

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING: February 1, 2020

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

Absent: Cindy Buckley

Public: Karen McGraw

Called to order: 9:10am

Data collection update:

Beth Anne created a file for emails received from citizens. Bulk are STR-related. Other comments include, but are not limited to, the following:

- SUPs
- Trash cans
- Shaker museum
- Zoning Definitions
- Bulk regulation use
- General overreach of the proposed zoning

Beth Anne to supply Google document with the collection of all the electronic emails

Small packet created for setting up hearings, notice to newspaper and updates to website.

As collected, data will be scanned and in the Google Drive for documentation.

2004 Survey Discussion:

- 10. Add STR to the #10 section
- Add questions: What are your thoughts or suggestions for current Comp Plan?
- Section to elicit feedback on how the community would like to use the Rail Trail, or protections?
- 24. single-family residence in the hamlet on less than 1.5 acres
- Cluster housing question
- 24. Change "mobile home parks" to "manufactured home communities"
- 24. remove "mobile homes on individual lots" and add "manufactured homes on individual lots" (is legally permitted by the state)
- 24. add "tiny houses" on foundations (ask Building Dept for clarification on square footage on building code)
- 24 consider adding "mobile tiny houses"
- Add residential solar farms
- Solar panels and wind turbines for residential – ask the Climate Smart Committee for solar and renewable energy for suggestions of possible questions for survey
- Ask Parks and Rec committee to see if they have anything specific they want asked in the survey, including thoughts on Rail Trail

- 19. Ask Finance committee – to address if people are willing to pay higher taxes to obtain those easements
- E-commerce: delivery centers are a future concern. Topic needs to be addressed.
- 17. all about public spending – finance committee input

- Survey confidentiality – how do we handle that? Will discuss next meeting as well as go through the 2004 survey line by line.

Hamlet outreach update:

- Emphasize that these meetings are for the purpose of the hamlet needs and are for information gathering.
- Contacted venues, awaiting responses.
- Send stakeholder letter to the Town of Canaan Supervisor.

Maps:

Ask land conservancy for updated map to determine how much open land in Chatham is already preserved.

Public comment:

Karen McGraw, president of Neighbors of Northern Columbia County, stated the following:

- Separate out the cost of the survey items into a separate question
- We do have an aging population
- Make sure the “hamlet-specific” is clear in communications about the upcoming hamlet meetings.

Next meeting February 8 at 9AM

Adjourned at 11am.

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Veillette Bowerman