



TOWN OF AMENIA

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**Comp Plan Review Committee (CPRC)
5/14/2024 at 6:00 PM
Town Board Meeting Room**

Present:

Bill Flood, Chair (arrived at 6:25 pm)
Nina Peek, Vice Chair
Michael Peek
Paula Pelosi
Vicki Doyle, Liason
Ken Topolsky
Terrence McCauley
Members of the public

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Absent:

Tony Robustelli
Paul Winters, Town Board Liason

Next meeting: Tues., June 11th, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall (second and fourth Tuesdays).

Note: There will be no meeting on Tues., May 28th at 6 pm.

Motion to open meeting by Nina at 6:10 pm, seconded by Ken. Vote taken and passed unanimously.

Proposed committee versions of the Comp Plan - a regular font was used to designate the assigned section for the respective committees; the rest of the plan is "ghosted out" to designate the parts not assigned, yet available for reference.

CPRC will red-line and accept their revisions before sending on to other committees to review. CPRC could send committee letters prior, asking for their comments. Perhaps send comp plan after County updates statistics? Town committees, boards, etc. listed on the town's website include:

- Water
- Wastewater
- Fire Departments
- Highway Department
- Recreation
- Planning
- ZBA
- CAC
- Affordable Housing
- Emergency Response

It was noted that the Greenway Grant CPRC received requires that the Comp Plan shall include the Rec Master Plan, which is underway, and acknowledge the funding provided with logo, etc. on the cover page, as was done for the 2007 update. Check grant requirements before finalizing Plan.

Approved: 6/11/2024

Motion made by Paula that we open the meeting to public comment by Paula, seconded by Nina. Vote taken and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. George Bistransin asked for CPRC's response to his letter inquiring about ways to encourage the protection of agricultural farms, such as to provide more tax incentives.

Nina responded that there is language currently in the Plan about policies and incentives for helping farmers retain their land and agricultural operations.

Intro: Need to talk about preserving farms, open space; encourage small businesses; increase affordable housing, walkable communities; retain diverse population / demographics. Need to decide what this town ascribes to be, and become.

2. Sandro LaRosa recommended stressing continued support for future utilization and rehabilitation of former DDSO site.

This is already in the Plan, and Sandro's recommendation was noted.

Nina read, and edited (per CPRC recommendations), starting at the beginning, *What is a Comprehensive Plan?* All agreed to avoid lists that might miss a specific group. Brevity is best.

Under *Implementing the Plan*: Page 1 bottom paragraph deleted, starting with, *Pursuant to . . .*

Nina will insert a quote that accurately describes the reason NYS municipalities are required to have a Comprehensive Plan (to guide development and have access to state and federal funds).

Added: *can be reviewed periodically and amended* to this paragraph.

Next paragraph - may need to be edited down. Too wordy?

Amenia's Comp Plan History – edited for brevity.

Intro is done.

NEXT MEETING: Review *Vision Statement, Goals*, w/ blanks for objectives; and the next section, as time allows. Nina's updated tracked version will go into the working group folder.

MINUTES

Motion to accept Minutes of 4/30/24 by Ken, seconded by Bill. Vote taken and passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Bill at 7:30 pm, seconded by Ken. Vote taken and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Doyle
Volunteer CPRC Secretary