

CPURC minutes September 16, 2020
Crellin Park North Pavilion

Called to order 6:40pm

Present: Abi Mesick, Tim Mackerer, Jeanne Veillette Bowerman, Jeff Cox

Absent: Donna Staron, Dave Everett

Lucinda Buckley submitted her resignation from the CPURC. Committee respectfully accepted her resignation and thanked her for her service to the town.

Survey:

Since there was a pause in CPURC committee meetings, committee went back to review past minutes and discussions on updating survey and continued the review.

What are we trying to find out and what are we going to do with that information? Answers to those questions should be documented for future CPURCs.

Q 1: fine as is.

Q 2: What is your relationship to the Town of Chatham? Home owner, Land owner, Tenant, Business owner, or Other (with a line to identify).

Q3: How long have you lived or owned land in the Town of Chatham? __

Q4: Are you a part-time or a full-time resident? Part-time; Full-time, I am not a resident but own land; I am not a resident but own a business in Chatham

Q5: omit

Q6: omit; use census data

Q7: omit – asked earlier

Q8: Please indicate the principal location of your place of work: (Data: Commuters, traffic flow, number of people who are employed in the town)

Within the Town of Chatham; Outside the Town of Chatham but in Columbia County; Outside Columbia County but in NYS; Outside of NYS; Capital District; Telecommute/home-based; Other location; Do not work/retired (for further discussion if we want to call out NYC area, too)

Q9: Are you self-employed? If yes, do you run your business from your home? Y/N Is this your primary income or supplemental income?

Q10: How do you feel about the following features of our town?

Check all that apply: Important; Not Important; Increase; Decrease; Adequate As Is

- Take out hillsides and ravines;
- Take out litter control;
- change “low crime rate” to “crime rate”;
- Consider changing “Not paving existing dirt roads” and “Paving existing dirt roads” to just “Dirt Roads”;
- define “open spaces” more specifically to address ag spaces vs open spaces – change to “open space (non-agricultural)” and “open space (agricultural)”
- Keep “historic character” and “rural character” but remove “overall aesthetic character”

- Change “scenic views and landscapes” to “scenic views”
 - Add “ridgelines”
 - Remove “sensitive environmental sites”
 - Remove “small farms/recreational” and add “Small farms”; “Large farms”; “Hobby farms”; and “Agri-Tourism”
 - Remove “streams, ponds” and ask Jeff Cox about protection of wetlands
- Q11: omit – we cannot control who moves here or who moves away

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Veillette Bowerman