub". Leslie offered to assist the CEDC in advertising.

5. Transportation-
Linda Gabaccia spoke to Thomas Delventhal who is interested in launching bus service from Copake to Hillsdale to Wassaic and onto NYC on a daily basis.

6. The Revitalize Rt7A Advisory Committee-
The Town Board approved the formation of a new group as requested by Leslie Wood and suggested by Dean Knox, Director of Engineering of the Columbia County Department of Public Works. This committee will be made up of a representative of the Highway Department, Private Architects, Business owners and will review and make recommendations on parking, sidewalks, traffic flow etc, in the center of the Downtown area. The group will be supported by the CEAB. Letters of interest were requested effective immediately by the Town Board and will be sent out by Vana Hotaling.

7. Around the Clock Committee-
The CEAB will send an update of the ATCC activities to the Chronicle, and call for additional volunteers. Francesca Olsen from the Register Star printed a story, which made it onto Q103 regarding the efforts to get the MTA to add Copake to their bus route based on the outreach of Arthur Rubenstein an ATCC member.

8. Banners-
The new banners have arrived and will be stored until the spring when they are hung.

9. Interviews
The motion was made by Bob Rosegarten and seconded by Karen DiPeri to enter executive session at 7:15 pm for interviews. The following appointments were recommended: Rob Rosegarten and Karen DiPeri to remain on the board, Nancy Schultz was added to the board, and Susan Winchell-Sweeney and Regina Awe as Alternates was made.

10. A motion was made to adjourn by Neil Klein and seconded by Karen DiPeri

11. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 19th at 7 pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen DiPeri
Acting secretary for the meeting