

CPURC Minutes January 25, 2020

Present: Abi Mesick, Jeanne Veillette Bowerman, Donna Staron, Dave Everett, Jeff Cox, Tim Mackerer

Absent: Cindy Buckely

Public: Bob Balcom, John Wapner, Linda Laurange, Lee Gagne, Ashly Gagne, Karen McGraw

Called to order: 9:05am

Approve minutes from 01-11-2020

Firm-up date for Public Hearing on current comp plan. The committee would like to do public outreach to hamlets first, beginning in March.

Hamlet outreach:

Provide a simple letter for liaison outreach, answering questions on what the purpose of a hamlet-specific meeting would be, and what we would like a liaison to do to assist.

- This is not a new comp plan, it's a review and update.
- What is the Comp Plan?
This is specific for hamlet community outreach, all are welcome but we're specifically looking at hamlet issues – Rural outreach at larger meetings
- Set dates for hamlet meetings, starting in March (on Saturdays)
- Include web address for current comp plan.
- Help us get the word out.

Jeanne to reach venues to set calendar dates – see if there are expenses

- East Chatham – (Tim to contact) - Firehouse – Wayne Gearing (Jeanne to contact)
- New Concord – Meeting hall – Rick Karpinski (Jeanne to contact)
- The following areas will have a joint meeting, most likely in Malden Bridge community center or synagogue
 - Malden Bridge – (Dave to contact and Jeanne to contact)
 - Rayville - (Jeanne to contact)
 - Riders Mill
- Old Chatham – Tri-Village Firehouse
- North Chatham – (Abi to contact); Library or Fire Dept or Trolley Station
- Kinderhook Lake – (Abi to contact) – Community Center
- Chatham Center – (Abi to contact) – Tri Village Firehouse
- Chatham Village – Hamlet 1 and 2 – Will discuss at a later date, as the Village has its own zoning.

Once dates are set, create handouts for that hearing itself, to be available online as well as posted in the locations the meetings will be held, in advance of the meetings.

For creating the draft for the handout to publish before the hamlet meetings, read over the current Comp Plan and look for potential changes, things that might not be relevant, things not mentioned, or future concerns.

Reach out to groups, like Hunt Club, Committee of the Aging Advisory Board, and other organizations, services, and groups, with the same letter created for the hamlet meetings.

Communications for hamlet outreach:

- Website
Facebook
- Community Center flyers
- Ask for email lists for hamlets
- Town email blast
- Newspaper – one ad with all the dates

Look over data the committee has collected thus far:

- Committee has a spreadsheet with tabs to organize the data in Google Drive so the entire committee has real-time access.
- Assessor and Building Dept – look at patterns for building permits (square footage that triggers building permits) – Jeff to look for pattern
- Beth Anne has 2 big files of emails that she's going through. When received committee will add that data to spreadsheet
- Index Cards: Tim and Jeanne organized them into subjects.
- Public comments at Town Board meetings identified by subjects. Those comments support the comments written in the index cards but is on a separate tab in the spreadsheet

Comp Plan is also a tool we can use to apply for grant money.

Announcement for the website:

Read and approved. Will give to Beth Anne and Tammy to post.

Demographics:

Abi discussed the need to do a local demographic study

Reference to the following documents: "AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY TOWN OF QUEENSBURY STATE OF NEW YORK JANUARY 18, 2019" And "Out of Alignment"

This is similar to what is going on in Chatham right now... young people are leaving. More difficult to retain workers.

Can gather information from the schools and County

CAP survey – what farms have left, what kind of farms – reference the Town of Chatham Agricultural Protection Plan of 2009 - this plan exists on the website, but we need to now move it to the Comp Plan section. Jeanne to ask Beth Anne and Tammy

Look at the warnings in the current Comp Plan Part II on what positive and negative things “could” happen to Chatham, some of which already have.

Discuss open space vs agriculture open space - Inherent in our zoning, our town will have lots of open space (10-acre, 5-acre lots), but that is different than agricultural space

Abi to pursue demographics information.

Albany-Hudson Electric Trail – “Rail Trail” – Gather information on the trail regarding public access and potential impact <https://ahettrail.org/>

At next meeting, will look at the survey questions from the past survey.

Adjourned at 11am

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Veillette Bowerman