

Town of Chatham Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 1, 2006

6:30 PM

TOWN HALL

MEETING CALLED BY	Mike Hart
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Monthly Meeting
FACILITATOR	Nan Stolzenburg
NOTE TAKER	Bob Balcom
ATTENDEES	Mike Hart, Jean Rohde, Randi Walker, Kary Jablonka, Ira Marks, Nan Stolzenburg, , Rick Werwaiss (7:10), Bob Balcom (8:00)

Agenda topics

2 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

MIKE HART

DISCUSSION	Mike Hart called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

5 MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2006 MINUTES

BOB BALCOM

DISCUSSION	The meeting minutes were reviewed with Kary Jablonka making a motion to accept the minutes as written (2 nd Jean Rohde). Motion carried.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Post meeting minutes to Town Website	Bob Balcom	ASAP

90 MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS – STRATEGY WORK (HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE)

LIAISONS/NAN STOLZENBURG

DISCUSSION	The committee began reviewing and discussing the infrastructure strategies. For the first goal the committee agreed to clarify that the town will not change infrastructure to encourage growth. A discussion ensued regarding the Solaqua project and it's potential infrastructure needs. The committee agreed to enhance the strategies regarding services and reorganize the paragraphs to better represent each service.
	The committee then turned its attention to road standards. A great deal of discussion ensued regarding rural road problems and solutions. A suggestion to refer to the Cornell Local Roads Program was made. Further discussion revolved around the consequences of not complying with AASHTO references.
	Discussion the addressed goal five and how emergency services are currently provided. Paragraph structures were rearranged. Discussion then moved to development of language to address planning and site location for emergency services. Language would be added to address zoning and adjustments for emergency services.
	For goal seven the committee agreed to move the explanation of Capital Improvement Plan to the Appendix.
	The discussion of goal eight brought much discussion regarding traffic limiting ideas. Much time was used to discuss traffic lights (there are none currently in the Town of Chatham). The committee decided that an additional paragraph should be added regarding the need to have a traffic study done on any substantial development that may increase road traffic by 100 cars, or more, per day. Discussion continued regarding pavement easements with no action resulting but an interesting discussion never the less.
	For goal nine the committee decided to move the paragraph regarding the development of greenways to connect hamlets, etc. to recreation.
	Goal ten, which addresses internet and communication technologies, inspired much discussion regarding franchise agreements and the current problems with Charter Communications. Mike Hart remarked that "When you're the only dog in Town you don't cut off it's tail."
	Goal eleven inspired much discussion of green energy sources.

