

Minutes of the Comprehensive Planning Committee
June 22, 2011 7:00pm
Copake Town Hall

Members Present: George Beneke, Marcia Becker, Charles Dodson, Bill Kiernan, Rus Davis, Jeanne Mettler, Frank Peteroy, Roberta Roll

Members Absent: Harvey Weber, Dan Haas

Mr. Dodson reported that the grant application [CDBG] is almost complete. Margaret Irwin has suggested that he quote from the comp. plan. It is about 50 pages long. Ms. Mettler spoke about our finances, saying that Ms. Becker had noted our line item on the Town budget. Ms. Becker said that the comp. plan line says we have a negative balance of -\$85.

Ms. Mettler reviewed the history of our budget since 9/10, when the Board said they would restore the \$12,500 that had been removed from our line and which had left us with a balance of -0-. We asked for \$5,000 for 2011 and were given \$10,000, giving us a total of \$22,500 as of Jan. 2011. We paid \$5,000 + to River Street. Currently, \$8,800 is owed to them. After that is paid and we add in the Greenway funds of \$,6530, we will have a balance of \$15,121.45.

Ms. Mettler added that the Greenway funds are not ours yet; we must voucher for them. We approved the June 4th minutes from the public meeting.

We then resumed the editing of the final draft. Ms. Irwin had sent some comments for suggested changes. Mr. Haas had also emailed some suggestions regarding adding a sentence to explain the function of a CAC (Goal D. Catalyst a.).

We discussed the demolition process in light of the recent developments concerning the railroad buildings at the south entrance of Copake. Recommendations for the adoption of a demolition review process and guidelines for unique historic circumstances were added to the plan.

We completed the editing process.

We then discussed how many copies of the final plan would be needed. Ms. Becker noted that one should be in the records room, one in the Town Clerks office and one in the library.

We agreed that we need to read the draft again when our current changes are made, as certain changes and sections are sometimes dropped inadvertently in subsequent drafts. We will ask Ms. Irwin to get the edited final draft to us by 6/25. We will send corrections by 6/29 and ask her to get it back to us by 7/5. We would like the Town Board to have time to review it before our meeting with them on 7/12. Ms. Becker commented that the Planning Board will need to review and comment on it.

The question arose as to whether the Planning Board can stop the plan - no. Mr. Dodson commented that our job is to filter all comments as best we can and to shape the plan accordingly. Ms. Mettler said the plan should be put up on the website by 7/6. Ms. Becker asked if Ms. Irwin would be attending the Town Board meeting. Ms. Mettler said no, only the 7/12 meeting we have with the Board.

Ms. Mettler asked what we all thought about the matrix, saying that Ms. Irwin had some concerns about condensing the language. We agreed that it was good, describing the

categories, timing and costs, as well as priorities. Mr. Dodson said he would like the Town Board to have it.

We reviewed the draft of the memo to the Town Board regarding the 7/12 meeting. Mr. Dodson noted that no action regarding the plan will be taken at that meeting, as it purely informational, and perhaps that should be stated. We agreed. A question was asked about the open meeting law. Only meetings at which decisions will be made must be held in public.

Ms. Mettler said we have had 85 meetings as a committee.

Ms. Becker made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Peteroy seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Roll