

Special Order of Business - Rountable Mike Hart
Discussion

Discussion: The group discussed how the writing of the comprehensive plan will be accomplished. After much discussion the group agreed to have Nan write the portion of the plan related to strategies. The group agreed to provide assistance to Nan with any portion of the plan she identifies (e.g., background information).

It was suggested to bring more stakeholders (e.g., Planning, ZBA and Town Boards and community groups) into the process during the selection of the strategies. Kary - chair of the Education Subcommittee - mentioned that this will take place in the coming months. The following quote was mentioned as we consider the importance of sharing the plan with the public, "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view - until you climb into his skin and walk around in it." Atticus Finch from *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Considering aspects of the plan from another persons view point was discussed.

Various strategies were mentioned on how to share our comprehensive list of goals with the community. Community Conversations, mass mailing, as well as a table at the Chatham Film Festival, were all mentioned as methods for disseminating information about the goals. The steering committee agreed that a press release and handout should be developed when the goals are finalized.

Getting the process started for identification of scenic overlay zones was discussed. A public meeting allowing community members to select areas is the first step. Mike shared with the group his experience with scenic overlay considerations developed for Ancram. There was consensus among the group to have a public session where scenic views are identified. The results of this session will not likely be accomplished before the plan is finished but an element addressing the strategy of scenic overlay zoning will be left in the plan as work in progress. Rick agreed to find people from the Keep Farming aesthetics team to organize a public meeting for the selection of scenic areas and aesthetic elements.

During the steering committee meeting, it was emphasized by a number of steering committee members that a strong plan is developed by use of strong action terms.

The next four steering committee meetings will include an invitation to all members of the subcommittees and town boards. The meeting on November 4, will be a meeting where everyone has an opportunity to ask questions of Nan related to specific strategies. The following three steering committee meetings will be open to the public with public participation limited to the open business portion of the meeting. All four meetings will begin at 6:30pm. Opening the steering committee meetings to the public will provide people an opportunity to see how selection of strategies is achieved.

Natural Resources goals were discussed. Kary showed the group the language for the goals from the meeting on September 7. Randi agreed to send the language for the third goal to Nan, since that was the only goal were the language was recently modified. After modifications have been made to the goals, Nan will send a pdf back to the steering committee for distribution and posting on the web. Mike will draft a press release and the Education Subcommittee will provide a list of potential locations for where hard copies of goals could be placed for distribution to the public. Mike emphasized to the steering committee the importance of staying focused and working hard to achieve our objective of strategy selection by end of December.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Open Forum			Mike Hart			5		
Discussion: No items were brought up.								
Adjournment			Mike Hart			1		
Discussion: Kary made a motion to adjourn. Ira seconded. All in agreement, motion passed.								
Action items:			Person responsible:			Deadline:		
Additional Information								
Observers:								