

TOWN OF DAY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2009

Members Present: Ted Mirczak
Mary Ann Johnson, Supervisor
Ken Metzler
Larry DeRubbo
Judy Traeger
David Cox
Richard Lamb, Consultant

Members Absent: June Dixon

Others: Suzanne Denn, Town Board Member

Minutes Review:

Motion by Judy Traeger, seconded by Committee Member Davidson to approve the minutes of August 18, 2009 meeting and August 25, 2009 workshop with the following changes:

August 18, 2009 Meeting: Page 4, 4th bullet, line 1, change “projecting 25...” to projecting 20...”; Page 4, Survey Analysis, line 3-4, change from “draft form to the placed” to “draft form to be placed”; Page 4, Survey Analysis, line 4, change from “grafts and charts” to “drafts and charts”; Page 4, Survey Analysis, line 8, change from “grafts and charts” to “drafts and charts”.

August 25, 2009 Workshop: Change last paragraph on Page 4 continuing to Page 5 from: “Professor Lamb stated certain traditional rural activities, in particular large farms, may create problems if not controlled by zoning. He stated these would be allowable by our current regulations. Discussions ensued regarding the types of home based businesses which would be allowed within each zone. Professor Lamb stated after the completion of the Comprehensive Plan, the Town Zoning Law would be updated and revised and a committee would be formed to complete that work.” To: “Professor Lamb stated that the keeping of farm animals such as pigs or fowl, and some other uses of rural land, could create problems if not controlled by zoning. Discussion ensued regarding the types of home based businesses which should be allowed within each zone. It was decided that after completion of the Comprehensive Plan a committee would be appointed to make recommendations on specific zoning revisions to deal with such issues.” Ayes: Mirczak, Johnson, Metzler, DeRubbo, Traeger, Cox. Carried: 6-0.

Persons to Meet With Schedule:

Peter Byron of the Great Sacandaga Lake Association and Joe Sullivan, co-chairman of the Sacandaga Protection Committee will be the guests at the October 20th

meeting. Chairman Mirczak will be out of town and all questions for the guests should be emailed to Committee Member Dave Cox.

Due to a change in the scheduled September 15th meeting moving to September 22nd, Town Historian Lauren Roberts was unable to meet with the Committee today. Her visit has been rescheduled to November 17th at 7 p.m.

Supervisor Johnson provided Committee Members with a letter to be sent to local business owners. One proposed change was a confirmation of attendance. They will also be included on the November 17th agenda. It was suggested that the list of the business owners be included in the letter.

Jim Bogert, Chairman of the Edinburg Planning Board will be the guest on December 15, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

Committee Member Cox stated there has been discussion with Saratoga County Planning Director Jason Kemper regarding soils and soil types and Professor Lamb has reviewed the soil maps as they refer to the Town of Day. He inquired if a representative from Soil Conservation or related agency should be contacted as a potential guest. Committee Member Cox stated it would shed some light on sewage drain fields, stream banks, etc. Professor Lamb stated it would add more detail to the soil maps and address erosion control issues. Supervisor Johnson stated she would provide a contact person for this issue.

Chairman Mirczak stated the Hadley Fire and Edinburg Fire and EMS squads have not been contacted to appear before the Committee. It was agreed that since EMS and Fire Protection is a contentious issue with some citizens of the Town, it would be worthwhile to make every effort to review all the possibilities or suggestions of each agency. Since it may be difficult for those EMS and Fire Squad members to attend a day meeting, a small contingent of Comprehensive Committee Members could attend one of their meetings. Supervisor Johnson will obtain information about when they meet.

Goals and Recommendations:

Chairman Mirczak stated the Goals and Recommendations are currently in semi-final draft form; however, this document should be included on the website with the caveat that it is a work in progress. Professor Lamb will email the most recent pdf version to the Secretary.

