

CPURC minutes 2-19-2020 meeting

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

Absent: Cindy Buckley

Called to order 6:40pm

Prep for the Hamlet Meetings:

Communications to promote the hamlet meetings:

- Town website
- Facebook
- See if we can get an article in the paper, or Letter to the Editor
- Lions Club, churches, etc.
- Discussed asking citizens to spread the word door-to-door, if possible.
- Bring copies of the Comprehensive Plan to libraries (and possibly Old Chatham Country Store) for citizens to check out.

Begin each hamlet meeting explaining what the Comp Plan is and why we're updating it.

Create a Handout to provide the attendees and also post on the website to share on social.

- What Comp Plan is and why we're updating it
- Bullet list of topics to discuss
- Contact information for the committee

Flip-charts: Will bring and use to document the public comments, as well as add them to our ongoing spreadsheet.

Bring a couple of copies of the Comp Plan to the meetings. Inform them how to get copies of their own (website, go to Town Hall, etc.)

Sign-in sheet at meeting for name and email (Jeff to bring with the clipboard)

Prep categories/bullet list for the hamlet meetings to prompt discussion

Record meetings: We will record them for reference and clarifications during the data discussions and review

Bullet list of topics to elicit feedback on:

- Do you want to see businesses that personally serve the people in your hamlet (including home occupations)?
- Do you want architectural design guidelines for business and/or residential?
- Do you want water or sewer infrastructure ... and are you willing to pay for it?
- Do you want to see the minimum lot size changed in relationship to water availability?
- Do you want to see the hamlet boundaries expanded?
- What kind of housing styles do you want in your hamlet – tiny houses, multi-family, etc.
- Would you be in favor of historic district designation?
- Traffic issues and speeding

- Short-term rentals
- Rail trail concerns – parking, noise (North Chatham and Kinderhook Lake)
- Kinderhook Lake: noise, people using lake, water quality, parking

Use the handout for the New Concord email blast and to share with the fire houses and meeting places.

Beyond hamlet meetings, send letter to the stakeholders (land conservancy, etc.):

- What has changed?
- What are old, unresolved issues?
- What are new issues?
- What are things that you would like to protect?
- What are things you would like to avoid?
- Is there a project(s) that would make hamlet life better?
- Simple lists of challenges/ assets

Jeanne and Abi to draft stakeholders' letter and hamlet handout, sharing with the committee via email. Will finalize the hamlet-meeting strategy at next meeting.

Old business:

Jeff stopped at New Lebanon for data. They're getting back to him.
Tim reached out to Ichabod School. Waiting for response.

Next meeting Saturday, February 29, 2020

Meeting adjourned 8:35pm