

Town of Chatham Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting

9/1/2004
7:00 PM to 9:46 PM
New Town Hall

Meeting called by: Kary Jablonka Type of meeting: Monthly Public Meeting
Note taker: Bob Balcom

Attendees: Kary Jablonka, Jean Rohde, Van Calhoun, Bob Balcom, Ric Werwaiss (~8:30 PM), Nan Stolzenburg
(Planning Better Places Consultant)
An audience of 12 people including Supervisor Jesse DeGroot.

Agenda

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Additional Information

Resource persons: Randi Walker

Moratorium Discussion	Kary Jablonka	45
<p>Discussion: Kary began a lengthy and lively discussion by giving an general overview from the Town Board regarding the Moratorium status. He identified the time frame as being critical and 18 months as the usual length limit. The draft Moratorium includes a relief clause for current projects of not more than 3 housing units. He also stated that the Comprehensive plan should be well into the process within that time frame. Further discussion continued regarding the time limit and timing of a moratorium, negative public perception, lack of public input, impact of the moratorium on farmers, need for public hearings, Zoning Board of Appeals request for a moratorium. Because of the concerns raised Kary suggested that it would be prudent for the Town governmental stakeholders, Town attorney and Nan Stolzenburg have a workshop to make sure everyone is on the same page before moving forward with a Moratorium. Nan suggested that it would be appropriate for the Comprehensive Plan Committee to make a statement to the Town Board to reduce pressure.</p>		
<p>Conclusions: The following motion was presented by Kary Jablonka and seconded by Van Calhoun; "The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee would welcome a moratorium as a useful tool for creating an environment to plan."</p>		
<p>For: Balcom, Calhoun, Jablonka Against: Rohde</p>		
<p>Action items: The motion will be delivered to the Town Board at their next meeting</p>	<p>Person responsible: Kary Jablonka</p>	<p>Deadline: September 16, 2004</p>

Organizational Meeting	Kary Jablonka	5
<p>Discussion: Kary announced that there would be an executive session meeting for Steering Committee members only for the purposes of organization and housekeeping. Best dates appear to be 9/20-23. Members will e-mail best dates.</p>		
<p>Conclusions: The date will be selected after all steering committee members respond and confirmed, via e-mail.</p>		
<p>Action items:</p>	<p>Person responsible: Kary Jablonka</p>	<p>Deadline: ASAP</p>

Chatham Fair Booth	Kary Jablonka	2
<p>Discussion: Upon Kary's request Randi Walker described the location of the Comprehensive Plan Booth at the Chatham Fair and the need for volunteers to help man the booth and give people who are spending lots of time there a break.</p>		
<p>Conclusions: None</p>		
<p>Action items: None</p>	<p>Person responsible:</p>	<p>Deadline:</p>

Randall Arendt Meeting			Kary Jablonka			10		
<u>Discussion: Discussion regarding the potential meeting with Randall Arendt to discuss cluster planning for developments</u>								
<u>resulted in the general decision to postpone any meeting until after February first upon recommendation of Nan</u>								
<u>Stolzenburg. This is due to the other work required prior to investigating such planning.</u>								
<u>Conclusions: It is too early and out of sequence from the scope of work the committee is following at this time.</u>								
<u>Action items: None</u>			<u>Person responsible:</u>			<u>Deadline:</u>		

Comprehensive Plan Draft Survey			Nan Stolzenburg			98		
<u>Discussion: The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a question by question analysis of the draft survey. Many</u>								
<u>recommendations were suggested to Nan. Nan will draft a new, shorter, survey for further input from members by mid-</u>								
<u>September.</u>								
<u>There will be a one week comment period at which point no further comments will be accepted. Nan will then complete</u>								
<u>the final draft for the October meeting.</u>								
<u>Conclusions: The draft survey is too long and somewhat repetitive. The changes suggested should greatly improve it.</u>								
<u>Action items: All members must respond promptly upon receiving Nan's</u>			<u>Person responsible: Nan</u>			<u>Deadline:</u>		
<u>updated draft.</u>			<u>Stolzenburg</u>			<u>September</u>		
						<u>15, 2004.</u>		

Conclusion			Kary Jablonka			2		
<u>Discussion: Kary thanked all who attended and persevered through the survey analysis. The meeting was then adjourned.</u>								
<u>Conclusions:</u>								
<u>Action items:</u>			<u>Person responsible:</u>			<u>Deadline:</u>		

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