Survey Analysis:

The latest version of the Survey Analysis is the combination of the charts and graphs and the content is exactly what Committee Member Davidson sent previously to all members. Committee Member Davidson reviewed the pdf file and it is complete and correct. The word file had formatting issues (page break issues and a blank page).

Changes were made to the following pages:

- Cover page, suggestions will be solicited from Committee Members regarding the placement of the Town's seal to add balance to the page.
- Page 1, Paragraph 5, "tax role" change to "tax roll".
- Page 1, Paragraph 5, "compellation" change to "compilation."
- Page 1, Paragraph 7, last line add "for review at Town Hall.
- Page 2, change graph from "73% Seasonal" to "43% Seasonal Resident" and "30% Spend Time at the Lake".
- Page 4, Paragraph 2, first line, "Average for all..." change to "Average for all respondents was 26 years of age. Median was 20 years."
- Same page and paragraph, "Permanent Residence avg. = 22.8 years..." and continue same on each subsequent line.
- Page 38, Land Owner Open Ended Questions, line 1 change 16 to 15.

Committee Member Davidson reviewed his analysis process, i.e. "let the words tell the story" and how meanings of words were grouped. Respondents might view the same word, i.e. "serenity" in different ways and it was a very predominately used description on many surveys. Use of "bolded" words and figures will be reviewed.

- Page 25, Paragraph 4, "miss read" change to "misread". (Miss read appears in several other places and will be changed in each instance.)
- Page 25, Paragraph 5, first line, change from "32 people told us "nothing" or "everything" or some..." to "32 people told us "nothing" or "everything is okay" or some..."
- Page 27, Paragraph 6, "No ATV 1 make own..." change to "No ATV 1 make Town ..."
- Page 27, Paragraph 9, add parenthesis around 2 to read "**Town play area (2).**"

Committee Member Davidson stated he will make the break down numbers consistent, adding the numbers in parenthesis after the comment as opposed to before the comment.

All changes will be made and the revised copy will be forwarded to all Committee Members for review prior to being posted on the website.

Vision Statement Finalization for Web Posting:

It was agreed by all members that the following statement be put in bold and be enlarged to one third of the page: ***The vision of the future of the Town of Day is grounded in the past, and in the present. Simply put, 20 years from now, the Town of Day should look and feel as it does now – rural, rustic, quiet and unspoiled with woods and lake and mountain views.*** (Arial and bolded)

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years from now, the Town of Day should look and feel as it does now – rural, rustic, quiet and unspoiled with woods and lake and mountain views.” (Arial Black – both in same size – 12)

To be followed by: *This vision statement was adopted by the Town of Day Comprehensive Plan Committee, and is strongly supported by responses to the questionnaire survey which clearly indicates that residents would like the town to remain as it is.*

Third paragraph: *To achieve this vision new growth should be predominantly residential, both year round and seasonal, rather than commercial, and should occur in a slow incremental manner and managed in a way that minimizes impacts upon the town’s scenic beauty, rural character and natural environment. Larger residential and commercial developments should not be encouraged. Some small business development to serve local residents and tourists is envisioned, particularly in the Day Center area.*

Professor Lamb stated that eventually a short vision statement should be included for each land use area or zone in the Comprehensive Plan which would be the guiding principle for the Town. He will submit appropriate statements based on the Committee’s discussions. Supervisor Johnson suggested Professor Lamb submit some ideas first and receive feedback from Committee Members prior to embarking on the statements. Professor Lamb will summarize describing issues together with some discussion points and Committee Members can add their ideas.

Correspondence:

The Secretary inquired if emails received from property owners should be included in the minutes. It was agreed that only emails pertaining to the Comprehensive Plan will be included in a file as part of the record and any political issues raised in emails will be forwarded to the Town Board for their dissemination. Committee Member Davidson stated he responded to some emails as citizen to citizen and did not believe it should be part of the records of the Comprehensive Plan. Chairman Mirczak stated since it was forwarded to other Committee Members as a point of interest regarding the Comprehensive Plan, it should be maintained within Plan records.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Byrne
Secretary