

Town of Chatham Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

8/3/2005
7:00 PM to 8:59 PM
Town Hall

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Meeting called by: Mike Hart Type of meeting: Monthly Meeting
Facilitator: Nan Stolzenburg Note taker: Bob Balcom

Attendees: Mike Hart, Bob Balcom, Kary Jablonka, Jean Rohde, Mary Gail Biebel, Randi Walker, Ira Marks, Van Calhoun, Rick Werwaiss, Roy Carwile, Nan Stolzenburg, Don Meltz (8:15 pm)
Please read: All documents sent via e-mail since the July 18 meeting
Please bring: Copies of all goals statements

Agenda

Call to Order Mike Hart 1

Discussion: Mike Hart called the meeting to order @ 7:09 pm.

Adoption of July 18 Minutes Mike Hart/Bob Balcom 2

Discussion: Motion (Walker/Biebel) to table the adoption of the July 18 minutes until September 7 was unanimously approved..

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Ready July 18 minutes for approval on September 7.	Bob Balcom	ASAP

Old Business: Review/adopt Overall Vision Statement Mike Hart/Nan Stolzenburg 10

Discussion: Kary Jablonka presented two versions of the overall vision statement re-write. After lengthy discussion a shorter version was accepted with modifications. Randi Walker made a motion to accept the overall vision statement as amended (Biebel 2nd). Motion carried 10-0. This concluded the work on vision statements and the approving roar could be heard all the way to Ghent.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Vision statement posted to town website	N. Stolzenburg/B. Balcom	ASAP

Old Business: Review/adopt Goals			All Liaisons			60		
<p>Discussion: Recreation, Arts and Historic Character goals were presented by Bob Balcom, reviewed by the entire committee with suggested modifications. Due to the time consuming process the remaining goals review for Land Use, Economic Development and Natural Resources was tabled.</p>								
Action items:						Person responsible:		Deadline:
Ready remaining goals for review and distribute to committee members.						Appropriate Liaisons		ASAP
New Business: Build Out Analysis			Nan Stolzenburg			30		
<p>Discussion: Consultant Don Meltz (GIS specialist) discussed the theory and types of build out analysis. He then made a presentation showing the build out analysis for the Town of Chatham first based completely on existing zoning (maximum build out) and then with two environmental constraints. The two constraints used were pretty typical, no building on grades greater than 15 degrees and none within 100 feet of wetlands. With no constraints an additional 3,987 more homes could be build in Chatham. With the constraints the build out was reduced to 2,205. Much discussion ensued on the impact on zoning and how density can be calculated. Nan Stolzenburg discussed environmental control formulas. She emphasized the very critical, fundamental questions that will need to be answered. Discussion moved to what should be done with the information. It was concluded that it was very important to have a joint meeting of the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to show and explain the build out analysis and the critical questions it reveals.</p>								
Action items:						Person responsible:		Deadline:
None								
New Business: Member Request			Mike Hart			10		
<p>Discussion: Mike Hart requested that the September 7 meeting address the remaining goals statements and minutes only. Mike also requested liaisons send sub-committee contact information so that he could rebuild his address book which was lost due to computer problems. Bob Balcom gave a brief report of a meeting earlier in the day with the individuals involved with the Solaqua project at the Columbia Cardboard Plant. Mike also thanked the committee members for the support they sent to him after he considered resigning from the chair position. Because of the support Mike will carry on. The committee members overwhelming thanked him.</p>								
Action items:						Person responsible:		Deadline:
None								
Open Forum			Mike Hart			5		
<p>Discussion: None</p>								
Adjournment			Mike Hart			1		
<p>Discussion: Motion to adjourn @ 10:18 pm (Calhous/Biebel) unanimously carried.</p>								
Action items:						Person responsible:		Deadline: