

Minutes of the Comprehensive Planning Committee
Feb. 18, 2010, 7:00 pm
Copake Town Hall

Members Present: Jeanne Mettler, Rus Davis, Bill Kiernan, George Beneke, Charles Dodson, Roberta Roll, Harvey Weber

Members Absent: Dan Haas, Marcia Becker, Frank Peteroy

Ms. Mettler said she had received a note from Mr. Haas saying that he might need to resign. The CRC [of which he is a member] is more active now; in addition his father is not well. She suggested to him that he take a leave of absence, to which he agreed; we approved this measure. Ms. Mettler asked if someone else from the CRC should attend temporarily. Mr. Kiernan said since he has been attending the CRC meetings, he could report to us; we agreed to this. A resolution was passed thanking the secretary [Ms. Roll] for her "extraordinary minutes." We approved the Feb. 9th minutes.

Mr. Dodson gave a report on grant activity. He said for 3 years he has been trying to establish a joint grants office for Ancram, Copake and Hillsdale. He has been in contact with Senator Saland, the item was on the agenda, but funds were slashed. He was asked to keep submitting the request quarterly. Mr. Dodson recently called to ask how realistic the chances were, and after a conversation with Sen. Saland's office, he thinks that if the EAB submits an application for its own office, they could have a chance.

He has compiled a list of 10 grant agencies with names, tel. numbers, emails, matching fund requirements, deadlines, duration of projects, awarded grants, etc. He spoke with Ron Rader at the Parks Dept., who said that historic designation is required for grant funds. Mr. Dodson also spoke to Main St.; they require matching funds and a municipal resolution. The deadline is April 23. There is \$5 million available, and they provide between \$50,000 and \$500,000 per project. Ms. Roll asked if he had talked to someone about how to approach the matter of applying for grants in regard to ATC and CPC. He said the person was not available when he called today. He noted, as he said last meeting, that the NY Office of Strategic Planning and Renewal offers planning grants, as does Greenway. Ms. Mettler suggested the grants subcommittee have a meeting to decide to which agencies we should apply. Ms. Roll said that Greenway is a natural and that it had been talked about for years, but the Town has never submitted an application. Ms. Mettler asked if we should contact ATC and asked Mr. Dodson if perhaps he should speak with them. He said we should get something to the Town board soon. If we miss the April deadline, we will have to wait until fall to apply for planning money. We could also apply for money to update zoning to comply with the comp. plan. We don't know quite where we are going with the plan yet, but by the time we get the money, we will have at least a draft of the plan. We can apply for ag. and other areas as well. Ms. Mettler asked that we make a decision about contacting ATC so they can apply for the April deadline. We agreed to give the grant info. to ATC.

Ms. Mettler said she had sent the edits to the Community Profile thus far to Margaret Irwin. She relayed to us that Ms. Irwin indicated that we did not need to be as detailed as we have been in our edits. We agreed to keep this in mind, but also felt that it was very important to make this document as accurate and complete as possible. It will be a part of the comp. plan. Ms. Mettler said she had a message from Ms. Becker requesting that we postpone looking at the sections on Land Use until next time [she is ill tonight]. We discussed this briefly and decided that since we

were not discussing issues per se, that we should proceed, try to finish up, and receive Ms. Becker's comments on those sections next time. We continued with the editing of the Profile and reached the bottom of p. 30.

Ms. Roll made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Weber seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Roll