



TOWN OF AMENIA

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Comprehensive Plan Review Committee (CPRC)
April 16, 2024, 6:00 pm
Amenia Town Hall

Present:

Bill Flood, Chair
Michael Peek
Nina Peek
Ken Topolsky:
Vicki Doyle, CPRC Secretary
Councilwoman Nicole Ahearn

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Absent:

Terrence McCauley
Paula Pelosi
Tony Robustelli

Motion made to call the meeting to order at 6:11 pm by Bill, seconded by Ken. Vote taken and passed unanimously.

Motion made to have Bill remain the chair by Ken, seconded by Nina. Vote taken and passed unanimously.

Nina asked about the Pace Land Use Law Center's ability to help with Comp Plan. Bill asked them to help with the writing / editing, but he got the impression they were too busy helping other towns to provide the depth of support needed by CPRC. Nina also spoke to Tiffany at Pace and feels we need more structural support at meetings, to help the committee go through Plan section by section.

It was recommended CPRC:

- Ask the Town Board to confirm CPRC's mandate and see if there is additional funding available to hire a consultant to type up the committee's edits, conduct surveys, public planning workshops, etc. If the scope of work has increased from fact checking to a more substantial update / rewrite, then CPRC will likely need additional resources, technical support.
- Decide what CPRC's mission is at next meeting , then decide if we need to bring in a consultant / expert to tell us what we need. Then interview stakeholders, if appropriate.
- Reach back out to Pace and the County Dept. of Planning and Dev and clarify how they can help us (update demographics, statistics for free, provide technical support via Heather LaVarnway and Clay _____).
- Invite chairs of Town committees to re-write their relevant sections
- Survey residents, business owners asking what new vision and goals they envision for the Town.

- Compile resolutions to ensure legislation enacted since 2007 is compatible with updated plan.
- Obtain sample comp plans from towns similar to ours: i.e., size, demographics, economics.
- Work in smaller subcommittee groups to move specific items forward.

Specific areas to include in scope of work suggested by Supervisor Blackman and others:

- Solar fields
- Wind energy
- Short-term rentals
- Tiny Houses (NYS Building Code issue)
- Food Trucks – need to make there is parking available, proper permits /requirements are met.
- Gated communities
- Noise Ordinance? *Unreasonable noise* is too vague of a term. CPRC could advocate Town Board drafts a new noise ordinance that is enforceable.
- Wassaic Project: impact on business and economic revitalization it spurred.
- DDSO status update.
- Sewer – Recognize this is aspirational and may never get accomplished?

NEXT MEETING: Tues., April 30 at 6 pm

MINUTES

Motion to postpone minutes until we have a quorum of members who served at that time by Ken, seconded by Michael Peek. Vote taken and passed unanimously.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Ken, seconded by Michael Peek at 7:30 pm. Vote taken and passed unanimously.

Submitted by
 Vicki Doyle
 CPRC Secretary