

**VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.**

**Present Were:**

Led Klosky, Chairperson  
Mary Aspin, Vice Chair  
Dominic Cordisco  
Bill Grisoli  
Lorraine McGuinness

**Also Present:**

Niklas Moran, Vice Chair of Town of Cornwall Conservation Advisory Council  
Roberta Hastey, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Led Klosky, Chairperson at 7:05 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Klosky opened it up for public comment but there was no public comment except Mr. Moran introducing himself.

**Minutes**

The Committee approved the minutes from the November meeting as amended.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Areas of interest for each CPC member. (To be focused upon once scoping is done)
- 2) Data collection needs (Remains open)

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Dates for future meetings: February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25. The Committee will look into scheduling the June meeting as they get closer to that date.

Mr. Klosky asked that members of the committee send in any specific questions for the department heads for the next meeting (February 23).

Mr. Klosky suggested the strategic plans, the road maintenance plan be part of the appendix of the new Comprehensive Plan so that all that material is kept in a single, easy to reference location. Mr. Cordisco noted that could help with long term capital improvement plans.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Cornwall Conservation Advisory Council - Natural Resource Inventory**

Niklas Moran is the Vice Chair of Town of Cornwall Conservation Advisory Council and a planner for Hudson Valley Regional Council serving Sullivan, Putnum, Ulster, Rockland, Orange, Westchester and Dutchess Counties. Mr. Moran is currently working with the Orange County Water Authority and the Hudson River Estuary Program on a natural resources

inventory. He shared some of the maps they are working on with the committee including a Landcover Database Map for Cornwall, NY. Once the preliminary maps are done, they will look to add in local knowledge of the natural resources in the community, cultural and historic information, hazardous waste sites, priority wetlands, priority water bodies, areas of drought risk, endangered species, recreational facilities, scenic view sheds and scenic resources, etc.

Mr. Moran will also be producing additional maps including one for potential fossil fuel structures, including pipe lines. Once the data is collected, they will write the body of the report. The report will be multi-municipality (Cornwall and the Town of Blooming Grove) endeavor with a projected completion date around June. Each map produced will be accompanied with details. Some of the maps will be large for display and to make more accessible to the public.

- Ms. Aspin asked about Steep Slopes and whether it would be shown on a map.
- Mr. Klosky asked about the scale of the map suggesting a 10<sup>th</sup> of an acre granularity would be helpful.  
Mr. Moran thought that might be handled by blowing ups certain sections to give detail where needed and having an overview and breaking into smaller maps.
- Mr. Cordisco asked if this was being coordinated with the NYS DEC regarding wetlands. Although the maps done were not adopted, they provide a lot of information.
- Mr. Klosky asked if additional maps might look into large potential projects such as pipe lines and anchorages in Hudson River.  
Mr. Moran said they will be looking at projects that might have adverse effects without a lot benefits, also new private and production wells.
- Mr. Moran said statistics will be included in the report.
- Ms. Aspin asked if the NYS Aqueduct would be shown on the maps.
- Mr. Moran added the next part of the program would be to create an open space index to help communities prioritize use.
- Mr. Klosky asked whether important trails and view sheds that are culturally and historically important, such as the view shed around Storm King Art Center, be mapped.
- Mr. Cordisco asked about the endangered species mapping.  
Mr. Moran said priority species will be noted but it will not be too specific so to protect species from those that might seek to target them.  
Mr. Klosky noted that since we have one of the largest undeveloped tracts of green space near us (Black Rock, West Point Reservation and Harriman State Park), it would make sense that there would be significant wildlife.
- Ms. Aspin asked if the map would be good enough to use as a base map for the Village.  
Mr. Moran thought one could be developed from the data.  
Currently we have no official map as the one done by Orange County Planning wasn't approved.
- Mr. Klosky stated that the committee looks forward to seeing the finished maps and if there is work available earlier such as preliminary maps, the committee would like to see them for review purposes.

Mr. Moran is working on some other projects that he would be happy to share with the committee. Specifically with the Village, he is working on the Clean Energy/CERTA program, In his role as planner for HVRC, he keeps an eye on trends, as well as possible grants to help the communities. Mr. Klosky said Mr. Moran's review and comments would be greatly appreciated as we moved forward.

**DRAFT TIMELINE**

Mr. Klosky proposed a few different ways to approach the tasks. Mr. Cordisco who has been involved in several comprehensive plans as well as the 2007 plan, thought that it might be more helpful to develop scope first before putting out to the public. Mr. Grisoli agreed that we need a baseline before we start soliciting input.

**Scope of document** - Mr. Cordisco will take lead on drafting the scope over the next month and using the 2007 plan as its basis. Mr. Klosky suggested working with the documents as a word doc using the “track changes” capabilities. Mr. Cordisco anticipates the scoping document will be a two to three page document

**Vote and adopt draft of scope** at February meeting. **Present** to Village Board.

**Create a Vision Statement and outline Goals & Objectives upfront.**

Mr. Grisoli would like the committee to agree upon the definition of the comprehensive plan to make sure they were in agreement. And it was agreed that a Vision Statement should be created. The Town of Cornwall began the process of updating their Comprehensive Plan on January 15 2017. Some of their ideas regarding the Comprehensive Plan are that it can be used as a business attraction tool, that it should be user friendly document with graphs and photos, and that the Plan’s vision statement should cover 20 years. Finally, the Town’s consultant hopes the updated comprehensive plan will lay the groundwork for future projects and grants needed to support it.

**Public Comment**

Open to public comment in March and possibly April. Take in the public comment on additional issues.

Ms. Aspin looked into several other towns’ work and passed along some plans from other municipalities and ways they gathered community input. She will post the information in the dropbox. The committee would look for input in various ways including: online surveys with links posted on Facebook and Village website as well as hard copies via local papers, the Village office and local establishments around the Village.

**Revise version and hold review of plan.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

For those interested in getting updates on a county level, Mr. Cordisco noted that Orange County Partnership holds quarterly meetings. The next meeting would be 2/15 in Wallkill.

**Adjournment**

Motion to close meeting was made by Ms. McGuinness, seconded by Ms. Aspin, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roberta Hastey, Recording Secretary