

MINUTES OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE
Tuesday- April 8, 2008
Copake Town Hall

Members present: Hugh Davis, George Beneke, John Brusie, Charles Dodson , Harvey Weber, Madeline Nicholson, Roberta Roll, William F. Kiernan,Jr., Frank Peteroy, Jeanne Mettler

Members Not Present: Skip Pilch, Stuart Carduner ,Jon Urban, Larry Proper, Fiona Hutchinson

Liaisons and others: Board Member Robert Sacks and Marcia Becker (for Jon Urban)

1. **Call to Order.** 7:07

2. **Changes to Membership.** Morris Ordoover has resigned. Frank Peteroy is the new representative of the ZBA, and he introduced himself to the committee.

Mettler questioned whether the committee wished to have a replacement for Mr. Ordoover; it was agreed that no request would be made at this time.

Mettler also asked if anyone knew whether Keith Perrino was actually on the committee. Linda Gabaccia stated that she believed he was appointed.

Metter will send out a new membership list to the committee.

3. **March 20, 2008 minutes** were accepted. Motion by H. Davis, seconded by N. Nicholson, motion carried.

4. **Training updates:** Mettler discussed her attendance at the Pace Land use training. A second trainer is to begin on May 2, and will be attended by H. Weber, R. Roll and M. Nicholson.

W. Kiernan expressed willingness to attend the Wind Farm training on April 14-16, but stated that the cost of the program is \$375. A motion was made by H. Weber that the attendance fee and expenses be paid by the Town; motion seconded by F. Peteroy, and carried.

5. **Training for the Committee:** Mettler reported on training sessions available for the committee. The Pace Land Use Alliance would be available for a two hour training at a cost of \$400. The NY Planning Federation is available for \$300 plus travel. Mettler described what each program might offer.

6. **Art Bassin, chair of the Comprehensive Planning Committee of the town of Ancram** addressed the group. The committee in Ancram was formed in 2007 and the Town gave a one year timeframe for the completion of a plan.

Mr. Bassin discussed his Committee's progress as follows:

- a. 8 consultants asked to be interviewed 6 were interviewed.1 hour per presentation
- b. Nan Stolzenburg's group Community Planning, Environment Association was hired cost \$33,000. She attends one meeting a month (the committee meets once a week.)
- c. Communications strategy
 - 1. communicate to towns people
 - 2. list of E Mails of residents
 - 3. open posted minutes on web site and in town hall
 - 4. mailed information
- d. A list of most frequently asked questions was prepared.
- e. A Planning Calender on the web site
- f. The Road Map for Ancram
 - Work Shops "A vision of Ancram in 20 years"
 - Water Study Goals
 - Survey Building Analysis
- g. Sources of information
 - a.census
 - b.water surveys
- h. Big Questions
 - 1. The town was asked what they wanted preserved-- answer:farmland,90% worried about the environment, limit on growth
 - 2. Ground water survey ,Winckley of N.Y.Rural Water to do the survey to cover well, septics and point wells
- k. Visions and Goals to be presented on 4/26 to Ancram,public hearing July 08.Total Cost \$100,000

- 7. The response of the Committee** It was observed that Copake has some additional resources which Ancram did not, i.e
- a. CEAB Survey of 2003-4
 - b. We will have a grant for Winckly to survey our ground water. (H.Weber signed off on it.)
 - c. R.Reynolds of U.S.G.S.to speak in Copake on 7/12/ 08 on mapping our aquifer, last survey 1951
 - d. Daniels will have information for us at her presentation (see below).
 - e. F. Peteroy pointed out the need for a newsprint easel for writing done major ideas.
- 8. Committee's Decision regarding training.** A motion was made by J. Brusie to have Katherine Daniels of NY Federation of Planners conduct a trainer at our next meeting. The motion was seconded by H.Davis and the motion carried. After that meeting, the Committee will hear from other towns and from Copake Committees. After that, the Committee will decide whether a consultant is necessary.
- 9. Meeting Schedule:** 4/17,5/15 & 5/ 29 6/10 & 6/19
- 10. Motion to adjourn:** R.Roll second F.Peteroy, motion carried Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Secretary H. Weber suggested that our meetings be taped by cassette and be filed in an archive so that the people can review our deliberation and there be a record for future Comprehensive Planning Committees.

Submitted by H.Weber